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Drug Use MEC ACASI Interview

Description

The drug use section (variable name prefix DUQ) includes questions on lifetime and current use of marijuana, cocaine and the intravenous use of illicit drugs.

Eligible Sample

All survey participants aged 12-59 years were eligible. Data from participants aged 20-59 years and older are included in this release. Special use data files for participants 12-19 years will be available through the NCHS Research Data Center.

Exclusion Criteria

Mentally impaired individuals and survey participants who did not comprehend English or Spanish were excluded.

Data Collection Methods

The NHANES Audio Computer Assisted Self Interview (ACASI) was conducted in a private room in the MEC in either English or Spanish. The ACASI enables the respondents both to hear questions through earphones and read questions on the computer and to move at their own speed as they touch the screen to indicate their response. No proxy respondents or translators were used in situations when the respondents could not self-report

Quality Control Procedures

The NHANES ACASI system had built-in consistency checks, including range checks, valid response checks, and checks for logical relationships. Soft edits alerted the respondents to a potential error or problem, but allowed the respondents to proceed after confirming that the entered value was correct. Hard edits prohibited the respondents from continuing with the ACASI until the error is corrected. Respondents also had the right to refuse to answer any question.