

**National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES 1999-2004)
Linked Mortality Files**

**Important information regarding mortality follow-up for
NHANES survey participants under age 18**

The mortality linkage of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) for the years 1999 to 2004 included mortality follow-up for children, those under age 18, at the time of their survey participation. Due to the small number of deaths that occurred before reaching the age of 18, this information is available only on the restricted-use NHANES (1999-2004) Linked Mortality Files. The public-use version of the NHANES Linked Mortality Files only include mortality follow-up for eligible adults, with those under age 18 classified as ineligible.