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New Beneficiary Data System

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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/microdata/nbds/>

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Description: Data set of extensive information on the changing circumstances of aged and disabled beneficiaries - Living, noninstitutionalized population of the continental United States from the Social Security Administration's Master Benefit Record who were new recipients of Social Security benefits (first payment in mid-1980 through mid-1981) or who had established entitlement to Medicare and were eligible for, but had not received, Social Security benefits as of July 1982. Based initially on a national cross-sectional survey of new beneficiaries in 1982, the original data base was expanded with information from administrative records and a second round of interviews in 1991. Variables measured in the original New Beneficiary Survey (NBS) include demographic characteristics; employment, marital, and childbearing histories; household composition; health; income and assets; program knowledge; and information about the spouses of married respondents. The 1991 New Beneficiary Follow-up (NBF) updated marital status, household composition, and the economic profile and contains additional sections on family contacts, postretirement employment, effects of widowhood and divorce, major reasons for changes in economic status, a more extensive section on health, and information on household moves and reasons for moving. Disabled-worker beneficiaries were also asked about their efforts to return to work, experiences with rehabilitation services, and knowledge of SSA work incentive provisions. The NBDS also links to administrative files of yearly covered earnings from 1951 to 1992, Medicare expenditures from 1984 to 1999, whether an SSI application has ever been made and payment status at five points in time, and dates of death as of spring 2001. For studies of health, the Medicare expenditure variables include inpatient hospital costs, outpatient hospital costs, home health care costs, and physicians' charges. The survey data cover functional capacity including ADLs and IADLs. For studies of work in retirement, the survey includes yearly information on extent of work, characteristics of the current or last job, and reasons for working or not working. No other data set has such detailed baseline survey data of a population immediately after retirement or disability, enhanced with subsequent measures over an extended period of time. The data are publicly available through NACDA and the

Social Security Administration Website. * Dates of Study: 1982-1991 * Study Features: Longitudinal * Sample Size: ** 18,136 (NBS 1981) ** 12,677 (NBF 1991) Links: * 1982 (ICPSR): <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/08510> * 1991 (ICPSR): <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/06118>

Abbreviations: NBDS

Synonyms: New Beneficiary Data System (NBDS)

Resource Type: data or information resource, data set

Keywords: late adult human, employment, marital status, childbearing, household composition, health, income, asset, program knowledge, spouse, survey, demographic, government service, job history, occupation, public program, social security, welfare service, longitudinal, health care, interview, questionnaire, insurance coverage, financial resource, family support, non-institutionalized, beneficiary, death, economic, health care access, health care service, health expenditure, health insurance, health services utilization, health status, medical care, medicare, social support

Related Condition: Aging, Disabled

Funding: NIA ;
U.S. Social Security Administration ;
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ASPE ;
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AHCPR

Availability: Public

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for New Beneficiary Data System.

No alerts have been found for New Beneficiary Data System.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We have not found any literature mentions for this resource.