

**ARCHIVE OF PUBLIC USE DATA ON AGING  
PHASE I**

Sociometrics proposed creating a didactic (instructional) archive of social, behavioral, and medical research on aging in the United States and around the world. The main goal of this project was to provide data and services that support an infrastructure for the sharing of valuable public use datasets related to aging adults and that provide resources for learning how to use data more effectively. The archive met objectives of the National Institutes of Aging by providing three products for a broad spectrum of data users who analyze, consume, or use data on the aging population to make informed decisions or influence policy. The following products were produced by the completion of the Phase II project period:

**The Archive of Public Use Datasets on Aging** comprises a collection of existing public use files and new datasets that become available during the project period. Complex datasets were modified for more effective secondary use and data extracts were created for specific topically focused or subpopulation analysis. Data sets were archived in a standardized and easy to manipulate format.

**The Analysis Guide for Data on Aging** offers instructional materials for data users, instructors, students, and those in industry that wish to gain a more complete understanding of how to manipulate and use complex datasets.

**The XML Codebook Repository** was created using a new program developed for converting dataset information into the XML codebook standards of the Data Documentation Initiative.

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