

README FILE FOR THE NATIONAL SAMPLE SURVEY OF REGISTERED NURSES 2004 GENERAL
PUBLIC USE FILE

This README file contains the following:

Contents of the National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses 2004 General
Public Use Release

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In addition to this README file, this release contains the following
files:

RN04PUBL.dat: This file contains the 2004 General Public Use
data in ASCII format. It contains 35,724 records with 295 variables.
This file has a logical record length of 877, with an additional 2-byte
carriage return/line feed at the end of each record. The contents of
this file, including programming information, is contained in the
document file RN04PDOC.PDF.

RN04PDOC.PDF: This PDF (Portable Document Format) file contains
the document describing the contents of the RN04PUBL.dat file. It
includes documentation and a codebook indicating the record layout
(i.e., the start and end position of each variable) of the file.
The documentation provides general background information about the
survey and some detailed variable explanations. The codebook includes
listings of the variables in both alphabetical and position order,
as well as the following information for each variable: 8 character
name convention for variables names used in the past, 40 character
description, format(length), type (character or numeric), start and end
position, and formatted frequencies. The codebook also contains unweighted
and weighted frequencies for all variables.

APPENDXA.PDF-APPENDXI.PDF:

This set of PDFs contain reference information that supplement
RN04PDOC.PDF. This information includes:

APPENDXA.PDF: A copy of the 2004 NSSRN survey instrument

APPENDXB.PDF: Explanation of the Survey Methodology

APPCXWLK.PDF: Crosswalk of 8 years of NSSRN Data, with APPCGUID.PDF
containing a key to conventions used

APPENDXD.PDF: State abbreviations with FIPS Codes

APPENDXE.PDF: Foreign Country Codes

APPENDXF.PDF: Region and State FIPS Codes

APPENDXI.PDF: Priority Order of States in Sample Design

SAS load GPUF.TXT: This ASCII file contains information for SAS
users. This includes SAS statements for reading the ASCII data file
RN04PUBL.TXT into SAS and later constructing a SAS data set.

SAS format GPUUF.TXT: This ASCII file contains information for SAS users. This includes SAS statements for creating and using SAS formats for all of the variables on the file. This SAS code can be used to create a SAS format library or it can be used to format the data as users work with it.

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