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## PREFACE

*Weighting and Variance Estimation* is the fifth and final in a series of methodological reports describing the 2021 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS). The other reports are listed below.

CHIS is a collaborative project of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Center for Health Policy Research, the California Department of Public Health, and the Department of Health Care Services. SSRS was responsible for data collection and the preparation of five methodological reports from the 2021 survey. The survey examines public health and health care access issues in California. The telephone survey is the largest state health survey ever undertaken in the United States.

### Methodological Report Series for CHIS 2021

The methodological reports for CHIS 2021 are as follows:

- Report 1: Sample Design;
- Report 2: Data Collection Methods;
- Report 3: Data Processing Procedures;
- Report 4: Response Rates; and
- Report 5: Weighting and Variance Estimation.

The reports are interrelated and contain many references to each other. For ease of presentation, the references are simply labeled by the report numbers given above. After the Preface, each report includes an “Overview” (Chapter 1) that is nearly identical across reports, followed by detailed technical documentation on the specific topic of the report.

*Report 5: Weighting and Variance Estimation* (this report) describes the weighting and variance estimation methods from CHIS 2021. The purpose of weighting the survey data is to permit analysts to produce estimates of the health characteristics for the entire California population and subgroups including counties, and in some cases, cities. This report presents the steps used to create the analytical weights for analyzing the data from the adult, child, and adolescent interviews.

For further methodological details not covered in this report, refer to the other methodological reports in the series at <http://chis.ucla.edu/chis/design/Pages/methodology.aspx>. General information on CHIS data can be found on the California Health Interview Survey Web site at <http://chis.ucla.edu> or by contacting CHIS at [CHIS@ucla.edu](mailto:CHIS@ucla.edu).

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# 1. CHIS 2021 SAMPLE DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY SUMMARY

## 1.1 Overview

A series of five methodology reports are available with more detail about the methods used in CHIS 2021.

- Report 1 – Sample Design;
- Report 2 – Data Collection Methods;
- Report 3 – Data Processing Procedures;
- Report 4 – Response Rates; and
- Report 5 – Weighting and Variance Estimation.

For further information on CHIS data and the methods used in the survey, visit the California Health Interview Survey Web site at <http://www.chis.ucla.edu> or contact CHIS at [CHIS@ucla.edu](mailto:CHIS@ucla.edu). For methodology reports from previous CHIS cycles, go to <http://www.chis.ucla.edu/chis/design/Pages/methodology.aspx>

The CHIS is a population-based multimode (web and telephone) survey of California's residential, noninstitutionalized population conducted every other year since 2001 and continually beginning in 2011. CHIS is the nation's largest state-level health survey and one of the largest health surveys in the nation. The UCLA Center for Health Policy Research (UCLA-CHPR) conducts CHIS in collaboration with multiple funding sources from public, private, and non-profit organizations. CHIS collects extensive information for all age groups on health status, health conditions, health-related behaviors, health insurance coverage, access to health care services, and other health and health-related issues.

The sample is designed and optimized to meet two objectives:

- 1) Provide estimates for large- and medium-sized counties in the state, and for groups of the smallest counties (based on population size), and
- 2) Provide statewide estimates for California's overall population, its major racial and ethnic groups, as well as several racial and ethnic subgroups.

The CHIS sample is representative of California's non-institutionalized population living in households. CHIS data and results are used extensively by federal and State agencies, local public health agencies and organizations, advocacy and community organizations, other local agencies, hospitals, community clinics, health plans, foundations, and researchers. These data are used for analyses and

publications to assess public health and health care needs, to develop and advocate policies to meet those needs, and to plan and budget health care coverage and services. Many researchers throughout California and the nation use CHIS data files to further their understanding of a wide range of health related issues (visit UCLA-CHPR's publication page at <http://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/publications/Pages/default.aspx> for examples of CHIS studies).

## **1.2 Sample Additions and Data Collection Methodology Updates**

Starting in 2021, the CHIS added a prepaid cell phone sample to the primary ABS sample. A second innovation was altering the envelope for the initial mailing to have a window that would allow the incentive to be seen. The CHIS research team deemed these changes necessary to improve representation of California's diverse population and improve response rates.

For CHIS 2021, respondents in the ABS sample are invited to either complete the survey online or call in to be interviewed by a member of the SSRS interviewing staff. Respondents receive an initial invitation letter with a \$2.00 pre-incentive. This is followed by a reminder postcard, a standard letter, and a final postcard. Where addresses can be matched to a listed telephone number, the nonresponding households are also called six times to attempt to complete an interview before the sampled household is considered to be a resolved nonresponse.

The prepaid cell phone sample followed the same dialing protocol of an average of six dials before retiring the sample. In addition, the sampled phone number was screened for respondents who were either aged 18 to 24, Hispanic, African American, or would take the survey in one of the non-English languages offered for CHIS 2021.

In addition, two oversamples were included. The Cedar-Sinai oversample was composed of ABS sample from LA County Service Planning Areas 1,2,4, and 5. These households were screened for Latinos and Asians and aged 50 and older. American Indian and Alaska Natives (AIAN), were also oversampled in 2021. Respondents in this sample were asked in the screener whether they considered themselves to be American Indian or Alaska Native or to be of American Indian or Alaska Native decent.

In order to provide CHIS data users with more complete and up-to-date information to facilitate analyses of CHIS data, additional information on how to use the CHIS sampling weights, including sample statistical code, is available at <http://www.chis.ucla.edu/chis/analyze/Pages/sample-code.aspx>.

Additional documentation on constructing the CHIS sampling weights is available in the *CHIS*

*2021 Methodology Series: Report 5—Weighting and Variance Estimation* posted at <http://www.chis.ucla.edu/chis/design/Pages/methodology.aspx>. Other helpful information for understanding the CHIS sample design and data collection processing can be found in the four other methodology reports for each CHIS cycle and year.

### **1.3 Sample Design Objectives**

The CHIS 2021 sample was designed to meet the two sampling objectives discussed above: (1) provide estimates for adults in most counties and in groups of counties with small populations; and (2) provide estimates for California’s overall population, major racial and ethnic groups, and for several smaller racial and ethnic subgroups.

To achieve these objectives, as with CHIS 2019-2020, CHIS 2021 continued to employ an address-based sample design. For the ABS sample, the 58 counties in the state were grouped into 44 geographic sampling strata, and 14 sub-strata were created within the two most populous counties in the state (Los Angeles and San Diego). The same geographic stratification of the state has been used since CHIS 2005. The Los Angeles County stratum included eight sub-strata for Service Planning Areas, and the San Diego County stratum included six sub-strata for Health Service Districts. Most of the strata (39 of 44) consisted of a single county with no sub-strata (see counties 3-41 in Table 1-1). Three multi-county strata comprised the 17 remaining counties (see counties 42-44 in Table 1-1). A sufficient number of adult interviews were allocated to each stratum and sub-stratum to support the first sample design objective for the two-year cycle—to provide health estimates for adults at the local level.

As with CHIS 2019-2020, the address-based sample in CHIS 2021 was stratified into different strata that had higher incidences of individuals with targeted characteristics. For CHIS 2021, these strata were based on predictive models that employed Big Data techniques to identify household attributes such as demographics, spoken languages, and even attitudinal metrics that are correlated with important respondent characteristics. The process begins by taking prior data and building models with those data, and then scoring future samples with the outcomes of those models. In addition to evaluating the predictive models, for CHIS 2021 we also investigated the utility of individual sample flags provided by MSG database information, including the surname flags, child indicator variables, and resident age information as well as PDB block-group characteristics including the density of households with African American residents and households with limited English proficiency.

For CHIS 2021, the following strata were created:

1. Vietnamese
2. Korean
3. Likely Asian-language Interview
4. Likely Spanish-language interview
5. Hispanic
6. Other high-density non-English
7. Other Asian
8. High density African American
9. HH with children
10. Other 65+
11. Residual - Match
12. Residual – No match

This stratification scheme was designed to make use of the most effective predictive variables to target key demographic subgroups in an efficient way that minimizes the impact of the disproportionate sampling on the design effect. Those models that were not sufficiently predictive to add value were excluded. It should be noted that this stratification includes two additional strata: 1) sample records for which none of the variables or models predicted any attribute, but for which auxiliary data could be matched to the address (“Residual - Match” sample) and sample for which no Big Data was found (“Residual - No match” sample). The final step in utilizing the models is to develop sampling fractions by which modelled households will be selected. The final sample fractions balanced the need to increase the frequency of the lowest incidence groups, while accounting for subgroups differences in response propensity and minimizing disproportionate weighting whenever possible.

Within each geographic and modeled stratum combination, residential addresses were selected, and within each household, one adult (age 18 and over) respondent was randomly selected. In those households with adolescents (ages 12-17) and/or children (under age 12), one adolescent and one child of the randomly selected parent/guardian were randomly selected. The adolescent was interviewed directly via CATI or Web. The child interview was completed by the randomly selected respondent who was the parent or guardian.

Table 1-1. California county and county group strata used in the CHIS 2021 sample design

1. Los Angeles	7. Alameda	27. Shasta
1.1 Antelope Valley	8. Sacramento	28. Yolo
1.2 San Fernando Valley	9. Contra Costa	29. El Dorado
1.3 San Gabriel Valley	10. Fresno	30. Imperial
1.4 Metro	11. San Francisco	31. Napa
1.5 West	12. Ventura	32. Kings
1.6 South	13. San Mateo	33. Madera
1.7 East	14. Kern	34. Monterey
1.8 South Bay	15. San Joaquin	35. Humboldt
2. San Diego	16. Sonoma	36. Nevada
2.1 N. Coastal	17. Stanislaus	37. Mendocino
2.2 N. Central	18. Santa Barbara	38. Sutter
2.3 Central	19. Solano	39. Yuba
2.4 South	20. Tulare	40. Lake
2.5 East	21. Santa Cruz	41. San Benito
2.6 N. Inland	22. Marin	42. Colusa, Glenn, Tehama
3. Orange	23. San Luis Obispo	43. Del Norte, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Sierra, Siskiyou, Trinity
4. Santa Clara	24. Placer	
5. San Bernardino	25. Merced	44. Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Tuolumne
6. Riverside	26. Butte	

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

Prepaid cell phone numbers are associated with cell phones that are “pay-as-you-go” and do not require a contract. Prepaid numbers are more likely to be used by Hispanics, people with lower education and lower income, and other related groups that are often underrepresented in general population samples (e.g., the uninsured). To better target populations not adequately covered under the ABS frame in CHIS 2021, we utilized a Prepaid cell oversample and targeted 500 completes to obtain additional in-language interviews, Hispanic and African American samples, and young adults. The CHIS ABS sample and the prepaid oversample were of sufficient size to accomplish the second objective, i.e., to produce statistically stable estimates for small population groups such as racial/ethnic subgroups, children, adolescents, etc.

## 1.4 Data Collection

To capture the rich diversity of the California population, interviews were conducted in six languages: English, Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese dialect), Vietnamese, Korean, and Tagalog. These languages were chosen based on analysis of 2010 Census data to identify the languages that would cover the largest number of Californians in the CHIS sample that either did not speak English or did not speak English well enough to otherwise participate.

SSRS collaborated with UCLA on the methodology and collected data for CHIS 2021, under contract with the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. SSRS is an independent research firm that specializes in innovative methodologies, optimized sample designs, and reaching low-incidence populations. For all sampled households, one randomly selected adult in each sampled household either completed an on-line survey or was interviewed by telephone by an SSRS interviewer. In addition, the study sampled one adolescent and one child if they were present in the household and the sampled adult was their parent or legal guardian. Thus, up to three interviews could have been completed in each household. The child interview was moved in 2021 to take place immediately after Section A of the adult survey and the rostering of the household. The adolescent survey took place either immediately after the adult with phone interviews or in a separate session online.

Table 1-2 shows the number of completed adult, child, and adolescent interviews in CHIS 2021 by mode of interview. Note that these figures were accurate as of data collection completion for 2021 and may differ slightly from numbers in the data files due to data cleaning and edits. Sample sizes to compare against data files you are using are found online at

<http://www.chis.ucla.edu/chis/design/Pages/sample.aspx>.

Table 1-2. Number of completed interviews by mode of interview and instrument across all samples<sup>2</sup>

	Adult	Child	Adolescent
Totals <sup>1</sup>	25,347	4,110	1,192
Completes by Web	22,939	3,822	1,088
Completes by phone	2,408	288	104

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Includes interviews meeting the criteria as partially complete.

<sup>2</sup> Includes all samples – Main CHIS, prepaid cell phone, Cedar Sinai, and AIAN

Interviews in all languages were administered using SSRS's computer-assisted web interviewing and computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CAWI/CATI) system. As expected, the CATI interviews were longer in duration. The duration of the CATI interviews averaged almost 72 minutes, 19 minutes, and 31 minutes for the adult, child, and adolescent interviews, respectively; the duration of the CAWI interviews averaged around 47 minutes, 13 minutes, and 21 minutes for the adult, child, and adolescent interviews, respectively. Interviews in non-English languages typically took longer to complete across both modes: the non-English CATI interviews had an average length of about 83 minutes, 22 minutes, and 34 minutes for the adult, child, and adolescent interviews respectively; the non-English CAWI interviews had an average length of about 60 minutes, 18 minutes, and 30 minutes for the adult, child, and adolescent interviews, respectively. Nearly 8 percent of the adult interviews were completed in a language other than English, as were about 13 percent of all child (parent proxy) interviews and 2 percent of all adolescent interviews.

Table 1-3 shows the major topic areas for each of the three survey instruments (adult, child, and adolescent). If questions were asked in only one year of survey implementation, the specific year is indicated in the table.

Table 1-3. CHIS 2021 survey topic areas by instrument

<b>Health status</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
General health status	✓	✓	✓
Days missed from work or school due to health problems	✓	✓	✓
<b>Health conditions</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Asthma	✓	✓	✓
Diabetes, pre-diabetes/borderline diabetes	✓		
Heart disease, high blood pressure	✓		
Physical disability	✓		
<b>Mental health</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Mental health status	✓	✓	
Perceived need, access and utilization of mental health services	✓	✓	
Functional impairment, stigma	✓		
Suicide ideation and attempts	✓	✓	
Mental health and technology	✓	✓	
Climate Change	✓	✓	
<b>Health behaviors</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Dietary and nutritional intake, breastfeeding (younger than 3 years)	✓		✓
Sugar-sweetened beverages		✓	✓
Alcohol use, Cigarette use, E-cigarette use, Marijuana use, CBD use		✓	
Opioid use	✓		
Exposure to second-hand smoke	✓		
Sexual behaviors, HIV testing, HIV prevention medication	✓	✓	
Caregiving	✓		
<b>Gun Violence</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Firearm ownership/presence, loaded, and secure, firearm victimization, quick access to firearm	✓	✓	✓
<b>Women's health</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Pregnancy status/plans and birth control	✓	✓	
<b>Intimate Partner violence</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Past unwanted sexual encounter	✓		
<b>Dental health</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Last dental visit, main reason have not visited dentist, number of dental visits, location of dental service	✓	✓	✓
Current dental insurance coverage	✓		✓
Condition of teeth	✓	✓	

(continued)

Table 1-3. CHIS 2021 survey topic areas by instrument (continued)

<b>Neighborhood and housing</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Safety, social cohesion	✓	✓	✓
Housing security/stability, length of residency	✓		
Civic engagement, community involvement	✓	✓	
Encounters with police	✓		
<b>Adverse Childhood Experiences</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
ACES Screener	✓	✓	
Past ACES screener	✓	✓	✓
Positive Childhood Experiences	✓	✓	
<b>Access to and use of health care</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Usual source of care, visits to medical doctor	✓	✓	✓
Emergency room visits	✓	✓	✓
Delays in getting care (prescriptions and medical care)	✓	✓	✓
Communication problems with doctor	✓		✓
Contraception	✓	✓	
Timely appointment	✓	✓	✓
Access to specialist and general doctors	✓		
Tele-medical care	✓		
Mammogram screening, colon cancer screening, HPV vaccination (only administered in Los Angeles Service Planning Areas 1, 2, 4, 5)	✓		
Care coordination	✓	✓	✓
Discrimination in healthcare setting	✓		
<b>Voter engagement</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Voter engagement	✓		
Voter attitudes	✓		
<b>Food environment</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Availability of food in household over past 12 months	✓		
<b>Health insurance</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Current insurance coverage, spouse's coverage, who pays for coverage	✓	✓	✓
Health plan enrollment, characteristics and assessment of plan	✓	✓	✓
Whether employer offers coverage, respondent/spouse eligibility	✓		
Coverage over past 12 months, reasons for lack of insurance	✓	✓	✓
High deductible health plans	✓	✓	✓
Partial scope Medi-Cal, medical debt, hospitalizations	✓		

(continued)

Table 1-3. CHIS 2021 survey topic areas by instrument (continued)

<b>Public program eligibility</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Household poverty level	✓		
Program participation (CalWORKs, Food Stamps, SSI, SSDI, WIC, TANF)	✓	✓	✓
Assets, child support, Social security/pension, worker's compensation	✓		
Medi-Cal eligibility, Medi-Cal renewal, Notice of actions from Medi-Cal	✓		
Reason for Medi-Cal non-participation among potential beneficiaries	✓	✓	✓
Use of public benefits among immigrant residents	✓		
<b>Parental involvement/adult supervision</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Parental involvement			✓
Book ownership, source of reading materials, challenges to reading to child			✓
<b>Child care and school</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Current child care arrangements			✓
Paid child care	✓		
First 5 California: Talk, Read, Sing Program / Kit for New Parents			✓
Preschool/school attendance, school name		✓	✓
Preschool quality			✓
<b>Employment</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Employment status, spouse's employment status	✓		
Hours worked at all jobs	✓		
Industry and occupation, firm size	✓		
Paid Family Leave	✓		
<b>Income</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Respondent's and spouse's earnings last month before taxes	✓		
Household income, number of persons supported by household income	✓		

(continued)

Table 1-3. CHIS 2021 survey topic areas by instrument (continued)

<b>Respondent characteristics</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Race and ethnicity, age, gender, height, weight	✓	✓	✓
Veteran status	✓		
Marital status, registered domestic partner status (same-sex couples)	✓		
Sexual orientation	✓		
Gender identity	✓	✓	
Gender expression		✓	
Living with parents	✓		
Education, English language proficiency	✓		
Citizenship, immigration status, country of birth, length of time in U.S., languages spoken at home	✓	✓	✓
<b>COVID-19</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adolescent</b>	<b>Child</b>
Ever though had COVID-19	✓		
Ever tested positive for COVID-19	✓		
Challenges experience due to COVID-19 pandemic	✓		
Risk reduction practices	✓		

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

## 1.5 Response Rates

The overall response rates for CHIS 2021 are composites of the screener completion rate (i.e., success in introducing the survey to a household and randomly selecting an adult to be interviewed) and the extended interview completion rate (i.e., success in getting one or more selected persons to complete the extended interview). For CHIS 2021, the overall household response rate was 9.5 percent (the product of the screener response rate of 13.7 percent and the extended interview response rate at the household level of 69.6 percent). CHIS uses the RR4 type response rate described in the AAPOR (The American Association for Public Opinion Research), 2016 guidelines (see more detailed in *CHIS 2021 Methodology Series: Report 4 – Response Rates*).

The extended interview response rate for the ABS sample varied across the adult (65.1 percent), child (85.3 percent) and adolescent (29.1 percent) interviews. The adolescent rate includes the process of obtaining permission from a parent or guardian.

Multiplying these rates by the screener response rates used in the household rates above gives an overall response rate for each type of interview for 2021 (see Table 1-4b).

Table 1-4a. CHIS response rates - Conditional

Type of Sample	Screener <sup>1</sup>	Household (given screened) <sup>1</sup>	Adult (given screened) <sup>1</sup>	Child (given screened & eligibility) <sup>1</sup>	Adolescent (given screened & permission) <sup>1</sup>
Overall	13.7%	69.6%	65.1%	85.3%	29.1%

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> The prepaid cell, Cedars-Sinai and AIAN oversamples are not included in these rates.

Table 1-4b. CHIS response rates - Unconditional

Type of Sample	Screener <sup>1</sup>	Household (given screened) <sup>1</sup>	Adult (given screened) <sup>1</sup>	Child (given screened & eligibility) <sup>1</sup>	Adolescent (given screened & permission) <sup>1</sup>
Overall	13.7%	9.5%	8.9%	11.7%	4.0%

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> The prepaid cell, Cedars-Sinai and AIAN oversamples are not included in these rates.

After all follow-up attempts to complete the full questionnaire were exhausted, adults who completed at least approximately 80 percent of the questionnaire (i.e., through Section K which covers employment, income, poverty status, and food security), were counted as “complete.” At least some responses in the employment and income series, or public program eligibility and food insecurity series were missing from those cases that did not complete the entire interview. They were imputed to enhance the analytic utility of the data.

Proxy interviews were conducted for any adult who was unable to complete the extended adult interview for themselves, in order to avoid biases for health estimates of chronically ill or handicapped people. Eligible selected persons were re-contacted and offered a proxy option. In CHIS 2021, either a spouse/partner or adult child completed a proxy interview for twelve adults. A reduced questionnaire, with questions identified as appropriate for a proxy respondent, was administered.

Further information about CHIS data quality and nonresponse bias is available at <http://www.chis.ucla.edu/chis/design/Pages/data-quality.aspx>.

## **1.6 Weighting the Sample**

To produce population estimates from CHIS data, weights were applied to the sample data to compensate for the probability of selection and a variety of other factors, some directly resulting from the design and administration of the survey. The sample was weighted to represent the noninstitutionalized population for each sampling stratum and statewide. The weighting procedures used for CHIS 2021 accomplish the following objectives:

- Compensate for differential probabilities of selection for addresses (households) and persons within household;
- Reduce biases occurring because non-respondents may have different characteristics than respondents;
- Adjust, to the extent possible, for undercoverage in the sampling frame and in the conduct of the survey; and
- Reduce the variance of the estimates by using auxiliary information

As part of the weighting process, a household weight was created for all households that completed the screener interview. This household weight is the product of the “base weight” (the inverse of the probability of selection of the address) and several adjustment factors. The household weight was used to compute a person-level weight, which includes adjustments for the within-household sampling of

persons and for nonresponse. The final step was to adjust the person-level weight using weight calibration, a procedure that forced the CHIS weights to sum to estimated population control totals simultaneously from an independent data source (see below).

Population control totals of the number of persons by age, race, and sex at the stratum level for CHIS 2021 were created primarily from the California Department of Finance's (DOF) 2021 Population Estimates, and associated population projections. The procedure used several dimensions, which are combinations of demographic variables (age, sex, race, and ethnicity), geographic variables (county, Service Planning Area) in Los Angeles County, and Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) region in San Diego County), and education. One limitation of using DOF data is that it includes about 2.4 percent of the population of California who live in "group quarters" (i.e., persons living with nine or more unrelated persons and includes, for example nursing homes, prisons, dormitories, etc.). These persons were excluded from the CHIS target population and, as a result, the number of persons living in group quarters was estimated and removed from the DOF control totals prior to calibration.

The DOF control totals used to create the CHIS 2021 weights are based on 2010 Census counts, as were those used for the 2019-2020 cycle. Please pay close attention when comparing estimates using CHIS 2021 data with estimates using data from CHIS cycles before 2010. The most accurate California population figures are available when the U.S. Census Bureau conducts the decennial census. For periods between each census, population-based surveys like CHIS must use population projections based on the decennial count. For example, population control totals for CHIS 2009 were based on 2009 DOF estimates and projections, which were based on Census 2000 counts with adjustments for demographic changes within the state between 2000 and 2009. These estimates become less accurate and more dependent on the models underlying the adjustments over time. Using the most recent Census population count information to create control totals for weighting produces the most statistically accurate population estimates for the current cycle, but it may produce unexpected increases or decreases in some survey estimates when comparing survey cycles that use 2000 Census-based information and 2010 Census-based information.

## **1.7 Imputation Methods**

Missing values in the CHIS data files were replaced through imputation for nearly every variable. This was a substantial task designed to enhance the analytic utility of the files. SSRS imputed missing values for those variables used in the weighting process and UCLA-CHPR staff imputed values for nearly every other variable.

Three different imputation procedures were used by SSRS to fill in missing responses for items essential for weighting the data. The first imputation technique was a completely random selection from the observed distribution of respondents. This method was used only for a few variables when the percentage of the items missing was very small. The second technique was hot-deck imputation. The hot-deck approach is one of the most commonly used methods for assigning values for missing responses. Using a hot deck, a value reported by a respondent for a specific item was assigned or donated to a “similar” person who did not respond to that item. The characteristics defining “similar” vary for different variables. To carry out hot-deck imputation, the respondents who answered a survey item formed a pool of donors, while the item non-respondents formed a group of recipients. A recipient was matched to the subset pool of donors based on household and individual characteristics. A value for the recipient was then randomly imputed from one of the donors in the pool. SSRS used hot-deck imputation to impute the same items that have been imputed in all CHIS cycles since 2003 (i.e., race, ethnicity, home ownership, and education). The last technique was external data assignment. This method was used for geocoding variables such as strata, Los Angeles SPA, San Diego HSSA region, and zip where the respondent provided inconsistent information. For such cases geocoding information was used for imputation.

UCLA-CHPR imputed missing values for nearly every variable in the data files other than those imputed by SSRS and some sensitive variables for which nonresponse had its own meaning. Overall, item nonresponse rates in CHIS 2021 were low, with most variables missing valid responses for less than 1% of the sample. Questions that go to fewer overall respondents or that ask about more sensitive topics can have higher nonresponse.

The imputation process conducted by UCLA-CHPR started with data editing, sometimes referred to as logical or relational imputation: for any missing value, a valid replacement value was sought based on known values of other variables of the same respondent or other sample(s) from the same household. For the remaining missing values, model-based hot-deck imputation without donor replacement was used. This method replaced a missing value for one respondent using a valid response from another respondent with similar characteristics as defined by a generalized linear model with a set of control variables (predictors). The link function of the model corresponded to the nature of the variable being imputed (e.g. linear regression for continues variables, logistic regression for binary variables, etc.). Donors and recipients were grouped based on their predicted values from the model.

Control variables (predictors) used in the model to form donor pools for hot-decking always included standard measures of demographic and socioeconomic characteristics, as well as geographic region; however, the full set of control variables varies depending on which variable is being imputed.

Most imputation models included additional characteristics, such as health status or access to care, which are used to improve the quality of the donor-recipient match.

Among the standard list of control variables, gender, age, race/ethnicity, educational attainment and region of California were imputed by SSRS. UCLA-CHPR began their imputation process by imputing household income so that this characteristic was available for the imputation of other variables. Sometimes CHIS collects bracketed information about the range in which the respondent's value falls when the respondent will not or cannot report an exact amount. Household income, for example, was imputed using the hot-deck method within ranges defined by a set of auxiliary variables such as bracketed income range and/or poverty level.

The imputation order of the other variables generally followed the questionnaire. After all imputation procedures were complete, every step in the data quality control process was performed once again to ensure consistency between the imputed and non-imputed values on a case-by-case basis.

## 2. WEIGHTING ADJUSTMENTS

Researchers apply analysis weights to survey responses to produce estimates for the target population. The weights are designed to produce estimates with minimal biases and maximal precision (i.e., relatively small standard errors). This section provides an overview of the weighting methodology used for the CHIS 2021 one-year weights.

Specifically, the approach to weighting CHIS data is provided in Section 2.1. Base weights and adjustments are combined to form the CHIS analysis weights. The weight components are listed in Section 2.2, along with a link to the section of this report where details are provided. Differences in the CHIS 2021 nonresponse adjustments from prior years are also discussed. This chapter concludes in Section 2.3 with a brief discussion of quality assurance procedures.

### 2.1 Weighting Approach

The weighting approach used for CHIS 2021 follows the paradigm set in prior rounds of the study. Specifically, the methods to construct the weights follow standard design-based techniques. The use of multiple frames—landline, cell, and surname—had been used consistently since CHIS 2009 to ensure coverage of the residential California population with ABS samples used occasionally to reach specific small geographies (e.g., North Imperial county). This year, multiple address-based samples (ABS) and a prepaid cell phone sample (PPD) was used for the sample.

The weighting procedures described in this report resulted in a set of unified analysis weights applicable for all analyses. For example, these weights are used to generate estimates at the state-level as well as sub-state estimates at the county level.

One set of weights was produced for all CHIS person-level interviews: adult, child and adolescent. Each weight was constructed to address the following nuances of the design and data collection actualities attributed to each interview:

- Differential selection probabilities of sampled households across design strata, and for persons within the selected households;
- Reduce bias that may occur in the estimates when nonrespondents differ from their respondent counterparts;
- Reduce coverage bias associated with differences of the respondent distributions from the intended target population; and

- Improve the precision of CHIS estimates (i.e., small standard errors) by adjusting to population information and adjusting any outlier weights.

An overview of the specific weight components is provided in Section 2.2

As discussed in Chapter 9, estimates for the target population are produced only if analyses account for the CHIS sampling design and the weights. Ignoring either the sampling design or the analysis weights is not recommended.

## **2.2 Weighting Adjustments**

CHIS one-year analysis weights were developed for adult, child and adolescent completed interviews. The weights were constructed as a function of an initial base weight (inverse selection probability within design stratum) multiplied by a sequential series of adjustments to address nonresponse, subsampling, unknown eligibility, overlapping sampling frames, and differential coverage from the intended target population. The adjustments are summarized in Section 2.2.1, followed by a comparison of nonresponse adjustment methods for CHIS 2021 and prior years (Section 2.2.2).

### **2.2.1 Components of the CHIS Analysis Weights**

Details of the one-year weight components are provided in Chapters 3 through 6, beginning with the household weight (Chapter 3).

The weight associated with the selected household was derived as the product of the following components:

- base weights defined by design stratum (Section 3.1)
- residential status adjustment for household eligibility (Section 3.2)
- adjustment for nonresponse to the CHIS household screener (Section 3.3)
- calibration to Census Planning Database Low Response Score (Section 3.4)

The final household weight was used as the basis for three analysis weights (adult, child and adolescent) corresponding to extended interviews. The adult analysis weight (Chapter 4) was constructed as the final household weight multiplied by the following adjustments:

- inverse selection probability of one adult within each household with a completed screener (Section 4.1)
- adjustment for adult nonresponse (Section 4.2)

- adjustment for compositing of multiple sample frames (Section 4.3)
- pre-calibration trimming (Section 4.4)
- adjustment to align the weight sums to adult population counts by geographic area within California, demographic characteristics, and other such information (Section 4.5)

Like the adult weights, the child analysis weights (Chapter 5) were constructed as the final household weight multiplied by the following adjustments:

- adjustment to account for differing probabilities of selection based on the number of adults, parents and children in the household as well as the age of the children (Section 5.1)
- adjustment for child nonresponse (Section 5.2)
- adjustment for compositing of multiple sample frames (Section 5.3)
- pre-calibration trimming (Section 5.4)
- adjustment to align the weight sums to child population counts by geographic area within California, demographic characteristics, and other such information (Section 5.5)

The adolescent analysis weights (Chapter 6) were constructed in a similar fashion as the product of the final household weight and the following adjustments:

- adjustment to account for differing probabilities of selection based on the number of adults, parents and teens in the household with a completed screener (Section 6.1)
- adjustment for nonresponse linked to the parental permission or to the adolescent (Section 6.2)
- adjustment for compositing of multiple sample frames (Section 6.3)
- pre-calibration trimming (Section 6.4)
- adjustment to align the weight sums to adolescent population counts by geographic area within California, demographic characteristics, and other such information (Section 6.5)

A calibration adjustment (Kott, 2006; Valliant et al., 2013), such as those discussed for the adult weights in Sections 4.4, was applied to align the CHIS weights to population counts, also referred to as calibration controls or control totals. Because control totals for the CHIS target population by key covariates (e.g., design stratum) did not exist, the population counts needed to be estimated from existing information. The procedures to calculate the estimated control totals followed those used in prior rounds of CHIS and are detailed in Chapter 7.

Analysis weights address bias associated with unit nonresponse that occurs when a sample member either declines to participate or when they do not provide sufficient information for analyses. A CHIS sample member needed to complete the interview at least through the end of Section K to be classified as a respondent. Some respondents, however, declined to provide information to critical items needed for the creation of the analysis weights. This missing information was supplied through various imputation procedures detailed in Chapter 8 after the data were processed (see *CHIS 2021 Methodology Series: Report 3 - Data Processing Procedures*).

Chapter 9 contains a discussion on variance estimation for CHIS 2021. This includes Taylor Series linearization calculated with a single set of analysis weights, and Jackknife variance estimation calculated with a series of (replicate) weights. Software to calculate estimated standard errors are also discussed.

This report contains two supplementary appendices. Appendix A consists of a series of tables with frame counts, sample sizes, and base weights by the design strata. Appendix B provides summary statistics for each component discussed above.

### **2.2.2 Raking vs. Model-based adjustments for Nonresponse**

In past CHIS cycles, a weighting class adjustment, much like those discussed previously, was used to account for screener and extended-interview nonresponse. Weighting classes (i.e., groups) were formed by combining binary, categorical, or categorized continuous variables thought to be associated with response and preferably also with characteristics of importance from the study. As noted in Kim et al., (2007), use of many variables can result in too many or even small (empty) weighting classes that hinder the calculation of an efficient nonresponse-adjusted weight. Determining an effective mechanism for collapsing small cells can be a time-consuming process, yielding minimal gains in precision (via reduced variations in weights) and possibly limiting the reduction of bias attributable to nonresponse. Consequently, incorporating only a few variables limits the capacity to reduce nonresponse bias, the true goal of this weight adjustment. Therefore, in CHIS 2021, a model-based approach was implemented with the SUDAAN® WTADJUST procedure (RTI, 2012).

### **2.3 Quality Checks**

A series of quality control procedures was implemented at each step to ensure the accuracy of survey weights. A few examples are provided below.

First, the weight sums by stratum were compared before and after each adjustment, and after all the weighting steps, against external counts such as those tabulated from the American Community Survey (ACS). Large differences would have indicated either errors or potential problems in model-based adjustments.

Statistics of the weights (e.g., variance, minimum, maximum, unequal weighting effect) were compared before and after an adjustment. Large differences have signaled a need for further review. For example, a large relative change in an unequal weighting effect (UWE; i.e., design effect associated with the weights) calculated by important domains (e.g., race/ethnicity or geographic location) would be evaluated to determine if additional variables should be used for the weight-adjustment model or if WTADJUST bounds on the adjustments should be tightened.

The weights were also examined for outliers (see, e.g., Chen et al., 2014). Outliers were subject to trimming only after a thorough review of the weight components.

At each stage of the weighting process, sums of the replicate weights (Chapter 9) were compared against the corresponding value for the linear weights; this step ensured that approximately half of the replicate values were at or below the linear value. Estimated standard errors using linear and replicate weights were evaluated where large differences would require further evaluation of both sets of weights.

### 3. HOUSEHOLD WEIGHTING

The first stage of selection for CHIS 2021 as in prior years was the household by way of a sampled address from an address-based sample (ABS). Additional details on the CHIS sample design is available in *CHIS 2021 Methodology Series: Report 1—Sample Design*.

Weights generated at this stage in the process are called “household weights” to keep with the historic CHIS label. These weights by themselves, however, should not be used to generate estimates for the household population in California. Primarily, they do not incorporate important adjustment factors related to nonresponse within the household nor calibration to the number of households by county.

In this chapter, we detail the steps used to calculate the household-level weight which is used as the basis for the person-level analysis weights—adult, child (proxy), and adolescent—discussed in the subsequent chapters of this report.

Specifically, we define the initial base weight in Section 3.1 that accounts for sampling at the household level. Section 3.2 contains an adjustment for unknown residential status and non-residential address. Weights for those with unknown residential status were then set to zero. Next, we applied an adjustment for household-level nonresponse defined as households without a completed screener (Section 3.3). The final adjustment in the household weighting was to calibrate to the low response score from the Census Planning Database (Section 3.4). The final household weight is defined in Section 3.5.

Frame size, sample size and base weight by sampling frame and design stratum are provided in Appendix A. Statistics for the adjustments and the final weight are provided in Table B-1 in Appendix B.

#### 3.1 Base Weights

A base weight, also referred to as a “design weight” or “sampling weight”, adjusts only for the specific process of sampling from the sampling frame. The base weight was calculated as the inverse of the selection probability for each sampled unit from its frame. Base weights were computed for each sample separately. The base weight ( $BW_{ghi}$ ) for each piece of sample  $i$  drawn from stratum  $h$  of sample frame  $g$  is computed as:

$$BW_{ghi} = \frac{N_{gh}}{n_{gh}} \quad (3.1)$$

where  $N_{gh}$  is the total number of records in stratum  $h$  of frame  $g$  and  $n_{gh}$  is the amount of sample drawn from stratum  $h$  from frame  $g$ .

### 3.2 Residential Status Adjustment

Sample units<sup>1</sup> with unknown residential status are those that cannot be classified as either residential or not residential (for ABS) or working or not working (for prepaid cell) at the end of data collection. They are units where no contact was ever made with a household member and no information was provided by the post office or gathered during dialing as to whether the unit was eligible for the survey.

The proportion of eligible sample units ( $p_{eli}$ ) was computed following the AAPOR recommendation as the proportion of the resolved or observed sample units that are eligible. Since units are sampled with different selection probabilities, the base-weighted number of cases rather than the unweighted number of cases was used to compute  $p_{eli}$ . Different values of  $p_{eli}$  were computed for each of the samples. For the address-based samples,  $p_{eli}$  was computed within strata defined by urban status and whether there was a telephone number appended to the sample. For the prepaid cell sample,  $p_{eli}$  was computed separately for cases with differing amounts of appended supplemental information including marital status, education, household income, dwelling type, own/rent and ethnic group.

The values of  $p_{eli}$  are outlined in the following table. All sampled addresses were sent to have telephone numbers appended. Of all the addresses sampled from the main ABS frame, 67 percent had a telephone number appended, either landline or cell, and of the addresses sampled from the AIAN oversample, 45 percent had a telephone number appended. These cases were eligible to be called for non-response follow-up. Thus, the final residential status for each piece of sample was based on either [a] the final postal code if no phone number was appended or the phone number was never dialed or [b] the final call disposition if a phone number was appended and that number was dialed. Table 3.1 shows  $p_{eli}$  by urban status and phone append status.

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<sup>1</sup> Sample units are either addresses or telephone numbers depending on the sample frame.

Table 3.1.  $p_{eli}$  by urban status and phone append status

Sample Frame	Urban status (ABS) / Number of appended variables (PPD)	Phone Append	No Phone Append
Main ABS	Center city of and MSA	0.982	0.649
	Outside center city of MSA but in county of center city	0.983	0.684
	Inside suburban county of MSA	0.981	0.721
	MSA with no center city	0.980	0.684
	Not in an MSA	0.976	0.643
AIAN Oversample	Center city of and MSA	0.800	0.389
	Outside center city of MSA but in county of center city	0.762	0.354
	Inside suburban county of MSA	0.770	0.423
	MSA with no center city	0.715	0.270
	Not in an MSA	0.699	0.369
Prepaid Cell Phone	No appended variables	0.809	NA
	One appended variable	0.814	NA
	Two appended variables	0.850	NA
	Three appended variables	0.851	NA
	Four appended variables	0.861	NA
	Five appended variables	0.858	NA
	Six appended variables	0.862	NA

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

The unknown eligibility adjusted weight,  $HHA1W_i$ , is the product of the base weight and an unknown eligibility adjustment:

$$HHA1W_i = HHA1F_i \times BW_i. \quad (3.2)$$

The unknown eligibility adjustment,  $HHA1F_i$ , is computed as follows:

$$HHA1F_i = \begin{cases} (\sum_{i \in ELI} BW_i + \sum_{i \in UNK\_ELI} p_{eli} \times BW_i) / \sum_{i \in ELI} BW_i, & \text{if } i \in ELI \\ 1, & \text{if } i \in NON\_ELI \\ 0, & i \in UNK\_ELI \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

where ELI denotes sample identified as eligible, NON\_ELI denotes ineligible sample units, and UNK\_ELI denotes sample with unknown eligibility status.  $BW_i$  is the base weight described in Section 3.1 and  $p_{eli}$  is the proportion of eligible sample units.

### 3.3 Household Nonresponse Adjustment

In this step, the household weights were adjusted to account for households that did not complete the household screener.

This weight,  $HHA2W_i$ , is computed as:

$$HHA2W_i = HHA2F_i \times HHA1W_i \quad (3.4)$$

where  $HHA2F_i$  is the household nonresponse adjustment factor computed as follows:

$$HHA2F_i = \begin{cases} ((\sum_{i \in HR} HHA1W_i) + (\sum_{i \in HNR} p2_{eli} \times HHA1W_i)) \times \delta_i(c) / \sum_{i \in HR} HHA1W_i \times \delta_i(c), & \text{if } i \in HR \\ 0, & \text{if } i \in HNR \end{cases} \quad (3.5)$$

where HR is the set of household respondents and HNR is the set of household nonrespondents. As not all household nonrespondents would qualify for the survey,  $p2_{eli}$  is the proportion of respondents that make it through the screener who are eligible. Household respondents are cases where a screener is completed after the household status is confirmed. Household nonrespondents are cases where household status was confirmed, but no screener was completed.  $\delta_i(c)$  defines the household nonresponse adjustment groups.  $\delta_i(c) = 1$  if the household is in cell  $c$  and  $\delta_i(c) = 0$  otherwise.

Non-response adjustment groups were defined within sample frame (i.e., ABS and Prepaid cell). Two sets of variables were considered for defining the nonresponse adjustment groups. The first set of variables included variables similar to those used in the past cycles of CHIS. These variables included urban status, detailed phone append status (landline phone number appended, cell phone number appended and no phone appended) and language of mailing materials (Hispanic dominant, Asian dominant and English). A classification and regression tree (CART) analysis was run to identify which of these variables would make good nonresponse adjustment cell definitions. For the main address-based sample, detailed phone append status and language of mailing materials were significant in the model. For the AIAN oversample, detailed phone append status and urban status were significant in the model, and for the prepaid sample, no variables were significant in the model. The variables significant in the models were used to define the household nonresponse adjustment cells for the respective samples.

A second CART analysis was run using variables from the Census Planning Database at the block group level. The variables included in the CART analysis were low response score, percent Hispanic, percent non-Hispanic white, percent language other than English spoken at home, percent college educated, percent poor, and percent with no health insurance. The variables that were most significant in the CART analysis were used to define the household non-response groups. They included percent college educated, percent Hispanic, percent White and percent language other than English spoken at home.

In total, four variables were used to define the household nonresponse adjustment cells for the main address-based sample.

1. Detailed phone append status
  - a. No phone appended
  - b. Landline phone appended
  - c. Cell phone appended
2. Percent college educated
  - a. Less than 20.59% college graduates
  - b. 20.59%+ college graduates
3. Percent non-Hispanic White
  - a. Less than 25.40% non-Hispanic White
  - b. 25.40%+ non-Hispanic White
4. Language of mailing materials
  - a. English language
  - b. Spanish language
  - c. Asian language

Two variables were used to define the household nonresponse adjustment cells for the AIAN oversample.

1. Detailed phone append status
2. Urban status
  - a. Center city of a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)
  - b. Outside center city of MSA but in county of center city
  - c. Inside suburban county of MSA
  - d. MSA with no center city

- e. Not in an MSA

The household nonresponse adjustment for the prepaid cell sample was done overall.

### 3.4 Calibration to Low Response Score from the Census Planning Database

At this point the household weights for the main address-based sample were calibrated to match the low response score (LRS) from the Census Planning Database. A five-category variable was created for the ABS sample that divided the targeted census block groups into quintiles based on the LRS. Then the household weights for the main ABS were calibrated to match the occupied household distribution from the Census Planning Database.

This weight,  $HHA3W_i$ , is computed as:

$$HHA3W_i = HHA3F_{gi} \times HHA2W_i \quad (3.6)$$

where  $HHA3F_{gi}$  is the low response score calibration adjustment is computed as:

$$HHA3F_{gi} = \begin{cases} N_g / \sum_{i \in g} HHA2W_i, & i \in \text{main ABS sample} \\ 1, & i \in \text{PPD cell and AIAN ABS oversamples} \end{cases} \quad (3.7)$$

where  $g$  denotes the low response score quintile and  $N_g$  is the number of occupied housing units in quintile  $g$ .

### 3.5 One-Year Household Weight

The final one-year household weight is a product of the base weight and the three adjustment factors:

$$HHW_i = BW_i \times HHA1F_i \times HHA2F_i \times HHA3F_i = HHA3W_i \quad (3.8)$$

## 4. ADULT WEIGHTING

A final weight was created for each adult extended interview. Below, we detail the approach used to calculate an analysis weight for adults. Specifically, we define the initial base weights for the randomly selected adult within the household in Section 4.1. Nonresponse to the adult interview request is addressed next (Section 4.2), followed by composite adjustments for overlapping sample frames (Section 4.3), then pre-calibration trimming (Section 4.4). The weights for the entire sample are then calibrated to estimated population projections (Section 4.5). The final adult analysis weight is summarized in Section 4.6. Statistics for the adjustments and the final adult weights are provided in Appendix B.

### 4.1 Number of Adults Adjustment

The first adjustment in the adult weighting adjusts for the number of eligible adults in the household. One eligible adult was selected with equal probability from all those residing in the household. Thus, the number of adults adjustment is equal to the number of eligible adults in the sampled household. For the prepaid cell sample, this adjustment will be 1.0 if the screener respondent is eligible for the oversample and 0 if they are ineligible.

As a result, the number of adults base weight,  $ADA0W_i$ , is defined as the product of the total household weight,  $HHW_i$ , and the number of adults adjustment factor,  $AD_i$ :

$$ADA0W_i = AD_i \times HHW_i \quad (4.1)$$

where  $AD_i$  is the number of eligible adults in the household for respondent  $i$ . Consistent with past renditions of CHIS, values greater than three were truncated to an upper bound of three to limit the variation in the weights.

### 4.2 Adult Nonresponse Adjustment

Some households completed the screener interview, but the sampled adult did not complete the extended adult interview. To account for sampled adults who did not complete the extended interview, we include an adjustment for extended interview nonresponse. This was accomplished via a standard weighting class correction by specified groups.

A CART model was run to determine which variables best predicted adult response. The variables included in the model were language (English, Spanish, other language), parental status (sampled adult was a parent, or not), number of adults in the household, and adult screener respondent (sampled adult was

screeners respondent, or not). The only variable found to be predictive of response was adult screener respondent for the main ABS sample. No variables were found to be predictive of nonresponse for the prepaid cell and the AIAN ABS oversamples. The non-response adjustment cells for the main sample were defined within geographic strata. Cells were collapsed within stratum if cell sizes were less than 25.

The adult nonresponse adjustment weight,  $ADA1W_i$  is the product of the number of adults adjustment weight,  $ADA0W_i$ , and the adult nonresponse adjustment factor,  $ADA1F_i$ .

$$ADA1W_i = ADA1F_i \times ADA0W_i \quad (4.2)$$

The adjustment factor was a simple cell-based response propensity:

$$ADA1F_i = \begin{cases} \frac{\sum_{i \in R, NR} ADA0W_i \times \delta_i(c)}{\sum_{i \in R} ADA0W_i \times \delta_i(c)}, & \text{if } i \in R \\ 0, & \text{if } i \in NR \end{cases} \quad (4.3)$$

where R denotes eligible respondents who completed the extended adult interview and NR denotes nonrespondents.  $\delta_i(c) = 1$  if the adult is in cell  $c$  and  $\delta_i(c) = 0$  otherwise.

### 4.3 Adult Composite Adjustments

Multiple composite adjustments were required to account for overlapping samples.

#### 4.3.1 Adult Compositing of Main Sample and Prepaid Cell Oversample

A composite adjustment was made to combine the main sample and the prepaid cell oversample. The main prepaid cell composite adjustment,  $\lambda_{MAIN,PPD}$  is computed as follows:

$$\lambda_{MAIN,PPD} = \begin{cases} n_{PPD,MAIN} / (n_{PPD,MAIN} + n_{PPD,OS}), & \text{prepaid cell users in the main sample} \\ n_{PPD,OS} / (n_{PPD,MAIN} + n_{PPD,OS}), & \text{prepaid cell oversample} \\ 1, & \text{other respondents} \end{cases} \quad (4.4)$$

where  $n_{PPD,MAIN}$  is the number of interviews from the main sample who have a prepaid cell phone and are either [a] interviewed in Spanish or Asian language, [b] ages 18-24, [c] black or [d] Hispanic and  $n_{PPD,OS}$  is the number of adult interviews completed from the prepaid cell oversample.

### 4.3.2 Adult Compositing of Main Sample and AIAN Oversample

A composite adjustment was made to combine the main sample and the AIAN oversample. The main AIAN composite adjustment,  $\lambda_{MAIN,AIAN}$ , is computed as follows:

$$\lambda_{MAIN,AIAN} = \begin{cases} n_{AIAN,MAIN}/(n_{AIAN,MAIN} + n_{AIAN,OS}), & \text{qualified AIAN respondents in the main sample} \\ n_{AIAN,OS}/(n_{AIAN,MAIN} + n_{AIAN,OS}), & \text{AIAN oversample respondents} \\ 1, & \text{other respondents} \end{cases} \quad (4.5)$$

where  $n_{AIAN,MAIN}$  is the number of interviews from the main sample completed with AIAN adults from the specified rural areas and  $n_{AIAN,OS}$  is the number of interviews completed from the AIAN oversample.

### 4.3.3 Final Adult Compositing

The adult composite adjustment weight,  $ADA2W_i$  is the product of the adult nonresponse adjustment weight,  $ADA1W_i$ , and the adult composite adjustment factor,  $ADA2F_i$ .

$$ADA2W_i = ADA2F_i \times ADA1W_i \quad (4.6)$$

The adjustment factor was the product of the two adjustments described above.

$$ADA2F_i = \lambda_{MAIN,PPD} \times \lambda_{MAIN,AIAN} \quad (4.7)$$

## 4.4 Pre-Calibration Trimming

The adult weight to this point is a product of the base weight from section 3 and the adjustments noted in Sections 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3. This resulting weight was trimmed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 98<sup>th</sup> percentiles within strata. A total of 883 weights were trimmed across the 24,453 cases.

## 4.5 Calibration Adjustment to Department of Finance Projections

We calibrated the trimmed base weights to adjusted values of population projections supplied by the State of California's Department of Finance. Population estimates associated with California residents living in group quarters (e.g., nursing homes, prisons) and others who were not eligible for CHIS was estimated and excluded from the population controls, using techniques documented in Chapter 7 of this report. The calibrated weight was calculated as:

$$ADA3W_i = ADA2W_i \times AA1_i \quad (4.8)$$

where  $AA1_i$  is the calibration adjustment from the WTADJUST procedure.

Calibration variables, calculation of the estimated calibration control totals, and information associated with the calibration procedure are detailed in Chapter 7. The model covariates and interactions mirrored those used in prior rounds of CHIS (see Section 7.2).

#### **4.6 Adult One-Year Analysis Weight**

The resulting adult weights,  $ADA3W_i$ , is the final one-year adult weight. There was no trimming done after the WTADJUST procedure was run.

## 5. CHILD WEIGHTING

Children, ages 11 years and younger, of the randomly chosen adult in households participating in CHIS were also eligible for the study. Information on the children and interview responses were collected from the adult participant.

Below, we describe how the child (proxy interview) analysis weights were calculated. The weighting steps follow those discussed for the adult weights. Specifically, we define the base weight for the child weights in Section 5.1 that were then adjusted to account for nonresponse in Section 5.2, and to account for overlapping sample frames in Section 5.3. These weights were then trimmed (Section 5.4) and calibrated to population projections (Section 5.5). The child one-year analysis weight is shown in Section 5.6. Statistics for the adjustments and the final child weights are provided in Appendix B.

### 5.1 Base Weights

The child base weights are necessary to account for the disproportionate sampling of children by age group within household. Specifically, children ages 0-5 were given twice the likelihood of selection than children 6-11 by study design. If  $n1$  is the number of children age 0-5 of the sampled adult in the household and  $n2$  is the number of children 6-11 of the sampled adult in the household, then probability that a child is sampled,  $CHA0_i$ , is defined as:

$$CHA0_i = \begin{cases} 2/[(2 \times n1) + n2], & 0 - 5 \text{ sampled} \\ 1/[(2 \times n1) + n2], & 6 - 11 \text{ sampled} \end{cases} \quad (5.1)$$

The child base weight also needs to account for the different probability of child selection across households based on the number of adults and parents in the households. Households with two parents have twice the probability of selecting a parent than households with only one parent (and other adults in the household). If we let  $P_i$  be the number of parents in household  $i$ , and  $AD_i$  the number of the adults in the household (capped at 3), then the resulting child-level base weight is defined as:

$$CHW0_i = \begin{cases} HHW_i/[CHA0_i \times (P_i/AD_i)], & i \in \text{ABS sample} \\ HHW_i/CHA0_i, & i \in \text{prepaid cell sample} \end{cases} \quad (5.2)$$

where  $HHW_i$  is the household weight defined in Section 3.5.

## 5.2 Child Nonresponse Adjustment

We calculate a child nonresponse adjustment in the same manner as the adult nonresponse adjustment described in Section 4.2. This weighting adjustment accounts for households that have an eligible child, but no child interview is completed, either because of adult nonresponse or child nonresponse. The adjustment cells are defined by sex within sampling stratum. Small cells were collapsed within stratum to increase the number of respondents in each cell.

$$CHA1W_i = CHA1F_i \times CHW0_i \quad (5.3)$$

The adjustment factor,  $CHA1F_i$ , is:

$$CHA1F_i = \begin{cases} \frac{\sum_{i \in CHR, CHNR} CHW0_i \times \delta_i(c)}{\sum_{i \in CHR} CHW0_i \times \delta_i(c)}, & \text{if } i \in CHR \\ 0, & \text{if } i \in CHNR \end{cases} \quad (5.4)$$

where CHR are child-interview respondents and CHNR are child interview non-respondents. We define  $c$  as the child nonresponse adjustment cell defined using sex of child and geographic stratum.  $\delta_i(c) = 1$  if the case is in the adjustment cell and  $\delta_i(c) = 0$  otherwise.

## 5.3 Child Composite Adjustments

The same composite adjustments made for the adult weights were also made for the child weights.

$$CHA2W_i = CHA2F_i \times CHA1W_i \quad (5.5)$$

The adjustment factor,  $CHA2F_i$ , is the product of the two adjustments described in Section 4.3.

$$CHA2F_i = \lambda_{MAIN,PPD} \times \lambda_{MAIN,AIAN} \quad (5.6)$$

## 5.4 Pre-Calibration Trimming

The child weight to this point is a product of the base weight from Chapter 3 and the adjustments noted from Sections 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3. The child weights were trimmed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 98<sup>th</sup> percentiles within region. A total of 121 cases had child weights trimmed.

## 5.5 Calibration Adjustment to Department of Finance Projections

The child data was calibrated to target population parameters like the adult data. The calibrated weight was calculated as:

$$CHA3W_i = CHA2W_i \times AA2_i \quad (5.7)$$

where  $AA2_i$  is the calibration adjustment from the WTADJUST procedure.

Calibration variables, calculation of the estimated calibration control totals, and information associated with the calibration procedure are detailed in Chapter 7. The model covariates and interactions mirrored those used in prior rounds of CHIS (see Section 7.2).

## 5.6 Child One-Year Analysis Weight

The resulting child weight,  $CHA3W_i$ , is the final one-year child weight. There was no trimming done after the WTADJUST procedure was run.

## 6. ADOLESCENT WEIGHTING

Adolescent children, ages 12 to 17, of the randomly chosen adult were eligible for the study. In contrast to the child (proxy) interview, one randomly chosen adolescent was recruited to conduct an interview only after receiving permission from a parent.

Below, we describe our approach calculating an adolescent analysis weight for analyzing an annual CHIS data file. Steps to calculate the adolescent weight follow those specified for the child weight. Specifically, we define the adolescent base weight in Section 6.1 that were then adjusted to account for nonresponse in Section 6.2, and to account for overlapping sample frames in Section 6.3. These weights were then trimmed (Section 6.4) and calibrated to population projections (Section 6.5). Statistics for the adjustments and the final adolescent weights are provided in Appendix B.

### 6.1 Base Weights

As in the child weighting, the initial weights for the adolescents incorporate the probability of sampling the adult and the probability of sampling an adolescent among all adolescents associated with the sampled adult. The initial weight,  $TNW0_i$ , is computed as

$$TNW0_i = \begin{cases} HHW_i \times TCNT_i / (P_i / AD_i), & i \in ABS \text{ sample} \\ HHW_i \times TCNT_i, & i \in \text{prepaid cell sample} \end{cases} \quad (6.1)$$

where  $P_i$  is the number of parents in household  $i$ ,  $AD_i$  is the number of adults in the household (capped at 3), and  $TCNT_i$  is the number of eligible adolescents of the sampled parent.  $HHW_i$  is the household weight defined in Section 3.5.

### 6.2 Adjustment for Adolescent Nonresponse

An adolescent nonresponse adjustment is made in the same manner as the adult and child nonresponse adjustments described in Sections 4.2 and 5.2. This weighting adjustment accounts for households that have an eligible adolescent, but no adolescent interview was completed.

$$TNA1W_i = TNA1F_i \times TNW0_i \quad (6.2)$$

The adjustment factor,  $TNA1F_i$ , is:

$$TNA1F_i = \begin{cases} \frac{\sum_{i \in TNR, TNNR} TNW0_i \times \delta_i(c)}{\sum_{i \in TNR} TNW0_i \times \delta_i(c)}, & \text{if } i \in TNR \\ 0, & \text{if } i \in TNNR \end{cases} \quad (6.3)$$

where TNR are adolescent interview respondents and TNNR are adolescent interview non-respondents. We define  $c$  as the adolescent nonresponse adjustment cell defined using stratum.  $\delta_i(c) = 1$  if the case is in the adjustment cell and  $\delta_i(c) = 0$  otherwise. The adjustment cells are defined by sampling stratum.

### 6.3 Adolescent Composite Adjustments

The same composite adjustments made for the adult and child weights were also made for the adolescent weights.

$$TNA2W_i = TNA2F_i \times TNA1W_i \quad (6.4)$$

The adjustment factor,  $TNA2F_i$ , is the product of the two adjustments described in Section 4.3.

$$TNA2F_i = \lambda_{MAIN,PPD} \times \lambda_{MAIN,AIAN} \quad (6.5)$$

### 6.4 Pre-calibration Trimming

The adolescent weight to this point is a product of the base weight from Chapter 3 and the adjustments noted from Section 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3. Weights were trimmed at the 5th and 95th percentiles within region. A total of 110 cases had adolescent weights trimmed.

### 6.5 Calibration Adjustment to Department of Finance Projections

The adolescent data was calibrated to target population parameters like the adult data. The calibrated weight was calculated as:

$$TNA3W_i = TNA2W_i \times AA3_i \quad (6.6)$$

where  $AA3_i$  is the calibration adjustment from the WTADJUST procedure.

Calibration variables, calculation of the estimated calibration control totals, and information associated with the calibration procedure are detailed in Chapter 7. The model covariates and interactions mirrored those used in prior rounds of CHIS (see Section 7.2).

## 6.6 Adolescent One-Year Analysis Weight

The resulting weight,  $TNA3W_i$ , is the final one-year adolescent weight. There was no trimming done after the WTADJUST procedure was run.

## 7. CALIBRATION CONTROL TOTALS

Calibration to population values is an important attribute of the CHIS weights. Section 7.1 contains an overview of weight calibration and highlights the many benefits of such efforts. Section 7.2 contains the dimensions used in the final calibration models, along with steps to address small sample size for certain dimensions. Population sources accessed for key information are detailed in Section 7.3. Steps to convert the population information into usable calibration control totals are discussed in Section 7.4.

### 7.1 Calibration Procedure

Calibration is a weight adjustment method where survey-estimated population counts are constrained to equal their corresponding population control totals. If the population characteristics are associated with a survey characteristic, then the estimated characteristic will have a smaller standard error with calibration compared to its size with unadjusted analysis weights (Kott, 2006; Valliant et al., 2013). Poststratification and raking are types of weight calibration. With poststratification, characteristics are interacted (e.g., sex crossed with levels of race/ethnicity) to form a relatively large number of weighting cells (classes). Using too many characteristics could result in cells with a small amount of sample, resulting in an increase in the variability of the weights and consequently a reduction in precision for estimates using these weights. Small cells are generally collapsed with larger cells to improve precision but sometimes the ad hoc collapsing can increase bias in the estimates (Kim et al., 2007). Raking (Kalton & Flores-Cervantes, 2003), in its traditional form, only using the marginal control totals and no interactions, thereby including more covariates than poststratification but excluding finer adjustments that could benefit the survey estimates.

Calibration using the WTADJUST procedure in SUDAAN (Section 2.2.2) combines the benefits of poststratification and raking by allowing many controls with constraints on the adjustment to control decrease in precision. Specifically, calibration allows a combination of marginal control (e.g., design strata) and interactions (e.g., region by sex by race/ethnicity).

Calibration adjustments were implemented to align the weight sums to person-level estimates by several characteristics. Information for the adult, child and adolescent adjustments are discussed in Sections 4.4, 5.4, and 6.4, respectively. The control totals used in the calibration models are detailed in the next section (Section 7.2). Because population totals required for the adjustment did not exist, needed population estimates were generated from population information that was available. The control total sources for the two calibration adjustments are listed in Section 7.3. Estimation methods for the CHIS control totals are detailed in Section 7.4.

In 2019, we ran 11 different calibrations to align weight sums to population estimates. We ran an untrimmed calibration along with calibrations that trimmed the weight at 1%, 2%,...,10%. We computed mean squared errors on a series of variables to decide on a final trimming.<sup>2</sup> There was no one trimming that resulted in a minimum mean squared error across all of the variables and differences among the trimmings were subtle. We used the 1% trim as it minimized the MSE for the majority of the variables used in the analysis. We utilized the same 1% trim for the 2021 calibration.

## 7.2 Calibration Model Dimensions

The 13 weight calibration dimensions used in CHIS 2021 are shown in Table 7-1. These dimensions follow those specified in prior years of the study to maximize continuity. Specifically, Dimensions 1-8 and 11 involve combinations of demographic characteristics (age, sex, race/ethnicity) and reported geography (county, region, state). Regions of the state are shown in Table 7-2. Note that the number of groups is provided in parentheses, such as primary age 1 (3) = under 12 years, 12 to 17 years, and 18 years or older shown for Dimension 1. Dimension 9 includes education of the responding adult crossed with region and Dimension 10 includes number of adults in the household crossed by primary age crossed by region. Dimension 12 interacts household tenure by region. Dimension 13 crosses AIAN by rural and was included this year because of the oversample of AIAN adults in rural areas.

Levels within the dimensions were collapsed for situations where there were fewer than 50 respondents in a cell. Table 7.1 shows the 13 calibration dimensions along with the total number of categories for each. The last column of the table shows the number of categories that were used in the calibration after collapsing. Table 7.2 shows the definition of all the variables that were used to create the 13 dimensions.

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<sup>2</sup> The variables used in the trimming analysis were DISTRESS, AB1, ASTCUR (adult), AB22, AH16, AH22, AI8, CA6, ASTCUR (child), TB1, and ASTCUR (adolescent).

Table 7-1. Dimensions used in weight calibration

Dimension	Variables (categories)	Total categories <sup>1</sup>	Categories after collapsing
1	Region (7) by primary age 1 (3) by sex (2)	42	38
2	Region (7) by secondary age (9)	63	63
3	Detailed age (13) by sex (2)	26	26
4	Geography (14) by primary age 1 (3) plus remainder (1)	43	28
5	Primary age 2 (2) by race/ethnicity (7) by region (7)	98	57
6	Primary age 1 (3) by race/ethnicity (7) by sex (2)	42	29
7	Asian groups (8) by primary age 1 (3)	24	16
8	Stratum (44) by race (3) by primary age 2 (2)	264	135
9	Region (7) by education (6)	42	35
10	Region (7) by primary age 1 (3) adults in household (3)	63	49
11	Stratum (44) by primary age 1 (3)	132	82
12	Household tenure (2) by region (7)	14	14
13	AIAN by rural (4)	4	3

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> The total number of categories for each dimension is simply the product of the individual variables used to create the dimension, plus any remainder categories (dimension 4).

Table 7-2 details the variables used the 13 calibration dimensions. The number of categories is listed in parenthesis followed by a list of the dimensions that use the variable.

Table 7-2. Detailed variable definitions used in calibration dimensions

Variable	Dimensions	Categories
Region (7)	1,2,5,9,10,12	<p><i>Northern &amp; Sierra Counties:</i> Butte, Shasta, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Yuba, Nevada, Sutter, Colusa, Glenn, Tehama, Del Norte, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Sierra, Siskiyou, Trinity, Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Tuolumne counties</p> <p><i>Greater Bay Area:</i> Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Sonoma, Solano, Marin, Napa counties</p> <p><i>Sacramento Area:</i> Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado counties</p> <p><i>San Joaquin Valley:</i> Fresno, Kern, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, Merced, Kings, Madera counties</p> <p><i>Central Coast:</i> Ventura, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito counties</p> <p><i>Los Angeles:</i> Los Angeles County</p> <p><i>Other Southern California:</i> San Diego, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Imperial counties</p>
Primary age 1 (3)	1,4,6,7,10,11	<p>0-17 years</p> <p>18-64 years</p> <p>65+ years</p>
Sex (2)	1,3,6	<p>Male</p> <p>Female</p>
Secondary age (9)	2	<p>0-5 years</p> <p>6-11 years</p> <p>12-17 years</p> <p>18-24 years</p> <p>25-29 years</p> <p>30-39 years</p> <p>40-49 years</p> <p>50-64 years</p> <p>65+ years</p>
Detailed age (13)	3	<p>0-3 years</p> <p>4-7 years</p> <p>8-11 years</p> <p>12-14 years</p> <p>15-17 years</p> <p>18-24 years</p> <p>25-30 years</p> <p>31-37 years</p> <p>38-45 years</p> <p>46-53 years</p> <p>54-64 years</p> <p>65-77 years</p> <p>78+ years</p>

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Table 7-2. Detailed variable definitions used in calibration dimensions (continued)

Variable	Dimensions	Categories
Geography (14)	4	Los Angeles County – Antelope Valley Los Angeles County – San Fernando Valley Los Angeles County – San Gabriel Valley Los Angeles County – Metro Los Angeles County – West Los Angeles County – South Los Angeles County – East Los Angeles County – South Bay San Diego County – North Coastal San Diego County – North Central San Diego County – Central San Diego County – South San Diego County – East San Diego County – North Inland
Primary age 2 (2)	5,8	0-17 years 18+ years
Race/ethnicity (7)	5,6	Latino White, not Latino Black, not Latino American Indian, not Latino Asian, not Latino Native Hawaiian, not Latino Two or more races, not Latino
Asian groups (8)	7	Not Latino Chinese      Not Latino Japanese Not Latino Korean      Not Latino South Asian Not Latino Filipino      Not Latino other Asian Not Latino Vietnamese      Latino or not Asian
Stratum (44)	8,11	Refer to Table 1-1 for strata definitions
Race (3)	8	Latino Not Latino, White Not Latino, other race
Education (6)	9	Under 18 and parent less than HS graduate Under 18 and parent HS graduate Under 18 and parent some college+ 18+, less than HS graduate 18+, HS graduate 18+, some college+

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Table 7-2. Detailed variable definitions used in calibration dimensions (continued)

Variable	Dimensions	Categories
Number of adults in household (3)	10	One adult Two adults Three or more adults
Household tenure (2)	12	Home owner Renter
AIAN by rural (4)	13	AIAN in rural, HD AIAN areas AIAN in other rural areas AIAN in non-rural areas Not AIAN

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

### 7.3 Sources for Population Control Totals

No individual source was available to address the calibration control total needs for CHIS. In keeping with prior rounds of the study, multiple government databases were combined to produce estimated population values used in the calibration. We describe the sources below.

#### 7.3.1 California Department of Finance Population Predictions and Estimates

As in prior years of CHIS, the California Department of Finance (DOF) population projections was the primary source for calculating estimated control totals used in weight calibration. Population counts by county and person-level characteristics (Table 7-3) were provided for 2021 for yearly file adjustments. This sole source by year produced estimates for adult, child and adolescent weight because projections are provided by single year of age up to 100 years. Additional information on the history of the DOF projections is provided in the *CHIS 2013-2014 Methodology Series: Report 5 – Weighting and Variance Estimation*.

Table 7-3. Definition of counts available in 2021 California DOF population files

Category	Levels
County (58)	Alameda, Alpine, ..., Yolo, Yuba
Age groups (101)	Age less than 1 year, Age 1 year, ..., Age 100 years or more (by single year of age)
Sex (2)	Male Female
Race/ethnicity (12)	Latino White alone Latino African American alone Latino American Indian/Alaska Native alone Latino Asian alone Latino Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone Latino Two or more races Non-Latino White alone Non-Latino African American alone Non-Latino American Indian/Alaska Native alone Non-Latino Asian alone Non-Latino Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone Non-Latino Two or more races

Source: 2021 California Department of Finance projections.

The DOF projections, however, were not in perfect alignment with CHIS and additional adjustments were required. First, DOF projections followed the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) modified race definition and, as shown in Table 7-3, did not include an “other race” group (OMB, 1997). With CHIS, respondents could designate one or more of five main racial categories—White, Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. All open-end responses that could not be collapsed into a single or multi-race using this groups were classified as “other” and for the purposes of weighting were imputed as one of the OMB categories. (See discussion of OMBSRREO in Section 8.4.2)

DOF projections also included California residents who live in group quarters, a population that was ineligible for CHIS. Census 2010 files were used to estimate the proportion of persons in group quarters; these values were subtracted from the DOF projections, and these proportions were removed from the DOF estimates (see Section 7.4.1).

Additionally, the person characteristics on the DOF file did not allow the estimate of population counts for all calibration dimensions. Therefore, additional sources were required for this purpose as discussed below.

### 7.3.2 Census 2010 Files

As in prior years, data from the 2010 Census was used as source information for CHIS in three ways:

- The proportion of CHIS-ineligible residents living in group quarters was estimates from the 2010 Census Summary File 1 (SF1; U.S. Census Bureau, 2012a). Section 7.6.1 describes the details of this process. Information available from the SF1 is provided in Table 7-4.
- The SF1 was adjusted by information on the 2010 Census Modified Race File (U.S. Census Bureau, 2012b) to calculate population counts for the “other race” group.
- The SF1 was also used for producing population distributions for Dimension 4 by Service Planning Areas (SPAs) within Los Angeles County and by Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) regions within San Diego County, which were then applied to the DOF population total for that county.

Table 7-4. Definition of variables available on the 2010 Census Summary File

Category	Levels
Stratum (44) <sup>1</sup>	
Sex (2)	Male Female
Age groups (3)	Less than 18 years old 18-64 years old 65 years old or older
Ethnicity (3)	Latino Non-Latino, White alone Other
Race (7)	White alone African American alone American Indian/Alaska Native alone Asian alone Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone Other race alone Two or more races

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010.

<sup>1</sup> Design strata (44) are defined in Table 1-1.

### **7.3.3 American Community Survey for California**

American Community Survey (ACS) public-use one-year micro data files (PUMS) were accessed for Dimensions 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13. These data were used to estimate the proportions of the population by Asian groups, education, household tenure, and number of adults in the household (Table 7-2). The 2019 ACS PUMS file was used for CHIS 2021 one-year weights.

### **7.4 Producing the Control Totals**

As mentioned previously, the population control totals were estimated and not directly drawn from available sources. The procedures to calculate the estimates follow methods developed for previous rounds of the study and are detailed below. The process begins with estimating and then removing population estimates linked with those living in group quarters (Section 7.4.1) and completes with the final calculations for the 13 calibration dimensions (Section 7.4.2).

#### **7.4.1 Removing the Population Living in Group Quarters**

Population control totals were not available and instead were estimated from the source information described previously. The procedures followed those originally developed for CHIS 2003 to maintain consistency across years. All control totals were derived from the same adjusted DOF projections to maintain consistency across dimensions. The general steps are described below.

*Tabulated Population Projections.* The DOF population counts were tabulated into groups defined by the cross-tabulation design stratum (44), ethnicity (Latino, Non-Latino), age group (18), race (6) and gender (2). The six levels for race in the DOF file are shown in Table 7-3 and the 18 age levels required for the calibration dimensions are shown in Table 7-5. For convenience, let  $T_{d6}^{DOF}$  represent the cross-tabulated counts for the DOF file, where year is suppressed for convenience and the race grouping (6) excluding “other”.

*Estimated Group Quarters.* The estimated proportion of group quarters was estimated from the 2010 Census SF1. As shown in Table 7-4, however, not all characteristics required for CHIS were available (e.g., single year of age). Consequently, assumptions were required: 1) the proportion in group quarters by single year of age within each age group (less than 18 years old, 18 to 64 years old, and 65 years old or older) was the same; and 2) the proportion in group quarters within racial group was the same across ethnicity (Latino or non-Latino).

Table 7-5. Age levels used to summarize California DOF data file

Age group	Description	Age group	Description
1	0 to 3 years old	10	30
2	4 to 5	11	31 to 37
3	6 to 7	12	38 to 39
4	8 to 11	13	40 to 45
5	12 to 14	14	46 to 49
6	15 to 17	15	50 to 53
7	18 to 24	16	54 to 64
8	25	17	65 to 77
9	26 to 29	18	78 years and older

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.  
 Note: DOF = Department of Finance.

Three sets of estimated control totals excluding group quarters were calculated from the 2010 Census SF1 by different groups. The first total set was defined as

$$D_{1m}^{SF1.\overline{GQ}} = D_{1m}^{SF1} - D_{1m}^{SF1.GQ} \quad (7.1)$$

where  $D_{1m}^{SF1}$  was the total population of California within group  $m$ ,  $D_{1m}^{SF1.GQ}$  was the corresponding population living in group quarters, and  $m$  was defined as cells created by crossing strata (44), race (7), age group (3) and sex (2). The levels of these variables are shown in Table 7-4.

The second set of control totals were defined as

$$D_{2p}^{SF1.\overline{GQ}} = D_{2p}^{SF1} - D_{2p}^{SF1.GQ} \quad (7.2)$$

where  $D_{2p}^{SF1}$  was the total population of California within group  $p$ ,  $D_{2p}^{SF1.GQ}$  was the corresponding population living in group quarters, and  $p$  was defined as cells created by crossing strata (44), ethnicity (3), age group (3) and sex (2).

The third set of controls were calculated as

$$D_{3q}^{SF1.\overline{GQ}} = D_{3q}^{SF1} - D_{3q}^{SF1.GQ} \quad (7.3)$$

where  $D_{3q}^{SF1}$  was the total population in California within group  $q$ ,  $D_{3q}^{SF1.GQ}$  was the corresponding population living in group quarters, and  $q$  was defined as cells created by the cross of strata (44) and age group (less than 18 years old, 18 years and older).

Using the similarity assumptions above and the three sets of control totals –  $D_{1m}^{SF1.\overline{GQ}}$  in (7.1),  $D_{2p}^{SF1.\overline{GQ}}$  in (7.2) and  $D_{3q}^{SF1.\overline{GQ}}$  in (7.3) – that all excluded group quarters, 2010 Census SF1 counts with group quarters removed were estimated as

$$T_{d7}^{SF1.\overline{GQ}} = T_{mp}^{SF1} \times a_{mp} \quad (7.4)$$

where  $T_{mp}^{SF1}$  were the 2010 Census SF1 population counts within cross-classified groups defined in Table 7-5,  $a_{mp}$  was the adjustment applied based on raking the counts to the control totals, and  $d7$  identifies the groups defined by the cross-classification of design stratum (44), ethnicity (Latino, Non-Latino), age group (18), race (7) including “other” and gender (2). The corresponding methodology was applied with the total population counts including group quarters to derive  $T_{d7}^{SF1}$ . Thus, the proportion of group quarters in cell  $d$  was calculated as

$$p_{d7}^{SF1.\overline{GQ}} = T_{d7}^{SF1.\overline{GQ}} / T_{d7}^{SF1} \quad (7.5)$$

This proportion was then applied to the yearly DOF files where ratios associated with the “other” category were assumed to be equivalent to a combination of information from the other racial groups (see, for example, *CHIS 2013-2014 Methodology Series: Report 5 – Weighting and Variance Estimation* for the justification). Thus,

$$T_{d6}^{DOF.\overline{GQ}} = p_{d7}^{SF1.\overline{GQ}} \times T_{d6}^{DOF} \quad (7.6)$$

The estimated residential population, excluding group quarters, within cells defined by stratum (44), ethnicity (Latino, Non-Latino), age group (18), race (6) and gender (2). The estimated proportion of the California residential population that live in grouped quarters was 2.4%.

#### 7.4.2 Computing the Control Totals

Values calculated with (7.6) were tabulated across the estimation cells to form the non-group quarters control totals for calibration dimensions 1-3, 5, 6, 8 and 11. Census tract information was used to

align the 2010 Census SF1 file to SPA and San Diego HSSA region to form subarea-specific proportions. These were applied to the Los Angeles and San Diego adjusted counts for tabulating control totals for Dimension 4. For Dimension 7, the proportion by ethnicity group (Latino, non-Latino) for the Asian population was tabulated from 2019 ACS PUMS data and applied to the adjusted DOF counts. ACS data were also used for dimension 9 (adult's education), dimension 10 (number of adults in the household), dimension 12 (household tenure) and dimension 13 (AIAN by rural).

## **8. IMPUTATION PROCEDURES**

Item nonresponse occurs when a sample member should have but does not provide a response to a question. This excludes items that are skipped because of responses to prior routing questions. Item nonresponse also results if a response is deemed infeasible based on quality reviews and removed. Imputation replaces the missing values with valid responses, thereby enabling complete-case analysis and analysis weight creation. Imputation procedures were used for a select set of variables for CHIS 2021.

This chapter describes the magnitude of item nonresponse by year for variables critical to producing the CHIS analysis weights, along with methods to address the missing information. Section 8.1 contains a preview of the variables subject to imputation, along with details of the methods used to supply the missing information. Identification of the methods used is communicated to the user community through a set of imputation indicator variables accompanying the data. Section 8.2 summarizes the imputation results for variables associated with the geographic location of the sampled households. Information on imputed values for household characteristics relevant to all interviews within the household (adult, adolescent, and child) is given in Section 8.3. Section 8.4 concludes this chapter with a discussion of the person-level variables important not only for the weights but also subgroup estimation with the CHIS data.

### **8.1 Imputed Variables and Methods**

Table 8-1 lists by type the variables critical to the creation of CHIS analysis weights that were examined for imputation. The questionnaire response variables used to generate the initial values are provided. The response variables are listed in priority order, where priority was based on response source. For example, we assigned self-reported age (SRAGE) for adults the value from adult interview (AAGE); if this information was missing, then information was obtained from the corresponding screener variable (SC62\_AGE, SCE2\_AGE).

Table 8-1. Description of imputed variables by year

Variable Type	Variable Name	Variable Description	Response Variables
Geographic	SR_COUNTY_FIPS	County	For the ABS sample, the geographic variables were solely based on sample information.  For the prepaid sample, AO2, AM8, AM9, SAH42
	SRZIP	ZIP Code	
	SRSTRATA	Stratum	
	SR_LASPA	Los Angeles Service Planning Area (SPA)	
	SR_HR	San Diego Health Service Region (HSR)	
Household	SRTENR	Household tenure	AK25
	ELIG_KID_0_5	Number of interview-eligible kids ages 0-5	SC13A2_01 –SC13A2_20, SC15A_1 – SC15A_20, SC14A1, SC14A_01- SC14A_20, SC14C_01 –SC14C_20, ADULT_INDEX, TEEN_INDEX, CHILD_INDEX
	ELIG_KID_6_11	Number of interview-eligible kids ages 6-11	SC13A2_01 –SC13A2_20, SC15A_1 – SC15A_20, SC14A1, SC14A_01- SC14A_20, SC14C1, SC14C_01- SC14C_20, ADULT_INDEX, TEEN_INDEX, CHILD_INDEX
	ELIG_TEEN	Number of interview-eligible adolescents	SC13A2_01 –SC13A2_20, SC15A_1 – SC15A_20, SC14A1, SC14A_01- SC14A_20, SC14C1, SC14C_01- SC14C_20, ADULT_INDEX, TEEN_INDEX, CHILD_INDEX
	PARENT_CHILD_HH	Number of parents for the selected child	SC14A_01-SC14A_20, SC14C1, SC14C_01-SC14C_20, PERSNUM_CHILD
	PARENT_TEEN_HH	Number of parents for the selected adolescent	SC14A_01-SC14A_20, SC14C1 SC14C_01- SC14C_20, PERSNUM_TEEN

(continued)

Table 8-1. Description of imputed variables by year (continued)

Variable Type	Variable Name	Variable Description	Response Variables
Person	SRAGE	Age	AAGE, CAGE, TAGE, SC62, SC6E2
	SRSEX	Sex	AD66B, CA1, TA21
	SREDUC	Educational Attainment	AH47,
	SRH	Self-Reported Latino	AA4, CH1, TI1
	SRW	Self-Reported White	AA5A_A - AA5A_G, CH3_A - CH3_G, TI2_a - TI2_G
	SRAA	Self-Reported African American	AA5A_A - AA5A_G, CH3_A - CH3_G, TI2_a - TI2_G
	SRAS	Self-Reported Asian	AA5A_A - AA5A_G, CH3_A - CH3_G, TI2_a - TI2_G
	SRAI	Self-Reported American Indian/Alaska Native	AA5A_A - AA5A_G, CH3_A - CH3_G, TI2_a - TI2_G
	SRPI	Self-Reported Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	AA5A_A - AA5A_G, CH3_A - CH3_G, TI2_a - TI2_G
	SRO	Self-Reported Other	AA5A_A - AA5A_G, CH3_A - CH3_G, TI2_a - TI2_G
	SRCH	Self-Reported Chinese	AA5E_A - AA5E_G, CH7_A - CH7_G, TI2D_A - TI2D_G
	SRPH	Self-Reported Filipino	AA5E_A - AA5E_G, CH7_A - CH7_G, TI2D_A - TI2D_G
	SRKR	Self-Reported Korean	AA5E_A - AA5E_G, CH7_A - CH7_G, TI2D_A - TI2D_G
	SRJP	Self-Reported Japanese	AA5E_A - AA5E_G, CH7_A - CH7_G, TI2D_A - TI2D_G
	SRVT	Self-Reported Vietnamese	AA5E_A - AA5E_G, CH7_A - CH7_G, TI2D_A - TI2D_G
	SRASO	Self-Reported Other Asian	AA5E_A - AA5E_G, CH7_A - CH7_G, TI2D_A - TI2D_G
	OMBSRREO	OMB Race/ Ethnicity Group	SRH, SRO, SRW2, SRAA2, SRAS2, SRAI2, SRPI2
	OMBSRASO	OMB non-Latino Asian Group	SRH, SRAS, SRCH, SRPH, SRKR, SRJP, SRVT, SRASO

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

The type and item nonresponse rate of each variable dictated the imputation methodology. The various methods used for CHIS are shown in Table 8-2, along with the codes for the imputation indicator (flag) created for each weighting variable.

Table 8-2. Description of imputation indicators

Imputation Flag	Definition
0	Reported data; no imputation
1	Missing data; deterministic (i.e., logical) imputation <sup>1</sup>
2	Inconsistent data removed; deterministic (i.e., logical) imputation <sup>1</sup>
3	Missing data; random assignment <sup>2</sup>
4	Inconsistent data; random assignment <sup>2</sup>
5	Missing data; hot-deck imputation <sup>3</sup>
6	Inconsistent data; hot-deck imputation <sup>3</sup>
7	Missing data; external data source assignment
8	Inconsistent data; external data source assignment

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Values assigned based on other information in the interview

<sup>2</sup> Values randomly assigned from distribution of all possible values

<sup>3</sup> Values randomly obtained from donor record with reported data

A brief description of the imputation methods is as follows.

- *Deterministic imputation* uses responses to other variables within the respondent interview to assign a value. An example of deterministic imputation is imputing a female gender when the respondent has indicated a past pregnancy.
- *Random assignment* consists of randomly populating a value in place of the missing information based on the distribution of responses for that variable. One example of a random assignment is imputing a missing age based on the distribution of respondent ages in a stratum. Only variables with very few missing responses were imputed using deterministic or random assignment. While the item nonresponse may be related to other variables in the dataset, we assumed that any bias introduced through deterministic or random assignment would be negligible.
- *Hot-deck imputation* was used when the concerns about estimated bias from item nonresponse outweighed the applicability of the two imputation methods previously discussed. In hot-deck imputation, records with missing values are given values from

randomly selected donors that were in the same imputation class as the recipient (RTI 2012; Andridge and Little, 2010; Brick and Kalton, 1996). Imputation classes are ideally formed through the cross-classification of covariates (variables) associated with the weighting variables in the group and with patterns of item nonresponse. We used results from classification and regression tree (CART) models to create imputation classes (Breiman et al., 1984) with input variables shown in Table 8-3.

- *External data source assignment:* We imputed missing values using a *data source external to CHIS*, including population patterns derived from administrative data.

Table 8-3. Input variables for CART models to create imputation classes

Variable	Definition
SC5A	Number of adults in the household
CHLD_INDEX	Presence of children in the household
CREGION	California region
ELIG_KID_0_5	Number of children aged 0-5 years related to the selected adult
ELIG_KID_6_11	Number of children aged 6-11 years related to the selected adult
ELIG_TEEN	Number of adolescents aged 12-17 years related to the selected adult
POVERTY	Poverty status
SRAGE	Self-reported age
SREDUC	Self-reported educational attainment
SRH	Self-reported Latino
SRRACE	Self-reported race
SRSEX	Self-reported sex
SRSTRATA	Self-reported stratum
SRTENR	Self-reported tenure
TEEN_INDEX	Presence of adolescents in the household

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

Several quality evaluations were conducted on the data before and after imputation. For example, data were subjected to an extensive cleaning process to ensure consistency of the responses within an interview (internal response consistency) and across interviews within a household (external response consistency) for the donor cases. Once completed, we examined the imputed response for internal and external consistency.

## 8.2 Geographic Characteristics

Records were geocoded to specific latitude and longitude coordinates based on the sampled address. This section describes the geographic responses imputed when missing to allow coordinate assignment by the geocoding process.

### 8.2.1 Self-reported ZIP Code

For the ABS sample in CHIS 2021, none of the geographic variables required imputation. For the prepaid cell oversample- in CHIS 2021, we imputed zipcode for the missing cases using SRSTRATA and the phone area code.

Table 8-4 shows the unweighted item nonresponse for SRZIP.

Table 8-4. Item nonresponse for self-reported zip code

Variable and Source of Data	All Modes	
	n	pct <sup>2</sup>
SRZIP (Self-reported ZIP code)		
Sampled values	24,374	99.7
Imputed values	79	0.3
Total	24,453	100.0

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Unweighted percent of cases within variable.

### 8.2.2 Self-reported Stratum and Substratum

As with SRZIP, stratum (SRSTRATA), Los Angeles Service Planning Areas (SR\_LASPA) and San Diego Health Service Regions (SR\_HR) were computed from the sampled address and where needed were imputed based on the imputed SRZIP for the prepaid cell cases. Table 8-5 shows the unweighted rates for these variables.

Table 8-5. Item nonresponse for stratum, Los Angeles SPA, and San Diego HSR

Variable and Source of Data	All Modes	
	n	pct <sup>1</sup>
<b>SRSTRATA (Self-reported stratum)</b>		
Sampled values	24,374	99.7
Imputed values	79	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,453</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>SR_LASPA (Self-reported Los Angeles county service planning area)</b>		
Sampled values	24,374	99.7
Imputed values	79	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,453</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>SR_HR (Self-reported San Diego county health service region)</b>		
Sampled values	24,374	99.7
Imputed values	79	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,453</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Unweighted percent of cases within variable.

### 8.2.3 Self-reported Region and Urbanicity

Two additional geographic variables were created based on the results of the geographic imputation. CREGION groups counties into seven distinct regions (Table 7-2). URBAN is a variable that classifies all records in strata 1-15 as urban (URBAN=1) and the remaining records as rural (URBAN=2). Both variables were based on SRZIP.

## 8.3 Household Characteristics

To calculate the household weights, the foundation for the person-level analysis weight, all participating households must have data for certain characteristics. This section outlines the imputation methodology for these household variables.

### 8.3.1 Household Tenure

Missing values for household tenure (SRTENR) were imputed using hot-deck imputation. CART created imputation classes using household poverty (POVERTY). Table 8-6 shows the item nonresponse distribution for this variable.

Table 8-6. Item nonresponse for self-reported household tenure

Variable and Source of Data	All Modes	
	n	pct <sup>1</sup>
SRTENR (Household tenure)		
Reported values	23,741	97.1
Imputed values	712	2.9
Total	24,453	100.0

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Unweighted percent of cases within variable.

### 8.3.2 Household Composition

#### *Number of Eligible Children by Age Group*

The number of children related to the adult respondent was required for household and child-level weights. Because children in different age groups had different probabilities of selection, we separated the number of eligible children by age group. Missing values were imputed using hot-deck imputation with reported stratum, the type of respondents (adult, child, or adolescent) in each household and the parent's race/ethnicity as imputation covariates. The item nonresponse for the two age-group variables is shown in Table 8-7.

Table 8-7. Item nonresponse for number of study-eligible children by age group

Variable and Source of Data	All Modes	
	n	pct <sup>1</sup>
<b>ELIG_KID_0_5 (Self-reported number of eligible children age 0-5)</b>		
Reported values	24,276	99.3
Imputed values	177	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,453</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>ELIG_KID_6_11 (Self-reported number of eligible children age 6-11)</b>		
Reported values	24,276	99.3
Imputed values	177	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,453</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Unweighted percent of cases within variable.

*Number of Eligible Adolescents*

The number of adolescents related to the adult respondent was required for the household and adolescent-level weights. Missing values were imputed using hot-deck imputation with reported stratum, the type of respondents (adult, child, or adolescent) in each household and the parent’s race/ethnicity as imputation covariates. The item nonresponse for this variables is shown in Table 8-8.

Table 8-8. Item nonresponse for number of study-eligible adolescents

Variable and Source of Data	All Modes	
	n	pct <sup>1</sup>
<b>ELIG_TEEN (Self-reported number of adolescents)</b>		
Reported values	24,445	100.0
Imputed values	8	<0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,453</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Unweighted percent of cases within variable.

*Number of Parents of Selected Child or Adolescent*

The number of parents in the household for the selected child and adolescent were used to construct the corresponding person-level weight. As there were no missing values in these variables, they were not imputed.

### 8.3.3 Poverty Status

Poverty status was used in the CART models to develop imputation classes for other variables. This variable was not used in the weighting process. As with the previous CHIS cycles, data for adult respondents who answered “unknown” to the household income questions were left unchanged. There were no other missing value requiring imputation.

### 8.4 Person-level Characteristics

Person-level weights are used to calculate population estimates for CHIS. However, the person-level variables contained item nonresponse among those classified as study respondents (Table 8-9). This section describes the imputation procedures used for each variable needed for weighting and their item nonresponse rates.

Table 8-9. Respondents by person type

Person Type	All Modes
	n
Adult	24,453
Child	4,067
Adolescent	1,169

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Unweighted percent of respondents by person type.

#### 8.4.1 Sex and Age

Self-reported sex (SRSEX) and self-reported age (SRAGE) were derived from a combination of screener and interview variables for each respondent. Table 8-10 shows the item nonresponse for SRSEX and SRAGE for each type of respondent. Because the nonresponse rates were low for SRSEX, missing values were imputed using random assignment from the distribution of responses within the associated reported stratum. SRAGE was imputed by hot-deck imputation using stratum and screener age group classification as imputation classes.

Table 8-10. Item nonresponse for self-reported sex and age by person type

Variable and Source of Data	All Modes	
	n	pct <sup>1</sup>
SRSEX (Self-reported sex)		
Adult	253	1.0
Child	9	0.2
Adolescent	67	5.7
SRAGE (Self-reported age)		
Adult	199	0.8
Child	0	0.0
Adolescent	0	0.0

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Unweighted percent of imputed records among respondents in Table 8-10 by person type.

## 8.4.2 Race and Ethnicity

### *Single Race and Ethnicity*

The seven self-reported race and ethnicity variables were created after upcoding all responses to the associated questions. Missing values for all variables were imputed by an iterative hot-deck imputation process using stratum and previously hot-decked race and ethnicity variables as the imputation class. Table 8-11 shows the response patterns by variable grouping for respondents missing at least one self-reported race or ethnicity value. Table 8-12 shows the response patterns for the self-reported race variables.

Table 8-11. Item nonresponse for any self-reported race value and ethnicity

Variable and Source of Data	All modes	
	n	pct <sup>1</sup>
One or more imputed race values		
Adult	1,325	5.4
Child	341	8.4
Adolescent	83	7.1
SRH (Self-reported Latin ethnicity)		
Adult	111	0.5
Child	21	0.5
Adolescent	3	0.3

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Unweighted percent of imputed records among respondents in Table 8-11 by person type.

Table 8-12. Item nonresponse for single-response self-reported race by person type

Variable and Source of Data	All Modes	
	n	pct <sup>1</sup>
<b>SRW (Self-reported race: White)</b>		
Adult	1,272	5.2
Child	335	8.2
Adolescent	81	6.9
<b>SRAA (Self-reported race: African American)</b>		
Adult	1,272	5.2
Child	335	8.2
Adolescent	81	6.9
<b>SRAI (Self-reported race: American Indian)</b>		
Adult	1,272	5.2
Child	335	8.2
Adolescent	81	6.9
<b>SRAS (Self-reported race: Asian)</b>		
Adult	1,272	5.2
Child	335	8.2
Adolescent	81	6.9
<b>SRPI (Self-reported race: Pacific Islander)</b>		
Adult	1,272	5.2
Child	335	8.2
Adolescent	81	6.9
<b>SRO (Self-reported race: Other)</b>		
Adult	1,272	5.2
Child	335	8.2
Adolescent	81	6.9

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Unweighted percent of imputed records among respondents in Table 8-12 by person type.

*OMB Race/Ethnicity Variable*

The weighting algorithm calibrated the survey weights to match the California Department of Finance (DOF) population estimates for race and ethnicity. Since the DOF race and ethnicity estimates were based on the revised Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 1997 standards for data collection, only five race categories are available: White, African American, Asian, American Indian, and Pacific Islander. The 2010 Census race estimates included an additional category called “Other Race” for respondents who did not report their races in one of the five categories. To match the OMB standards, the U.S. Census Bureau created a Modified Race Data Summary file (MRDSF) that recodes the “Other” respondents into one of the five OMB race codes. CHIS collected race data for the six Census race categories; therefore, the “Other” respondents need to be recoded into the five race categories. These race categories are coded into the variable OMBSRREO.

Table 8-13 shows the race classification for OMBSRREO including classifications for respondents who identify as Latino and respondents who identify as belonging to multiple races. These last two classifications were included to reduce the number of records that require imputation.

Table 8-13. Classification codes for OMB self-reported race/ethnicity

OMBSRREO Code	Description
1	Latino
2	Non-Latino White Only
3	Non-Latino African American Only
4	Non-Latino American Indian Alaskan Native Only
5	Non-Latino Asian Only
6	Non-Latino Pacific Islander Native Hawaiian Only
7	Non-Latino Two or More Races

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

The same coding and imputation procedure consistent with prior years of CHIS was used to classify all records into the five OMB race categories. The imputed self-reported race and ethnicity variables (SRH, SRW, SRAA, SRAS, SRAI, SRPI, and SRO) were used for the coding process.

Another indicator variable, MULTIRACE, was created to identify records that reported two or more races. All respondents who self-identified as Latino (SRH = 1) were coded as such regardless of any other race indications. Non-Latino respondents who either self-identified as one of the OMB race categories or “Other” (SRO = 1), and one of the OMB race categories were assigned to that race category. Non-Latino respondents who reported two or more races (MULTIRACE = 1) or who only reported

multiple instances of “Other” were classified as having two or more races. Non-Latino respondents who only reported “Other” were required to have an imputed OMB race.

The hot-deck imputation procedure required temporary race variables (SRW2, SRAA2, SRAI2, SRAS2, and SRPI2) created from the self-reported single race variables. Non-Latino respondents who only reported “Other” had these variables set as missing. No other types of records were marked to be imputed. Hot-deck imputation proceeded on these variables. Adult, child and adolescent records used reported stratum, SRH, and previously imputed race and ethnicity variables as iterative imputation classes. Records were then classified into the OMB races based on the imputed data. Table 8-14 shows the results of the hot-deck procedure by person type and OMBSRREO value.

Table 8-14. Item nonresponse for office and management and budget self-reported race/ethnicity by person type

OMBSRREO Value, Person Type	All Modes	
	n	pct <sup>1</sup>
Latino		
Adult	32	0.1
Child	8	0.2
Adolescent	1	0.1
Non-Latino White Only		
Adult	133	0.5
Child	40	1.0
Adolescent	6	0.5
Non-Latino African American Only		
Adult	12	<0.1
Child	2	0.0
Adolescent	0	0.0
Non-Latino American Indian Alaskan Native Only		
Adult	7	<0.1
Child	0	0.0
Adolescent	0	0.0
Non-Latino Asian Only		
Adult	28	0.1
Child	19	0.5
Adolescent	3	0.3
Non-Latino Pacific Islander Native Hawaiian Only		
Adult	3	<0.1
Child	0	0.0
Adolescent	0	0.0
Non-Latino Two or More Races		
Adult	6	<0.1
Child	6	0.1
Adolescent	1	0.1

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Unweighted percent of imputed records among respondents in Table 8-14 by person type.

*OMB Asian Ethnicity Group*

Records identified as Asian by the temporary variable SRAS2 were then further classified by Asian ethnicity in the variable OMBSRASO. The seven classes in OMBSRASO are listed in Table 8-15.

Table 8-15. Classification codes for office and management and budget self-reported non-Latino Asian ethnicity

OMBSRASO Code	Asian Ethnicity Indicator Variable	Description
-1	N/A	Latino or Non-Asian
1	SRCH	Chinese Only
2	SRKR	Korean Only
3	SRPH	Filipino Only
4	SRVT	Vietnamese Only
5	SRASO	Other Asian Ethnicity
6	SRJP	Japanese Only

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

N/A = not applicable.

After imputation for SRAS2, six Asian ethnicity indicator variables were created based on their responses to the Asian ethnicity questions. Hot-deck imputation proceeded on these temporary variables. Adult, child and adolescent records used reported region, SRH, and SRAS2 as imputation classes. Table 8-16 shows the results of the hot-deck procedure on the single-race Asian ethnicity variables by person type.

Records were then coded into OMBSRASO based on their imputed Asian ethnicity variables. Table 8-17 shows the results of the hot-deck procedure by person type and OMBSRASO value.

Table 8-16. Item nonresponse for single-response self-reported non-Latino Asian ethnicity by person type

Single race, Person Type	All Modes	
	n	pct <sup>1</sup>
<b>SRCH (OMB Asian ethnicity: Chinese)</b>		
Adult	124	0.5
Child	41	1.0
Adolescent	11	0.9
<b>SRKR (OMB Asian ethnicity: Korean)</b>		
Adult	124	0.5
Child	41	1.0
Adolescent	11	0.9
<b>SRPH (OMB Asian ethnicity: Filipino)</b>		
Adult	124	0.5
Child	41	1.0
Adolescent	11	0.9
<b>SRVT (OMB Asian ethnicity: Vietnamese)</b>		
Adult	124	0.5
Child	41	1.0
Adolescent	11	0.9
<b>SRASO (OMB Asian ethnicity: Asian Other)</b>		
Adult	124	0.5
Child	41	1.0
Adolescent	11	0.9
<b>SRJP (OMB Asian ethnicity: Japanese)</b>		
Adult	124	0.5
Child	41	1.0
Adolescent	11	0.9

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Unweighted percent of imputed records among respondents in Table 8-16 by person type.

Table 8-17. Item nonresponse for office and management and budget self-reported non-Latino Asian ethnicity by person type

OMBSRASO, Person Type	All Modes	
	n	pct <sup>1</sup>
Chinese only		
Adult	13	0.1
Child	4	0.1
Adolescent	0	0.0
Korean only		
Adult	3	<0.1
Child	0	0.0
Adolescent	2	0.2
Filipino only		
Adult	3	<0.1
Child	0	0.0
Adolescent	2	0.2
Japanese only		
Adult	10	<0.1
Child	0	0.0
Adolescent	0	0.0
Vietnamese only		
Adult	9	<0.1
Child	1	<0.1
Adolescent	0	0.0
Other Asian ethnicity		
Adult	127	0.5
Child	27	0.7
Adolescent	7	0.6

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Unweighted percent of imputed records among respondents in Table 8-17 by person type.

### 8.4.3 Educational Attainment

Missing values for the educational attainment of the selected adult (SREDUC) were imputed using a hot-deck method (Table 8-18). A CART analysis identified the imputation covariates as POVERTY, SRH and OMBSRREO.

Table 8-18. Item nonresponse for self-reported educational attainment of the adult by person type

Variable and Source of Data	All Modes	
	n	pct <sup>1</sup>
SREDUC (Self-reported educational attainment)		
Reported values	24,274	99.3
Imputed values	179	0.7
Total	24,453	100.0

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

<sup>1</sup> Unweighted percent of cases within variable

## 9. VARIANCE ESTIMATION

Weights detailed in Chapters 4–6 are used to generate point estimates from CHIS data. In this chapter, we discuss the calculation of precision for those estimates, most notably quantified through a standard error or the square root of the sampling variance. Section 9.1 summarizes the precision for a select number of analysis variables from the adult, child, and adolescent analysis files. Section 9.2 discusses two types of variance estimation methods that may be used for CHIS—linearization and replication. We detail the creation of the values needed for replication variance estimation in Section 9.3. This chapter concludes in Section 9.4 with information relevant for calculating estimates with standard commercial and open-source software that properly account for the CHIS sampling design.

### 9.1 Design Effects

Point estimates are only part of the story for any survey. Measures of precision, most notably the sampling error, quantify the confidence one has that a point estimate is a good representation of the true (but unknown) population parameter. For example, estimates with a small standard error (and consequently relatively high precision) are viewed more favorably than those with low precision because they enable tests of significance. Though point estimates appear to be substantively different, their large standard errors may result in an insignificant statistical test of those differences.

There are several statistics for quantifying precision of an estimate. They include:

- the standard error, or SE, defined as the square root of the sampling variance for an estimate that is specific to the survey design;
- the coefficient of variation, or CV, defined as the SE of the estimates divided by the point estimate;
- the relative variance, or rel-variance, defined as squared CV;
- the confidence interval calculated as the range of values from the lower bound (the point estimate minus a specified multiple of SE) to the upper bound (the point estimate plus the specified multiple of SE used for the lower bound); and
- the design effect, described below.

The design effect (DEFF) was developed by Leslie Kish (1965). DEFF typically quantifies the increase in a SE for an estimate from a complex sample design above the SE calculated for a single stage stratified design (stsr) with sample proportionally allocated to strata as distributed in the population. A

stsr design is considered optimal for small SEs; deviations from this design are generally implemented to meet analytic objectives such as relatively equal sample across strata in CHIS.

DEFF for an estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  is calculated as

$$DEFF = \frac{\text{var}_{\pi}(\hat{\theta})}{\text{var}_{stsr}(\hat{\theta})} \quad (9.1)$$

where  $\text{var}_{\pi}(\hat{\theta})$  is the variance estimate for the appropriate CHIS sample design, and  $\text{var}_{stsr}(\hat{\theta})$  is the variance for the stsr design. Variance for the CHIS sample design,  $\text{var}_{\pi}(\hat{\theta})$ , accounts for the following aspects of the survey design using replication methods discussed in this chapter:

- **Design strata.** The ABS frame was divided into mutually exclusive strata for sampling. Main strata were defined by geography and substrata were defined by modeled household attributes.
- **Clustering.** Analyses involving the combination of adult with child or adolescent interviews would result in household-clustered estimates.
- **Over- and under-sampling of sample members.** Deviations from sampling proportional to the distribution in the population will result in either over- or under-sampling of subgroups in the population. Geographic strata were sampled at different rates to provide valid estimates in most counties and in groups of counties with smaller populations. Within the geographic strata, modeled strata were also sampled at different rates. The modeled strata were created to target households likely to contain specific subgroups of interest. These subgroups include: Asians, including Koreans and Vietnamese; Hispanics; African Americans, people with low educational attainment; non-US citizens; younger adults; and households with children.
- **Within-Household Subsampling.** Subsampling within CHIS households occurred for those with multiple adult residents contacted through a randomly chosen address, for households with multiple eligible children, and for households with multiple eligible adolescents.
- **Base weight and weight Adjustments.** As discussed in the previous sections of this report, base weights and differential weight adjustments were applied to account for differing selection probabilities across geographic and modeled strata and to reduce nonresponse bias and additional coverage bias not addressed through the nonresponse adjustments.

Design effects were computed using SPSS Complex Samples which provides summary statistics and standard errors for complex sample designs. In prior iterations of CHIS, design effects were computed using SUDAAN. In days past, DEFF was used to adjust estimates from software that could

only calculate SEs for a strata design. Specialized software for analyzing survey data obtained through a complex, multistage design is widely available now. Hence, DEFF is most effectively used to compare before and after a weight adjustment is applied (as implemented for CHIS 2019) or across multiple rounds of a survey using the same sampling design. Thus, differences in DEFF between CHIS 2021 and prior rounds of the study cannot be easily explained as changes to the sampling design, weighting methodology, differential response, and the like will result in different precision estimates.

As in past rounds, CHIS DEFFs calculated for specific variables of interest will generally have values greater than one. This is typical for surveys with complex designs and weighting schemes, and with over- and under-sampling to achieve analytic objectives. The degree of deviations from one will differ by the type of estimate. For example, characteristics that are linearly associated with the calibration controls used in the CHIS final weighting step will have lower DEFFs than those with weaker associations (see, e.g., Valliant et al., 2013).

Because precision differs by questionnaire item, tables below summarize DEFF for a series of variables from the adult, adolescent and child questionnaires. Specifically, the average, maximum and minimum DEFFs are shown by person interview overall and by reported stratum are shown. Because the distribution of DEFFs are known to be non-symmetric, the median values are also provided. Finally, the average square root of DEFF, denoted as DEFT, is listed along with the other measures. DEFT aligns with SE (instead of variance as with DEFF) and also provides some measure of smoothing if the DEFFs from the set of questionnaire items analyzed vary widely.

Tables 9-1, 9-2, and 9-3 contain DEFFs and DEFTs for items selected from the adult, child and adolescent questionnaires, respectively. Each table contains the average, median, maximum and minimum DEFF along with the average DEFT, overall and by reported stratum. All calculations used the final person-level linear weights described in the previous chapters.

A total of 24 variables were chosen for the adult DEFF analyses (Table 9-1). The variables include health characteristics such as general health rating, diagnosis (asthma, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart failure/congestive, heart disease, blind/deaf, felt nervous), lifestyle (smoking, number of sexual partners, skipped meals, feel safe), preventive medicine (delayed medical care, usual source of healthcare, number of doctor visits), health insurance (Medicare/Medi-CAL, employer health insurance, other government health plan, prescription coverage), and socioeconomic and demographic variables (income, sexual orientation, marital status, education attainment, U.S. citizenship status). The average DEFT for CHIS 2021 was 1.67 overall and ranged from 0.50 to 1.77 across the reported strata.

A total of 16 variables were chosen for the child DEFF analyses (Table 9-2). These variables include health characteristics such as general health rating, diagnosis (asthma, child visited emergency room), lifestyle (park safety concerns, condition that prevents child from doing activities, how often child is read to), preventive medicine (usual healthcare location, doctor visits, delayed medical care/medication, access to childcare, prescribed medicine use, assessment or test of development), and socio economic and demographic variables (age, school attendance, knowledge of First 5 California). The average DEFT for CHIS 2021 was 1.76 overall and ranged from 0.33 to 1.81 across the reported strata.

A total of 21 variables were chosen for the adolescent DEFF analyses (Table 9-3). These variables include health characteristics such as general health rating, diagnosis (asthma, adolescent visited emergency room, felt nervous, had/needed psychological or emotional counseling), lifestyle (smoking, alcohol use, e-cigarette use, had THC, neighborhood safety concerns, sexually active, have a gun in household, live with someone who is mentally ill), preventive medicine (usual healthcare location, doctor visits, delayed medical care/medication, get help online for mental health). The average DEFT for CHIS 2021 was 1.35 overall and ranged from 0.29 to 1.50 across the reported strata. Note that design effect estimates are only provided for strata with 10 or more adolescent interviews.

Table 9-1. Design effect (DEFF) and square root DEFF (DEFT) statistics for estimates from the adult interviews, overall and by reported stratum

Stratum	Design effect (DEFF)				DEFT Average
	Average	Median	Minimum	Maximum	
State	2.86	2.77	0.97	8.39	1.67
1 Los Angeles	2.99	2.99	0.47	9.19	1.70
2 San Diego	1.96	1.93	0.35	3.89	1.38
3 Orange	3.12	3.14	0.76	5.08	1.74
4 Santa Clara	2.87	2.79	0.69	5.51	1.67
5 San Bernardino	3.06	3.37	0.16	5.61	1.70
6 Riverside	3.17	3.27	0.33	6.52	1.74
7 Alameda	3.14	2.92	0.92	6.08	1.74
8 Sacramento	2.70	2.80	0.59	4.51	1.62
9 Contra Costa	3.06	3.12	0.35	7.85	1.71
10 Fresno	3.23	3.28	0.36	7.12	1.75
11 San Francisco	2.13	2.03	0.58	5.16	1.43
12 Ventura	3.34	3.25	0.32	6.07	1.77
13 San Mateo	2.75	2.98	0.25	5.24	1.60
14 Kern	3.39	3.59	0.30	8.30	1.77
15 San Joaquin	3.24	3.46	0.15	8.18	1.74
16 Sonoma	1.73	1.86	0.09	3.40	1.29
17 Stanislaus	2.87	2.90	0.17	7.78	1.64
18 Santa Barbara	2.69	2.83	0.13	5.17	1.57
19 Solano	2.10	1.95	0.14	6.90	1.39
20 Tulare	2.20	2.16	0.24	4.58	1.43
21 Santa Cruz	1.80	1.68	0.20	5.27	1.28
22 Marin	0.92	0.80	0.16	3.17	0.93
23 San Luis Obispo	1.55	1.29	0.09	5.38	1.18
24 Placer	1.96	1.80	0.17	5.35	1.35
25 Merced	1.25	1.31	0.15	2.44	1.09

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Table 9-1. Design effect (DEFF) and square root DEFF (DEFT) statistics for estimates from the adult interviews, overall and by reported stratum (continued)

Stratum	Design effect (DEFF)				DEFT
	Average	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Average
26 Butte	0.94	0.92	0.27	4.18	0.94
27 Shasta	0.96	0.92	0.03	2.84	0.92
28 Yolo	0.79	0.78	0.05	2.99	0.85
29 El Dorado	0.93	0.80	0.09	3.32	0.93
30 Imperial	0.65	0.69	0.03	2.39	0.78
31 Napa	1.06	0.83	0.03	5.38	0.96
32 Kings	0.63	0.64	0.00	2.30	0.75
33 Madera	0.76	0.79	0.00	1.89	0.84
34 Monterey	2.22	2.17	0.17	4.99	1.43
35 Humboldt	0.57	0.59	0.01	1.83	0.73
36 Nevada	0.61	0.48	0.10	2.48	0.74
37 Mendocino	0.71	0.51	0.02	3.06	0.75
38 Sutter	0.54	0.54	0.04	1.29	0.71
39 Yuba	0.40	0.40	0.04	1.10	0.60
40 Lake	0.60	0.46	0.01	2.51	0.71
41 San Benito	0.26	0.25	0.03	0.74	0.50
42 Tehama, etc.	0.67	0.63	0.05	2.00	0.79
43 Del Norte, etc.	0.70	0.72	0.03	1.85	0.81
44 Tuolumne, etc.	1.21	1.17	0.05	3.24	1.06

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

Table 9-2. Design effect (DEFF) and square root DEFF (DEFT) statistics for estimates from the child interviews, overall and by reported stratum

Stratum	Design effect (DEFF)				DEFT
	Average	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Average
State	2.72	2.58	0.59	4.08	1.64
1 Los Angeles	2.57	2.54	0.81	4.90	1.59
2 San Diego	1.41	1.48	0.69	1.97	1.18
3 Orange	3.43	3.48	0.27	6.30	1.81
4 Santa Clara	2.66	2.43	0.97	5.78	1.60
5 San Bernardino	3.04	3.15	1.27	5.90	1.72
6 Riverside	3.14	2.98	1.68	5.57	1.75
7 Alameda	1.88	1.87	0.32	3.66	1.33
8 Sacramento	2.72	2.67	0.33	7.12	1.59
9 Contra Costa	3.10	3.10	0.91	6.08	1.72
10 Fresno	2.98	2.71	1.07	5.65	1.69
11 San Francisco	1.39	1.46	0.01	2.53	1.12
12 Ventura	3.75	3.94	0.00	7.82	1.80
13 San Mateo	2.88	2.90	0.36	7.31	1.60
14 Kern	2.56	2.48	0.09	6.84	1.51
15 San Joaquin	3.33	3.56	0.03	7.15	1.78
16 Sonoma	1.56	1.35	0.08	4.86	1.17
17 Stanislaus	2.07	1.73	0.54	5.35	1.39
18 Santa Barbara	1.43	1.24	0.27	3.99	1.13
19 Solano	1.38	1.08	0.24	2.76	1.14
20 Tulare	2.05	1.52	0.01	5.86	1.35
21 Santa Cruz	0.95	0.65	0.10	2.36	0.91
22 Marin	0.80	0.72	0.14	2.30	0.85
23 San Luis Obispo	0.77	0.74	0.00	2.20	0.80
24 Placer	0.92	1.00	0.22	2.61	0.93
25 Merced	1.00	0.71	0.23	2.24	0.95

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Table 9-2. Design effect (DEFF) and square root DEFF (DEFT) statistics for estimates from the child interviews, overall and by reported stratum (continued)

Stratum	Design effect (DEFF)				DEFT
	Average	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Average
26 Butte	0.57	0.60	0.12	1.10	0.73
27 Shasta	0.63	0.52	0.09	1.78	0.73
28 Yolo	0.72	0.66	0.24	1.34	0.83
29 El Dorado	0.46	0.44	0.16	1.16	0.66
30 Imperial	0.33	0.34	0.03	0.63	0.55
31 Napa	0.55	0.45	0.11	1.41	0.70
32 Kings	0.62	0.44	0.02	2.05	0.73
33 Madera	0.68	0.58	0.02	2.08	0.77
34 Monterey	1.93	1.56	0.16	4.73	1.29
35 Humboldt	0.44	0.41	0.12	1.05	0.64
36 Nevada	0.39	0.34	0.00	1.10	0.58
37 Mendocino	0.12	0.13	0.00	0.22	0.33
38 Sutter	0.41	0.37	0.00	1.03	0.60
39 Yuba	0.19	0.19	0.02	0.43	0.41
40 Lake	0.19	0.24	0.03	0.38	0.42
41 San Benito	0.22	0.19	0.09	0.62	0.45
42 Tehama, etc.	0.73	0.73	0.12	1.48	0.81
43 Del Norte, etc.	0.48	0.46	0.03	1.74	0.63
44 Tuolumne, etc.	0.55	0.51	0.06	1.45	0.70

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

Table 9-3. Design effect (DEFF) and square root DEFF (DEFT) statistics for estimates from the adolescent interviews, overall and by reported stratum

Stratum	Design effect (DEFF)				DEFT
	Average	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Average
State	1.84	1.82	0.61	2.87	1.35
1 Los Angeles	2.15	2.16	0.72	4.09	1.46
2 San Diego	1.47	1.38	0.99	2.53	1.20
3 Orange	2.02	2.26	0.33	2.88	1.39
4 Santa Clara	2.32	2.45	0.69	3.83	1.50
5 San Bernardino	1.79	1.78	0.79	2.78	1.32
6 Riverside	2.10	2.11	0.33	3.87	1.42
7 Alameda	1.49	1.43	0.02	4.30	1.17
8 Sacramento	1.74	1.81	0.06	3.08	1.26
9 Contra Costa	1.14	1.21	0.26	1.65	1.05
10 Fresno	1.49	1.50	0.18	3.09	1.16
11 San Francisco	1.12	1.14	0.04	3.07	1.01
12 Ventura	1.42	1.44	0.48	3.04	1.17
13 San Mateo	1.74	1.50	0.05	3.70	1.28
14 Kern	2.21	2.21	0.18	3.66	1.44
15 San Joaquin	1.44	1.32	0.38	3.05	1.17
17 Stanislaus	1.58	1.52	0.06	3.10	1.16
18 Santa Barbara	1.10	1.01	0.01	3.12	0.98
19 Solano	1.72	1.67	0.02	3.33	1.26
20 Tulare	1.21	1.04	0.30	2.77	1.05
21 Santa Cruz	0.99	1.16	0.11	2.18	0.96
22 Marin	0.16	0.15	0.02	0.34	0.39
23 San Luis Obispo	0.51	0.44	0.04	0.99	0.67
24 Placer	0.54	0.58	0.02	1.24	0.67
25 Merced	0.58	0.39	0.18	1.72	0.72
26 Butte	0.37	0.41	0.05	0.61	0.59
27 Shasta	0.28	0.22	0.03	1.09	0.51
28 Yolo	0.28	0.27	0.00	0.54	0.49

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Table 9-3. Design effect (DEFF) and square root DEFF (DEFT) statistics for estimates from the adolescent interviews, overall and by reported stratum (continued)

Stratum	Design effect (DEFF)				DEFT
	Average	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Averag
29 El Dorado	0.30	0.31	0.11	0.52	0.54
30 Imperial	0.47	0.46	0.12	0.84	0.66
32 Kings	0.44	0.51	0.10	0.96	0.63
33 Madera	0.49	0.50	0.03	0.98	0.66
34 Monterey	1.29	1.34	0.19	2.63	1.09
35 Humboldt	0.19	0.20	0.04	0.29	0.43
36 Nevada	0.10	0.09	0.00	0.39	0.29
38 Sutter	0.51	0.54	0.11	1.07	0.70
39 Yuba	0.28	0.27	0.01	0.69	0.49
40 Lake	0.10	0.09	0.00	0.19	0.29
41 San Benito	0.13	0.15	0.00	0.25	0.35
43 Del Norte, etc.	0.28	0.28	0.10	0.47	0.52

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

Note. Design effect estimates are only provided for strata with 10 or more adolescent interviews.

## 9.2 Methods for Variance Estimation

Variance estimation for CHIS comes in two forms. The first is referred to as Taylor Series linearization or *linearization* for short. The analysis weights described in Chapters 4-6 along with the design stratum indicator and survey analysis software (e.g., SUDAAN, Stata, SAS/Survey, R) are used to generate (weighted) linearized variance estimates. Design effects (variance given the design divided by the variance under a simple random sample) and coefficients of variation (standard error divided by the estimated average) can be calculated to assess the relative precision of any particular estimate.

The second form of variance estimation is replication. There are several benefits noted for replication variance estimation, including the ability to capture the random nature of the adjustments applied throughout the weighting process. Replicate point estimates (e.g., mean) are generated from replicate weights and used in the following general formula to calculate the associated variance for the point estimate:

$$v(\hat{\theta}) = a \sum_{r=1}^R (\hat{\theta}_{(r)} - \hat{\theta})^2 \quad (9.2)$$

where  $\hat{\theta}_{(r)}$  is the estimate generated from the  $r$ th replicate;  $\hat{\theta}$  is the full-sample estimate generated using the main analytic weight; and  $a$  is a constant depending on the replication method chosen.  $R$  is the total number of replicates formed. Replicate weights were formed by first adjusting the base weights for the subsampling and then administering all adjustments applied to the linear weight to each replicate weight. See Wolter (2007) for a detailed discussion of variance estimation.

CHIS 2021 employed similar methodology as in past rounds of CHIS—a paired-unit grouped jackknife (GJK) replication with  $R=80$  replicates (see, e.g., Valliant et al., 2008). Details of the CHIS replicates are provided in the next section.

## 9.3 Design of Replicates

Replicate variance estimation requires a set of weights that capture all components associated with the sample design and weight adjustments applied to the full-sample weight (Chapters 3-6). The sections below describe the methods for calculating the replicate weights for the one-year estimates (Section 9.3.1).

### 9.3.1 One-Year Replicates

A paired jackknife replication method (JK2) was used for computing variances in CHIS 2021 to maintain consistency with prior years of the study. The benefits of a replication method include, for example, the ability to reflect all components of the design and the survey weights into the estimates of precision without the need to know such information. For example, Chapters 3-6 detailed several adjustments applied to the weights to address sampling and subsampling for nonresponse and to limit biases associated with nonresponse and coverage. The replicate weights were constructed to capture potential variability in these adjustments.

Construction of the JK2 replicate weights follows procedures developed previously for CHIS. A total of 80 replicates were created to maintain the same degrees of freedom as in previous rounds of CHIS<sup>3</sup>. Construction of the replicates followed the following procedures:

- 1) Sampled addresses were sorted within sample design strata (both geographic and modeled strata) in the same order as when they were initially selected. Sampled addresses are referred to as sample units in the discussion below.
- 2) The ordered sample units were paired within the list and assigned to one of 80 variance strata in a circular fashion (in the JK2 method, the number of replicates is equal to the number of variance estimation strata). Once the 80th pair was assigned to variance stratum 80, the next pair was assigned to variance stratum 1 and so on. As a result, each variance stratum had approximately the same number of sample units.
- 3) Each sample unit in the pair was randomly assigned to variance unit (1 or 2 within each variance stratum) resulting in 2 variance units per variance stratum, each with approximately the same number of sample units.

The replicate weights were then created within each of the 80 strata that contained a random subsample of respondents, nonrespondents, ineligible and those with unknown eligibility status. The first step was to form the replicate base weights by modifying the final base weights shown in Equations (3.1), (3.2) and (3.3):

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<sup>3</sup> The construction of the 2021 replicate weights was the same as that used for the CHIS 2019 and 2020 replicate weights. This procedure deviated slightly from the procedures used in 2015-2018. While all years created 80 replicate weights, using the paired jackknife method, the CHIS 2015-2018 includes 80 replicates created from 40 variance strata. Due to the special nature of JK2 (relative to other delete-n Jackknife methods), creating 80 variance strata allows for the same precision one would achieve with 160 variance strata under the JK $n$  methodology. This procedure is in line with the replicate weight methodology used in CHIS prior to 2015.

$$BW_i^{(r)} = \begin{cases} 2 \times BW_i, & \text{if sample unit } i \text{ in variance stratum } s \text{ and variance unit 1} \\ 0, & \text{if sample unit } i \text{ in variance stratum } s \text{ and variance unit 2} \\ BW_i, & \text{if sample unit } i \text{ not in variance stratum } s \end{cases} \quad (9.3)$$

where  $s = 1, 2, \dots, 80$  to index the replicate variance strata.

The same sequence of weighting adjustments used in the full sample weight is then applied to the replicate base weights to create the final replicate weights. Thus, all of the different components of the weighting process are fully reflected in the replicate weights, ranging from household adjustments (nonresponse, adjustment for household noncoverage, and adjustment to control totals) to person adjustments (nonresponse, frame compositing and raking). The final step was to calibrate the weights to the DOF population estimates used for the full sample. Thus, the weight sums for the replicates and full sample estimate the size of the CHIS target population and should match apart from rounding or deviations from the full-sample calibration model.

#### 9.4 Software for Computing Variances

As mentioned in Chapter 2 of this report, researchers must account for the CHIS sampling design and use analysis weights to produce design unbiased population estimates. The focus of this section is a discussion of example software packages to properly accomplish this goal. Choice of software is generally user preference because they produce similar or even equivalent estimates.

- **SAS<sup>®</sup>, Version 9.4** (SAS, 2015) includes various procedures to analyze complex survey data and provide either linearization or replication variance estimates. The latter methodology is invoked with a REPWEIGHTS statement. For example, PROC SURVEYFREQ is used for categorical variables. VARMETHOD=JACKKNIFE requests the appropriate variance estimation method for CHIS.
- **Stata, Version 16** (StataCorp, 2019) is another option for analyzing CHIS data. Stata contains a list of survey procedures accessed via svy commands to analyze data from sample surveys. For example, “svy mean” and “svy total” produce estimated means and totals, respectively. Replication variance estimates are requested with “svyset” by identifying the linear weights with the “pw” option, the replicate weights with the “jkrweight” option, and the design as “vce(jack).”
- **R, Version 4.0.2** (Venables et al., 2020) is a third option for analyzing CHIS data. R is a free software and contains several packages that house procedures for analyzing survey data such

as “survey” (Lumley, 2020) and “PracTools” (Valliant et al., 2020). As with the other packages, R will generate either linearization or replication variance estimates for a variety of statistics. Design objects are first specified via the “svydesign” command to define the type of variance estimation required; “svrepdesign” is needed specifically for replication variances. Functions such as “svymean” and “svytable” then operate on the design objects to produce the associated estimates.

- **WesVar, Version 5.1** (Westat, 2007) is provided free of charge from Westat. WesVar is an interactive software program with a graphical interface that includes replication methods to compute variance estimates. Analytic capabilities include descriptive statistics, as well as multivariate linear and logistic regression.

WesVar requires (1) the identification of the CHIS full (linear) and replicate weights provided on the data file, and (2) the specification of the replication method JK2. This allows the software to properly account for the sample design and the analysis weights.

- **SUDAAN<sup>®</sup>, Version 11** (RTI, 2012) is software developed by RTI International to analyze correlated data such as those from a survey. Estimated standard errors are available for Taylor series approximation (linearization) or for replication methods. Replication methods are recommended for CHIS to properly account for the complex nature of the analysis weights. SUDAAN contains several procedures for analyzing correlated data. For example, descriptive statistics for categorical and continuous variable are calculated with the CROSSTAB and DESCRIPT procedures, respectively. As with WesVar, SUDAAN requires (1) the identification of the CHIS linear weights (WEIGHT statement) and replicate weights (JACKWGTS statement) provided on the data file, and (2) the specification of the replication method using the DESIGN=JACKKNIFE option.

Replication variance estimates are recommended. However, the CHIS data files contain two variables that enable calculation of Taylor-series linearization standard errors.

- **TSVARSTR** (Taylor’s series variance stratum) – identifies the variance strata. This variable was created by sequentially numbering the design strata separately by sampling frame and year. TSVARSTR must be specified in the software packages when linearization standard errors are desired.
- **TSVRUNIT** (Taylor’s series unit) – identifies the household cluster for those with multiple person interviews. This variable was created by sequentially numbering participating households within design stratum. In contrast to TSVARSTR, TSVRUNIT is needed only

for analyses involving multiple respondents per household (adult and child/adolescent, child and adolescent, or adult, child and adolescent).

## **10. LIMITATIONS FOR WEIGHTING AND VARIANCE ESTIMATION**

The selection of weighting calibration dimensions can be a subjective process, and changes are generally minimized for historical continuity. Selecting a limited number of calibration dimensions is necessary, but may not address coverage gaps or nonresponse bias across all demographic and socioeconomic characteristics.

Additionally, CHIS constructs paired Jackknife replicates (JK2), a special case of Jackknife replicate (JKn), to produce replicate point estimates. Researchers should be aware that the JK2 variance estimator has no particular theoretical support for non-linear estimators and neither JKn nor JK2 converges to the correct variance for quantiles (Valliant et al., 2013). This limitation of the statistical approach is especially relevant when comparing certain CHIS estimates to estimates from other complex surveys with different replicate weight designs.

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## **APPENDIX A – FRAME SIZES, SAMPLE SIZES, AND BASE WEIGHTS**

Appendix A includes supplemental information on the CHIS 2021 main ABS design directly related to calculation of the base weights (inverse probability of selection).

Table A-1 contains estimated ABS frame counts across geographic and modeled strata. Table A-2 shows the amount of sample released across strata and Table A-3 shows the resulting base weights.

Table A-1. 2021 ABS estimated frame sizes

Sample Stratum	Viet	Korean	Likely Asian lang	Likely Span lang	Hisp	Other HD non-Eng	Other Asian	HD Black	HH w/ child	Other 65+	Res. match	Res. no match
1 Los Angeles	47,347	127,668	321,606	854,496	198,526	1,102,443	55,651	136,886	235,764	183,716	85,268	97,725
2 San Diego	16,632	17,832	75,343	188,245	56,818	275,511	23,463	23,710	188,185	155,147	71,790	76,612
3 Orange	58,307	51,822	93,645	155,988	59,291	287,882	24,295	1,747	142,315	124,284	48,188	52,464
4 Santa Clara	41,116	42,726	84,772	74,294	31,704	244,722	20,342	1,338	49,099	40,231	13,834	24,311
5 San Bernardino	5,344	12,318	35,618	197,323	41,472	142,570	12,416	37,307	57,503	56,619	24,852	36,423
6 Riverside	5,732	8,886	34,620	196,167	41,798	156,616	15,629	20,281	98,284	102,152	38,313	44,499
7 Alameda	14,821	29,103	70,222	67,417	24,796	212,111	22,104	40,694	49,053	38,313	14,708	19,072
8 Sacramento	12,041	10,898	42,034	70,179	21,090	166,118	16,833	38,094	72,563	63,660	27,390	26,928
9 Contra Costa	4,691	11,236	33,183	53,691	16,123	108,822	15,708	22,886	62,571	55,000	15,075	15,032
10 Fresno	2,102	4,256	17,644	91,772	22,056	84,345	5,807	5,445	31,946	29,430	11,665	12,320
11 San Francisco	9,902	24,098	52,469	24,143	10,013	138,894	7,031	5,518	43,101	19,448	15,621	27,347
12 Ventura	1,567	3,526	15,262	56,256	15,653	46,230	5,627	481	55,099	51,804	16,188	14,158
13 San Mateo	4,727	15,553	34,122	31,556	14,225	86,024	8,103	1,193	31,331	29,463	7,495	11,186
14 Kern	616	1,622	8,579	83,115	17,255	53,485	3,033	9,406	38,971	31,462	14,109	17,466
15 San Joaquin	2,970	3,254	13,053	55,270	13,835	72,182	9,052	6,028	24,399	22,460	8,429	10,350
16 Sonoma	610	1,348	6,231	19,133	8,473	42,793	1,874	625	36,094	44,809	13,540	15,740
17 Stanislaus	569	1,045	6,664	46,251	11,001	55,506	1,851	754	20,626	18,630	7,113	7,285
18 Santa Barbara	538	1,463	7,053	28,761	9,229	35,289	1,988	838	22,009	23,847	8,491	11,367
19 Solano	880	1,672	8,958	23,284	7,797	31,081	7,638	26,399	19,923	19,131	6,089	6,107
20 Tulare	250	631	3,546	50,374	11,650	46,306	772	315	9,485	8,234	3,481	4,558
21 Santa Cruz	296	772	3,617	12,112	3,835	15,869	1,442	429	21,356	19,984	7,592	8,769
22 Marin	640	1,213	5,089	5,266	3,202	20,155	2,064	0	25,808	25,016	5,822	10,035
23 San Luis Obispo	245	726	4,021	9,599	4,441	17,756	1,198	9	23,665	26,638	9,547	12,458
24 Placer	682	1,595	5,063	9,247	5,017	12,333	4,231	0	45,588	40,675	12,414	12,564
25 Merced	296	789	3,269	29,111	7,222	28,069	974	567	4,792	3,768	1,770	2,449
26 Butte	228	736	2,717	6,267	2,514	9,803	886	513	19,267	18,657	9,401	10,312
27 Shasta	73	364	1,316	3,667	1,452	3,783	704	0	20,024	21,121	8,441	10,029

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Table A-1. 2021 ABS estimated frame sizes (continued)

Sample Stratum	Viet	Korean	Likely Asian lang	Likely Span lang	Hisp	Other HD non-Eng	Other Asian	HD Black	HH w/ child	Other 65+	Res. match	Res. no match
28 Yolo	659	1,940	5,130	10,853	3,731	22,224	1,866	829	11,297	8,647	4,397	5,019
29 El Dorado	246	565	1,852	3,061	1,721	4,567	1,768	0	21,377	21,199	6,796	7,053
30 Imperial	42	262	860	26,783	4,554	13,350	74	0	925	980	430	1,524
31 Napa	162	340	2,409	7,303	2,588	20,705	473	0	6,506	7,551	2,057	3,666
32 Kings	67	237	1,133	13,468	3,843	10,994	410	1,662	4,269	2,887	1,830	2,742
33 Madera	77	230	1,013	14,799	3,171	11,362	223	0	5,067	6,293	1,879	2,501
34 Monterey	595	1,321	5,910	33,916	9,833	34,501	1,825	857	12,778	14,190	4,831	9,732
35 Humboldt	85	321	962	2,344	1,325	6,542	475	0	13,068	11,747	5,457	8,538
36 Nevada	35	196	505	1,416	779	2,290	287	0	11,750	15,052	4,551	6,004
37 Mendocino	45	127	664	2,910	1,130	7,918	114	0	4,756	5,948	2,141	4,191
38 Sutter	79	211	1,906	5,234	1,502	13,157	907	0	3,750	3,825	1,338	1,293
39 Yuba	92	293	1,091	3,570	957	6,551	348	331	4,487	2,982	1,881	3,008
40 Lake	28	90	479	1,756	855	2,762	136	219	4,235	4,983	2,315	5,468
41 San Benito	62	102	898	6,135	1,485	4,026	128	0	2,288	1,823	601	671
42 Tehama, etc.	37	154	908	6,043	1,966	8,334	181	185	6,742	8,031	3,046	4,859
43 Del Norte, etc.	50	253	658	2,264	1,062	3,340	321	686	11,142	12,125	4,258	11,447
44 Tuolumne, etc.	24	191	995	3,101	1,933	3,040	413	294	14,778	20,481	7,053	12,633

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

Table A-2. 2021 sample sizes

Sample Stratum	Viet	Korean	Likely Asian lang	Likely Span lang	Hisp	Other HD non-Eng	Other Asian	HD Black	HH w/ child	Other 65+	Res. match	Res. no match
1 Los Angeles	1,545	3,070	6,055	28,406	2,354	16,023	565	6,167	3,906	678	718	826
2 San Diego	859	704	2,336	9,110	998	6,372	407	1,629	5,570	1,000	1,086	1,191
3 Orange	1,880	1,216	1,636	3,747	546	3,616	237	74	2,339	441	409	464
4 Santa Clara	1,229	935	1,376	1,646	268	2,849	188	51	754	132	108	197
5 San Bernardino	213	352	763	5,771	465	2,188	152	1,848	1,155	245	262	393
6 Riverside	232	264	762	5,977	488	2,479	196	1,050	2,055	456	416	492
7 Alameda	412	588	1,059	1,398	196	2,292	188	1,427	696	116	109	144
8 Sacramento	347	232	667	1,509	176	1,869	149	1,392	1,072	204	210	214
9 Contra Costa	135	242	546	1,214	138	1,280	143	866	967	182	122	123
10 Fresno	97	140	439	3,087	288	1,482	79	313	734	144	142	151
11 San Francisco	312	549	888	560	89	1,679	67	222	681	64	126	231
12 Ventura	52	90	269	1,429	152	620	57	18	958	195	148	132
13 San Mateo	140	342	584	717	124	1,028	75	45	488	100	61	94
14 Kern	25	52	207	2,692	214	904	40	509	867	151	164	206
15 San Joaquin	121	100	293	1,718	164	1,168	115	314	512	103	95	118
16 Sonoma	26	39	141	559	98	659	22	30	725	196	147	171
17 Stanislaus	31	44	192	1,887	170	1,184	31	52	569	114	103	110
18 Santa Barbara	28	52	184	1,027	132	664	30	54	543	126	108	152
19 Solano	36	49	197	703	90	490	95	1,350	411	84	67	67
20 Tulare	19	32	136	2,621	230	1,247	16	29	336	61	65	86
21 Santa Cruz	22	43	147	680	78	460	32	38	822	160	146	174
22 Marin	50	64	210	297	68	590	48	0	1,004	205	118	202
23 San Luis Obispo	14	37	143	471	85	452	25	1	801	193	170	224
24 Placer	38	62	153	380	79	263	70	0	1,276	246	180	188
25 Merced	37	69	218	2,698	255	1,350	37	87	305	49	60	82
26 Butte	29	56	159	500	80	401	28	69	1,036	218	268	299
27 Shasta	10	39	104	395	61	213	31	0	1,472	335	325	394

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Table A-2. 2021 sample sizes (continued)

Sample Stratum	Viet	Korean	Likely Asian lang	Likely Span lang	Hisp	Other HD non-Eng	Other Asian	HD Black	HH w/ child	Other 65+	Res. match	Res. no match
28 Yolo	60	121	231	676	92	725	51	86	480	81	96	116
29 El Dorado	32	49	117	266	59	213	63	0	1,300	279	215	230
30 Imperial	9	39	98	4,186	275	1,077	5	0	99	22	23	76
31 Napa	24	41	199	829	117	1,243	21	0	514	127	83	154
32 Kings	20	51	176	2,898	314	1,239	37	606	622	91	141	213
33 Madera	21	51	152	3,066	252	1,232	16	0	720	195	134	185
34 Monterey	35	62	206	1,601	180	849	35	71	416	98	83	170
35 Humboldt	13	37	86	282	59	410	23	0	1,082	208	235	375
36 Nevada	6	27	48	191	41	159	16	0	1,073	295	216	292
37 Mendocino	13	23	100	628	94	885	10	0	697	188	163	331
38 Sutter	25	50	324	1,241	136	1,627	89	0	607	135	113	113
39 Yuba	42	107	286	1,304	135	1,238	52	205	1,119	159	250	406
40 Lake	15	29	111	584	109	481	19	125	965	245	274	640
41 San Benito	31	37	267	2,286	280	953	27	0	638	219	107	124
42 Tehama, etc.	10	25	112	987	125	689	12	43	805	208	191	306
43 Del Norte, etc.	7	28	54	264	56	208	15	141	940	244	201	787
44 Tuolumne, etc.	5	21	73	305	73	150	17	30	1,001	293	250	484

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

Table A-3. 2021 ABS base weights

Sample Stratum	Viet	Korean	Likely Asian lang	Likely Span lang	Hisp	Other HD non-Eng	Other Asian	HD Black	HH w/ child	Other 65+	Res. match	Res. no match
1 Los Angeles	26.59	37.57	50.23	36.58	95.31	70.11	92.57	21.97	54.67	275.65	105.77	108.43
2 San Diego	17.12	23.01	31.74	22.96	60.78	44.01	56.16	14.59	33.67	156.84	64.53	62.73
3 Orange	31.01	42.62	57.24	41.63	108.59	79.61	102.51	23.61	60.84	281.82	117.82	113.07
4 Santa Clara	33.45	45.70	61.61	45.14	118.30	85.90	108.20	26.24	65.12	304.78	128.09	123.41
5 San Bernardino	25.09	34.99	46.68	34.19	89.19	65.16	81.69	20.19	49.79	231.10	94.85	92.68
6 Riverside	24.71	33.66	45.43	32.82	85.65	63.18	79.74	19.31	47.83	224.02	92.10	90.44
7 Alameda	35.97	49.50	66.31	48.22	126.51	92.54	117.57	28.52	70.48	330.29	134.93	132.44
8 Sacramento	34.70	46.97	63.02	46.51	119.83	88.88	112.97	27.37	67.69	312.06	130.43	125.83
9 Contra Costa	34.75	46.43	60.78	44.23	116.83	85.02	109.85	26.43	64.71	302.20	123.57	122.21
10 Fresno	21.67	30.40	40.19	29.73	76.58	56.91	73.50	17.40	43.52	204.38	82.15	81.59
11 San Francisco	31.74	43.89	59.09	43.11	112.51	82.72	104.95	24.86	63.29	303.87	123.97	118.39
12 Ventura	30.14	39.18	56.74	39.37	102.98	74.57	98.73	26.71	57.51	265.66	109.38	107.25
13 San Mateo	33.76	45.48	58.43	44.01	114.72	83.68	108.04	26.51	64.20	294.63	122.87	119.00
14 Kern	24.65	31.19	41.44	30.87	80.63	59.17	75.82	18.48	44.95	208.36	86.03	84.79
15 San Joaquin	24.54	32.54	44.55	32.17	84.36	61.80	78.71	19.20	47.65	218.06	88.73	87.71
16 Sonoma	23.47	34.57	44.19	34.23	86.46	64.94	85.16	20.82	49.78	228.61	92.11	92.05
17 Stanislaus	18.34	23.74	34.71	24.51	64.71	46.88	59.71	14.49	36.25	163.42	69.06	66.23
18 Santa Barbara	19.20	28.14	38.33	28.01	69.91	53.15	66.28	15.52	40.53	189.26	78.62	74.78
19 Solano	24.44	34.12	45.47	33.12	86.63	63.43	80.40	19.56	48.47	227.75	90.89	91.15
20 Tulare	13.17	19.72	26.07	19.22	50.65	37.13	48.27	10.88	28.23	134.99	53.55	53.00
21 Santa Cruz	13.46	17.94	24.60	17.81	49.16	34.50	45.06	11.28	25.98	124.90	52.00	50.39
22 Marin	12.81	18.96	24.23	17.73	47.09	34.16	43.01	NA	25.71	122.03	49.34	49.68
23 San Luis Obispo	17.48	19.61	28.12	20.38	52.25	39.28	47.91	8.74	29.54	138.02	56.16	55.61
24 Placer	17.95	25.73	33.09	24.33	63.50	46.89	60.44	NA	35.73	165.35	68.97	66.83
25 Merced	8.00	11.44	14.99	10.79	28.32	20.79	26.34	6.52	15.71	76.91	29.50	29.86
26 Butte	7.85	13.15	17.09	12.53	31.42	24.45	31.66	7.44	18.60	85.58	35.08	34.49
27 Shasta	7.28	9.34	12.66	9.28	23.81	17.76	22.72	NA	13.60	63.05	25.97	25.45

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Table A-3. 2021 ABS base weights (continued)

Sample Stratum	Viet	Korean	Likely Asian lang	Likely Span lang	Hisp	Other HD non-Eng	Other Asian	HD Black	HH w/ child	Other 65+	Res. match	Res. no match
28 Yolo	10.98	16.03	22.21	16.05	40.56	30.65	36.58	9.64	23.54	106.75	45.81	43.27
29 El Dorado	7.68	11.53	15.83	11.51	29.17	21.44	28.07	NA	16.44	75.98	31.61	30.66
30 Imperial	4.67	6.72	8.78	6.40	16.56	12.40	14.88	NA	9.34	44.55	18.70	20.05
31 Napa	6.74	8.29	12.11	8.81	22.12	16.66	22.51	NA	12.66	59.46	24.78	23.80
32 Kings	3.37	4.66	6.44	4.65	12.24	8.87	11.09	2.74	6.86	31.73	12.98	12.87
33 Madera	3.69	4.51	6.67	4.83	12.58	9.22	13.91	NA	7.04	32.27	14.02	13.52
34 Monterey	17.00	21.31	28.69	21.18	54.63	40.64	52.15	12.07	30.72	144.79	58.20	57.25
35 Humboldt	6.54	8.66	11.18	8.31	22.45	15.96	20.65	NA	12.08	56.48	23.22	22.77
36 Nevada	5.78	7.24	10.51	7.41	19.00	14.40	17.94	NA	10.95	51.02	21.07	20.56
37 Mendocino	3.48	5.53	6.64	4.63	12.02	8.95	11.43	NA	6.82	31.64	13.13	12.66
38 Sutter	3.15	4.22	5.88	4.22	11.04	8.09	10.19	NA	6.18	28.33	11.84	11.44
39 Yuba	2.20	2.74	3.82	2.74	7.09	5.29	6.70	1.61	4.01	18.76	7.53	7.41
40 Lake	1.87	3.10	4.32	3.01	7.84	5.74	7.18	1.75	4.39	20.34	8.45	8.54
41 San Benito	2.01	2.76	3.36	2.68	5.30	4.22	4.75	NA	3.59	8.33	5.62	5.41
42 Tehama, etc.	3.71	6.80	8.63	6.43	16.39	12.34	14.94	4.31	9.38	43.50	17.28	17.81
43 Del Norte, etc.	6.61	7.74	9.37	6.82	17.89	16.89	19.25	5.40	9.87	45.67	18.78	18.56
44 Tuolumne, etc.	4.72	8.16	13.33	9.34	25.01	21.05	25.33	9.80	14.00	64.52	26.60	26.27

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

\*Note: Geographic strata 1, 2, 42, 43 and 44 were divided into geographic substrata. The base weights presented in Table A-3 are averages across all substrata.

## **APPENDIX B – SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR WEIGHTS AND WEIGHT ADJUSTMENTS**

Appendix B includes summary statistics on the CHIS 2021 base weights, analysis weights, and the weight adjustments by person interview (adult, child and adolescent).

Table B-1 contains summary statistics for the household weight (Chapter 3) used as the basis for the person-level weights.

Table B-2, Table B-3, and Table B-4 includes summary information for the adult weights (Chapter 4), child weights (Chapter 5) and adolescent weights (Chapter 6).

Table B-1. Screener interview (households) weighting adjustments

Survey Weight Statistics (Household table)	ABS	PPD Cell	AIAN OS
1. Base weight			
1.1 Sample size	319,372	102,991	26,750
1.2 Sum of weights	13,526,745	8,679,787	43,059
1.3 Coefficient of variation	88.1	0	9.8
2. Unknown residential status adjustment			
2.1 Sample size			
a. Known residential status	185,011	84,314	13,124
b. Unknown residential status	134,361	18,677	13,626
2.2 Sum of weights	12,426,402	8,406,273	30,454
2.3 Coefficient of variation	128.8	7.2	65.6
2.4 Mean non-zero adjustment factor	1.54	1.18	1.45
3. Screener nonresponse adjustment			
3.1 Sample size			
a. Screener respondents	36,023	5,432	2,838
b. Screener nonrespondents	141,254	64,383	5,446
3.2 Sum of weights	12,426,402	8,406,273	30,454
3.3 Coefficient of variation	83.6	1.5	56.0
3.4 Mean non-zero adjustment factor	4.81	6.18	1.16
4. Calibration to Low Response Score			
4.1 Sample size	36,023	NA	NA
4.2 Sum of weights	13,044,266	NA	NA
4.3 Coefficient of variation	83.8	NA	NA

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

Table B-2. Extended adult interview weighting adjustments

Survey Weight Statistics (Adult table)	ABS	PPD Cell	AIAN OS
1. Number of Adults Adjustment			
1.1 Sample size	36,023	2,371	225
1.2 Sum of weights	25,595,964	1,506,332	1,055
1.3 Coefficient of variation	90.2	1.5	51.3
1.4 Mean non-zero adjustment factor	2.01	1.00	1.07
2. Adult nonresponse adjustment			
2.1 Sample size			
a. Adult respondents	23,816	503	134
b. Adult nonrespondents	12,207	1,868	91
2.2 Sum of weights	25,595,964	1,506,332	1,055
2.3 Coefficient of variation	123.7	1.6	52.1
2.4 Mean non-zero adjustment factor	1.5	4.7	1.7
3. Adult composite adjustments	<u>ABS+PPD Cell+AIAN</u>		
3.1 Sample size	24,453		
3.2 Sum of weights	25,607,977		
3.3 Coefficient of variation	123.4		
3.4 Mean adjustment factor	0.97		
4. Pre-calibration trimming	<u>ABS+PPD Cell+AIAN</u>		
4.1 Sample size	24,453		
4.2 Number of records trimmed	883		
4.3 Sum of weights	24,585,430		
4.4 Coefficient of variation	86.3		
5. Final Calibration Adjustment	<u>ABS+PPD Cell+AIAN</u>		
5.1 Sample size	24,453		
5.2 Sum of weights	29,649,837		
5.3 Coefficient of variation	134.6		
5.4 Mean weight	1,212.52		

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

Table B-3. Extended child interview weighting adjustments by sample type

Survey Weight Statistics (Child table)	ABS	PPD Cell	AIAN OS
1. Base weight			
1.1 Sample size	4,922	148	40
1.2 Sum of weights	3,228,378	169,493	304
1.3 Coefficient of variation	123.0	58.0	120.9
2. Child nonresponse adjustment			
2.1 Sample size			
a. Child respondents	3,931	102	34
b. Child nonrespondents	991	46	6
2.2 Sum of weights	3,228,378	169,493	304
2.3 Coefficient of variation	125.4	58.7	69.1
2.4 Mean non-zero adjustment factor	1.2762	1.4291	1.5035
3. Child composite adjustments	<u>ABS+PPD Cell+AIAN</u>		
3.1 Sample size	4,067		
3.2 Sum of weights	3,212,565		
3.3 Coefficient of variation	125.1		
3.4 Mean adjustment factor	0.968		
4. Pre-calibration trimming	<u>ABS+PPD Cell+AIAN</u>		
4.1 Sample size	4,067		
4.2 Number of records trimmed	121		
4.3 Sum of weights	3,102,393		
4.4 Coefficient of variation	103.7		
5. Final Calibration Adjustment	<u>ABS+PPD Cell+AIAN</u>		
5.1 Sample size	4,067		
5.2 Sum of weights	5,670,701		
5.3 Coefficient of variation	125.3008634		
5.4 Mean weight	1,394.32		

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.

Table B-4. Extended adolescent interview weighting adjustments by sample type

Survey Weight Statistics (Adolescent table)	ABS	PPD Cell	AIAN OS
1. Base weight			
1.1 Sample size	4,001	116	30
1.2 Sum of weights	2,268,074	97,777	152
1.3 Coefficient of variation	111.1	40.6	74.3
2. Adolescent nonresponse adjustment			
2.1 Sample size			
a. Adolescent respondents	1,159	8	2
b. Adolescent nonrespondents	2,842	108	28
2.2 Sum of weights	2,268,074	52,035	39
2.3 Coefficient of variation	102.0	40.5	44.3
2.4 Mean non-zero adjustment factor	3.7232	9.56	2.9788
3. Adolescent composite adjustments	<u>ABS+PPD Cell+AIAN</u>		
3.1 Sample size	1,169		
3.2 Sum of weights	2,223,108		
3.3 Coefficient of variation	99.6		
3.4 Mean adjustment factor	0.9766		
4. Pre-calibration trimming	<u>ABS+PPD Cell+AIAN</u>		
4.1 Sample size	1,169		
4.2 Number of records trimmed	110		
4.3 Sum of weights	2,103,081		
4.4 Coefficient of variation	80.8		
5. Final Calibration Adjustment	<u>ABS+PPD Cell+AIAN</u>		
5.1 Sample size	1,169		
5.2 Sum of weights	3,110,013		
5.3 Coefficient of variation	103.5		
5.4 Mean weight	2,660.40		

Source: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, 2021 California Health Interview Survey.