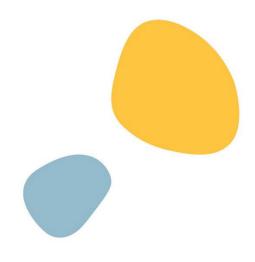Government of **Western Australia**
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Health and Wellbeing Surveillance System (HWSS) – Data Dictionary for Adult Survey

All Data Elements Data Dictionary

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Abbreviations

ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
BMI	Body Mass Index
BP	Blood Pressure
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
DOH	Department of Health
HWSS	Health and Wellbeing Surveillance System
IRSD	Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage
LGA	Local Government Area
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
SA2	Statistical Area Level 2
SA3	Statistical Area Level 3
SA4	Statistical Area Level 4
SLA	Statistical Local Area
WA	Western Australia
WACHS	Western Australia Country Health Service

1. Purpose

The purpose of the *Health and Wellbeing Surveillance System data dictionary* is to detail the data elements captured in the Health and Wellbeing Surveillance System (HWSS) data collection. It also provides the information on the derived elements created from the original data elements.

2. Background

The HWSS is an ongoing data collection interviewing over 11,000 people each year by a Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) or completing the online survey. Households were selected from the White Pages by a stratified random process with over-sampling representative to the population in rural and remote areas in 2020 and prior years. In 2021 households, were selected from the WA Electoral Roll, and from 2022 onwards, they have been selected from a consumer database. The HWSS was developed to monitor the health and wellbeing of Western Australians. Respondents are asked a range of questions on indicators related to health and wellbeing, including chronic health conditions, lifestyle risk factors, protective factors and socio-demographics which they self-report on. Children aged below 16 years have a parent or guardian answer on their behalf.

3. Recording of data

Data that is collected by the HWSS must be recorded in accordance with the data definitions (Section 4).

4. Data definitions

The following section provides specific information about data elements captured in the HWSS, including definitions, permitted values, survey questions, derived items, age groups and the time period the data is collected for.

All information relating to data elements in this data dictionary is specific to the HWSS and caution should be taken if these data elements are compared with those of other data collections.

Where relevant, related national definitions have been referenced.

Administrative

Another phone call to clarify survey responses

Field Name:	recall
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the respondent is willing to take another phone call to clarify survey responses
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

We only have a few more questions. The Department of Health runs surveys and research projects to guide the planning and provision of the best possible health services for Western Australians. If we need to, could we phone you at a later date to help us with some of these important surveys?

First name

Field Name:	fname
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	First name of the respondent
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Text with spaces: _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

May we please have your first name? (recall = 1, meaning we ask for the first name if the participant agrees to be contacted again)

Phone number

Field Name:	phoneno1 phoneno2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Phone number to contact the respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (10)
Permitted Values:	Main phone number: _____ Alternative phone number (optional): _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2024-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What would be the best phone number to call you on? (recall = 1)

Data linkage

Field Name:	link
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Consent for using the respondent's information provided in this survey to other health information of the respondent the Department of Health has consent for data linkage
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No, I do not give permission for health information linkage 1 - Yes, I give permission for health information linkage

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

The Department collects a range of health information such as hospital visits, births and screening programs. This information forms part of the WA Data Linkage System. Research using linked data helps us identify emerging health issues and plan our health services. We would like to ask for your ongoing consent to link the information you have given in this survey with some of the health information the Department has about you. (recall = 0)

Personal and contact details

Field Name:	surname
	dob
	stno
	locality_new
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Personal and contact details of the respondent: surname, date of birth, and residential address
Data Type:	Character
Format:	Text
Permitted Values:	Surname: _____ Date of birth: _____(DD/MM/YYY) Number and street: _____ Suburb or town: _____ 1 - No, do not wish to provide

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

May we have your full name, date of birth and address? (link = 1, we ask for contact details if they agree to have their data linked with other data collections)

Date of interview

Field Name:	intdate
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The date the survey was taken by the respondent
Data Type:	Date
Format:	MMDDYY10.
Permitted Values:	Date of interview_____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Date of interview.

Day of interview (free text answer)

Field Name:	intday
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The day (of a week) the survey was taken by the respondent
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (10)
Permitted Values:	Day of week interview undertaken_____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Day of week interview undertaken.

Time of day interview started

Field Name:	intstart
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The time (of a day) the survey was commenced
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Time of day interview started _____ Used 24 hour system

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Time of day interview started.

Time of day interview completed

Field Name:	intfinish
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The time (of a day) the survey was completed
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Time of day interview completed_____ Used 24 hour system

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Time of day interview completed.

Length of time of interview

Field Name:	inttime
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Length of the survey: interview time for CATI, and self-completion time for online survey.
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Length of time of interview__

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Length of time of interview.

Day of interview (multiple choice question)

Field Name:	intday
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The day (of a week) the survey was taken by the respondent; Monday, Tuesday, etc
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Sunday 2 - Monday 3 - Tuesday 4 - Wednesday 5 - Thursday 6 - Friday 7 - Saturday

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Day of interview.

Month the interview was conducted

Field Name:	month
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The month the survey was taken by the respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	1 - January 2 - February 3 - March 4 - April 5 - May 6 - June 7 - July 8 - August 9 - September 10 - October 11 - November 12 - December

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Month the interview was conducted.

Year interview was conducted

Field Name:	year
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The year the survey was taken by the respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNNN
Permitted Values:	Year_____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Year interview was conducted.

Questionnaire type used in the interview

Field Name:	qtype
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Questionnaire type used in the survey taken by the respondent: young adult, adult, or older adult
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	2 - Young adult 16-24 3 - Adult 25-64 4 - Older Adult 65+

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Questionnaire type used in the interview.

Mobile phone or landline

Field Name:	havemobile
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Respondent's access to a mobile phone or landline
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-2023

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you have a mobile phone as well as this landline?

Unique Identifier for unit record

Field Name:	uniqueid
Source Data Elements:	month sex region age range phon1 year
Definition:	Unique Identifier created for unit record
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (16)
Permitted Values:	UniqueID_____ Example: 0AGMHW11AAPR2024 0CLHSD11OMAY2024

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Demographic

Age

Field Name:	age
Source Data Elements:	ageyrs agemths agewks agedays
Definition:	Respondent's age in years
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	≥16

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What was your age last birthday?

Sex

Field Name:	sex
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Respondent's sex as recorded at birth
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Female 1 - Male 2 - Other/Don't identify as female/male

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is your sex?

Gender

Field Name:	gender
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Respondent's gender
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Woman or female 1 - Man or male 2 - Non-binary 3 - Different term 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2024-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How do you describe your gender?

General Health

Health status

Field Name:	sf1gen
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Self reported health status
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Excellent 2 - Very good 3 - Good 4 - Fair 5 - Poor 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 yrs
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

Mar-Jun 2002
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In general, how would you say your health is:

Disability status

Field Name:	disableadult
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Self reported disability status of the respondent or of anyone in the respondent's family
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes, me 2 - Yes, other member/s of my family 3 - Yes, me and other member/s of my family 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you or does anyone in your family have any disability?

Disability (impact)

Field Name:	impact
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Impact of the reported disability on the respondent themselves or the family as a whole
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Not much of a burden at all 2 - A little burden 3 - A fairly big burden 4 - A big burden 5 - A very big burden 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How much does this impact you or your family? This question is only asked of respondents who reported that themselves or a member of their family has a disability (disableadult = 1, 2 or 3).

Main carer

Field Name:	carer
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the respondent is the main carer of the person with a disability in the family
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 997 - Family member does not need a carer 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Are you the main or principal carer of this family member? This question is only asked of respondents who reported that a member of their family has a disability (disableadult = 2 or 3).

Measure of emotional wellbeing

Field Name:	mcs
Source Data Elements:	sf1 sf2 sf3 sf4 sf5 sf6 sf7 sf8
Definition:	Mental component score from sf1 to sf8
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Total score _____ 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

65+ years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

Apr-Aug 2002
Sep 2002-2017

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Measure of physical functioning

Field Name:	pcs
Source Data Elements:	sf1 sf2 sf3 sf4 sf5 sf6 sf7 sf9
Definition:	Physical component score from sf1 to sf8
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Total score _____ 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

65+ years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

Apr-Aug 2002
Sep 2002-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Disabled family member

Field Name:	disable
Source Data Elements:	disableadult
Definition:	Could be considered as a psychosocial measure, stress point for the adult. Estimate demand for support services measure of family dynamics and functioning. Improve understanding of the impact of caring on carers
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Burden

Field Name:	burden
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Estimate demand for support services. Measure of family dynamics and functioning. Improve understanding of the impact of caring on carers
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Not much of a burden at all 2 - A little burden 3 - A fairly big burden 4 - A big burden 5 - A very big burden 998 - Unsure/don't know/can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-2019

Revision History

Replaced by impact in 2020.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How much of a burden is this, would you say it is? This question is only asked of respondents who reported having a disability or a family member with a disability.

Co-Morbidity

Osteoarthritis

Field Name:	arthrit
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Ever been diagnosed with osteoarthritis or arthritis
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Aug 2004
Nov 2004-Jun 2006
Jul 2006-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has a doctor ever told you that you have osteoarthritis? (Note for trend analysis: The category 'rheumatoid arthritis' was added in 2024.)

Rheumatoid arthritis

Field Name:	rheum
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Ever been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2024-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has a doctor ever told you that you have rheumatoid arthritis? (Note for trend analysis: The category 'rheumatoid arthritis' was added in 2024.)

Heart disease

Field Name:	heart
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Ever been diagnosed with heart disease
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Aug 2004
Nov 2004-Jun 2006
Jul 2006-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has a doctor ever told you that you have heart disease?

Stroke

Field Name:	stroke
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Ever been diagnosed with stroke
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002 - Aug 2004
Nov 2004 - Jun 2006
Jul 2006 - present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has a doctor ever told you that you have had a stroke?

Non-melanoma skin cancer

Field Name:	skincancer
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Ever been diagnosed with non-melanoma skin cancer
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

Jul 2005-2006
2006 -present

Revision History

In 2006, further questions on the type of skin cancer were also asked. Reported from 2007 onwards to keep consistent with cancer.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has a doctor ever told you that you have non-melanoma skin cancer?

Osteoporosis

Field Name:	ostepor
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Ever been diagnosed with osteoporosis
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jan 2003
Feb 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has a doctor ever told you that you have osteoporosis?

Cholesterol (last tested)

Field Name:	choldays
	cholwks
	cholmths
	cholyrs
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The last time the respondent got tested for cholesterol level
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNNN
Permitted Values:	Days ------------
	Weeks ---------
	Months ---------
	Years -----------
	997 - Never measured
	998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember
	999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

When did you last have your cholesterol measured?
A single response to this question in either days, weeks, months or years is required.
Responses are then used to create the below categories:
0 Never measured
1 Within the last six months

2 Between six and twelve months ago
3 Between one and two years ago
4 Between two and three years ago
5 Between three and four years ago
6 Between four and five years ago
7 Over five years ago

High cholesterol (lifetime)

Field Name:	choles
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having been told that the respondent had high cholesterol
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-present

Revision History

(Note for trend analysis: Cannot compare to 2002 data as everyone was asked this question in 2002 whereas from 2003 onwards only those who have had their cholesterol measured were asked this question. Report for 25+ to allow 2003-2005 data to be used.)

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has a doctor ever told you that you had high cholesterol? (skip if choltested = 997 (never measured))

High cholesterol (current)

Field Name:	cholstil
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having high cholesterol at the time of the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you still have high cholesterol? This question is only asked of respondents who reported ever having high cholesterol (choles=1).

High cholesterol (treatment)

Field Name:	cholmed
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Taking medication for high cholesterol at the time of the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

65 years and over
16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

Apr-Jun 2002
Jul 2002-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you take any medication for high cholesterol? This question is only asked of respondents who reported ever having high cholesterol (choles=1).

Cholesterol (last tested-derived)

Field Name:	choltested
Source Data Elements:	choldays cholwks cholmths cholyrs
Definition:	The last time the respondent got tested for cholesterol level
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never measured 1 - Within the last 6 months 2 - Between 6 and 12 months ago 3 - Between 1 and 2 years ago 4 - Between 2 and 3 years ago 5 - Between 3 and 4 years ago 6 - Between 4 and 5 years ago 7 - Over 5 years ago 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refuse

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-present

Revision History

In 2002 respondents were only asked this question if they responded yes to having high cholesterol. In 2003 a 0 code for 'never measured' was introduced and the flow altered to go past remaining cholesterol questions.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Blood pressure (last tested)

Field Name:	hibpdays
	hibpwks
	hibpmths
	hibpyrs
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The last time the respondent had blood pressure measured
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Days ------------ Weeks --------- Months --------- Years ----------- 997 - Never measured 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

When did you last have your blood pressure measured? A single response to this question in either days, weeks, months or years is required. Responses are then used to create the below categories:
0 Never measured
1 Within the last six months

2 Between six and twelve months ago
3 Between one and two years ago
4 Between two and three years ago
5 Between three and four years ago
6 Between four and five years ago
7 Over five years ago

High blood pressure (lifetime)

Field Name:	hibp
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having been told that the respondent had high blood pressure
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has a doctor ever told you that you had high blood pressure?

High blood pressure (current)

Field Name:	hibpstil
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having high blood pressure at the time of the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you still have high blood pressure? This question is only asked of respondents who reported ever having high blood pressure (hibp=1).

High blood pressure (treatment)

Field Name:	hibpmed
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Taking medication for high blood pressure at the time of the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you take any medication for high blood pressure? This question is only asked of respondents who reported ever having high blood pressure (hibp=1).

Blood pressure (last tested-derived)

Field Name:	bptested
Source Data Elements:	hibpdays hibpwks hibpmths hibpyrs
Definition:	The last time respondent have tested for blood pressure
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never measured 1 - Within the last 6 months 2 - Between 6 and 12 months ago 3 - Between 1 and 2 years ago 4 - Between 2 and 3 years ago 5 - Between 3 and 4 years ago 6 - Between 4 and 5 years ago 7 - Over 5 years ago 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refuse

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

Jul 2002-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-present

Revision History

In 2003 a 997 code for 'never measured' was introduced and the flow altered to go past remaining BP questions. Cannot compare to 2002 data as everyone was asked this question in 2002 whereas from 2003 only those who have had their blood pressure measured.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Diabetes type

Field Name:	diabtype
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Type of diabetes diagnosed
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Type 1 Insulin dependent, Juvenile onset 2 - Type 2 Non-insulin dependent, Mature onset 3 - Gestational diabetes 997 - Other 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Sep 2002-present

Revision History

As of 2024, this single question was rewritten to include the option of gestational diabetes to replace diabnotp and diabpreg.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What type of diabetes were you told you had? This question is only asked of respondents who reported ever being diagnosed with diabetes (diabetes=1).

Diabetes (diagnosed when pregnant)

Field Name:	diabpreg
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	A diagnosis of diabetes made during pregnancy
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-2023

Revision History

Prior to 2024, this question was only asked of females who reported ever being diagnosed with diabetes and being pregnant at the time they were first told they had diabetes. This variable was used to derive gestational diabetes from overall diabetes prevalence.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Other than when you were pregnant, have you ever been told that you have diabetes?

Diabetes (diagnosed when not pregnant)

Field Name:	diabnotp
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	A diagnosis of diabetes made while not pregnant
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 – Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-2023

Revision History

Prior to 2024, this question was only asked of females who reported ever being diagnosed with diabetes (diabetes=1 and sex=0). This variable was used to derive gestational diabetes from overall diabetes prevalence.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Were you pregnant when you were first told you had diabetes?

Diabetes (Age when disgnosed)

Field Name:	diabage
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Age at diabetes diagnosed
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Enter age _____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How old were you when you were diagnosed with diabetes?

Asthma (lifetime)

Field Name:	asthma
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Ever been diagnosed with asthma (any type)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has a doctor ever told you that you have asthma?

Asthma (current)

Field Name:	asthsymtrt
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having experienced asthma symptoms in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

Used to be two questions (until 2007): "In the past 12 months, have you had symptoms of asthma?" and "In the past 12 months, have you taken treatment for asthma?" Only asked of those who report having asthma (asthma = 1).

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Have you had symptoms of asthma or taken treatment for asthma in the last 12 months? Symptoms include: breathlessness, wheezing or a dry cough. (asthma = 1)

Asthma plan

Field Name:	asthplan
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having a written asthma action plan
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you have a written asthma action plan, that is, written instructions of what to do if the asthma is worse or out of control? (asthma = 1)

Asthma interference with daily activities (last month)

Field Name:	asthinter
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Interference with daily activities in the last 4 weeks due to asthma
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - All of the time 2 - Most of the time 3 - Some of the time 4 - None of the time 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

During the last 4 weeks how often did your asthma interfere with your daily activities? (asthma = 1)

Respiratory illness (lifetime)

Field Name:	resp6mo
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Respiratory illnesses (other than asthma) which has lasted for 6 months or more
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2005-present

Revision History

In 2002 and 2003 the respiratory problem question did not capture 6 months in duration. In 2005 and 2006 this question was split into two separate questions, respell and resp6mo, and are not comparable to 2007 estimates onwards.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Other than asthma, has a doctor ever told you that you had a respiratory problem such as Chronic Bronchitis, Emphysema, Chronic Lung Disease or COPD that has lasted 6 months or more?

Respiratory illness (current)

Field Name:	respallstil
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having the reported respiratory illnesses (other than asthma) at the time of the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you still have this respiratory problem? (resp6mo = 1)

Injury (number - last 12 months)

Field Name:	injury
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of injuries in the last 12 months (that required health care)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	≥ 0 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months, how many injuries have you had that required treatment from a health professional?

Falls (last 12 months)

Field Name:	falls
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of falls in the last 12 months (that required health care) (of the number of injuries reported in the preceding question item)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	≥ 0 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Aug 2004
Nov 2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many of these injuries were falls? (injury > 0)

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Field Name:	adhd
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Ever been diagnosed with ADHD
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-24 years

Collection Period

2002-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Has a doctor ever told you that you have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder?

Cancer

Field Name:	cancer
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Ever been diagnosed with cancer (excluding skin cancer)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-2004
2005
Jul 2006-2023

Revision History

Prior to 2007, this question did not exclude skin cancer and thus is not comparable.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Excluding skin cancer, has a doctor ever told you that you have any other form of cancer?

Asthma in last 12 months

Field Name:	currast
Source Data Elements:	asthma asthsymtrt
Definition:	Proportion of population that has had asthma symptoms or treatment for asthma in the previous 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Current high cholesterol

Field Name:	currchol
Source Data Elements:	cholstil cholmed
Definition:	Current high cholesterol
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

 65 years and over
16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

Apr-Jun 2002
Jul 2002 - Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Current high blood pressure

Field Name:	currhibp
Source Data Elements:	hibpstil
	hibpmed
Definition:	Current high blood pressure
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over
25 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Respiratory problem (other than asthma)

Field Name:	currresp6mo
Source Data Elements:	respallstil resp6mo
Definition:	Reported a respiratory problem which lasted 6 months or more which is still a problem (other than asthma)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Fall Injury (last 12 months)

Field Name:	fallinj12mo
Source Data Elements:	inj12mo falls
Definition:	Had at least one fall injury in the past 12 months that required treatment from a health professional
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Injury (last 12 months)

Field Name:	inj12mo
Source Data Elements:	injury
Definition:	Had at least one injury in the past 12 months that required treatment from a health professional
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Use special equipment

Field Name:	equip
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Health problem that requires you to use special equipment, such as a cane, a wheelchair, a special bed, or a special telephone
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you now have any health problem that requires you to use special equipment, such as a cane, a wheelchair, a special bed, or a special telephone?

Lifestyle Behaviours

Smoke-free home

Field Name:	smokhome
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the home is smoke free or not (the smoke from cigarettes, cigars, and pipes)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - The home is smoke free (includes smoking is allowed outside only) 2 - People occasionally smoke in the house 3 - People frequently smoke in the house 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following best describes your home situation? This includes cigarettes, cigars, and pipes.

Smoking status

Field Name:	smokstat
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Smoking status (cigarettes, cigars, and pipes)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - I smoke daily 2 - I smoke occasionally 3 - I don't smoke now but I used to 4 - I've tried it a few times but never smoked regularly 5 - I've never smoked 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following best describes your smoking status? This includes cigarettes, cigars, and pipes.

Having smoked at least 100 cigarettes or similar over lifetime

Field Name:	hundredcigs
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having smoked at least 100 cigarettes or a similar amount of tobacco products over lifetime
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2006-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Over your lifetime, would you have smoked at least 100 cigarettes or a similar amount of tobacco?

E-smoke-free home

Field Name:	ecighome
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the home is e-smoke free or not (e-cigarettes, electronic-shisha, electronic-hookah, personal vaporisers, and vape pens, whether they include nicotine or not)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - The home is vape free (includes use of e-cigarettes; and can include vaping allowed outside only) 2 - People occasionally vape in the house 3 - People frequently vape in the house 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

This question was previously worded as "ecig".

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following best describes your home situation? This includes e-cigarettes, electronic-shisha, electronic-hookah, personal vaporisers, and vape pens, whether they include nicotine or not.

E-smoking status

Field Name:	ecigstatnew
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	E-smoking status (e-cigarettes, electronic-shisha, electronic-hookah, personal vaporisers, and vape pens, whether they include nicotine or not)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Daily 2 - Less than daily but at least once a week 3 - Less than weekly but at least once a month 4 - Less than once a month 5 - I don't vape now but I used to 6 - I've tried it a few times but never vaped regularly 7 - I've never vaped 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

This question was previously worded as "ecigstat".

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How often, if at all, do you vape?

E-smoking status (old question)

Field Name:	ecig
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	E-smoking status _ old question (e-cigarettes and similar products such as electronic-shisha, electronic-hookah, personal vapourisers, and vape pens, where you inhale vapour instead of smoke)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 2 - I have never heard of electronic or e-cigarettes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-2023

Revision History

In 2017, this question was asked as "Have you ever tired an electronic cigarette or e-cigarette?" and details on what an e-cigarette was provided in the interviewer notes.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Have you ever tried an electronic cigarette or e-cigarette? This includes all e-cigarettes and similar products such as electronic-shisha, electronic-hookah, personal vapourisers, and vape pens, where you inhale vapour instead of smoke. Using these products is often called vaping. Some contain nicotine, others do not.

E-smoking status in the past 12 months

Field Name:	ecig12mos
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	E-smoking status in the past 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-2023

Revision History

In 2017, this question was asked as "Have you used an electronic cigarette or e-cigarette in the past 12 months". In 2018, it was updated to tried.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Have you tried an electronic cigarette or e-cigarette in the past 12 months?

E-smoking frequency (old question)

Field Name:	ecigstat
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	E-smoking frequency _ old question
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Daily 2 - Less than daily but at least once a week 3 - Less than weekly but at least once a month 4 - Less than once a month but occasionally 5 - Not at all 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-2023

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How often do you use electronic or e-cigarettes?

Smoking status-derived

Field Name:	smoker
Source Data Elements:	smokstat hundredcigs
Definition:	Smoking status
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Smoker 2 - Ex-smoker 3 - Never smoked or never smoked more than 100 cigarettes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Currently smoke

Field Name:	smokes
Source Data Elements:	smokstat
Definition:	Currently smoke
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Used to smoke

Field Name:	exsmoke
Source Data Elements:	smokstat hundredcigs
Definition:	Used to smoke
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Never smoked

Field Name:	nosmoke
Source Data Elements:	smokstat hundredcigs
Definition:	Never smoked
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Alcohol drinking _ number of days a week

Field Name:	alc_freq
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of days a week respondents had an alcohol drink in the past 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Every day 2 - 5 to 6 days a week 3 - 3 to 4 days a week 4 - 1 to 2 days a week 5 - 2 to 3 days a week 6 - About 1 day a month 7 - Less often than 1 day a month 8 - I don't drink alcohol 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 – Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

This question was previously worded as "how many days of a week do you usually drink alcohol", "drinkingdays"

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months, how often did you have an alcohol drink of any kind?

Number of standard drinks of alcohol taken a day

Field Name:	alc_num
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of standard drinks of alcohol taken on a usual day (A standard drink is equivalent to a schooner of low strength beer, a midi of full-strength beer, a small glass of wine or a nip of spirits.)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - 20 or more standard drinks 2 - 16 to 19 standard drinks 3 - 13 to 15 standard drinks 4 - 11 to 12 standard drinks 5 - 9 to 10 standard drinks 6 - 7 to 8 standard drinks 7 - 5 to 6 standard drinks 8 - 3 to 4 standard drinks 9 - 2 standard drinks 10 - 1 standard drink 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 – Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

Jan 2004-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-Jun 2006
Jul 2006-present

Revision History

This question was previously worded as "number of standard drinks on a drinking day", "numbdrnk". (alc_freq = 1 to 7)

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

A standard drink is equivalent to a schooner of low strength beer, a midi of full-strength beer, a small glass of wine or a nip of spirits. On a day when you drink alcohol, how many standard drinks do you usually have?

Heavy alcohol drinking

Field Name:	alc_lastmth
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having had more than 4 standard drinks of alcohol on a single occasion in the past four weeks
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Yes 2 - No 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

Jan 2004-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-Jun 2006
Jul 2006-present

Revision History

This question was previously worded as "hiriskdrknum", and "riskydrknum". (alc_freq = 1, 2)

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past four weeks have you had more than 4 standard drinks on a single occasion?

Alcohol drinking _ number of days a week (wording in the old question)

Field Name:	daysdrk
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of days a week the respondent drinks alcohol in a typical week _ wording in the old question
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Don't drink Number of days _____ 991 - Less than once a week 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-2023

Revision History

Between March 2002 and February 2006 inclusive, the wording to this question was as follows: How often do you usually drink alcohol?

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In a typical week, how often do you usually drink alcohol?

Alcohol drinking - days

Field Name:	drinkingdays
Source Data Elements:	daysdrk
Definition:	The number of days of a week usually drink alcohol
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Don't drink alcohol 0.5 - Less than once a week 1 - One day 2 - Two days 3 - Three days 4 Four days 5 - Five days 6 - Six days 7 - Every day 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Alcohol drinking - days - recoded

Field Name:	drink
Source Data Elements:	drinkingdays
Definition:	The number of days of a week usually drink alcohol (recoded)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - One day or less than once a week 2 - Two days 3 - Three days 4 - Four days 5 - Five days 6 - Six days 7 - Every day

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Number of standard drinks of alcohol taken a day (wording in the old question)

Field Name:	numbdrk
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of standard drinks of alcohol taken on a usual day _ wording in the old question
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number of drinks _____ 998 - Can't remember/Unsure 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-2023

Revision History

Prior to 2018, the question didn't specify a schooner of 'low strength'. It just said …"a schooner or midi of full strength beer.."

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Question: A Standard Drink is equivalent to a schooner of low strength or midi of full-strength beer, a glass of wine or a nip of spirits. On a day when you drink alcohol, how many standard drinks do you usually have?

Standard drinks per day

Field Name:	numbdrnk
Source Data Elements:	numdrk
Definition:	Number of standard drinks on a drinking day
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Number of drinks_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Alcohol consumption - weekly

Field Name:	weeklyalc
Source Data Elements:	drink numbdrnk
Definition:	Weekly estimate of alcohol consumption
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Number of drinks in a week_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

High risk alcohol drinking

Field Name:	hiriskdrknum
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times of having had 7 to 10 standard drinks (male) / 5 to 6 standard drinks (female) of alcohol a day in the past 4 weeks
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None/Less than once a month 1 - Enter number of times _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

Jan 2004-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-Jun 2006
Jul 2006-2019

Revision History

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National Definition

Minimising risk in the longer term:
<u>Males:</u>
up to 4 standard drinks (Low risk)
5–6 standard drinks (Risky)
7 or more standard drinks (High risk)
<u>Females:</u>
up to 2 standard drinks (Low risk)
3–4 standard drinks (Risky)
5 or more standard drinks

Survey Question

In the past 4 weeks how often have you had (7-10 if male) (5-6 if female) drinks in a day? (numbdrk > 6 for male) (numbdrk > 4 for male)

Risky alcohol drinking

Field Name:	riskydrknum
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times of having had 5 to 6 standard drinks (male) / 3 to 4 standard drinks (female) of alcohol a day in the past 4 weeks
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None/Less than once a month 1 - Enter number of times _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

Jan 2004-Oct 2004
Nov 2004-Feb 2005
Mar 2005-Jun 2006
Jul 2006-2019

Revision History

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National Definition

Minimising risk in the longer term:
Males:
up to 4 standard drinks (Low risk)
5–6 standard drinks (Risky)
7 or more standard drinks (High risk)
Females:
up to 2 standard drinks (Low risk)
3–4 standard drinks (Risky)
5 or more standard drinks (High risk)

Survey Question

In the past 4 weeks how often have you had (5-6 if male) (3-4 if female) drinks in a day? (numbdrk > 4 for male) (numbdrk > 2 for male)

Long term alcohol related harm

Field Name:	longtermalc
Source Data Elements:	numbdrk weeklyalc
Definition:	Long term alcohol related harm according to the 2001 guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Low risk (Male <=28/wk; Female<=14/wk) 2 - Risky (Male 29-42/wk; Female 15-28/wk) 3 - High risk (Male 43+/wk; Female 29+/wk)

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Minimising risk in the longer term:
<u>Males:</u>
up to 4 standard drinks (Low risk)
5–6 standard drinks (Risky)
7 or more standard drinks (High risk)
<u>Females:</u>
up to 2 standard drinks (Low risk)
3–4 standard drinks (Risky)
5 or more standard drinks (High risk)

Survey Question

N/A

Short term alcohol related harm

Field Name:	shorttermalc
Source Data Elements:	numbdrk weeklyalc
Definition:	Short term alcohol related harm guidelines according to the 2001 guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Low risk (Male <7/day and 28/wk; Female ><5/day and 14/wk) 2 - Risky (Male 7-10/day and 29-42/wk; Female 5-6/day and 28/wk) 3 - High risk (Male 11+/day and 43/wk; Female 7+/day and

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Minimising risk in the short term:
<u>Males:</u>
up to 6 standard drinks (Low risk)
7–10 standard drinks (Risky)
11 or more standard drinks (High risk)
<u>Females:</u>
up to 4 standard drinks (Low risk)
5–6 standard drinks (Risky)
7 or more standard drinks (High risk)

Survey Question

N/A

Long term alcohol related harm - recoded

Field Name:	grplongterm
Source Data Elements:	longtermalc
Definition:	Long term alcohol related harm based on the 2001 guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Low risk drinker (Male <5/day; Female ><3/day) 1 - Risky or high risk drinker (Male > 4/day and 28+/wk; Female >2/day

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Minimising risk in the longer term:
Males:
up to 4 standard drinks (Low risk)
5–6 standard drinks (Risky)
7 or more standard drinks (High risk)
Females:
up to 2 standard drinks (Low risk)
3–4 standard drinks (Risky)
5 or more standard drinks (High risk)

Survey Question

N/A

Alcohol related harm

Field Name:	grpshrtterm
Source Data Elements:	shorttermalc
Definition:	Short term alcohol related harm based on the 2001 guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Low risk drinker (Male <7/day and 28/wk; Female ><5/day and 14/wk) 1 - Risky or high risk drinker (Male 7+/day and 28+/wk; Female 5+/day and

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Minimising risk in the short term:
Males:
up to 6 standard drinks (Low risk)
7–10 standard drinks (Risky)
11 or more standard drinks (High risk)
Females:
up to 4 standard drinks (Low risk)
5–6 standard drinks (Risky)
7 or more standard drinks (High risk)

Survey Question

N/A

Risk of long term alcohol related harm

Field Name:	longtermalc09
Source Data Elements:	daysdrk numdrk
Definition:	Risk of long term alcohol related harm based on the 2009 guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Does not drink 1 - Low risk level for long-term harm 2 - High risk level for long-term harm

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

For both males and females.
Guideline 1 - Lifetime risk
up to and including 2 standard drinks (Does not exceed guideline)
more than 2 standard drinks (Exceeds guideline)
Guideline 2 - Single occasion risk
up to and including 4 standard drinks (Does not exceed guideline)

Survey Question

N/A

Risk of short term alcohol related harm

Field Name:	shrttermalc09
Source Data Elements:	daysdrk numdrk
Definition:	Risk of short term alcohol related harm based on the 2009 guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Does not drink 1 - Low risk level for long-term harm 2 - High risk level for long-term harm

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

For both males and females.
Guideline 1 - Lifetime risk
up to and including 2 standard drinks (Does not exceed guideline)
more than 2 standard drinks (Exceeds guideline)
Guideline 2 - Single occasion risk
up to and including 4 standard drinks (Does not exceed guideline)

Survey Question

N/A

Risk of long term alcohol related harm - recoded

Field Name:	grplongterm09
Source Data Elements:	longtermalc
Definition:	Risk of long term alcohol related harm based on the 2009 guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Low risk (1 to 2 drinks a day) 1 - Risky (Over 2 drinks a day or any drinks if under 18)

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

For both males and females.
Guideline 1 - Lifetime risk
up to and including 2 standard drinks (Does not exceed guideline)
more than 2 standard drinks (Exceeds guideline)
Guideline 2 - Single occasion risk
up to and including 4 standard drinks (Does not exceed guideline)

Survey Question

N/A

Risk of short term alcohol related harm - recoded

Field Name:	grpshrtterm09
Source Data Elements:	longtermalc
Definition:	Risk of short term alcohol related harm based on the 2009 guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Low risk (Up to 4 drinks a day) 1 - Risky (Over 4 drinks a day or any drinks if under 18)

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

For both males and females.
Guideline 1 - Lifetime risk
up to and including 2 standard drinks (Does not exceed guideline)
more than 2 standard drinks (Exceeds guideline)
Guideline 2 - Single occasion risk
up to and including 4 standard drinks (Does not exceed guideline)

Survey Question

N/A

Vegetable consumption

Field Name:	numbveg
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of serves of vegetables consumed each day; A serve of vegetables is equal to half cup of cooked vegetables or 1 cup of salad
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number of serves _____ 991 - Less than one serve per day 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many serves of vegetables do you usually eat each day? A serve of vegetables is equal to half cup of cooked vegetables or 1 cup of salad.

Daily serves of vegetables

Field Name:	vegnumb
Source Data Elements:	numbveg
Definition:	Daily serves of vegetables
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of serves_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

Removes 998/999 from analysis and converts 991 to 0.5 (less than one serve a day).

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Fruit consumption

Field Name:	numbfrt
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of serves of fruits consumed each day; A serve of fruit is equal to one medium piece, two small pieces of fruit or one cup of diced fruit
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number of serves _____ 991 - Less than one serve per day 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many serves of fruits do you usually eat each day? A serve of fruit is equal to one medium piece, two small pieces of fruit or one cup of diced fruit.

Daily serves of fruit

Field Name:	frtnumb
Source Data Elements:	numbfrt
Definition:	Daily serves of fruit
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of serves_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

Removes 998/999 from analysis and converts 991 to 0.5 (less than one serve a day).

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Serves of vegetables eaten daily

Field Name:	dailyveg
Source Data Elements:	vegnumb
Definition:	Serves of vegetables eaten daily
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Doesn't eat vegetables 1 - Eats vegetables less than daily 2 - Eats one to two serves of vegetables daily 3 - Eats three to four serves of vegetables daily 4 - Eats five or more serves of vegetables daily

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Serves of fruit eaten daily

Field Name:	dailyfrt
Source Data Elements:	frtnumb
Definition:	Serves of fruit eaten daily
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Doesn't eat fruit 1 - Eats fruit less than daily 2 - Eats one serve of fruit daily 3 - Eats two or more serves of fruit daily

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Meeting the five serves of vegetables daily (2003) guidelines

Field Name:	vegguidelines03
Source Data Elements:	dailyveg
Definition:	Meeting the five serves of vegetables daily (2003) guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Doesn't eat vegetables 1 - Eats vegetables but less than 5 serves daily 2 - Eats 5 or more serves daily

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Report where age >= 18 to comply with the recommendations. Those aged 16-18 years were required to eat 4 serves of vegetables daily according to the 2003 guidelines.

Survey Question

N/A

Meeting the two serves of fruit daily (2003) guidelines

Field Name:	frtguidelines03
Source Data Elements:	dailyfrt
Definition:	Meeting the two serves of fruit daily (2003) guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Doesn't eat fruit 1 - Eats fruit but less than 2 serves daily 2 - Eats 2 or more serves daily

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Report where age >= 18 to comply with the recommendations. Those aged 16-18 years were required to eat 3 serves of fruit daily.

Survey Question

N/A

Eats five or more serves of vegetables daily

Field Name:	suffveg03
Source Data Elements:	vegguidelines03
Definition:	Eats five or more serves of vegetables daily
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Could be used for reporting sufficient vegetable intake according to the 2003 NHMRC council guidelines.

Report where age >= 18 to comply with the recommendations. Those aged 16-18 years were required to eat 4 serves of vegetables daily.

Could label as 'Eats five or more serves of vegetables daily' with no reference to sufficient intake. (to include those 16-18 years).

Survey Question

N/A

Eats two or more serves daily

Field Name:	sufffrt03
Source Data Elements:	frtguidelines03
Definition:	Eats two or more serves daily
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Report where age >= 18 to comply with the recommendations. Those aged 16-18 years were required to eat 3 serves of fruit daily.

Could label as 'Eats two or more serves of vegetables daily' with no reference to sufficient intake (to include those 16-18 years).

Survey Question

N/A

Eats recommended serves of vegetables for age

Field Name:	suffvegall
Source Data Elements:	suffveg03
Definition:	Eats recommended serves of vegetables for age (2003 guidelines)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Eats recommended serves of fruit for age

Field Name:	sufffrtall
Source Data Elements:	sufffrt03
Definition:	Eats recommended serves of fruit for age (2003 guidelines)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Follows two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables daily (2003) guideline

Field Name:	sufffrtnveg03
Source Data Elements:	frtnumb vegnumb
Definition:	Follows 'two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables daily' (2003) guideline
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No, does not eat at least 2 fruit and 5 veg daily 1 - Yes, eats at least 2 fruit and 5 veg daily

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Report where age >= 18 to comply with the recommendations from 2003 guideline. Those aged 16-18 years were required to eat 3 serves of fruit and 4 serves of vegetables daily.

Could label as 'Eats at least two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables daily' with no reference.

Survey Question

N/A

Eats recommended serves of vegetables for age (2013 guidelines)

Field Name:	veg13
Source Data Elements:	vegnumb
Definition:	Eats recommended serves of vegetables for age (2013 guidelines)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

According to NHMRC 2023, Consuming at least five serves of vegetables per day (75g per serve) is recommended for Australian adults.

Survey Question

N/A

Eats recommended serves of fruit for age (2013 guidelines)

Field Name:	frt13
Source Data Elements:	frtnumb
Definition:	Eats recommended serves of fruit for age (2013 guidelines)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

According to NHMRC 2023, Consuming at least two serves of fruit per day (150g per serve) is recommended for adults.

Survey Question

N/A

Eats recommended serves of fruit and vegetables for age (2013 guidelines)

Field Name:	frtnveg13
Source Data Elements:	frtnumb vegnumb
Definition:	Eats recommended serves of fruit and vegetables for age (2013 guidelines)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

According to NHMRC 2023, Consuming at least five serves of vegetables per day (75g per serve) is recommended for Australian adults. Consuming at least two serves of fruit per day (150g per serve) is recommended for adults.

Survey Question

N/A

Milk consumption

Field Name:	milktype
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Type of milk usually consumed
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Full fat or whole milk of any kind, including soya 2 - Low/reduced fat of any kind, including soya 3 - Skim milk, that is milk with no fat content at all 4 - Other 5 - Don't use milk 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What type of milk do you usually consume?

Milk consumption type

Field Name:	milk
Source Data Elements:	milktype
Definition:	Type of milk usually consume (recoded for analysis)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Whole milk or undefined fat level 2 - Reduced or skim milk 3 - Doesn't use/drink milk 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Chips consumption

Field Name:	chipsdly
	chipswkly
	chipsmthly
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times of chips (hot-fried potatoes) consumption per day or per week or per month; examples of chips are hot chips, french-fries, wedges, hash browns or fried potatoes
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ 997 - Rarely/Never 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times do you eat hot chips, french-fries, wedges, hash browns or fried potatoes? Please continue to answer in terms of number of times per day, OR times per week, OR times per month.

Cakes consumption

Field Name:	cakesdly
	cakeswkly
	cakesmthly
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times of cake (sweet treats) consumption per day or per week or per month; examples of cakes (sweet treats) are sweet biscuits, cakes, doughnuts, muffins, pastries or muesli bars
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ 997 - Rarely/Never 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times do you eat sweet biscuits, cakes, doughnuts, muffins, pastries or muesli bars?

Snacks consumption

Field Name:	snacksdly snackswkly snacksmthly
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times of snacks consumption per day or per week or per month; examples of snacks are potato crisps or other salty snacks like corn chips, Twisties, Burger Rings, crackers, pretzels
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Daily ＿＿＿＿＿ Weekly ＿＿＿＿＿ Monthly ＿＿＿＿＿ 997 - Rarely/Never 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times do you eat potato crisps or other salty snacks like corn chips, Twisties, Burger Rings, crackers, pretzels?

Soft drinks consumption

Field Name:	sftdrnksdly sftdrnkswkly sftdrnksmthly
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times of soft drinks consumption per day or per week or per month; examples of soft drinks are soft drinks, energy or sports drinks, or cordial. This does not include diet or no sugar versions such as Coke Zero, Pepsi Max, Gatorade G-Active or Red Bull Sugar free
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ 997 - Rarely/Never 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times do you drink soft drinks, energy or sports drinks, or cordial? This does not include diet or no sugar versions such as Coke Zero, Pepsi Max, Gatorade G-Active or Red Bull Sugarfree.

Processed meat consumption

Field Name:	procmtsdly procmtswkly procmtsmthly
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times of processed meat consumption per day or per week or per month; examples of processed meat products are sausages, sausage-rolls, bacon, ham, salami or other cold meats
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ 997 - Rarely/Never 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times do you eat processed meat products such as sausages, sausage-rolls, bacon, ham, salami or other cold meats?

Food security

Field Name:	foodsecurity
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether there were any times that household ran out of food and couldn't afford to buy more in the past 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last twelve months, were there any times that you ran out of food and couldn't afford to buy any more?

Number of meals per day

Field Name:	meals
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of meals per day
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of meals _____ 998 - Unsure 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

65 years and over

Collection Period

2002-2016

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many meals do you eat each day?

Impact of teeth or dentures on dietary intake

Field Name:	teeth
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Impact of the condition of teeth or dentures on the types of food older adults can consume
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

65 years and over

Collection Period

2002-2023

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Does the condition of your teeth or dentures affect the types of food you can eat?

Usual number of times take-away is eaten each week

Field Name:	takeaway
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times a week on average, have meals or snacks such as burgers, pizza, chicken or chips from places like McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, Pizza Hut or Red Rooster
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of times _____ 991 - Less than once a week 998 - Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-2003
2004-2020

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times a week on average, do you have meals or snacks such as burgers, pizza, chicken or chips from places like McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, Pizza Hut or Red Rooster?

Takeaway each week

Field Name:	tkwy
Source Data Elements:	tkwydly tkwywkly tkwymthly
Definition:	Usual number of times takeaway is eaten each week
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Never 0.5 - Less than once a week 1 - Once or twice a week 2 - Three or four times a week 3 - Five or more times a week

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Number of times of eating take-away or fast food per day

Field Name:	tkwydly
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times of eating take-away or fast food as snacks or meals per day; examples are burgers, kebabs, meat pies, pizza, chicken or chicken nuggets from places like McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, KFC, Pizza Hut, or other take-away places
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of times _____/day 997 - Rarely/Never 998 - Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

"takeaway" variable now splitted into tkwydly, tkwywkly and tkwymthly

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times do you eat meals or snacks such as burgers, kebabs, meat pies, pizza, chicken or chicken nuggets from places like McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, KFC, Pizza Hut, or other take-away places?

No. of times of eating take-away or fast food per week

Field Name:	tkwywkly
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times of eating take-away or fast food as snacks or meals per week; examples are burgers, kebabs, meat pies, pizza, chicken or chicken nuggets from places like McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, KFC, Pizza Hut, or other take-away places
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of times _____/week 997 - Rarely/Never 998 - Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

"takeaway" variable now splitted into tkwydly, tkwywkly and tkwymthly

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times do you eat meals or snacks such as burgers, kebabs, meat pies, pizza, chicken or chicken nuggets from places like McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, KFC, Pizza Hut, or other take-away places?

No. of times of eating take-away or fast food per month

Field Name:	tkwymthly
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times of eating take-away or fast food as snacks or meals per month; examples are burgers, kebabs, meat pies, pizza, chicken or chicken nuggets from places like McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, KFC, Pizza Hut, or other take-away places
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of times _____/month 997 - Rarely/Never 998 - Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

"takeaway" variable now splitted into tkwydly, tkwywkly and tkwymthly

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times do you eat meals or snacks such as burgers, kebabs, meat pies, pizza, chicken or chicken nuggets from places like McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, KFC, Pizza Hut, or other take-away places?

Usual number of times takeaway is eaten each week

Field Name:	fastfood
Source Data Elements:	takeaway
Definition:	Usual number of times takeaway is eaten each week
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Never 0.5 - Less than once a week 1 - Once or twice a week 2 - Three or four times a week 3 - Five or more times a week

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-2003
2004-2020

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Daily vegetables consumption

Field Name:	veglist
Source Data Elements:	vegnumb
Definition:	Condensed number of daily serves of vegetables
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No serves of veg eaten daily 1 - Between 0.5 and 4 serves of veg daily 2 - 5 or 6 serves of veg daily 3 - 7 or more serves of veg daily

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Daily fruit consumption

Field Name:	frtlist
Source Data Elements:	frtbumb
Definition:	Condensed number of daily serves of fruit
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No serves of fruit eaten daily 1 - Between 0.5 and 1 serves of fruit daily 2 - 2 serves of fruit daily 3 - 3 or more serves of fruit eaten daily

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Self-rated physical activity level

Field Name:	parate
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Self-rated physical activity level
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Very active 2 - Active 3 - Moderately active 4 - Not very active 5 - Not at all active 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Nov 2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How would you rate your physical activity level?

Last week _ Number of days _ 60 min PA

Field Name:	lastwk
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of days physically active at least 60 minutes per day in the past week
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of days _____ (0 - 7) 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Nov 2010-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Over the last week, how many days are you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day?

Typical week - Number of days 60 min PA

Field Name:	typicalwk
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of days physically active at least 60 minutes per day in a typical week
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of days _____ (0 - 7) 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Nov 2010-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Over a typical week, how many days are you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day?

No. of times of continuous walking

Field Name:	timeswlk
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times of at least 10-minute long episodes of continuous walking in the past week; this includes walking for recreation, exercise or to get to or from places
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of times _____ (≥ 0) 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past week, how many times have you walked continuously, for at least 10 minutes, for recreation, exercise or to get to or from places?

No. of times of continuous walking - recoded

Field Name:	timeswalk
Source Data Elements:	timeswlk
Definition:	Number of times of at least 10-minute long episodes of continuous walking in the past week
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of times walked _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Total duration of the reported walking

Field Name:	walkhrs walkmins
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Total duration spent for the reported continuous walking in the past week
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Hours _____ (≥0) Minutes _____ (0 to 60)

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What do you estimate was the total time that you spent walking in this way in the past week? (timeswalk > 0)

Total time spent on walking last week

Field Name:	minswalk
Source Data Elements:	walkhrs walkmins
Definition:	Total time spent on walking last week
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Total time spent walking _____ (Truncated to a max value of 840 minutes)

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

No. of times of vigorous physical activity

Field Name:	timesvig
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	No. of times doing vigorous physical activity in the past week; excluding household chores or gardening; vigorous activity means physical activity that makes you breathe harder or puff and pant
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of times _____ (≥0) 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2007
2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

This question excludes household chores or gardening. In the past week, how many times did you do any vigorous physical activity that made you breathe harder or puff and pant? (e.g. tennis, jogging, cycling, keep fit exercises).

Sessions of vigorous activity

Field Name:	timesvigorous
Source Data Elements:	timesvig
Definition:	Sessions of vigorous activity
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of times _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2007
2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Total duration of the reported vigorous physical activity

Field Name:	vighrs vigmins
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Total duration spent for the reported vigorous physical activity in the past week
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Hours _____ Minutes _____ (0 to 60)

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2007
2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What do you estimate was the total time that you spent doing this vigorous physical activity in the past week? (timesvig > 0)

Total minutes of the reported vigorous physical activity

Field Name:	minsvig
Source Data Elements:	vighrs vigmins
Definition:	Total minutes of the reported vigorous physical activity. Truncated to a max value of 840 minutes if over 840 minutes
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of minutes _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2007
2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

No. of times of moderate physical activity

Field Name:	timesmod
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times doing moderate physical activity in the past week; excluding household chores or gardening
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of times _____ (≥ 0) 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

This question excludes household chores or gardening. In the past week how many times did you do any other more moderate physical activities that you have not already mentioned (e.g. lawn bowls, golf, gentle swimming, etc)?

Sessions of moderate physical activity

Field Name:	timesmoderate
Source Data Elements:	timesmod
Definition:	Sessions of moderate physical activity
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of times_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Total duration of reported moderate physical activity

Field Name:	modhrs
	modmins
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Total duration spent for the reported moderate physical activity in the past week
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Hours _____ (≥ 0) Minutes _____ (0 to 60)

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003
2004-2005
2006
2007-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What do you estimate was the total time that you spent doing this moderate physical activity in the past week? (timesmod > 0)

Total minutes spent on moderate physical activity

Field Name:	minsmod
Source Data Elements:	modhrs modmins
Definition:	Total time spent doing moderate physical activity in the last week
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of minutes _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003
2004-2005
2006
2007-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Anything to add about physical activity

Field Name:	patext
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Anything to add about the previous physical activity questions
Data Type:	Character
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	1 - Yes (please specify): _____ 99 - No

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2024-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Is there anything you would like to add about the previous questions about your physical activity?

Sedentary or active

Field Name:	daymost
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Being sedentary/ standing/ walking/ or doing heavy labour most of the day
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Mostly sitting 2 - Mostly standing 3 - Mostly walking 4 - Mostly doing heavy labour or physically demanding work 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Nov 2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How do you usually spend most of your day?

Duration of screentime

Field Name:	tvhrs
	tvmins
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Total duration of screentime (excluding work or school); examples of screentime are watching TV or using a smartphone, computer, or tablet device (for streaming services, using internet, to play games etc)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Hours _____ (≥ 0) Minutes _____ (0 to 60)

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Excluding work time, how many hours per week do you spend watching TV or using a smartphone, computer, or tablet device (for streaming services, using internet, to play games etc)?

Sitting time

Field Name:	sitting
Source Data Elements:	tvhrs tvmins
Definition:	Excluding work time, hours spend watching tv, videos or playing video or computer games
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of hours _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Duration of sleep on a usual night

Field Name:	sleephrs
	sleepmins
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Total duration of sleep on a usual night
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Hours _____ (≥ 0) Minutes _____ (0 to 60)

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

On a usual night how many hours sleep do you get?

Total duration of using interactive physical activity computer games (hours) and (minutes)

Field Name:	wiifithrs
	wiifitmins
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Total duration of using interactive physical activity computer games (hours and minutes per week), e.g., Wii fit
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Hours _____ (≥ 0) Minutes _____ (= 0)

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2010-2014

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many hours per week do you spend using any interactive physical activity computer games such as Wii fit?

Time spent in leisure time physical activity with upper limit

Field Name:	patime
Source Data Elements:	minswalk minsmod minsvig
Definition:	Total amount of time spent in leisure time physical activity with vigorous time doubled and upper limit of 1680 for Active Australia reporting
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of minutes _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003
2004-2005
2006
2007-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Time spent in leisure time physical activity with no upper limit

Field Name:	totalpatime
Source Data Elements:	minswalk minsmod minsvig
Definition:	Total amount of time spent in leisure time physical activity with no upper limit
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of minutes _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003
2004-2005
2006
2007-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Total amount of time spent in leisure time physical activity-recoded

Field Name:	totalpatime2
Source Data Elements:	minswalk minsmod minsvig
Definition:	Total amount of time spent in leisure time physical activity with upper limit and vigorous activity doubled
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Number of minutes _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003
2004-2005
2006
2007-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Sufficient leisure time physical activity levels - no sessions

Field Name:	phyact03
Source Data Elements:	patime
Definition:	Using Active Australia definitions for sufficient leisure time physical activity levels not including session but with vigorous activity doubled
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Does no leisure time physical activity 1 - Does less than 150 mins moderate physical activity 2 - Does 150 mins or more moderate minutes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003
2004-2005
2006
2007-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Sufficient leisure time physical activity levels - with sessions

Field Name:	paok03
Source Data Elements:	patime sessions
Definition:	Using Active Australia definitions for sufficient leisure time physical activity with sessions included and vigorous activity doubled 2003/2005 guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Does no leisure time physical activity 1 - Does less than 150 mins moderate physical activity 2 - Does 150 or more moderate minutes but not over 5 sessions 3 - Does 150 or more moderate minutes over 5 or more sessions

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003
2004-2005
2006
2007-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

According to Australian physical activity and exercise guideline, Adults should be active most days, preferably every day. Each week, adults should do either:
2.5 to 5 hours of moderate intensity physical activity – such as a brisk walk, golf, mowing the lawn

Survey Question

N/A

≥150 moderate minutes physical activity

Field Name:	suffpa03
Source Data Elements:	paok03
Definition:	Does 150 or more mod mins physical activity over 5 or more sessions - 2003/2005 guidelines
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2004
2004-2005
2006
2007-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Not doing ≥150 moderate minutes physical activity

Field Name:	insuffpa
Source Data Elements:	paok03
Definition:	Does not do 150 or more mod mins of physical activity over 5 or more sessions
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2005
2004-2005
2006
2007-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Completed 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week

Field Name:	pa18yrs14
Source Data Elements:	patime
Definition:	Completes at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Does no leisure time physical activity 1 - Does less than 150 mins moderate physical activity 2 - Does 150 mins or more moderate minutes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2005
2004-2005
2006
2007-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Completed 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week in ≥ 5 sessions

Field Name:	pa65yrs14
Source Data Elements:	patime sessions
Definition:	Completes at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week over 5 or more sessions
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Does no leisure time physical activity 1 - Does less than 150 mins moderate physical activity 2 - Does 150 or more moderate minutes but not over 5 sessions 3 - Does 150 or more moderate minutes over 5 or more sessions

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over
16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2005
2004-2005
2006
2007-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Drug use in the last 12 months (any drugs)

Field Name:	anydrugs
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of any drugs (or) substances for non-medical purposes in the last 12 months; drug use to induce a drug experience or feeling; a few examples are cannabis, ecstasy, methamphetamines or pain-relievers, sleeping pills and steroids
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

We would now like to ask you some questions about drug use and use of substances for non-medical purposes. Your responses to these questions will be kept confidential. They will be combined with others to help inform future direction for drug prevention and treatment strategies. In the last 12 months, have you used any drugs for NON-MEDICAL purposes? This could include cannabis, ecstasy, methamphetamines or pain-relievers, sleeping pills and steroids. By non-medical purposes we mean the drugs were used to induce a drug experience or feeling, used with other drugs to enhance a drug experience, or used for performance enhancement.

Drug use in the last 12 months (Marijuana/cannabis)

Field Name:	cannabis
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of Marijuana/cannabis in the last 12 months; other names are Pot, Grass, Weed, Ganja, Hash
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following drugs did you use for non-medical purposes in the last 12 months? Marijuana/cannabis. (anydrugs = 1)

Drug use in the last 12 months (Ecstasy)

Field Name:	ecstasy
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of Ecstasy in the last 12 months; other names are MDMA, Molly, E, Eccies, Pingers
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following drugs did you use for non-medical purposes in the last 12 months? Ecstasy. (anydrugs = 1)

Drug use in the last 12 months (Methamphetamines)

Field Name:	methonly
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of Methamphetamines in the last 12 months; other names are Speed, Ice, Crystal, Shard, Glass
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following drugs did you use for non-medical purposes in the last 12 months? Methamphetamines. (anydrugs = 1)

Drug use in the last 12 months (Amphetamines)

Field Name:	amphetamines
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of Amphetamines in the last 12 months; some examples are Ritalin, Adderall, Dexamphetamine, Dexies, Pseudoephedrine based cold and flu tablets
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following drugs did you use for non-medical purposes in the last 12 months? Amphetamines. (anydrugs = 1)

Drug use in the last 12 months (Pain-relievers analgesics or opioids)

Field Name:	painkillers
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of Pain-relievers, analgesics or opioids in the last 12 months; some examples are Codeine products such as Panadeine Forte, Morphine, Oxycodone, Fentanyl, Tramadol or Gabapentinoids such as Lyrica (not over the counter medications such as Panadol and Paracetamol or aspirin)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following drugs did you use for non-medical purposes in the last 12 months? Pain-relievers, analgesics or opioids. (anydrugs = 1)

Drug use in the last 12 months (Tranquilisers or sleeping pills)

Field Name:	tranquilisers
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of Tranquilisers or sleeping pills in the last 12 months; some examples are Alprazolam, Diazepam, Oxazepam, Clonazepam, Sleepers, Benzos, Tranks, Temazepam, Temazzies, Temaze, Rivotril, Serepax, Serries, Xanax, Xannies, Stilnox, Rohypnol, Rowies, Valium
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following drugs did you use for non-medical purposes in the last 12 months? Tranquilisers or sleeping pills. (anydrugs = 1)

Drug use in the last 12 months (Steroids)

Field Name:	steroids
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of Steroids in the last 12 months; some examples or other names are Roids, Juice, Gear, Andriol, Halotestin, Proviron, Sustanon, Testomet
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following drugs did you use for non-medical purposes in the last 12 months? Steroids. (anydrugs = 1)

Drug use in the last 12 months (Methadone)

Field Name:	methadone
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of Methadone in the last 12 months; other names are Done, Junk, Jungle Juice
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following drugs did you use for non-medical purposes in the last 12 months? Methadone. (anydrugs = 1)

Drug use in the last 12 months (Buprenorphine)

Field Name:	buprenorphine
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of Buprenorphine in the last 12 months; other names are Bupe, Sub
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following drugs did you use for non-medical purposes in the last 12 months? Buprenorphine. (anydrugs = 1)

Drug use in the last 12 months (Heroin)

Field Name:	heroin
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of Heroin in the last 12 months; other names are Smack, Horse, H, Black Tar
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following drugs did you use for non-medical purposes in the last 12 months? Heroin. (anydrugs = 1)

Drug use in the last 12 months (Hallucinogens)

Field Name:	hallucinogens
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of Hallucinogens in the last 12 months; other names are Acid, Trips, LSD, Magic mushrooms, Angel dust, DMT, Mescaline, Peyote
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following drugs did you use for non-medical purposes in the last 12 months? Hallucinogens. (anydrugs = 1)

Drug use in the last 12 months (Cocaine)

Field Name:	cocaine
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of Cocaine in the last 12 months; other names are Coke, Crack, Snow, Charlie, C, Blow, Freebase
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following drugs did you use for non-medical purposes in the last 12 months? Cocaine. (anydrugs = 1)

Drug use in the last 12 months (Nitrous oxide)

Field Name:	nitrous
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of Nitrous oxide in the last 12 months; other names are laughing/happy gas, bulbs, whippits, nangs
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2022-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following drugs did you use for non-medical purposes in the last 12 months? Nitrous oxide. (anydrugs = 1)

Drug use in the last 12 months (Other drugs)

Field Name:	otherdrug otherdrug_specify
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of other drugs in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes (please specify name of the drug) _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2020-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Did you use any other drug we have not already mentioned? If yes, what is the name of this drug? (anydrugs = 1)

Number of times of getting sunburned in the last 12 months

Field Name:	sunburn
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of times of getting sunburned in the last 12 months; any events of sunburn, including those which only involved the nose and shoulders
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Number of times_____

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years
16-24 years

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002
2006-2016

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times did you get sunburned in the last 12 months (even just your nose or shoulders)?

Use of sun protection

Field Name:	sunprot
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Use of sun protection before / while going out into the sunlight, for example, hat, and sunscreen
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Always 2 - Most of the time 3 - Sometimes 4 - Rarely 5 - Never 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years
16-24 years

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002
2006-2016

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Before going out into the sunlight, do you wear a hat, use sunscreen and keep covered? Would you say:

Biomedical Risk Factors

Height

Field Name:	hghtcm
	hghft
	hghin
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The height of the respondent measured without shoes
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Centimetres _____ (>70) (or) Feet _____ (0 to 6) Inches _____ (0 to 11) 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is your height without shoes?

Height - Derived

Field Name:	height
Source Data Elements:	hghtcm hghttft hghtin
Definition:	The height of the respondent measured without shoes
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Height in cm _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Body weight

Field Name:	wghtkg
	wghtst
	wghtlb
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The body weight of the respondent weighed without clothes or shoes
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Kilograms (Kg) _____ (or) Stones _____ Pounds _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

From 2002 – 2007, the question was worded "what is your weight?"

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How much do you weigh without clothes or shoes?

Weight - Derived

Field Name:	weight
Source Data Elements:	wghtkg wghtst wghtlb
Definition:	The body weight of the respondent weighed without clothes or shoes
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Weight in kilograms _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Self-reported body weight classification

Field Name:	wghtclass
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Self-reported body weight classification (underweight, normal weight, overweight, very overweight)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Underweight 2 - Normal weight 3 - Overweight 4 - Very overweight 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you consider yourself to be? Select from options.

Plan to do about the body weight

Field Name:	wghtchange
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Respondent's plan to do about the body weight
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Lose weight 2 - Gain weight 3 - Stay the same weight 4 - I am not trying to do anything about my weight 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2009-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of the following are you trying to do about your weight?

Waist circumference

Field Name:	Waistcm
	Waistin
	Pantin
	pantcm
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	The waist circumference of the respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Waist circumference _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2009-Feb 2017

Revision History

In January and February 2005, a similar question was asked "What is your waist measurement?" of all respondents (waistcm/waistin) In January and February 2005, respondents were also asked "What is your hip measurement?" (hipcm/hipin). This question was removed in 2017 due to the low number of people able to answer the question which was skewing the results (43% of males and 90% of females in 2016).

National Definition

what waist measurement grouped into what categories?

Survey Question

What is your waist circumference?

Waist circumference - derived

Field Name:	waist
Source Data Elements:	Waistcm Waistin Pantin pantcm
Definition:	Waist circumference in centimeters
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Waist circumference _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2009-Feb 2017

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Waist circumference - group

Field Name:	waistg
Source Data Elements:	Waistcm Waistin Pantin pantcm
Definition:	Waist circumference grouped into categories
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Underweight/normal 2 - Overweight 3 - Obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2009-Feb 2017

Revision History

This question was removed in 2017 due to the low number of people able to answer the question which was skewing the results (43% of males and 90% of females in 2016).

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Body mass index (BMI)

Field Name:	BMI
Source Data Elements:	height weight
Definition:	Body mass index
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	BMI_____ (continuous variable)

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

According to WHO; Adults:
Underweight BMI <18.5,
Overweight BMI ≥25,
Obesity BMI ≥30.
Uncorrected for 18+ and using Cole's cut-off points for 16-18 years.

Survey Question

N/A

BMI corrected

Field Name:	BMI_cor
Source Data Elements:	height weight
Definition:	Body mass index corrected
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	BMI_____ (continuous variable)

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

According to WHO
Adults: Underweight BMI <18.5,
Overweight BMI ≥25,
Obesity BMI ≥30.
Corrected for 18+ and using Cole's cut-off points for 16-18 years.

Survey Question

N/A

BMI grouped - uncorrected

Field Name:	bmig
Source Data Elements:	BMI
Definition:	Body mass index for adults aged 16+ grouped into WHO categories (uncorrected for 18+ and using Coles cut-off points for 16-18 years)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Underweight 2 - Normal 3 - Overweight 4 - Obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

According to WHO,
BMI <17.0: thinness
BMI <18.5: underweight
BMI 18.5-24.9: normal weight
BMI ≥25.0: overweight
BMI ≥30.0: obesity.

Survey Question

N/A

BMI grouped - corrected

Field Name:	bmig_cor
Source Data Elements:	BMI_cor
Definition:	Body mass index for adults aged 16+ grouped into WHO categories (corrected for 18+ and using Cole's cut-off points for 16-18 years)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Underweight 2 - Normal 3 - Overweight 4 - Obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

According to WHO,
BMI <17.0: thinness
BMI <18.5: underweight
BMI 18.5-24.9: normal weight
BMI ≥25.0: overweight
BMI ≥30.0: obesity.

Survey Question

N/A

BMI - WHO categories (uncorrected)

Field Name:	bmig1
Source Data Elements:	BMI
Definition:	Body mass index for adults aged 18+ grouped into WHO categories (uncorrected)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Grade 3 thinness<16 2 - Grade 2 thinness 16-16.99 3 - Grade 1 thinness 17-18.49 4 - Normal range 18.5-24.99 5 - Grade 1 overweight 25-29.99 6 - Grade 2 overweight 30-39.99 7 - Grade 3 overweight 40 and

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

According to WHO,
BMI <17.0: thinness
BMI <18.5: underweight
BMI 18.5-24.9: normal weight
BMI ≥25.0: overweight
BMI ≥30.0: obesity.

Survey Question

N/A

BMI - WHO categories (corrected)

Field Name:	bmig1_cor
Source Data Elements:	BMI_cor
Definition:	Body mass index for adults aged 18+ grouped into WHO categories (corrected)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Grade 3 thinness<16 2 - Grade 2 thinness 16-16.99 3 - Grade 1 thinness 17-18.49 4 - Normal range 18.5-24.99 5 - Grade 1 overweight 25-29.99 6 - Grade 2 overweight 30-39.99 7 - Grade 3 overweight 40 and above

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

According to WHO,
BMI <17.0: thinness
BMI <18.5: underweight
BMI 18.5-24.9: normal weight
BMI ≥25.0: overweight
BMI ≥30.0: obesity.

Survey Question

N/A

BMI - categories

Field Name:	bmicategory
Source Data Elements:	BMI
Definition:	Body mass index grouped into three categories
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not overweight or obese 1 - Overweight 2 - Obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

BMI - categories (using corrected BMI)

Field Name:	bmicategory_cor
Source Data Elements:	height weight
Definition:	Body mass index grouped into three categories using corrected BMI
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not overweight or obese 1 - Overweight 2 - Obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Obese BMI category (uncorrected)

Field Name:	obese
Source Data Elements:	bmicategory
Definition:	Obese BMI category (uncorrected)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not obese 1 - Obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Obese BMI category (corrected)

Field Name:	obese_cor
Source Data Elements:	bmicategory_cor
Definition:	Obese BMI category (corrected)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not obese 1 - Obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Overweight BMI category (uncorrected)

Field Name:	overwt
Source Data Elements:	bmicategory
Definition:	Overweight BMI category (uncorrected)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not overweight 1 - Overweight

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Overweight BMI category (corrected)

Field Name:	overwt_cor
Source Data Elements:	bmicategory_cor
Definition:	Overweight BMI category (corrected)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not overweight 1 - Overweight

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Overweight or obese BMI category (uncorrected)

Field Name:	overwtobese
Source Data Elements:	bmicategory
Definition:	Overweight or obese BMI category (uncorrected)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not overweight or obese 1 - Overweight or obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Overweight or obese BMI category (corrected)

Field Name:	overwtobese_cor
Source Data Elements:	bmicategory_cor
Definition:	Overweight or obese BMI category (corrected)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Not overweight or obese 1 - Overweight or obese

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Mental Health

Anxiety in the last 12 months

Field Name:	anxiety
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Being told by a doctor that the respondent had anxiety in the 12 months prior to the day taking the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

Question was changed in November 2004 and again in 2005-2006. These years are not comparable to other years.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months have you been told by a doctor that you had an anxiety condition?

Depression in the last 12 months

Field Name:	depress
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Being told by a doctor that the respondent had depression in the 12 months prior to the day taking the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

Question was changed in November 2004 and again in 2005-2006. These years are not comparable to other years.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months have you been told by a doctor that you are depressed?

Stress-related condition in the last 12 months

Field Name:	stress
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Being told by a doctor that the respondent had a stress-related condition in the 12 months prior to the day taking the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

Question was changed in November 2004 and again in 2005-2006. These years are not comparable to other years.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months have you been told by a doctor that you had a stress-related condition?

Other mental health condition in the last 12 months

Field Name:	othmhp
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Being told by a doctor that the respondent had had any other mental health conditions in the 12 months prior to the day taking the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

Question was changed in November 2004 and again in 2005-2006. These years are not comparable to other years.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months have you been told by a doctor that you had any other mental health condition?

Current treatment for mental health

Field Name:	mhptrt
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Currently receiving treatment for anxiety, depression, stress-related conditions or any other mental health condition
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

In 2006-2007, this question is asked only for those people who answered yes to stress, depress, anxiety or other mental health problem.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Are you currently receiving treatment for anxiety, depression, stress-related conditions or any other mental health condition?

Current presence of mental health conditions

Field Name:	mhpstill
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Presence of any of mental health conditions (mentioned in the previous question items) at the time of taking the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you still have any of these conditions? Age group: 16 years and over. Period: 2002 - present. (anxiety = 1) (depress = 1) (stress = 1) (othmhp = 1) (mhptrt = 1)

Lack of control over life (in general) in the past four weeks

Field Name:	lackgen
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling a lack of control over life in general in the past four weeks (How often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Never 2 - Rarely 3 - Sometimes 4 - Often 5 - Always 998 - Unsure/can't remember/don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

During the past four weeks how much of the time did you feel a lack of control over your life in general? Age group: 16 years and over (with variation; see example information).

Lack of control over personal life in the past four weeks

Field Name:	lackpers
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling a lack of control over personal life in the past four weeks (How often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Never 2 - Rarely 3 - Sometimes 4 - Often 5 - Always 998 - Unsure/can't remember/don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

During the past four weeks how much of the time did you feel a lack of control over your personal life?

Lack of control over health in the past four weeks

Field Name:	lackhlth
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling a lack of control over health in the past four weeks (How often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Never 2 - Rarely 3 - Sometimes 4 - Often 5 - Always 998 - Unsure/can't remember/don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

During the past four weeks how much of the time did you feel a lack of control over your health?

Lack of control over life in general

Field Name:	general
Source Data Elements:	lackgen
Definition:	Often or always feel a lack of control over life in general
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Lack of control over personal life

Field Name:	personal
Source Data Elements:	lackpers
Definition:	Often or always feel a lack of control over personal life
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Lack of control over health

Field Name:	health
Source Data Elements:	lackhlth
Definition:	Often or always feel a lack of control over health
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Psychosocial impact due to moving house

Field Name:	moved
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Psychosocial impact in the past 12 months due to moving house
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ don't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months how many times have you personally been affected by any of the following (moved house)?

Psychosocial impact due to being robbed

Field Name:	robbed
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Psychosocial impact in the past 12 months due to being robbed or home being burgled
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ don't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months how many times have you personally been affected by any of the following (robbed or home burgled)?

Psychosocial impact due to death of somebody close to the respondent

Field Name:	death
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Psychosocial impact in the past 12 months due to death of somebody close to the respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ don't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months how many times have you personally been affected by any of the following (death of somebody close to you)?

Psychosocial impact due to marriage/ relationship breakdown

Field Name:	marsplit
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Psychosocial impact in the past 12 months due to marriage/ relationship breakdown
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ don't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months how many times have you personally been affected by any of the following (marriage/relationship breakdown)?

Psychosocial impact due to serious injury

Field Name:	serinj
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Psychosocial impact in the past 12 months due to serious injury
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ don't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months how many times have you personally been affected by any of the following (serious injury)?

Psychosocial impact due to serious illness

Field Name:	serill
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Psychosocial impact in the past 12 months due to serious illness
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ don't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months how many times have you personally been affected by any of the following (serious illness)?

Psychosocial impact due to the loss of driver's license

Field Name:	lossdr
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Psychosocial impact in the past 12 months due to the loss of driver's license
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ don't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months how many times have you personally been affected by any of the following (loss of driver's license)?

Psychosocial impact due to financial hardship

Field Name:	findiff
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Psychosocial impact in the past 12 months due to financial hardship
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ don't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months how many times have you personally been affected by any of the following (financial hardship)?

Psychosocial impact due to any other major psychosocial events

Field Name:	othmaj
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Psychosocial impact in the past 12 months due to any other major psychosocial events
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ don't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months how many times have you personally been affected by any of the following (any other major event)?

Psychosocial impact due to moving house - derived

Field Name:	move
Source Data Elements:	moved
Definition:	Moved house at least once in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Psychosocial impact due to being robbed - derived

Field Name:	burgled
Source Data Elements:	robbed
Definition:	Was burgled at least once in last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Psychosocial impact due to death of somebody close to the respondent - derived

Field Name:	died
Source Data Elements:	death
Definition:	At least one close friend or relative die in last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Psychosocial impact due to marriage/ relationship breakdown - derived

Field Name:	breakup
Source Data Elements:	marsplit
Definition:	Had at least one relationship break up in last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Psychosocial impact due to serious injury - derived

Field Name:	injured
Source Data Elements:	serinj
Definition:	Was seriously injured at least once in last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Psychosocial impact due to serious illness

Field Name:	serill
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Psychosocial impact in the past 12 months due to serious illness
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ don't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months how many times have you personally been affected by any of the following (serious illness)?

Psychosocial impact due to the loss of driver's license

Field Name:	lossdr
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Psychosocial impact in the past 12 months due to the loss of driver's license
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ don't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months how many times have you personally been affected by any of the following (loss of driver's license)?

Psychosocial impact due to financial hardship

Field Name:	findiff
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Psychosocial impact in the past 12 months due to financial hardship
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ don't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months how many times have you personally been affected by any of the following (financial hardship)?

Psychosocial impact due to any other major psychosocial events

Field Name:	othmaj
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Psychosocial impact in the past 12 months due to any other major psychosocial events
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - Never Number of times_____ 998 - Unsure/ don't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months how many times have you personally been affected by any of the following (any other major event)?

Psychosocial impact due to moving house - derived

Field Name:	move
Source Data Elements:	moved
Definition:	Moved house at least once in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Psychosocial impact due to being robbed - derived

Field Name:	burgled
Source Data Elements:	robbed
Definition:	Was burgled at least once in last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Psychosocial impact due to death of somebody close to the respondent - derived

Field Name:	died
Source Data Elements:	death
Definition:	At least one close friend or relative die in last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Psychosocial impact due to marriage/ relationship breakdown - derived

Field Name:	breakup
Source Data Elements:	marsplit
Definition:	Had at least one relationship break up in last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Psychosocial impact due to serious injury - derived

Field Name:	injured
Source Data Elements:	serinj
Definition:	Was seriously injured at least once in last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Psychosocial impact due to serious illness - derived

Field Name:	ill
Source Data Elements:	serill
Definition:	Was seriously ill at least once in last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Psychosocial impact due to the loss of driver's license - derived

Field Name:	license
Source Data Elements:	lossdr
Definition:	Lost driver's license in last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Psychosocial impact due to financial hardship - derived

Field Name:	license65
Source Data Elements:	lossdr
Definition:	Lost driver's license in last 12 months if aged over 65 years
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Psychosocial impact due to any other major psychosocial events - derived

Field Name:	finance
Source Data Elements:	findiff
Definition:	Was in financial hardship at least once in last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Other Major Psychosocial Event

Field Name:	othevent
Source Data Elements:	othmaj
Definition:	Had at least one other major psychosocial event in last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Total number psychosocial events

Field Name:	stresses
Source Data Elements:	moved
	robbed
	death
	marsplit
	serinj
	serill
	lossdr
	findiff
	othmaj
Definition:	Total number psychosocial events in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Number of stresses_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Total types of psychosocial events

Field Name:	stresskind
Source Data Elements:	move burgled died breakup injured ill license finance othevent
Definition:	Number of different kinds of stress experienced within last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	Number of kinds of stresses_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Diagnosed with a mental health problem

Field Name:	currmhp
Source Data Elements:	anxiety depress stress othmhp
Definition:	Diagnosed with a mental health problem in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Diagnosed with a mental health condition and having treatment

Field Name:	currmhtreat
Source Data Elements:	currmhp mhptrt
Definition:	Diagnosed with a mental health condition in the last 12 months and currently having treatment
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

No. of groups/ associations the respondent belonged to

Field Name:	groups
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	No. of groups/ associations the respondent belonged to, e.g., religious groups, social groups, sporting groups, political groups, and professional groups etc
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many groups/associations do you belong to? Include religious groups, social groups, sporting groups, political groups, professional groups etc…

Intentional self-harm (physical) in the last 12 months without the intention of ending your life

Field Name:	tryharm
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Intentional self-harm (physical) in the last 12 months; without the intention of ending your life
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2024-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Now we have some questions about self-harm and suicide. If you find the questions distressing or would like to talk with someone, we will give you a phone number that you can call. Sometimes, people feel really down and so depressed they feel they can't cope anymore. Sometimes they might think about hurting themselves or even ending their life. In the past 12 months, have you ever intentionally and physically harmed yourself, without the intention of ending your life?

Serious thought about ending your life in the last 12 months

Field Name:	tnkscide
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Serious thought about ending your life, in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

During the past 12 months, have you ever seriously thought about ending your own life?

Attempted to end your life in the last 12 months

Field Name:	tryscide
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Respondent's attempt(s) to end your life, in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months, have you tried to end your own life?

Friends attempt(s) to end their life in the last 12 months

Field Name:	palscide
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Friends' attempt(s) to end their life, in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months, have any of your friends tried to end their own lives?

Family members attempt(s) to end their life in the last 12 months

Field Name:	famscide
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Family members' attempt(s) to end their life, in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months, have any of your family tried to end their own lives?

Any other information related to suicide questions

Field Name:	textscide
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Any other information related to suicide questions
Data Type:	Character
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	1 - Yes _____ 99 - No

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2024-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Is there anything you would like to add in relation to the last few questions? (Online question only)

Being humiliated or controlled by family or household members in the last 12 months

Field Name:	fdvemotional
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Being humiliated or controlled by family or household members in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Aug 2016-Feb 2017

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months, has someone in your family or household put down, humiliated you or tried to control what you can or cannot do?

Being hurt or threatened to hurt by family or household members in the last 12 months

Field Name:	fdvphysical
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Being hurt or threatened to hurt by family or household members in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Aug 2016-Feb 2017

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past 12 months, has anyone in your family or household hurt or threatened to hurt you?

Feeling tired out for no good reason

Field Name:	K1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling tired out for no good reason in the past four weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - All the time 2 - Most of the time 3 - Some of the time 4 - A little of the time 5 - None of the time

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past four weeks, about how often did you feel tired out for no good reason?

Feeling nervous

Field Name:	K2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling nervous in the past four weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - All the time 2 - Most of the time 3 - Some of the time 4 - A little of the time 5 - None of the time

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past four weeks, about how often did you feel nervous?

Nothing could calm you down

Field Name:	K3
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling so nervous that nothing could you down in the past four weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - All the time 2 - Most of the time 3 - Some of the time 4 - A little of the time 5 - None of the time

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past four weeks, about how often did you feel so nervous that nothing could calm you down?

Feeling hopeless

Field Name:	K4
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling hopeless in the past four weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - All the time 2 - Most of the time 3 - Some of the time 4 - A little of the time 5 - None of the time

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past four weeks, about how often did you feel hopeless?

Feeling restless or fidgety

Field Name:	K5
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling restless or fidgety in the past four weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - All the time 2 - Most of the time 3 - Some of the time 4 - A little of the time 5 - None of the time

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past four weeks, about how often did you feel restless or fidgety?

Feeling so restless - could not sit

Field Name:	K6
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling so restless that could not sit still in the past four weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - All the time 2 - Most of the time 3 - Some of the time 4 - A little of the time 5 - None of the time

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past four weeks, about how often did you feel so restless you could not sit still?

Feeling depressed

Field Name:	K7
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling depressed in the past four weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - All the time 2 - Most of the time 3 - Some of the time 4 - A little of the time 5 - None of the time

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past four weeks, about how often did you feel depressed?

Feeling everything was an effort

Field Name:	K8
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling everything was an effort in the past four weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - All the time 2 - Most of the time 3 - Some of the time 4 - A little of the time 5 - None of the time

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past four weeks, about how often did you feel everything was an effort?

Feeling so sad

Field Name:	K9
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling so sad that nothing could cheer you up in the past four weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - All the time 2 - Most of the time 3 - Some of the time 4 - A little of the time 5 - None of the time

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past four weeks, about how often did you feel so sad that nothing could cheer you up?

Feeling worthless

Field Name:	K10
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling worthless in the past four weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	1 - All the time 2 - Most of the time 3 - Some of the time 4 - A little of the time 5 - None of the time From September 2024: we started to include refusal options. 99 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the past four weeks, about how often did you feel worthless?

Impact - TOTALLY UNABLE to work study or day to day activities

Field Name:	K11
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	TOTALLY UNABLE to work, study or manage your day to day activities because of these feelings
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2007-2021

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last four weeks, how many days were you TOTALLY UNABLE to work, study or manage your day to day activities because of these feelings?

Impact - Cut down on work study or day to day activities

Field Name:	K12
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Able to work or study or manage your day to day activities, but had to CUT DOWN because of those feelings
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2007-2021

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

[Aside from those days], in the last 4 weeks, HOW MANY DAYS were you able to work or study or manage your day to day activities, but had to CUT DOWN on what you did because of those feelings?

Seen health professional

Field Name:	K13
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Seen a doctor or any other health professional about these feelings
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ 998 - Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2007-2021

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 4 weeks, how many times have you seen a doctor or any other health professional about these feelings?

Causing physical health problems

Field Name:	K14
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Physical health problems been the main cause of these feelings
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - All of the time 2 - Most of the time 3 - Some of the time 4 - A little of the time 5 - None of the time 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2007-2021

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 4 weeks, how often have physical health problems been the main cause of these feelings?

K10 sum unstandardised score

Field Name:	K10sum
Source Data Elements:	k1 k2 k3 k4 k5 k6 k7 k8 k9 k10
Definition:	K10 sum unstandardised score
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	Single number _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

K10 score grouped

Field Name:	K10grp4
Source Data Elements:	k10sum
Definition:	K10 score grouped into 4 categories
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Low 2 - Moderate 3 - High 4 - Very high

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

K10 transformed score grouped

Field Name:	K10score
Source Data Elements:	K10stdscore
Definition:	K10 transformed score grouped – scores 60 and above are considered 'at risk'
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1- <41 2 - 41-50.9 3 - 51-60.9 4 - 61-70.9 5 - 71-80.9 6 - 81-90.9 7 - 91-100.9 8 - 101-110.9 9 - 111-120

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2007-2016

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

K10 sum standardised

Field Name:	K10stdscore
Source Data Elements:	k10sum
Definition:	K10 sum standardised with a mean of 50 and a standard deviation of 10
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	Single number _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2007-2016

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Optimistic about the future

Field Name:	WEM1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Being optimistic about the future in the past two weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - None of the time 2 - Rarely 3 - Some of the time 4 - Often 5 - All the time From September 2024: we started to include refusal options. 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2024-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Please select the answer that best describes your experience of each over the last 2 week. I've been feeling optimistic about the future .....

Feeling useful

Field Name:	WEM2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling useful in the past two weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - None of the time 2 - Rarely 3 - Some of the time 4 - Often 5 - All the time From September 2024: we started to include refusal options. 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2024-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Please select the answer that best describes your experience of each over the last 2 week. I've been feeling useful .....

Feeling relaxed

Field Name:	WEM3
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling relaxed in the past two weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - None of the time 2 - Rarely 3 - Some of the time 4 - Often 5 - All the time From September 2024: we started to include refusal options. 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2024-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Please select the answer that best describes your experience of each over the last 2 week. I've been feeling relaxed .....

Dealing with problems well

Field Name:	WEM6
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Dealing well with problems in the past two weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - None of the time 2 - Rarely 3 - Some of the time 4 - Often 5 - All the time From September 2024: we started to include refusal options. 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2024-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Please select the answer that best describes your experience of each over the last 2 week. I've been dealing with problems well .....

Thinking clearly

Field Name:	WEM7
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Thinking clearly in the past two weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - None of the time 2 - Rarely 3 - Some of the time 4 - Often 5 - All the time From September 2024: we started to include refusal options. 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2024-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Please select the answer that best describes your experience of each over the last 2 week. I've been thinking clearly .....

Feeling close to other people

Field Name:	WEM9
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Feeling close to other people in the past two weeks (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - None of the time 2 - Rarely 3 - Some of the time 4 - Often 5 - All the time From September 2024: we started to include refusal options. 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2024-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Please select the answer that best describes your experience of each over the last 2 week. I've been feeling close to other people .....

Making up my own mind

Field Name:	WEM11
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Making up my own mind about things in the past two months (how often)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - None of the time 2 - Rarely 3 - Some of the time 4 - Often 5 - All the time From September 2024: we started to include refusal options. 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2024-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Please select the answer that best describes your experience of each over the last 2 week. I've been able to make up my own mind about things .....

Health Service Utilisation

Number of utilisation - Primary health services

Field Name:	primary
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of visits (health service utilisation) of primary health care services in the past 12 months, e.g., medical specialist, general practitioner, community health centre, community or district nurses
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ (≥ 0) 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2002
Sep 2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times in the past 12 months have you used these health services? Primary health services, for example medical specialist, general practitioner, community health centre, community or district nurses.

Number of utilisation - Hospital based services

Field Name:	hospbase
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of visits (health service utilisation) of hospital-based services in the past 12 months, e.g., overnight stay, accident & emergency department or outpatients
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ (≥ 0) 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2002
Sep 2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Hospital based services, for example overnight stay, accident & emergency department or outpatients.

Number of utilisation - Allied health services

Field Name:	allied
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of visits (health service utilisation) of allied health services in the past 12 months, e.g., optician, physiotherapist, chiropractor, podiatrist, dietitian, nutritionist, occupational therapist, diabetes/other health educator
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ (= 0) 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2002
Sep 2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Allied health services, for example optician, physiotherapist, chiropractor, podiatrist, dietitian, nutritionist, occupational therapist, diabetes/other health educator.

Number of utilisation - Dental services

Field Name:	dental
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of visits (health service utilisation) of dental services in the past 12 months, e.g., dentist, dental hygienist
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ (≥ 0) 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2002
Sep 2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Dental services, for example dentist, dental hygienist.

Number of utilisation - Mental health services

Field Name:	mental
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of visits (health service utilisation) of mental health services in the past 12 months, e.g., psychiatrist, psychologist or counsellor
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ (= 0) 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over
65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2002
Sep 2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

A mental health service, for example psychiatrist, psychologist or counsellor.

Number of utilisation - Alternative health services

Field Name:	alhealth
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of visits (health service utilisation) of alteranative health services in the past 12 months, e.g., acupuncturist, naturopath, homeopath or any other alternative health service
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ (≥ 0) 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Nov 2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Alternative health services, for example acupuncturist, naturopath, homeopath or any other alternative health service.

Number of utilisation _ Telehealth services

Field Name:	telehealth
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of visits (health service utilisation) of telehealth services in the past 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ (≥ 0) 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2024-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many times in the past 12 months have you used telehealth services?

Primary health service _ at least one time in the last 12 months

Field Name:	primonce
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having attended a primary health service at least one time in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

January 2018-2023

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Have you attended a primary health service at least once in the past 12 months?

Used a primary health care service

Field Name:	primhc
Source Data Elements:	primary
Definition:	Used a primary health care service at least once in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over
65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2002
Sep 2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Used a hospital based health care service

Field Name:	hosphc
Source Data Elements:	hospbase
Definition:	Used a hospital-based health care service at least once in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over
65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2002
Sep 2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Used an allied health care service

Field Name:	alliedhc
Source Data Elements:	allied
Definition:	Used an allied health care service at least once in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over
65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2002
Sep 2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Used a dental health care service

Field Name:	dentalhc
Source Data Elements:	dental
Definition:	Used a dental health care service at least once in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over
65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2002
Sep 2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Used a mental health care service

Field Name:	mentalhc
Source Data Elements:	mental
Definition:	Used a mental health care service at least once in the last 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over
65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2002
Sep 2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Used an alternative health care service

Field Name:	alternativehc
Source Data Elements:	althealth
Definition:	Used an alternative health care service at least once in the last 12 months. Alternative health services, for example acupuncturist, naturopath, homeopath or any other alternative health service
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Nov 2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Number of types of health services used excluding alternative services

Field Name:	hsuse
Source Data Elements:	primhc alliedhc hosphc dentalhc mentalhc
Definition:	Number of types of health services used in the last 12 months, excluding alternative services
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Used no health services 1 - Used 1 type of health service 2 - Used 2 types of health services 3 - Used 3 types of health services 4 - Used 4 types of health services 5 - Used 5 types of health services

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over
65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2002
Sep 2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Number of types of health services used including alternative

services

Field Name:	hsuseplusalt
Source Data Elements:	primhc alliedhc hosphc dentalhc mentalhc alternativehc
Definition:	Number of types of health services used in the last 12 months, including alternative services
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - Used no health services 1 - Used 1 type of health service 2 - Used 2 types of health services 3 - Used 3 types of health services 4 - Used 4 types of health services 5 - Used 5 types of health services 6 - Used 6 types of health services

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Nov 2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Total times health services used excluding alternative services

Field Name:	hstotal
Source Data Elements:	primhc alliedhc hosphc dentalhc mentalhc
Definition:	Total times health services used in the last 12 months excluding alternative services
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over
65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2002
Sep 2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Total times health services used including alternative services

Field Name:	hstotalplusalt
Source Data Elements:	primhc
	alliedhc
	hosphc
	dentalhc
	mentalhc
	alternativehc
Definition:	Total times health services used in the last 12 months including alternative services
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Nov 2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Pneumonia vaccination in the past five years

Field Name:	pneum5yr
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having had a pneumonia vaccine in the past five years
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

65 years and over

Collection Period

2006-Nov 2016

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Have you had a pneumonia vaccination anytime within the past five years?

Pneumonia vaccination in the past 12 months

Field Name:	pneum
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having had a pneumonia vaccine in the past 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

65 years and over

Collection Period

2006-Nov 2016

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Was this pneumonia vaccination within the past twelve months?

A flu vaccination in the past 12 months

Field Name:	flu
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having had a flu vaccine in the past 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

65 years and over
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-2008
Jan-Sep 2009

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Did you have a flu vaccination within the past 12 months?

Any flu vaccination in the past 12 months

Field Name:	flu2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having had any flu vaccines in the past 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No I haven't had any vaccination against the flu 1 - Yes, I have had a vaccination against the swine flu 2 - Yes, I have had a vaccination against the flu, but it was not against the swine flu 3 - Yes, I have had a vaccination against both the swine flu and the n

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Oct 2009-Feb 2010

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Did you have any flu vaccination since the 1st March this year?

Flu vaccination this year

Field Name:	flu3
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having had a flu vaccination since 1st March this year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No I haven't had any vaccination against the flu 1 - Yes, I have had the normal seasonal flu vaccination 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Mar 2010-present

Revision History

Between Mar 2010-Feb 2011 this question had two additional response options:
2 Yes I have had a vaccination against the swine flu but not any other vaccination
3 Yes I have had a vaccination against both the swine flu and the normal flu

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Did you have any flu vaccination since the 1st March this year?

Where - flu vaccination

Field Name:	vacplace
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Place where the flu vaccination was taken
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - At the general practitioners' office where you receive most of your care 2 - At another general practitioners' office 3 - At your workplace 4 - At another location (Besides those already mentioned) 5 - At a pharmacy 998 - Unsure/ Don't know/ Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Dec 2012-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Where did you receive the flu vaccination?

Pneumonia vaccine (since 50 years old)

Field Name:	pneum1atsi
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having received a dose of pneumonia vaccine since the respondent was 50 years old
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

50 years and over

Collection Period

Nov 2016-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Have you had a dose of pneumonia (also known as pneumococcal) vaccine since you were 50 years old? Population group: Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Another phone call to clarify survey responses

Field Name:	recall
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the respondent is willing to take another phone call to clarify survey responses
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

We only have a few more questions. The Department of Health runs surveys and research projects to guide the planning and provision of the best possible health services for Western Australians. If we need to, could we phone you at a later date to help us with some of these important surveys?

Pneumonia vaccine (since 65 years old)

Field Name:	pneum1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having received a dose of pneumonia vaccine since the respondent was 65 years old
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

65 years and over

Collection Period

Nov 2016-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Have you had a dose of pneumonia (also known as pneumococcal) vaccine since you were 65 years old? Population group: Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Pneumonia vaccine second dose (since 65 years old)

Field Name:	pneum2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having received a second dose of pneumonia vaccine since the respondent was 65 years old
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

65 years and over

Collection Period

Nov 2016-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Have you had a second dose of the pneumonia vaccine since you were 65 years old?
Population group: Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Shingles vaccine

Field Name:	zoster
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having received Shingles -aka-zoster vaccine since the respondent was 60 years old
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

60 years and over

Collection Period

Nov 2016-2021

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Have you received a shingles (also known as zoster) vaccine since you were 60 years old?

Food Security

Enough food

Field Name:	hh1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Enough food/variety in the household for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Enough of the kinds of food want to eat 2 - Enough but not always the kinds of food want 3 - Sometimes not enough to eat 4 - Often not enough to eat 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which of these statements best describes the food eaten in your household in the last 12 months?

Worried about food

Field Name:	hh2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Worried about food would run out before got more money to buy more food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Often true 2 - Sometimes true 3 - Never true 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

For these statements, please tell me whether the statement was OFTEN true, SOMETIMES true or NEVER true for you in the last 12 months.
The first statement is: I worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more. Was this often true, sometimes true or never true for you in the last 12 months?

Buying more food

Field Name:	hh3
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Not having more money to buy more food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Often true 2 - Sometimes true 3 - Never true 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

The food that I bought just didn't last, and I didn't have money to get more. Was this often, sometimes or never true for you in the last 12 months?

Buying balanced meal

Field Name:	hh4
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Not afford to buy balanced meal for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Often true 2 - Sometimes true 3 - Never true 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

I couldn't afford to eat balanced meals. Was this often true, sometimes true or never true for you in the last 12 months?

Skip meals

Field Name:	ad1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Had to cut or skip meals because of not having enough money to buy food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months, did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

Frequency of skip meals

Field Name:	ad1a
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Frequency of skip meals
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Almost every month 2 - Some months but not every month 3 - Only in 1 or 2 months 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How often did this happen?

Eat less

Field Name:	ad2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Eat less than you require as not having enough money for food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food?

Starving for food

Field Name:	ad3
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Stay hungry as not enough money to buy food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months, were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food?

Weight loss

Field Name:	ad4
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Any weight loss as not enough money to buy food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months, did you lose weight because there wasn't enough money for food?

No food for a day

Field Name:	ad5
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Did not eat a day as not enough money to buy food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months, did you ever not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food?

Frequency of no food for a day

Field Name:	ad5a
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Frequency of no food for a day
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Almost every month 2 - Some months but not every month 3 - Only in 1 or 2 months 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How often did this happen?

Feeding children low-cost food

Field Name:	ch1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Relied on low-cost food as not enough money to buy food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Often true 2 - Sometimes true 3 - Never true 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

You or other adults in the household relied on only a few kinds of low-cost food to feed the (child / children) because you were running out of money to buy food. Was that often, sometimes or never true in the last 12 months?

Couldn't feed children balanced meal

Field Name:	ch2
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Couldn't feed balanced meal to kids as not enough money to buy food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Often true 2 - Sometimes true 3 - Never true 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

You or other adults in the household couldn't feed the (child / children) a balanced meal, because you couldn't afford it. Was that often, sometimes or never true for you in the last 12 months?

Children not feeding enough

Field Name:	ch3
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Children were not feeding enough as not enough money to buy food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Often true 2 - Sometimes true 3 - Never true 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

My (child was / children were) not eating enough because I or other adult members of the household just couldn't afford enough food. Was that often, sometimes or never true for you in the last 12 months?

Cut meal size for children

Field Name:	ch4
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Reduced meal size for the kids as not enough money to buy food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months, did you ever cut the size of (your child's/any of the children's) meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

Skip meals - children

Field Name:	ch5
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Skip meals for children as not enough money to buy food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months, did your (child/children) ever skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

Frequency of skip meals - children

Field Name:	ch5a
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Frequency of skip meals for kids as not enough money to buy food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Almost every month 2 - Some months but not every month 3 - Only in 1 or 2 months 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How often did this happen?

Field Name:	ch6
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Children stayed hungry as not enough money to buy food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months, (was your child / were the children) ever hungry but you just couldn't afford more food?

No food for a day - children

Field Name:	ch7
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	No food for a day for kids as not enough money to buy food for the past year
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In the last 12 months, did (your child / any of your children) ever not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food?

Total Children <18 years

Field Name:	age18
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Total number of kids in the house who are <18 years of age
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ (Unlikely response >6)

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2017-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

To make sure that you are asked the relevant questions, I first need to know how many children in your household are under the age of 18 years, if any?

Social Characteristics

Country of birth

Field Name:	cob
	cob_text
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Country of birth of the respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No
	1 - Yes
	998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember
	999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In which country were you born?

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin

Field Name:	tsiabor
	tsiaborp1
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the respondent is from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No
	1 - Yes, Aboriginal
	2 - Yes, Torres Strait Islander
	3 - Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
	998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember
	999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

Country of birth of birth father

Field Name:	parent1cob parent1cob_text
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Country of birth of birth father of the respondent (in case of same-sex parents, the country of birth of one of the two parents)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Australia 2 - Other _____ 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2022-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In which country was your father born? "If there is more than one father, such as an adoptive, step or foster father or other guardian, please provide the country of birth for your birth father, if known. If you have same-sex parents, include the country of birth of one of the two parents here."

Country of birth of birth mother

Field Name:	parent2cob parent2cob_text
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Country of birth of birth mother of the respondent (in case of same-sex parents, the country of birth of one of the two parents)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Australia 2 - Other _____ 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2022-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In which country was your mother born? "If there is more than one mother, such as an adoptive, step or foster mother or other guardian, please provide the country of birth for your birth mother, if known. If you have same-sex parents, include the country of birth of one of the two parents here."

Language spoken at home other than English

Field Name:	language language text
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Language spoken at home, other than English language
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - English only 2 - Other _____ 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2022-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you speak a language other than English at home? "If more than one language other than English is spoken at home, what is the one that is used most often. This may include sign languages (e.g. AUSLAN) or Aboriginal languages."

Ancestry

Field Name:	ancestry_1 ancestry_2 ancestry_1a ancestry_2b
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Ancestry of the respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Australian 2 - English 3 - Irish 4 - Scottish 5 - Chinese 6 - Italian 7 - German 8 - Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander 9 - Other _____ 10 - Ancestry unknown 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2023-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is your ancestry? Please select up to two responses.

Highest level of primary or high school completed

Field Name:	schooling
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Highest level of primary or high school completed
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Never attended school 2 - Currently still at school 3 - Year 8 or below 4 - Year 9 or equivalent 5 - Year 10 or equivalent 6 - Year 11 or equivalent 7 - Year 12 or equivalent (matriculation/leaving) 8 - Unsure/don't know/can't remember 9 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Jul 2006-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is the highest level of primary or high school that you have completed?

Any qualifications (since leaving school)

Field Name:	otherquals
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Any qualifications (since leaving school)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Jul 2006-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Have you completed any qualifications (since leaving school)?

Highest qualifications completed

Field Name:	whatquals
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Highest qualifications completed
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Bachelor degree or higher 2 - Diploma or certificate taking more than 12 months full time 3 - Diploma or certificate taking less than 12 months full time 4 - Trade / apprenticeship 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2006-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is the highest qualification you have completed? (otherequals = 1)

Current employment status

Field Name:	empstat
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Current employment status
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Self-employed 2 - Employed for wages, salary or payment-in-kind 3 - Unemployed for less than one year 4 - Unemployed for more than one year 5 - Engaged in home duties 6 - Retired 7 - Unable to work 8 - A student 9 - Other 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refuse

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which ONE of the following best describes your current employment status? Are you:

Looking for employment

Field Name:	lookemp
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Whether the respodent is looking for employment at the time of the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-2007
2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Are you looking for employment? (empstat = 3, 4)

Fly-in fly-out or work away from home

Field Name:	awaywork
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Fly-in fly-out (FIFO) or work away from home for a set period each week or month
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you work fly-in fly-out or do some form of work that takes you away from home for a set period each week or month? (empstat = 1, 2)

Shift work

Field Name:	shiftwork
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Being a shift worker
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Are you a shift worker? (awaywork = 0, 998, 999)

Working pattern each week or month

Field Name:	dayson
	daysoff
	weekson
	weeksoff
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Pattern of working each week or month
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	_____ days on (0 to 50) _____ days off (0 to 50) _____ weeks on (0 to 50) _____ weeks off (0 to 50)

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is your pattern of working each week or month? (shiftwork = 1)

Number of hours per shift or day

Field Name:	shifthrs
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of hours per shift or per day on work days
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (6)
Permitted Values:	_____ hours on 999998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

When on, how many hours per shift/day do you work?   (shiftwork = 1)

Number of hours per week in paid employment

Field Name:	hrswk
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of hours per week in paid employment
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (6)
Permitted Values:	Hours per week _____ 999998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years 16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-2007 2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many hours per week do you work in paid employment? (awaywork = 0, 998, 999) (shiftwork = 0, 998, 999)

Family structure

Field Name:	famstruc
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Family structure
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - A family with a child or children living with both biological or adoptive parents 2 - A step or blended family 3 - A sole parent family 4 - A couple with no dependent children 5 - A single person with no dependent children 6 - Other family structure 998 - Unsure

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years

Collection Period

Nov 2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How would you best describe your family structure? "Please listen to the options and then tell me which one is the closest to your family situation."

Current living arrangements

Field Name:	livearr
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Living arrangements at the time of the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Living with my parent(s) 2 - Living with other family members 3 - Living with friends 4 - Living with a partner and children 5 - Living with a partner but no children 6 - Living alone 7 - Living in a nursing home 8 - Living in a retirement village 9 - Other living arrangements

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2006-present

Revision History

Prior to 2006, this question did not split living with a partner into 2 options.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What best describes your current living arrangements?

Marital status

Field Name:	marstat
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Marital status
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Married 2 - Living with a partner/Defacto 3 - Widowed 4 - Divorced 5 - Separated 6 - Never Married 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is your marital status?

Current living place

Field Name:	currliv
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Living place at the time of the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Rented from the government or from a public authority 2 - Rented privately 3 - Being paid off by you/your partner 4 - Fully owned/Outright owner 5 - Other 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2003-2004
2005-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Is the place where you are currently living…?

Household money situation

Field Name:	spend
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Household money situation
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - I am / we are spending more money that I / we get 2 - I / we have just enough money to get us through to the next pay day 3 - There's some money left over each week but I / we just spend it 4 - I / we can save a bit every now and then 5 - I / we can save regularly

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

The category "I/we can save regularly" was added in Sep 2003 so report from 2004 onwards.   Based on feedback from CATI-TRG field testing, an additional category is needed 'save a bit regularly'.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Which best describes your household money situation?

Household income over the past 12 months (with categories from $40 000 to $200 000)

Field Name:	income200
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Household income (before taxes), from all sources, over the past 12 months
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Under $40,000 2 - $40,000 - $80,000 3 - $80,000 - $120,000 4 - $120,000 - $160,000 5 - $160,000 - $200,000 6 - More than $200,000 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Sep 2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

I would now like to ask you about your household's income. We are interested in how income relates to health, lifestyle and access to health services. Before tax is taken out, which of the following ranges best describes your household's income, from all sources, over the past 12 months?

Government pension

Field Name:	pension
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Receiving government pension, including age pension, disability pension, carer allowance, family pension etc
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

65+ years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Aug 2004
Nov 2004-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you receive a government pension? This Includes age pension, disability pension, carer allowance, family pension etc.

Healthcare card

Field Name:	hlthcard
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Possession of a healthcare card, that is a card that entitles the respondent to discounted prescriptions and bulk billing
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

65+ years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you have a health care card, that is a card that entitles you to discounted prescriptions and bulk billing?

Private health insurance

Field Name:	privins
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Having private health insurance
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Hospital only 2 - Extras or Ancillary only 3 - Both hospital and extras 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

65+ years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-Jun 2003
Sep 2003-present

Revision History

Prior to 2008, there was only two response options to this question (0= No and 1 = Yes).

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you have private health insurance?

Current volunteering status

Field Name:	volnteer
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Volunteering status at the time of the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Unsure / Don't know / Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-Dec 2018

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Do you currently work as a volunteer?

Household income over the past 12 months (with categories from $20 000 to $160 000)

Field Name:	income
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Household income (before taxes), from all sources, over the past 12 months (with categories from $20,000 to $160,000)
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Under $20,000 2 - $20,000 - $40,000 3 - $40,000 - $60,000 4 - $60,000 - $80,000 5 - $80,000 - $100,000 7 - $100,000 - $120,000 8 - $120,000 - $140,000 9 - $140,000 - $160,000 10 - More than $160,000 998 - Unsure/don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Sep 2002-present

Revision History

Different versions of this question were tested for reliability. Wording of question makes very little difference to reliability. There were more don't know and refused from the version currently used.
Response category amended in 2017:
9 $140,000 - $160,000
Response category added in 2017:
10 More than $160,000

Response category removed in 2009:
6 More than $100,000
Response categories added in 2009:
7 $100,000 - $120,000
8 $120,000 - $140,000
9 more than $140,000

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

I would now like to ask you about your household's income. We are interested in how income relates to health, lifestyle and access to health services. Before tax is taken out, which of the following ranges best describes your household's income, from all sources, over the last 12 months?

Personal income

Field Name:	incomew
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Personal income (after tax), from all sources
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Income amount _____ 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-2016

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How much income do you personally receive each week after tax (include Austudy, wages, pocket money and any other sources of income)?

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin status

Field Name:	abor
Source Data Elements:	tsiabor cob
Definition:	Of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Country of birth

Field Name:	cob
	cob_text
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Country of birth of the respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Australia
	2 - Other _____
	998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember
	999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

In which country were you born?

Highest level of primary or high school completed

Field Name:	schooling
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Highest level of primary or high school completed
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Never attended school 2 - Currently still at school 3 - Year 8 or below 4 - Year 9 or equivalent 5 - Year 10 or equivalent 6 - Year 11 or equivalent 7 - Year 12 or equivalent (matriculation/leaving) 8 - Unsure/don't know/can't remember 9 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

Jul 2006-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is the highest level of primary or high school that you have completed?

Main occupation

Field Name:	employment
Source Data Elements:	empstat
Definition:	His/Her main occupation
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Employed 2 - Unemployed 3 - Home duties 4 - Retired 5 - Unable to work 6 - A student 7 - Other

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Number of days on for work

Field Name:	workon
Source Data Elements:	dayson weekson
Definition:	Number of days on for work
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	Number of days_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Number of days off for work

Field Name:	workoff
Source Data Elements:	daysoff weeksoff
Definition:	Number of days off for work
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	Number of days_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Hours worked weekly

Field Name:	hrsworked
Source Data Elements:	hrswrk
Definition:	Number of hours worked weekly
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	Number of hours per week_____

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16-64 years
16 years and over

Collection Period (in the same order as the Age Group)

2002-2007
2008-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Income consistent with greater than $100 000

Field Name:	income100
Source Data Elements:	income
Definition:	Income consistent with greater than $100,000
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	1 - Under $20,000 2 - $20,000 - $40,000 3 - $40,000 - $60,000 4 - $60,000 - $80,000 5 - $80,000 - $100,000 6 - More than $100,000 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Geographic

Locality

Field Name:	locality locality_string
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Locality (name of the town or suburb) the respondent is living in at the time of taking the survey
Data Type:	character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Enter town / suburb _____ 9998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 9999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is your suburb, town or community?

Postcode

Field Name:	postcode
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Postcode of the area the respondent is living in at the time of taking the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNNN
Permitted Values:	Enter postcode _____ 9998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 9999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place. Postcode is an important part of a postal address and facilitates written communication. It is one of a number of geographic identifiers that can be used to determine a geographic location.

Survey Question

What is your postcode?   (locality = 9998, 9999)

Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia

Field Name:	ARIA_Plus1
Source Data Elements:	postcode
Definition:	Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	'Inner Regional' 'Major Cities' 'Outer Regional' 'Remote' 'Very Remote'

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Remoteness Structure defines Remoteness Areas for the purpose of releasing and analysing statistics. Remoteness Areas (RA) divide Australia into five classes of remoteness which are characterised by a measure of relative geographic access to services. Access to services is measured using the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus (ARIA+), produced by the Australian Centre for Housing Research (formerly the Hugo Centre for Population and Migration Studies) at the University of Adelaide.
For more details refer to Remoteness Areas | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au).

Survey Question

N/A

Health District (HD) name

Field Name:	HD_Analysis
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Health District Name
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Blackwood, Bunbury, Busselton, Central Great Southern, City, Coastal Wheatbelt, East Kimberley, East Pilbara, Eastern Wheatbelt, Fremantle & Coast, Gascoyne, Geraldton, Inner South, Joondalup-Wanneroo, Leeuwin, Leschenault, Lower Great Southern, Lower West, Midwest, Murchison, Murdoch, North Central, Northern Goldfields, Peel, Rockingham-Kwinana, South East, South East Coastal, Southern Wheatbelt, Swan & Hills, Warren, Wellington, West Kimberley, West Pilbara, Western Wheatbelt.

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Health District identifier

Field Name:	HD_ID
Source Data Elements:	HD_Analysis
Definition:	Health District Identifier
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	1 - Blackwood
	2 - Bunbury
	3 - Busselton
	4 - Central Great Southern
	5 - City
	6 - Coastal Wheatbelt
	7 - East Kimberley
	8 - East Pilbara
	9 - Eastern Wheatbelt
	10 - Fremantle & Coast
	11 - Gascoyne
	12 - Geraldton
	13 - Inner South
	14 - Joondalup-Wanneroo
	15 - Leeuwin
	16 - Leschenault
	17 - Lower Great Southern
	18 - Lower West
	19 - Midwest
	20 - Murchison
	21 - Murdoch
	22 - North Central
	23 - Northern Goldfields
	24 - Peel
	25 - Rockingham-Kwinana
	26 - South East
	27 - South East Coastal
	28 - Southern Wheatbelt
	29 - Swan & Hills
	30 - Warren
	31 - Wellington
	32 - West Kimberley
	33 - West Pilbara
	34 - Western Wheatbelt

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Health Region (HR) name

Field Name:	HR_Analysis
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Health Region Name
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	East Metro North Metro South Metro Goldfields Great Southern Kimberley Midwest Pilbara South West Wheatbelt

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Health Region identifier

Field Name:	HR_ID
Source Data Elements:	HR_Analysis
Definition:	Health Region Identifier
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	1 - East Metro 2 - North Metro 3 - South Metro 4 - Goldfields 5 - Great Southern 6 - Kimberley 7 - Midwest 8 - Pilbara 9 - South West 10 - Wheatbelt

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Health Service (HS) name

Field Name:	HS_Analysis
Source Data Elements:	postcode
Definition:	Health Service Name
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	WACHS South Metro North Metro East Metro

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Health Service identifier

Field Name:	HS_ID
Source Data Elements:	HS_Analysis
Definition:	Health Service Identifier
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 East Metro 2 North Metro 3 South Metro 4 WACHS

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Health code

Field Name:	Health_Code
Source Data Elements:	health service ID, health region ID and health district ID
Definition:	Health code created from the health service ID, health region ID and health district ID
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	5 digit code

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Local Government Area (LGA) code based on 2016 boundaries

Field Name:	LGA_CODE16
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Local Government Area code based on 2016 boundaries
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	LGA_CODE16 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Local Government Areas are identified by four digit codes. Codes are unique only within a State or Territory. For unique Australia-wide Local Government Area code identification, the four digit code must be preceded by the State or Territory code. All Local Government Area codes end with the digit 0.

Local Government Areas are an ABS Mesh Block approximation of gazetted local government boundaries as defined by each state and territory. ABS approximations of administrative boundaries do not match official legal boundaries and should only be used for statistical purposes.

There are 566 Local Government Areas covering the whole of Australia, including unincorporated areas, without gaps or overlaps. This incorporates 19 non-spatial special purpose codes including a new Outside Australia code. Further information on special purpose codes can be found in the Local Government Area coding structure section below.

Local Government Areas | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

LGA code based on 2017 boundaries

Field Name:	LGA_CODE17
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Local Government Area code based on 2017 boundaries
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	LGA_CODE17 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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Local Government Areas | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

LGA code based on 2018 boundaries

Field Name:	LGA_CODE18
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Local Government Area code based on 2018 boundaries
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	LGA_CODE18 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Local Government Areas are identified by four digit codes. Codes are unique only within a State or Territory. For unique Australia-wide Local Government Area code identification, the four digit code must be preceded by the State or Territory code. All Local Government Area codes end with the digit 0.

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[Local Government Areas | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

LGA name based on 2016 boundaries

Field Name:	LGA_NAME16
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Local Government Area name based on 2016 boundaries
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	_____*string*

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Local Government Areas are an ABS Mesh Block approximation of gazetted local government boundaries as defined by each state and territory. ABS approximations of administrative boundaries do not match official legal boundaries and should only be used for statistical purposes.

There are 566 Local Government Areas covering the whole of Australia, including unincorporated areas, without gaps or overlaps. This incorporates 19 non-spatial special purpose codes including a new Outside Australia code. Further information on special purpose codes can be found in the Local Government Area coding structure section below.

[Local Government Areas | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](#)

Survey Question

N/A

LGA name based on 2017 boundaries

Field Name:	LGA_NAME17
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Local Government Area name based on 2017 boundaries
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	_____string_

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

National Definition

N/A

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Local Government Areas are an ABS Mesh Block approximation of gazetted local government boundaries as defined by each state and territory. ABS approximations of administrative boundaries do not match official legal boundaries and should only be used for statistical purposes.

There are 566 Local Government Areas covering the whole of Australia, including unincorporated areas, without gaps or overlaps. This incorporates 19 non-spatial special purpose codes including a new Outside Australia code. Further information on special purpose codes can be found in the Local Government Area coding structure section below.

Local Government Areas | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

LGA name based on 2018 boundaries

Field Name:	LGA_NAME18
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Local Government Area name based on 2018 boundaries
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	_____string

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Local Government Areas are an ABS Mesh Block approximation of gazetted local government boundaries as defined by each state and territory. ABS approximations of administrative boundaries do not match official legal boundaries and should only be used for statistical purposes.
There are 566 Local Government Areas covering the whole of Australia, including unincorporated areas, without gaps or overlaps. This incorporates 19 non-spatial special purpose codes including a new Outside Australia code. Further information on special purpose codes can be found in the Local Government Area coding structure section below.
[Local Government Areas | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

Metro rural or remote identifier

Field Name:	MRR_ID
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Metro, rural or remote identifier
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	1 - Metro 2 - Rural 3 – Remote

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Metro rural or remote name

Field Name:	M_R_R
Source Data Elements:	ARIA_Plus1
Definition:	Metro, rural or remote name
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Metro Rural Remote

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Postcode of respondent

Field Name:	POSTCODE
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Postcode of respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNNN
Permitted Values:	0876, 6000 through 6999 If not Western Australia (WA) residents, then we exclude from the survey as this is only WA survey.

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place. Postcode is an important part of a postal address and facilitates written communication. It is one of a number of geographic identifiers that can be used to determine a geographic location.

Survey Question

Postcode of respondent

Remoteness area (RA) based on 2011 census - code

Field Name:	RA_CODE11
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Remoteness area based on 2011 census information, presented as a code.
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	51 - Inner Regional Australia 50 - Major Cities Australia 52 - Outer Regional Australia 53 - Remote Australia 54 - Very Remote Australia

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure defines Remoteness Areas for the purpose of releasing and analysing statistics.
Remoteness Areas are derived from the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus (ARIA+) produced by the University of Adelaide.

Survey Question

N/A

RA based on 2016 census information presented as a code

Field Name:	RA_CODE16
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Remoteness area based on 2016 census information, presented as a code
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	51 - Inner Regional Australia 50 - Major Cities Australia 52 - Outer Regional Australia 53 - Remote Australia 54 - Very Remote Australia

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure defines Remoteness Areas for the purpose of releasing and analysing statistics.
Remoteness Areas are derived from the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus (ARIA+) produced by the University of Adelaide.

Survey Question

N/A

RA based on 2011 census information presented as a name

Field Name:	RA_NAME11
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Remoteness area based on 2011 census information, presented as a name
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Inner Regional Australia Major Cities Australia Outer Regional Australia Remote Australia Very Remote Australia

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure defines Remoteness Areas for the purpose of releasing and analysing statistics.
Remoteness Areas are derived from the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus (ARIA+) produced by the University of Adelaide.

Survey Question

N/A

RA based on 2016 census information presented as a name

Field Name:	RA_NAME16
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Remoteness area based on 2016 census information, presented as a name
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	Inner Regional Australia Major Cities Australia Outer Regional Australia Remote Australia Very Remote Australia

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure defines Remoteness Areas for the purpose of releasing and analysing statistics.
Remoteness Areas are derived from the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus (ARIA+) produced by the University of Adelaide.

Survey Question

N/A

Statistical Area 2 (SA2) for 2011 - code

Field Name:	SA2_5DIG11
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Statistical Area 2 for 2011 presented as a 5 digit code
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	SA2_5DIG11 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2s) are medium-sized general purpose areas built up from whole Statistical Areas Level 1 (SA1s). Their purpose is to represent a community that interacts together socially and economically.
There are 2,473 SA2s covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. This includes 19 non-spatial special purpose codes including a new Outside Australia code. These non-spatial SA2s represent populations that are difficult to define geographically such as people who are in transit or have no fixed address. These are represented by Migratory – Offshore – Shipping and No Usual Address SA2s.
SA2s are generally the smallest areas used for the release of ABS non-Census of Population and Housing statistics, including Estimated Resident Population and Health and Vitals data. Whole SA2s aggregate to form Statistical Areas Level 3 (SA3s). SA2s are also used to build Significant Urban Areas and to approximate Tourism Regions.

An SA2 is identifiable by a 9-digit fully hierarchical code comprising the 1-digit State or Territory identifier, and Statistical Areas Level 2-4 identifiers. The SA2 identifier is a 4-digit code, assigned in alphabetical order within an SA3. An SA2 code is only unique within a State or Territory if it is preceded by the State or Territory identifier.

Survey Question

N/A

SA2 for 2016 - code

Field Name:	SA2_5DIG16
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Statistical Area 2 for 2016presented as a 5 digit code
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	SA2_5DIG16 .

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2s) are medium-sized general purpose areas built up from whole Statistical Areas Level 1 (SA1s). Their purpose is to represent a community that interacts together socially and economically.

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Survey Question

N/A

Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) based on 2011 SA2 information

Field Name:	SA2_IRSD_Decile_11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	IRSD Decile based on 2011 SA2 information
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	SA2_IRSD_Decile_11 .

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area. Unlike the other indexes, this index includes only measures of relative disadvantage.
Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

IRSD Decile based on 2016 SA2 information

Field Name:	SA2_IRSD_Decile_16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	IRSD Decile based on 2016 SA2 information
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	SA2_IRSD_Decile_16 .

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area. Unlike the other indexes, this index includes only measures of relative disadvantage.

Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

IRSD Quintile based on 2011 SA2 information

Field Name:	SA2_IRSD_Quintile_11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	IRSD Quintile based on 2011 SA2 information
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	SA2_IRSD_Quintile_11 .

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area. Unlike the other indexes, this index includes only measures of relative disadvantage.
Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

IRSD Quintile based on 2016 SA2 information

Field Name:	SA2_IRSD_Quintile_16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	IRSD Quintile based on 2016 SA2 information
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	SA2_IRSD_Quintile_16 .

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

IRSD rank based on 2011 SA2 information

Field Name:	SA2_IRSD_rank_11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	IRSD rank based on 2011 SA2 information
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	SA2_IRSD_rank_11 .

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area. Unlike the other indexes, this index includes only measures of relative disadvantage.
[Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

IRSD rank based on 2016 SA2 information

Field Name:	SA2_IRSD_rank_16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	IRSD rank based on 2016 SA2 information
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	SA2_IRSD_rank_16 .

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area. Unlike the other indexes, this index includes only measures of relative disadvantage.
Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

Survey Question

N/A

SA2 based on 2011 census - code

Field Name:	SA2_MAIN11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	Statistical Area 2 based on 2011 census information, presented as a digit code
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (9)
Permitted Values:	SA2_MAIN11 .

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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Survey Question

N/A

SA2 based on 2016 census - code

Field Name:	SA2_MAIN16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	Statistical Area 2 based on 2016 census information, presented as a digit code
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (9)
Permitted Values:	SA2_MAIN16 .

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2s) are medium-sized general purpose areas built up from whole Statistical Areas Level 1 (SA1s). Their purpose is to represent a community that interacts together socially and economically.
There are 2,473 SA2s covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. This includes 19 non-spatial special purpose codes including a new Outside Australia code. These non-spatial SA2s represent populations that are difficult to define geographically such as people who are in transit or have no fixed address. These are represented by Migratory – Offshore – Shipping and No Usual Address SA2s.
SA2s are generally the smallest areas used for the release of ABS non-Census of Population and Housing statistics, including Estimated Resident Population and Health and Vitals data. Whole SA2s aggregate to form Statistical Areas Level 3 (SA3s). SA2s are also used to build Significant Urban Areas and to approximate Tourism Regions.

An SA2 is identifiable by a 9-digit fully hierarchical code comprising the 1-digit State or Territory identifier, and Statistical Areas Level 2-4 identifiers. The SA2 identifier is a 4-digit code, assigned in alphabetical order within an SA3. An SA2 code is only unique within a State or Territory if it is preceded by the State or Territory identifier.

Survey Question

N/A

SA2 based on 2011 census - name

Field Name:	SA2_NAME11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	Statistical Area 2 based on 2011 census information presented as a name
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	SA2_NAME11 ' '

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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The key criteria for SA2 names are that they be:
- meaningful
- have a maximum of 50 characters
- unique, that is not shared by any other SA2 in Australia

Survey Question

N/A

SA2 based on 2016 census - name

Field Name:	SA2_NAME16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	Statistical Area 2 based on 2016 census information presented as a name
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	SA2_NAME16 ' '

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

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Survey Question

N/A

Statistical Area 3 (SA3) based on 2011 census - code

Field Name:	SA3_CODE11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	Statistical Area 3 based on 2011 census information, presented as a digit code
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	SA3_CODE11 .

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Statistical Areas Level 3 (SA3s) are geographic areas built from whole Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2s). They are designed for the output of regional data, including 2021 Census of Population and Housing data. SA3s create a standard framework for the analysis of ABS data at the regional level through clustering groups of SA2s that have similar regional characteristics. Whole SA3s aggregate to form Statistical Areas Level 4 (SA4s).

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The Other Territories of Jervis Bay, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Norfolk Island are each represented by individual SA3s.

SA3s are identified by 5-digit hierarchical codes. This comprises a 1-digit State or Territory identifier followed by a 2-digit SA4 identifier, unique within each State and Territory, and a 2-digit SA3 identifier, unique within each SA4.

Survey Question

N/A

SA3 based on 2016 census - code

Field Name:	SA3_CODE16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	Statistical Area 3 based on 2016 census information presented as a digit code
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	SA3_CODE16 .

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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Survey Question

N/A

SA3 based on 2011 census - name

Field Name:	SA3_NAME11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	Statistical Area 3 based on 2011 census information, presented as a name
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	SA3_name11 ' '

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

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Survey Question

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Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	Statistical Area 3 based on 2016 census information presented as a name
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	SA3_name16 ' '

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

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Survey Question

N/A

Statistical Area 4 (SA4) based on 2011 census - code

Field Name:	SA4_CODE11
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG11
Definition:	Statistical Area 4 based on 2011 census, presented as a digit code
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	SA4_CODE11 .

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4s) are geographic areas built from whole Statistical Areas Level 3 (SA3s). SA4s are the largest sub-state regions in the Main Structure of the ASGS and are designed for the output of a variety of regional data, including data from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing. SA4 boundaries represent labour markets and the functional area of Australian capital cities respectively. They are designed with an emphasis on stability over time to support the time series of statistical releases such as the Quarterly Labour Force publication. These areas represent labour markets or groups of labour markets within each state and territory.

Whole SA4s aggregate to Greater Capital City Statistical Areas and States and Territories. There are 108 SA4s covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. This includes 19 non-spatial special purpose codes including a new Outside Australia code.

These non-spatial SA4s represent populations that are difficult to define geographically such as people who are in transit or have no fixed address. These are represented by Migratory – Offshore – Shipping and No Usual Address SA4s.

The Other Territories of Jervis Bay, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Norfolk Island are together represented by a single SA4.

SA4s are identified by a 3-digit hierarchical code. This comprises a 1-digit State or Territory identifier, which precedes a 2-digit SA4 identifier, unique within each State and

Territory.

Survey Question

N/A

SA4 based on 2016 census - code

Field Name:	SA4_CODE16
Source Data Elements:	SA2_5DIG16
Definition:	Statistical Area 4 based on 2016 census, presented as a digit code
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (5)
Permitted Values:	SA4_CODE16 .

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

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Territory.

Survey Question

N/A

SA4 based on 2011 census - name

Field Name:	SA4_NAME11
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Statistical Area 4 based on 2011 census, presented as a name
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	SA4_CODE11 ' '

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

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Survey Question

N/A

SA4 based on 2016 census - name

Field Name:	SA4_NAME16
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	Statistical Area 4 based on 2016 census, presented as a name
Data Type:	Character
Format:	X (50)
Permitted Values:	SA4_CODE16 ' '

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

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Survey Question

N/A

IRSD Decile based on 2006 Statistical Local Area (SLA) information

Field Name:	SLA_IRSD_Decile_06
Source Data Elements:	Spatial team
Definition:	IRSD Decile based on 2006 SLA information
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NN
Permitted Values:	IRSD decile

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area. Unlike the other indexes, this index includes only measures of relative disadvantage.

Survey Question

N/A

IRSD Quintile based on 2006 SLA information

Field Name:	SLA_IRSD_Quintile_06
Source Data Elements:	SLA_IRSD_Decile_06
Definition:	IRSD Quintile based on 2006 SLA information
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	IRSD Quintile

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

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Survey Question

N/A

IRSD Rank based on 2006 SLA information

Field Name:	SLA_IRSD_rank_06
Source Data Elements:	SLA_IRSD_Decile_06
Definition:	IRSD Rank based on 2006 SLA information
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N
Permitted Values:	IRSD rank

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area. Unlike the other indexes, this index includes only measures of relative disadvantage.

Survey Question

N/A

X coordinate

Field Name:	X
Source Data Elements:	postcode
Definition:	X coordinate
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (10)
Permitted Values:	X

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Y coordinate

Field Name:	Y
Source Data Elements:	postcode
Definition:	y coordinate
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	N (10)
Permitted Values:	Y

Variable Type

Derived

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

N/A

Weighting

Total number of people in the household

Field Name:	numhouse
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Total number of people in the household, including the respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ 998 - Unsure/Don't know/Can't remember 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-present

Revision History

Used to be asked for three age groups _ younger adults, adults, and older adults

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

What is the total number of people who usually live in this household INCLUDING YOURSELF?

Total number of young adults in the household

Field Name:	yadults
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Total number of young adults in the household, including the respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of young adults _____ 998 - Can't remember/Unsure 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16-24 years

Collection Period

2002-2023

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Including yourself, how many people aged between 16 and 24 usually live in this household?

Total number of adults in the household

Field Name:	adults
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Total number of adults in the household, including the respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of adults _____ 998 - Can't remember/Unsure 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

25-64 years

Collection Period

2002-2023

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Including yourself, how many people aged between 25 and 64 usually live in this household?

Total number of older adults in the household

Field Name:	oadults
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Total number of older adults in the household, including the respondent
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - None Number of older adults _____ 998 - Can't remember/Unsure 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

65 years and over

Collection Period

2002-2023

Revision History

N/A

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Including yourself, how many people aged 65 and over live in this household?

Number of listings in the White Pages telephone book

Field Name:	listings
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Number of listings related to the respondent in the White Pages telephone book
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	Enter number _____ 998 - Can't remember/Unsure 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2002-2020

Revision History

Was used for design and post stratification weighting when using the White Pages sample frame.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

How many listings do you have in the White Pages telephone book?

Landline currently listed in the telephone book

Field Name:	listedphone
Source Data Elements:	N/A
Definition:	Respondent's landline being listed in the White Pages telephone book or not at the time of taking the survey
Data Type:	Numeric
Format:	NNN
Permitted Values:	0 - No 1 - Yes 998 - Can't remember/Unsure/Don't know 999 - Refused

Variable Type

Original

Age Group

16 years and over

Collection Period

2008-2020

Revision History

Was used for design and post stratification weighting when using the White Pages sample frame.

National Definition

N/A

Survey Question

Is your landline currently listed in the telephone book?

Appendix A – Summary of revisions

Version	Date Released	Approval	Amendment
1			Document created

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