

# Resource Summary Report

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## National Long Term Care Survey

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### Resource Information

**URL:** <http://www.nltcs.aas.duke.edu/index.htm>

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**Description:** A data set of a longitudinal survey designed to study changes in the health and functional status of older Americans (aged 65+). It also tracks health expenditures, Medicare service use, and the availability of personal, family, and community resources for caregiving. The survey began in 1982, and follow-up surveys were conducted in 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004. The surveys are of the entire Medicare-enrolled aged population with a particular emphasis on the functionally impaired. As sample persons are followed through the Medicare record system, virtually 100% of cases can be longitudinally tracked so that declines, as well as increases, in disability may be identified as well as exact dates of death. NLTCs sample persons are followed until death and are permanently and continuously linked to the Medicare record system from which they are drawn. Linkage to the Medicare Part A and B service use records extends from 1982 to 2004, so that detailed Medicare expenditures and types of service use may be studied. Through the careful application of methods to reduce non-sampling error, the surveys provide nationally representative data on: \* The prevalence and patterns of functional limitations, both physical and cognitive; \* Longitudinal and cohort patterns of change in functional limitation and mortality over 22 years; \* Medical conditions and recent medical problems; \* Health care services used; \* The kind and amount of formal and informal services received by impaired individuals and how it is paid for; \* Demographic and economic characteristics like age, race, sex, marital status, education, and income and assets; \* Out-of-pocket expenditures for health care services and other sources of payment; \* Housing and neighborhood characteristics. In each of the six surveys, large samples (N~20,000) of the oldest-old population (i.e., those 85 and over) are obtained. The survey data (i.e., detailed community and institutional interviews. The linkage to Medicare enrollment files between 1982 and 2004 was 100%, i.e., there was complete follow-up of all cases (including survey non-respondents) for Medicare eligibility (and for most years, detailed Part A and B use), mortality, and date of death. Medicare mortality records (and dates of death) are available for 1982 to 2005. The number of deaths (i.e., about 32,000 from 1982 to 2005) is large enough that detailed mortality analyses can be

done. Over the 22 years spanned by the six surveys, a total of 49,242 distinct individuals were followed from and linked to Medicare records. Data Availability: The data are available through ICPSR as Study No. 9681. The data are available only on CD-ROM and only upon completion of a signed Data Use Agreement. Continuously linked Medicare data (1982 through 2004) for the National Long Term Care Surveys are only available from CMS. \* Dates of Study: 1982-2004 \* Study Features: Longitudinal, Anthropometric Measures \* Sample Size: \*\* 1982: 20,485 \*\* 1984: 25,401 \*\* 1989: 17,565 \*\* 1994: 19,171 \*\* 1999: 19,907 \*\* 2004: 20,474 Link: \* ICPSR: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/09681>

**Abbreviations:** NLTCS

**Synonyms:** NLTCS: National Long-Term Care Survey, National Long Term Care Survey (NLTCS), National Long-Term Care Survey

**Resource Type:** biomaterial supply resource, material resource

**Keywords:** longitudinal, survey, late adult human, interview, medicare, questionnaire, disabled, non-disabled, community, institution, disability, medical condition, education, income, blood, buccal wash, activity, caregiver, diet, family relations, health care service, health services utilization, health status, life satisfaction, live expectancy, living arrangement, marriage, perception, quality of life, apoe, sod2, physical, cognitive, functional limitation, mortality, demographic, economic, race, marital status, asset, payment, housing, neighborhood

**Related Condition:** Aging, Functionally impaired, Late adult human, Non-disabled

**Funding:** NIA N2 U01 AG0007198

**Availability:** Public, Data use agreement required.

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## Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for National Long Term Care Survey.

No alerts have been found for National Long Term Care Survey.

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## Data and Source Information

**Source:** [SciCrunch Registry](#)

## Usage and Citation Metrics

We have not found any literature mentions for this resource.