

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

Sexual Behavior (SXQ_B)

Survey Years Included in this File: 2001-2002

Questionnaire Section Characteristics:

Questionnaire Section Description:

The ACASI section on sexual behavior (variable name prefix SXQ) provides information on lifetime and current sexual behavior for both men and women.

Major items in this section include age of first sex, number of sexual partners, use of condoms, sexual orientation, circumcision status (for men), and history of sexually transmitted diseases.

Interview Setting:

Private room in the mobile examination center

Mode of administration:

The NHANES Audio Computer Assisted Self Interview (ACASI) was conducted in either English or Spanish.

The ACASI enables the respondents both to hear questions through earphones and read questions on the computer and to move at their own speed as they touch the screen to indicate their response. No proxy respondents or translators were used in situations when the respondents could not self-report.

Eligible sample and any section-specific exclusion criteria:

Sample persons aged 14-59 years were eligible. Several questions in this section are age and gender specific. Data from participants aged 20-59 years are included in this release. Special use data files for participants 14-19 years will be available through the NCHS Research Data Center.

Mentally impaired individuals or participants unable to comprehend English or Spanish were not asked these questions.

Data Processing and Editing:

Responses to SXD030 (age at first sex) between 1-9 years were recoded as “9 years or younger.”

Data Access:

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

Reference:

None.