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Dear CHIS Data User:

Please note that the CHIS 2015 data files have been updated to contain new and revised content.

Notably, CHIS has released variables on adult e-cigarette use and reasons for usage in the 2015 public use files and on AskCHIS. Additionally, AskCHIS now includes new information on the gender expression and identity of California's teens for 2015 and 2016.

CHIS has also reprocessed adult variables on birth control use and unfair treatment getting medical care, identifying proxy skips, in addition to child First 5 California *Talk, Read, Sing* campaign variables, which have expanded population universes. CHIS 2016 data is not affected by these changes.

Please download the revised CHIS 2015 PUFs here (login required):

<http://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/chis/data/public-use-data-file/Pages/2015.aspx>

You can access new AskCHIS 2015 data here (login required):

ask.chis.ucla.edu

We have provided more information about these changes below. If you have any questions or concerns about these updates, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you.

The CHIS Team

New Content:

Adult, CHIS 2015: (1) Ever smoked an e-cigarette; (2) Number of days used e-cigarettes in past 30 days; (3) Reason used e-cigarettes.

AskCHIS Category: Health Behaviors -> Tobacco (Smoking)

Adult Public Use File Variable Names: AC81, ECIG30, AC83_1, AC83_2, AC83_3, AC83_4, AC83_5, AC83_6, and AC83_7

Teen, CHIS 2015-2016: Gender Expression

AskCHIS Category: Demographic -> Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Not available in CHIS 2015-2016 teen public use files.

Revision - Proxy skips added:

This revision applies to variables that are not asked of adult proxies (proxies are respondents answering questions on behalf of adults sampled for the survey). The previous data file imputed valid survey responses to proxy skips. Revised CHIS 2015 data now indicates which respondents are proxies (denoted by a value of "-2"). AskCHIS estimates are not measurably affected by these changes.

Adult, CHIS 2015: Birth control to prevent pregnancy

AskCHIS Category: Health Behaviors -> Contraceptive Use/Family Planning

Adult Public Use File Variable Name: AF40

Adult, CHIS 2015: (1) Lifetime unfair treatment when getting medical care; (2) Last time experienced unfair treatment getting medical care due to race/ethnicity.

AskCHIS Category: Access & Utilization -> Barriers to Care

Adult Public Use File Variable Names: DMC8, DMC9, DMC3, DMC6B_P1, DMC7

Revision – Expanded population universe:

The CHIS 2015-2016 child questionnaire includes questions about the First 5 California *Talk, Read, Sing* campaign targeted to all child households where children between 0 and 4 years may reside.

The *Talk, Read, Sing* variable population universes now include older children 5+ years sampled for the survey and residing in households with children 0-4 years. *Talk, Read, Sing* data in the 2015 PUFs were previously restricted to sampled children between 0-4 years only.

Child, CHIS 2015: First 5 California *Talk, Read, Sing* Campaign variables

Child Public Use File Variable Names: CF64, CF65, CF66, CF67

AskCHIS estimates on the Talk, Read, Sing program are not affected.