

# NHANES 1999-2000 Second Public Data Release

## Sexual Behavior MEC ACASI Interview

### 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 sexual intercourse, number of sexual partners, use of condoms, circumcision status (for men), and history of sexually transmitted diseases.

### Eligible Sample

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.

### Exclusion Criteria

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

### Data Collection Methods

The NHANES Audio Computer Assisted Self Interview (ACASI) was conducted in a private room in the MEC in either English or Spanish. The ACASI enabled 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 proxies or translators were permitted.

### Data Editing

Responses to SXQ030 (age at first sex) between 1-9 years were recoded as "under 10 years."

### Special Notes on Using the Dataset

Wording of some of the questions differed slightly between the 1999 and 2000 surveys. In the 1999 household questionnaire the term "sexual intercourse" was used (instead of "sex") in the following questions: SXQ030, SXQ120, SXQ130, SXQ150, SXQ170, SXQ190, SXQ200, SXQ220.