

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

Miscellaneous Pain (MPQ_B)

Survey Years Included in this File: 2001-2002

Questionnaire Section Characteristics:

Questionnaire Section Description:

The Miscellaneous Pain section (variable name prefix MPQ), provides personal interview data on several pain topics.

Interview Setting:

Home Interview

Mode of administration:

In-person

Topics Included in the Section:

- Joint Pain
- Pain regions in body

Eligible sample and any section-specific exclusion criteria:

The target sample for questions in this section is individuals 20+ years of age.

Data Processing and Editing:

Please review the file codebook that accompanies the interview data file for a listing of the regions of the body that were specifically mentioned during data collection for MPQ.050. For the “other” category, data were combined into a single count without information on location. For NHANES 2001 and beyond, the “other” category will be eliminated. A QC/QA review of the NHANES 1999-2000 data showed that a majority of the “other” responses did not pertain to joints and therefore were not valid responses for this question. In a small number of instances, the “other” response could be back-coded to an existing response category. For example, pain in knuckle on the left hand would be coded to pain in the left fingers.

Responses to MPQ.040 (How many weeks or months, in the past year did you have joint symptoms due to an injury?) were recoded to a single time unit (weeks).

Data Access:

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

Reference:

None.