

California Health Interview Survey

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What's New and Notable in CHIS 2017-2018

This document describes new and notable design features and data collected in CHIS 2017-2018. CHIS data users should review the information below and detailed online documentation before analyzing or reporting CHIS data. For more documentation on CHIS methods, please visit chis.ucla.edu/chis/design/Pages/methodology.aspx

Data Collection Timeline

CHIS 2017-2018 data were collected between June 2017 and January 2019. Approximately half of adult interviews were conducted from landline phone numbers and half from cell phone numbers.

From CHIS 2011 forward, single-year data are available representing a yearly cross-section of California's population. Relative to the larger, two-year CHIS data files available prior to 2011, small populations (such as child, teen or some racial/ethnic groups) or rare conditions and characteristics will have fewer observations in the single-year data file. In such cases, pooling two or more single-year datasets may be required to achieve sufficient sample size and statistical stability. Users who need more information about pooling or trending data over time should review the *Analyze CHIS Data* website at chis.ucla.edu/chis/analyze/Pages/default.aspx or go to the *CHIS FAQ* page at chis.ucla.edu/chis/faq/Pages/default.aspx. Email questions to dacchpr@ucla.edu.

New Vendor

As the result of a competitive bidding process, SSRS conducted the CHIS 2017-2018 data collection under contract with the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research.

New and Updated Survey Questions

Survey questions are added, removed, and modified in each two-year cycle of CHIS to meet stakeholders' needs and monitor emerging public health concerns. Questions are removed from the interview to reduce its length and save data collection costs when topics are no longer relevant for public health

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Noteworthy Additions to CHIS 2017-2018

New Adult Questionnaire Topics in 2017-2018

- Marijuana use¹, frequency and methods of use^{1,4}
- Female pregnancy intentions¹
- Male birth control use¹
- Voting eligibility and engagement¹
- Current WIC enrollment², WIC participation in the past 5 years¹ and satisfaction with WIC³
- Prescription drug misuse² and heroin use²
- Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis³
- Reinstated content:
 - Smoking cessation¹
 - Current birth control use and pregnancy status¹
 - Race most identified with¹
 - Paying off mortgage and loan¹ (used in creation of the Elder Index™)
 - Medical debt¹
 - Usage of health savings accounts¹

New Adult Questionnaire Topics in 2018

- Non-cigarette tobacco use¹
- Tobacco product and e-cigarette flavors¹
- Secondhand smoke exposure¹ and rules about smoking/vaping¹
- Well-being scale¹

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Noteworthy Additions to CHIS 2017-2018

New Child Questionnaire Topics in 2017-2018

- Reinstated content:
 - Prescription medication and therapy needs¹
 - Developmental concerns¹
 - Usage of public dental health programs¹

New Teen Questionnaire Topics in 2017-2018

- Sleep and technology use¹
- Marijuana use², frequency of use² and methods of use³
- Birth control use and counseling²

New Teen Questionnaire Topics in 2018

- Reinstated content:
 - Condition of teeth¹ and missed school due to dental problems¹

¹ Available in all CHIS data products including Public Use Files (PUFs)

² Available through AskCHIS (ask.chis.ucla.edu)

³ Confidential data is only available through the Data Access Center (DAC). For more information please visit chis.ucla.edu/chis/data/Pages/confidential.aspx

⁴ Question only available in PUF for 2018, but available through the DAC for 2017

surveillance, or when sponsor funding is no longer available. Most CHIS questions remain in the interview across CHIS cycles. For CHIS 2017-2018 approximately 80% of the content continued from CHIS 2016. Occasionally, changes to question wording are made based on methodological evaluations or when user feedback strongly suggests that changes will produce better data. Otherwise, questions are consistent across years to aid in trending. Reinstated questions were asked in cycles prior to 2015-2016, and again in 2017-2018.



CHIS is conducted by the
UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

For a full list of topics in CHIS 2017-2018, please visit chis.ucla.edu/chis/design/Pages/survey-topics.aspx.

The full CHIS 2017 and 2018 questionnaires are available at chis.ucla.edu/chis/design/Pages/questionnairesEnglish.aspx.

Improved Sample Coverage

In an effort to improve cell phone coverage of California residents, CHIS 2017-2018 included a sample of likely residents (based on ZIP code) with out-of-state cell phone numbers to better capture those who have recently moved into the state. CHIS 2017-2018 also oversampled residents under 65 years of age to increase the ability to reach households with children and teens.

Oversamples

CHIS 2017-2018 continued to oversample Korean and Vietnamese populations which has been done in previous cycles since CHIS 2001. For the first time ever, CHIS was able to expand the listed sample of Korean and Vietnamese surnames to include cell phone numbers. CHIS 2017-2018 also saw an oversample in San Diego County thanks to funds provided by San Diego Health and Human Services.

In 2017, the Imperial County Health Department provided funds to oversample residents of northern Imperial County.

In 2018, the California Rural Indian Health Board provided funds to oversample American Indians across the state. In addition, the San Francisco Department of Public Health provided funds to specific gender and ethnic oversamples in San Francisco County.

Learn more about CHIS at
chis.ucla.edu