

Merged Death Files⁽¹⁾

List of Variables

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AGE OF DECEDENT
ALCOHOL TEST (YRS. 1968 – 1977)
AUTOPSY PERFORMED ON DECEDENT
BIOPSY PERFORMED ON DECEDENT
BIRTHPLACE OF DECEDENT
DATE OF DEATH
DATE OF DECEDENT'S BIRTH
DATE OF INJURY
DAYS BETWEEN INJURY AND DEATH
DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER
DRUG TEST (YRS. 1968 – 1977)
ENVIRONMENTAL PLACE OF INJURY
ETHNICITY OF DECEDENT (YRS. 1978 – 1984)
GENERATED RACE/ETHNICITY OF DECEDENT (YRS. 1985 – 2002)
INFANT UNDERLYING CAUSE OF DEATH GROUP CODE (YR. 1999 – FORWARD)
INJURY AT WORK
LOCAL REGISTRAR'S NUMBER
MARITAL STATUS OF DECEDENT
MILES FROM RESIDENCE (YRS. 1968 - 1977)
NAME OF DECEDENT
OPERATION PERFORMED PRIOR TO DEATH
PLACE OF DECEDENT'S RESIDENCE
PLACE WHERE DEATH OCURRED
RACE OF DECEDENT ⁽²⁾
RACE OF DECEDENT (YRS. 1978 – 1984)
RACE/ETHNICITY OF DECEDENT (CODE 1)
RACE/ETHNICITY OF DECEDENT (CODE 2)
RACE/ETHNICITY OF DECEDENT (CODE 3)
SEX OF DECEDENT
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF DECEDENT ⁽³⁾
SPANISH ORIGIN CODE OF DECEDENT
SPECIAL MEDICAL INDICATOR
STATE FILE NUMBER
TRUNCATION CODE
TYPE OF CERTIFIER
TYPE OF FACILITY WHERE DECEDENT DIED
UNDERLYING CAUSE OF DEATH ⁽⁴⁾
UNDERLYING CAUSE OF DEATH GROUP CODE (YRS. 1960 – 1998)
UNDERLYING CAUSE OF DEATH GROUP CODE (YRS. 1999 - FORWARD)

Footnotes:

1. Merged Death Files are available with or without data for California residents who died in other states. Access to this data is governed by the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems' (NAPHSIS) Inter-Jurisdictional Exchange Agreement.
2. Multiple race fields are available on the death files from 2000 onward.
3. The decedent's social security number and mother's maiden name are protected data elements. Researchers must obtain approval from Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) and Vital Statistics Projection Advisory Committee (VSPAC) in order to access these variables.
4. The International Classification of Disease (ICD) codes have undergone revisions over time. The data files are coded as follows: 1960 to 1968 used ICD-7; 1969 to 1978 used ICD-8; 1979 to 1998 used ICD-9; 1999 to present uses ICD-10.