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National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) Linkages

Survey	Survey Year	Linked data	Linked data coverage period	Expected release date	Notes
NHIS	1986-2000	NCHS National Death Index - Mortality data	1986-2002	2004 RDC	The first NHIS Mortality followup, conducted in 1997, linked the 1986-1994 NHIS surveys and the NCHS National Death Index (NDI) to collect death information for NHIS survey participants for deaths occurring between 1986 and 1995. The second NHIS Mortality linkage, conducted in 2000, extended the mortality followup period through 1997 for the 1986-1994 NHIS surveys. The current NHIS-NDI link will provide death information for NHIS survey participants from the 1986 through 2000 NHIS with death information through 2002.
NHIS	1994-1998	Medicare - Health care utilization and expenditure data	1991-2002	2005 RDC	Linkage in progress. Currently evaluating linkage results. First level release is planned for the NCHS RDC, second level public use release will be negotiated with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
NHIS	1994-1998	Social Security Administration - Disability determination and income data	1991-2002	2005 RDC	Linkage in progress. Currently evaluating linkage results. First level release is planned for the NCHS RDC, second level public use release will be negotiated with Social Security Administration.

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National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) Linkages

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NHANES I /NHEFS	1971-1992	NCHS National Death Index - Mortality data	1979-2000	2004 RDC	The NHANES I/NHEFS surveys were originally matched to the NCHS National Death Index (NDI) to collect deaths occurring from 1979-1992. A public use Mortality File was released in 1997. Continued mortality follow-up is in progress matching NHANES I/NHEFS to the NDI to collect additional cohort mortality through the year 2000. (Deaths occurring prior to 1979 were collected through proxy interviews.)
NHANES II	1976-1980	NCHS National Death Index - Mortality data	1979-2000	2004 RDC	The NHANES II survey was originally matched to the NCHS National Death Index (NDI) to collect deaths occurring from 1979-1992. A public use Mortality File was released in 1999. Continued mortality follow-up is in progress matching NHANES II to the NDI to collect additional cohort mortality through the year 2000. (Deaths occurring prior to 1979 were collected by linking to the Social Security Administration Death Index for years 1976-1978.)
NHANES III	1988-1994	NCHS National Death Index - Mortality data	1988-2000	2004 RDC	First mortality linkage for NHANES III.
NHANES I /NHEFS NHANES II NHANES III	1971-1992 1976-1980 1988-1994	Medicare - Health care utilization and expenditure data	1991-2002	2005 RDC	Linkage in progress. Currently evaluating linkage results. First level release is planned for the NCHS RDC, second level public use release will be negotiated with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
NHANES I /NHEFS NHANES II NHANES III	1971-1992 1976-1980 1988-1994	Social Security Administration - Disability determination and income data	1991-2002	2005 RDC	Linkage in progress. Currently evaluating linkage results for non-link bias. First level release is planned for the NCHS RDC, second level public use release will be negotiated with Social Security Administration.

NHEFS - NHANES I Epidemiologic Followup Study

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Longitudinal Studies of Aging (LSOA) Linkages

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LSOA	1984-1990	NCHS National Death Index - Mortality data	1984-1990	1993	No new Medicare data linkage planned for LSOA.
LSOA II	1994-2000	NCHS National Death Index - Mortality data	1994-2002	2004 RDC	First mortality linkage for LSOA II.
LSOA	1984-1990	Medicare - Health care utilization and expenditure data	1984-1991	1993	No new Medicare data linkage planned for LSOA.
LSOA II	1994-2000	Medicare - Health care utilization and expenditure data	1991-2002	2005 RDC	Linkage in progress. Currently evaluating linkage results. First level release is planned for the NCHS RDC, second level public use release will be negotiated with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
LSOA II	1994-2000	Social Security Administration - Disability determination and income data	1991-2002	2005 RDC	Linkage in progress. Currently evaluating linkage results. First level release is planned for the NCHS RDC, second level public use release will be negotiated with Social Security Administration.

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National Nursing Home Survey Followup (NNHSF)

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NNHSF	1985-1990	NCHS National Death Index - Mortality data	1984-2002	2005 RDC	The National Nursing Home Survey Follow-up is a longitudinal follow-up survey of the 1985 National Nursing Home Survey and its Next of Kin (NOK) interview. The NNHSF contains three waves of nursing home utilization followup data. The first NNHSF Mortality follow-up, conducted in 1994, linked the NNHSF and the NCHS National Death Index to collect death information for NNHSF survey participants for deaths occurring between 1984 and 1990. The current NNHSF-NDI link will provide death information for NNHSF participant deaths occurring between 1984 and 2002.

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