1 **Sample Description**
Wave I: An in-home sample of 27,000 adolescents was drawn consisting of a core sample from each community plus selected special oversamples. Eligibility for oversamples was determined by an adolescent's responses on the In-School Questionnaire. Adolescents could qualify for more than one sample. In addition, parents were asked to complete a questionnaire about family and relationships.

Wave II: The Wave II in-home interview sample is the same as the Wave I in-home interview sample, with a few exceptions. Information about neighborhoods and communities was gathered from a variety of previously published databases.

Wave III: The in-home Wave III sample consists of Wave I respondents who could be located and re-interviewed six years later. A sample of 1,507 partners of original respondents was also interviewed. Wave III also collected High School Transcript Release Forms as well as samples of urine (for sexually transmitted infections) and saliva (for HIV testing, and for full siblings and twins, DNA extraction).

Wave IV: All original Wave I in-home respondents were eligible for in-home interviews at Wave IV. Wave IV also included collection of blood pressure readings, anthropometric measures (height, weight, and waist circumference), saliva for DNA, and blood spots from a finger stick from all consenting respondents. To estimate the reliability of biological measures in the Add Health population, anthropometric measures and collection of biospecimens were repeated on 100 Wave IV respondents.

2 **Project Web**
http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth

3 **Years covered**
Wave 1 [1994-95]
Wave 2 [1996]
Wave 3 [2001-2002]
Wave 4 [2008-2009]

4 **Longitudinal**
Yes

5 **Publically available**
Questionnaires and codebooks may be downloaded/accessed from the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/cocoon/ICPSR/STUDY/21600.xml
OR from Sociometrics
Restricted access data available
YES-http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth/data/contract

Web-accessible analysis
http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/cocoon/ICPSR/DAS/21600.xml
[download data or run frequencies and cross tabs]

Please note that Wave IV data is not available for web-accessible analysis

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/cocoon/ICPSR/STUDY/21600.xml
[To download data, must belong to member institution]

FAQ page
http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth/faqs

Data specific bibliography
http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth/pubs

Data citation

The Add Health contract and data use agreement require that the following be included:

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List serve/user group/help line
YES- information here:
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