

# Resource Summary Report

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## Puerto Rican Elderly: Health Conditions

RRID:SCR\_008916

Type: Tool

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### Proper Citation

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### Resource Information

**URL:** <http://prehco.rcm.upr.edu/>

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**Description:** A dataset that provides researchers and policy makers information about issues affecting the elderly population in Puerto Rico: health status, housing arrangements, functional status, transfers, labor history, migration, income, childhood characteristics, health insurance, use of health services, marital history, mistreat, sexuality, etc. It investigates the characteristics of older adults (aged 60+) through an island-wide cross-sectional sample survey of target individuals and their surviving spouses. The sampling frame was constructed on the basis of an advance release of the 2000 US Census. The population for the study consists of the elderly population (60+) in households in Puerto Rico. The sample design used a multistage probabilistic sample by cluster. All elderly adults who lived in the selected households were eligible. If more than one person was in the target population, one 60+ adult was the target and one was the spouse. Respondents 80+ and males in couples who were both 80+ were oversampled. There were 4,293 targets aged 60+ and 1,444 spouses (all ages) in the first wave. Types of data include demographic; household composition; marital history; Cantrill Scale; mini-mental (designed to measure cognitive capacity of Spanish-speaking Latinos with low levels of education and to provide early indications of dementia); self-reported health status; diagnosed health conditions; childhood conditions; transfers; labor history; migration; housing; assets; Activities of Daily Living; Instrumental Activities of Daily Living; medicines; health insurance and use of health services; family structure; sexuality; anthropometric measures. Project innovations include: (1) the design and test of a new tool for assessing cognition among Spanish speaking elderly of low levels of education, (2) a symptoms section to assess the validity of selected self reported conditions, (3) a modification of the Cantrill's Ladder Scale, (4) protocols for physical measurements to assess current, as well as past, conditions, and (5) the use of GIS and GPS in the fieldwork supervision and to geocoding the survey data. At this moment PREHCO has completed a second wave to become a longitudinal study. The questionnaire included questions regarding the changing conditions (health, residential, social and economic) of those individuals who responded the first questionnaire. The new questionnaire included

novel components: vignettes for health status self-report, a new improved section on disability and dependency, and on labor force participation. We also expanded the section of anthropometry by adding a few measurements and physical efficiency tests. Those participants deceased or institutionalized were interviewed using a proxy. Data Availability: First and second wave data are available for public use through BADGIR, the online data archive at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, at: <http://nesstar.ssc.wisc.edu/> \* Dates of Study: 2002-2003, 2004-2006 \* Study Features: Longitudinal, International, Minority Oversampling, Anthropometric measures \* Sample Size: 5,336

**Abbreviations:** PREHCO

**Synonyms:** Puerto Rican Elderly: Health Conditions (PREHCO), Health Conditions of Elderly Puerto Ricans (PREHCO)

**Resource Type:** data or information resource, data set

**Keywords:** longitudinal, international, minority oversampling, anthropometric measure, late adult human, questionnaire, puerto rico, health, residence, social, economic, self-report, disability, dependency, labor force

**Related Condition:** Late adult human, Aging

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## Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Puerto Rican Elderly: Health Conditions.

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## Data and Source Information

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

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## Usage and Citation Metrics

We have not found any literature mentions for this resource.