

Wave I

The public-use dataset for Wave I contains information collected in 1994–95 from Add Health’s nationally representative sample of adolescents. This dataset consists of one-half of the core sample, and one-half of the oversample of African-American adolescents with a parent who has a college degree, chosen at random. The total number of Wave I respondents in this dataset is **6,504**.

The Wave I public-use dataset includes information from each of the following sources (as available):

- **Wave I In-Home Data File**, includes Wave I In-School Questionnaire Data, Wave I Parent Questionnaire Data and Add Health Picture Vocabulary Test Scores
- Contextual data
- In-school network data
- Weights

Wave II

The public-use dataset for Wave II contains information collected in 1996 from Add Health’s nationally representative sample of adolescents. The interview was generally similar to that at Wave I. Questions about attributes that should not change, such as ethnic background, were not repeated. A total of **4,834** of the original Wave I respondents were re-interviewed between April through August 1996.

- Wave II In-Home Interview
- Contextual data
- Weights

Wave III

The Wave III public-use data are helpful in analyzing the transition between adolescence and young adulthood. A total of **4,882** of the original Wave I respondents were re-interviewed between August 2001 and April 2002. Wave III respondents were between 18 and 26 years old.

The In-home interview Wave III dataset includes the following data files:

- Main Respondent File: includes the In-Home Questionnaire data, AHPVT scores, and bio specimen data
- Education Data: High School Exit Status and Math & Science Transcript data
- Weights

Wave IV

Wave IV was designed to study the developmental and health trajectories across the life course of adolescence into young adulthood. The Wave IV public-use file contains data on 5,114 respondents, aged 24 to 32*. In Wave IV, biological data was also gathered in an attempt to acquire a greater understanding of pre-disease pathways, with a specific focus on obesity, stress, and health risk behavior.

The In-home interview Wave IV dataset includes the following data files:

- Wave IV In-home Interview File: variables from the in-home interview, including anthropometric measures
- Wave IV Biomarker Files: Measures of Glucose homeostasis, Measures of EBV and hsCRP, Measure of Lipids
- Weights

*17 respondents in the Wave IV public use sample were 33 years old at the time of the interview