

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2003-2004

Documentation, Codebook, and Frequencies

Sample Person Interview
Questionnaire Component:
Social Support Questionnaire Data

Survey Years:
2003 to 2004

SAS Export File:
SSQ_C.XPT



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NHANES 2003–2004 Data Documentation

Questionnaire Section: Household Interview

Social Support (SSQ_C)

Years of Coverage: 2003–2004

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Component Description	Social relationship, intrinsic to human nature and existence, is a multidimensional concept. The social support section (variable name prefix SSQ) provides personal interview data on emotional, material, and network (the number of members in a network) support. The questions were selected from the Yale Health and Aging Study (MacArthur Studies of Successful Aging) and the Social Network Index – Alameda County Study
Eligible Sample	All participants 60 year of age and older are asked about social support. In year 2001 the age of participants asked these questions were changed to all participants ages 40 and over.
Interview Setting and Mode of Administration	Home Interview. In-person.
Quality Assurance & Quality Control	
Data Processing and Editing	Skip pattern and frequency checks
Analytic Notes	None
References	Berkman LF, Seeman TE, Albert M, Blazer D, Kahn R, Mohs R, Finch C, Schneider E, Cotman C, McClearn G, et al. High, usual and impaired functioning in community-dwelling older men and women: findings from the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Successful Aging. J Clin Epidemiol. 1993 Oct;46(10):1129-40

NCHS Locator Fields

Title: Social Support Questionnaire (SSQ_C)

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Access Constraints: None

Use Constraints: None

Geographic Coverage: National

Subject: Social Support

Record Source: NHANES 2003–2004

Survey Methodology: NHANES 2003–2004 is a stratified multistage probability sample of the civilian non-institutionalized population of the U.S.

Medium: NHANES Web site; SAS transport files.

**National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
Codebook for Data Production (2003-2004)**

**Social Support Section of the SP Questionnaire (SSQ_C)
Person Level Data**

January 2007



SEQN	Target
	B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)
Hard Edits	SAS Label
	Respondent sequence number
English Text: Respondent sequence number.	
English Instructions:	

SSQ011	Target
	B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)
Hard Edits	SAS Label
	Anyone to help with emotional support
English Text: Now I would like to ask a few questions about {your/SP's} friends and family. Can {you/SP} count on anyone to provide {you/him/her} with emotional support such as talking over problems or helping {you/him/her} make a difficult decision?	
English Instructions:	

Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	Yes	3047	3047	
2	No	204	3251	SSQ051
3	SP doesn't need help	44	3295	SSQ051
7	Refused	0	3295	SSQ051
9	Don't know	4	3299	SSQ051
.	Missing	0	3299	

SSQ021A		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		Spouse gives most emotional support		
English Text: In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?				
English Instructions: CODE ALL THAT APPLY				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
10	Spouse	1571	1571	
77	Refused	0	1571	
99	Don't know	2	1573	
.	Missing	1726	3299	

SSQ021B		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		Daughter gives most emotional support		
English Text: In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?				
English Instructions: CODE ALL THAT APPLY				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
11	Daughter	969	969	
.	Missing	2330	3299	

SSQ021C		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		Son gives most emotional support		
English Text: In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?				
English Instructions: CODE ALL THAT APPLY				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
12	Son	672	672	
.	Missing	2627	3299	

SSQ021D		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		Sibling gives most emotional support		
English Text: In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?				
English Instructions: CODE ALL THAT APPLY				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
13	Sister/brother	537	537	
.	Missing	2762	3299	

SSQ021E		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		Parent gives most emotional support		
English Text: In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?				
English Instructions: CODE ALL THAT APPLY				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
14	Parent	252	252	
.	Missing	3047	3299	

SSQ021F		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		Other relative gives emotional support		
English Text: In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?				
English Instructions: CODE ALL THAT APPLY				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
15	Other relative	277	277	
.	Missing	3022	3299	

SSQ021G		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		Neighbors give most emotional support		
English Text: In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?				
English Instructions: CODE ALL THAT APPLY				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
16	Neighbors	62	62	
.	Missing	3237	3299	

SSQ021H		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		Co-workers give most emotional support		
English Text: In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?				
English Instructions: CODE ALL THAT APPLY				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
17	Co-workers	43	43	
.	Missing	3256	3299	

SSQ021I		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		Church members give emotional support		
English Text: In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?				
English Instructions: CODE ALL THAT APPLY				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
18	Church members	192	192	
.	Missing	3107	3299	

SSQ021J		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		Club members give most emotional support		
English Text: In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?				
English Instructions: CODE ALL THAT APPLY				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
19	Club members	12	12	
.	Missing	3287	3299	

SSQ021K	Target			
	B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)			
Hard Edits	SAS Label			
	Professionls give most emotional support			
English Text: In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?				
English Instructions: CODE ALL THAT APPLY				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
20	Professionals	61	61	
.	Missing	3238	3299	

SSQ021L	Target			
	B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)			
Hard Edits	SAS Label			
	Friends give most emotional support			
English Text: In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?				
English Instructions: CODE ALL THAT APPLY				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
21	Friends	899	899	
.	Missing	2400	3299	

SSQ021M		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		Others give most emotional support		
English Text: In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?				
English Instructions: CODE ALL THAT APPLY				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
22	Other	93	93	
.	Missing	3206	3299	

SSQ021N		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		No one gives most emotional support		
English Text: In the last 12 months, who was most helpful in providing {you/SP} with emotional support?				
English Instructions: CODE ALL THAT APPLY				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
23	No one	17	17	
.	Missing	3282	3299	

SSQ031		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		Needed more support in past year		
English Text: [In the last 12 months], could {you/SP} have used more emotional support than {you/s/he} received?				
English Instructions:				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	Yes	595	595	
2	No	2442	3037	SSQ051
7	Refused	0	3037	SSQ051
9	Don't know	10	3047	SSQ051
.	Missing	252	3299	

SSQ041		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		How much more support needed		
English Text: Would you say that {you/SP} could have used . . .				
English Instructions:				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	A lot more emotional support	179	179	
2	Some emotional support	188	367	
3	A little more emotional support	227	594	
7	Refused	0	594	
9	Don't know	1	595	
.	Missing	2704	3299	

SSQ051		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
		Anyone to help with financial support		
English Text: If {you/SP} need{s} some extra help financially, could {you/s/he} count on anyone to help {you/him/her}; for example, by paying any bills, housing costs, hospital visits, or providing {you/him/her} with food or clothes?				
English Instructions:				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	Yes	2467	2467	
2	No	724	3191	
3	Offered help but wouldn't accept it	79	3270	
7	Refused	0	3270	
9	Don't know	29	3299	
.	Missing	0	3299	

SSQ061		Target		
		B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
Hard Edits		SAS Label		
0 to 50		Number of close friends		
English Text: In general, how many close friends {do you/does SP} have? PROBE: By "close friends" I mean relatives or non-relatives that {you s/he} feel{s} at ease with, can talk to about private matters, and can call on for help.				
English Instructions: ENTER NUMBER OF CLOSE FRIENDS.				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
0 to 50	Range of Values	3283	3283	
7777	Refused	0	3283	
9999	Don't know	16	3299	
.	Missing	0	3299	