

**NCHS Survey Data Linked to HUD Enrollment Data**  
**NHCS Linked to HUD Enrollment Data, Match File**  
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Variable Name	Variable (VAR) Label	VAR Type	Range of Values	Value Description	Variable Notes
PATIENT_ID	NHCS PATIENT IDENTIFIER	Char			Unique patient identifier assigned by NCHS. Researchers merging to the NHCS analytic file should use PATIENT_ID as the linking key.
SURVEY	SURVEY NAME	Char	2014 NHCS		The value of this variable indicates the year of the NHCS survey linked to the HUD data.
			2016 NHCS		
			2019 NHCS		
			2020 NHCS		
ELIGSTAT	NHCS ELIGIBILITY STATUS	Num	0	Ineligible for record linkage	Survey participants are defined as ineligible for linkage if they had insufficient personally identifiable information (PII) data to create a NHCS submission record. Please note that all survey participants are included in the linked HUD match files regardless of linkage eligibility.
			1	Eligible for record linkage	
HUD_MATCH_STATUS	HUD MATCH STATUS	Num	0	Eligible for data linkage and did not link to a HUD enrollment record during the linkage period	The HUD_MATCH_STATUS is created by NCHS and indicates whether a NHCS patient was eligible and linked to a HUD administrative record with any HUD program participation up to 1 year prior or 1 year after NHCS survey year.
			1	Eligible for data linkage and did link to a HUD enrollment record during the linkage period	
			9	Not eligible for data linkage	
PROBVALID	ESTIMATED MATCH PROBABILITY	Num	0.89-1.00		Model-derived estimate of the probability that a given pair is a match, see Appendix I in methods/analytic guidelines report ( <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/linked-data/nhcs/restricted-hud.html">https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/linked-data/nhcs/restricted-hud.html</a> ).