

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

Early Childhood (ECQ)

Survey Years Included in this File: 2001-2002

Questionnaire Section Characteristics:

Questionnaire Section Description:

The Early Childhood section of the sample person questionnaire (variable name prefix ECQ), provides personal interview data for children, including the age of the biological mother when the sample person was born; smoking habits of the mother while she was pregnant with the sample person; birth weight; attendance at preschool. Many of the questions were included in NHANES III.

Interview Setting:

Home Interview

Mode of administration:

In-person

Topics Included in the Section:

- C Age of biological mother when sample person was born.
- C Did biological mother smoke during pregnancy.
- C Did biological mother quit or refrain from smoking during pregnancy.
- C Month of pregnancy biological mother quit smoking.
- C Newborn care in a special care facility.
- C Weight of sample person at birth.
- C Ever attend day care and preschool (2 mos+).
- C Attend day care and preschool now (2 mos - 5 yr).
- C Attend Head Start/Early Head Start (birth - 5 yr).

Eligible sample and any section-specific exclusion criteria:

The target sample for the questions in this section is persons from birth to 15 years of age. However, target samples for some questions in this section vary. Please review the codebook carefully. Frequency counts were verified during the preparation of the file.

Data Processing and Editing:

ECD070A (weight at birth, pounds) and ECD070B (weight at birth, ounces) were top-coded at 13 pounds, 0 ounces to protect the confidentiality of the survey participants. If reported birth weights were unrealistically low (less than 10 ounces) they were coded as missing.

ECD010 (age of biological mother when sample person was born) was top coded at 45 years and bottom coded at 14 years to protect the confidentiality of the survey participants.

Beginning in 2002, ECQ130 (hours spent away from home on a typical weekday) and ECQ140 (hours spent away from home on a typical weekend day) were no longer collected. ECQ130 and ECQ140 data from 2001 are not included in this data release file but can be accessed at the NCHS Research Data Center.

Data Access:

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

Reference:

None.