

**NHANES 2001-2002 Data Release
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MEC CAPI Interview**

Alcohol Use (ALQ_B)

Survey Years Included in this File: 2001-2002

Questionnaire Section Characteristics:

Questionnaire Section Description:

The questions in this section covered lifetime and recent (past 12 months) use of alcohol for ages 20 years and over. The variable name prefix is ALQ.

Interview Setting:

At the mobile examination center using NHANES Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) software.

Mode of administration:

Personal (face-to-face) interview by trained interviewers. Interviews were conducted in English or Spanish.

Eligible sample and any section-specific exclusion criteria:

Sample persons aged 20 years and older were eligible. Special use data files on alcohol use for participants 12-19 years (MEC Audio-CASI interview) will be available through the NCHS Research Data Center.

Mentally impaired individuals or participants who were unable to comprehend English or Spanish were excluded.

Quality Control During Data Collection:

The NHANES CAPI system had built-in consistency checks, including range checks, valid response checks, and checks for logical relationships.

Analytic Notes:

Information on alcohol intake in the 24 hour time period prior to the NHANES health examination was included in the 24-hour dietary recall interview, a component of the

NHANES health examination.

Data Access:

The ALQ data are publicly available at www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm

Reference:

None.