

2004 National Nursing Assistant Survey

National Center for Health Statistics, Division of Health Care Statistics, Long-Term Care Statistics Branch

Restricted data fields are information that could compromise the confidentiality of survey respondents or institutions, or are sensitive by nature. If researchers interested in using data from a survey find that something asked on the survey questionnaire does not have a corresponding variable in the public use data set, that variable may be restricted.

Although the following list may not be exhaustive, the following table outlines selected variables considered restricted that are not available in 2004 National Nursing Assistant Survey (NNAS) public use file or are presented in different form in the public use file.

Using restricted variables requires the submission of a research proposal to the National Center for Health Statistics' (NCHS) Research Data Center for access.

Public use files are downloadable from the NCHS website. The 2004 NNAS public use file is available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nnas.htm>

2004 National Nursing Assistant Survey		
Comparison of Selected Variables in the Restricted and Public Use Files		
Variable	Restricted File	Public Use File
Age	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 65 for 65 years or more.
Race	Categorical variable with 6 categories.	Categorical variable with some categories in restricted file collapsed making 4 categories: White only, Black only, Asian only, Other
Length of time worked at current nursing home	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 300 for 300 months or more.
Variables indicating different languages nursing assistant speaks	In file	Not in file

2004 National Nursing Assistant Survey

National Center for Health Statistics, Division of Health Care Statistics, Long-Term Care Statistics Branch

2004 National Nursing Assistant Survey		
Comparison of Selected Variables in the Restricted and Public Use Files		
Variable	Restricted File	Public Use File
Main language of nursing assistant	Categorical variable with 18 categories	Categorical variables with 3 categories: English, Spanish, Other
Number of beds	Continuous variable	Categorical variable with 4 category: 3-49, 50-99, 100-199, 200+
Ownership	6 categories: for-profit, private nonprofit, city/county government, state government, Dept. of VA, Other Federal agency	2 categories: for-profit; All others (private and gov't not-for-profit)
Id variables to link facility and nursing assistant data	In file	Not in file
Id variables to link to CMS nursing home data provided by data user	Available	Not in file but can be accomplished through the Research Data Center.
State and county codes to link to other geographic data	Available	Not in file but can be accomplished through the Research Data Center.