

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

Social Support (SSQ_B)

Survey Years Included in this File: 2001-2002

Questionnaire Section Characteristics:

Questionnaire Section Description:

Social relationship, intrinsic to human nature and existence, is a multidimensional concept. The social support section (variable name prefix SSQ) provides personal interview data on emotional, material, and network (the number of members in a network) support. The questions were selected from the Yale Health and Aging Study and the Social Network Index – Alameda County Study

Interview Setting:

Home Interview

Mode of administration:

In-person

Eligible sample and any section-specific exclusion criteria:

All participants 60 year of age and older are asked about social support. In year 2001 the age of participants asked these questions were changed to all participants ages 40 and over.

Data Access:

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

Reference:

None.