

2007 National Home Health Aide Survey

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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 2007 National Home Health Aide Survey (NHHAS) 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 2007 NHHAS public use file is available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhhas.htm>

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Comparison of Selected Variables in the Restricted and Public Use Files		
Variable	Restricted File	Public Use File
Variables on length of time in a job (current and past jobs)	Continuous variables	Continuous variables top coded at 300 for 300 months or more.
Variables on hourly wage in each job (current and past jobs)	Continuous variables	Continuous variables top coded at \$25 for \$25 or more.
Total number of hours worked per week across all current jobs held	Continuous variable	Continuous variable bottom coded at 8 hours (for 8 or less) and top coded at 80 for 80 hours or more.
Variables indicating how/where learned about being a home health aide	21 variables (yes or no) for 21 ways learned about being home health aide.	Combined some of the variables in restricted file (due to low frequencies) resulting in 12 variables for how learned about being home health aide.

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Where worked before current job	Categorical variable with 4 categories: long-term care; acute care; ambulatory care; home care	Categorical variable with 2 categories: long-term care such as nursing home or home care; acute or ambulatory care
Where aide received training	Categorical variable with 11 categories	Categorical variable with 7 categories after collapsing some categories in restricted-file variable (due to low frequencies) .
Number of jobs in past 5 years	Categorical variable with 7 categories with last category 10 or more	Continuous variable top coded at 5 for 5 jobs or more.
Number of jobs in past 2 years	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 4 for 4 jobs or more.
Variables indicating how aid learned about current job	20 variables (yes or no) for 20 ways learned about job	Combined some of the variables in restricted file (due to low frequencies) resulting in 10 variables for how learned about current job.
Occupational codes and industry classification for jobs	Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) and North American Industry Classification (NAICS) codes	SOC and NAICS codes aggregated up to the sector and major group levels.
Variables for number of hours or minutes of paid travel time	Continuous variables	Top coded (see data dictionary for public use file for top coding applied to each variable).

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Variable	Restricted File	Public Use File
Variables indicating time missed at work in past month for either transportation problems, child care arrangements, or caring for family friends	Continuous variables	Top coded at 3 for 3 or more days/hours
Number of adults living in aide's household	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 4 for 4 or more.
Variables for number of children in household and children for whom aide responsible	Continuous variables	Continuous variables top coded at 4 for 4 or more.
Variables for number of children requiring child care	Continuous variables	Continuous variables top coded at 3 for 3 or more.
Total number of visits in past week	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 51 for 51 or more.
Total number of patients seen in past week	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 31 for 31 or more.
Number of injuries at work	Continuous variable	Top coded at 3 for 3 or more.
Number of days of work missed due to injury.	Continuous variable	Converted from continuous variable to categorical variable with categories representing ranges of days.
Age for females	Continuous variable	Continuous variable bottom coded at 20 for 20 years or less, and top coded at 65 for 65 years or more.

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Age for males	Continuous variable	Due to low frequency of males in sample, age for males presented as two means, one the mean among males above the median age and the other the mean among males below the median.
Race	Categorical variable with 7 categories	Categorical variable with 3 categories: White only; Black only; Other.
Aide's main language	Categorical variable with 15 categories	Categorical variable with 2 categories: English; Spanish/Other
Whether aide currently receiving TANF (yes or no)	In file	Not in file
Whether aide currently receiving WIC (yes or no)	In file	Not in file
Whether aide currently receiving SSI (yes or no)	In file	Not in file
Whether aide currently receiving food stamp benefits (yes or no)	In file	Not in file
Whether aide currently receiving housing assistance (yes or no)	In file	Not in file
Whether aide is U.S. citizen	In file	Not in file

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If born U.S. citizen or through naturalization	In file	Not in file
Ownership	5 categories: for-profit, private nonprofit, city/county/state government, Dept. of VA, Other Federal agency	2 categories: for-profit; not-for-profit (incl. private and gov't not-for-profit)
Region	In file	Not in file
Id variables to link agency and patient data	In file	Not in file
Id variables to link to CMS data on home health and hospice care agencies 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.