

**NHANES 2001-2002 Data Release
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Sample Person Questionnaire**

Dermatology (DEQ_B)

Survey Years Included in this File: 2001-2002

Questionnaire Section Characteristics:

Questionnaire Section Description:

The Dermatology section (variable name prefix DEQ) provides personal interview data on several skin condition topics. Many of the questions in this section were adapted from existing questionnaires or scales used in clinical dermatology practice.

Interview Setting:

Home Interview

Mode of administration:

In-person

Topics Included in the Section:

- General questions about skin and hair
- Questions about history of skin disease
- Questions about current skin condition

Eligible sample and any section-specific exclusion criteria:

In 2002, the dermatology examination component was piloted for participants age 20-59 years. In order to have consistent data, the target group for the questionnaire section was changed to participants age 20-59 years, as well.

Data Processing and Editing:

Open-ended questions, such as DEQ.082 allow for multiple responses. Open-ended questions were followed by the probes “any others” or “other specify” in order to capture all possible responses.

Analytic Notes:

The questionnaire section changed in 2002. Questions about occupational skin exposure were deleted while questions about sun protective behavior were added. However, only questions appearing in both the 2001 questionnaire and the 2002 question were released due to data disclosure and sample size concerns.

Analysts should be aware that some questions (such as DEQ.082) have very few responses per category. Even with two years of data collection there may not be enough sample size to allow for meaningful information to be derived from these variables.

Data Access:

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

Reference:

None.