

HINTS Data Users Survey

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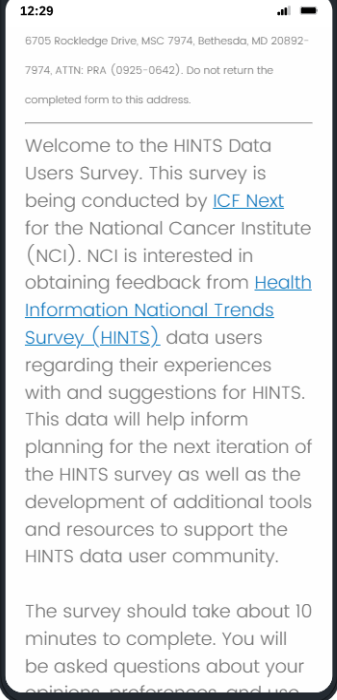
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Welcome to the HINTS Data Users Survey. This survey is being conducted by [ICF Next](#) for the National Cancer Institute (NCI). NCI is interested in obtaining feedback from [Health Information National Trends Survey \(HINTS\)](#) data users regarding their experiences with and suggestions for HINTS. This data will help inform planning for the next iteration of the HINTS survey as well as the development of additional tools and resources to support the HINTS data user community.

The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. You will be asked questions about your opinions, preferences, and use of HINTS survey data, as well as recommendations for improving HINTS instruments, data, and resources. Your participation in this survey is voluntary and declining to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits. All questions are optional and you may exit the survey at any time. Information will be kept private to the extent provided by law.

Completing this survey will not provide any direct benefit to you and you will not receive financial compensation for your participation, but your participation will help the HINTS team design the next HINTS instrument and will ensure that the HINTS program is responsive to the needs of data users like you.

If you have questions about this survey, please contact Kelly Blake at kelly.blake@nih.gov. If you have questions about your rights and welfare as a participant, please contact the ICF IRB at IRB@icf.com.



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What is your primary place of employment/affiliation? Mark only one.

☐ University (as faculty or staff)

☐ University (as a student, trainee, postbac, postdoc, fellow, etc.)

☐ Cancer Center

☐ Health System

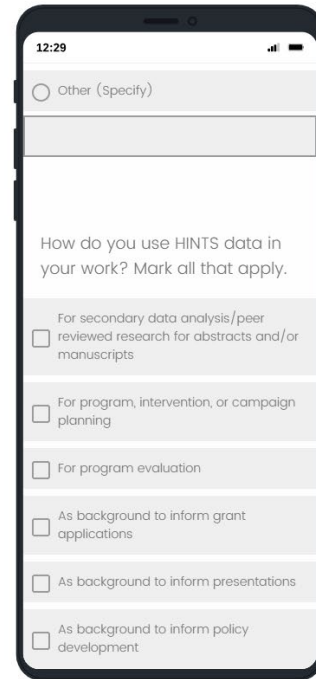
☐ Non-profit organization

☐ Federal Government Agency

☐ State Government (department of public health, etc.)

☐ Local Government (health department, etc.)

☐ Other (Specify)



How do you use HINTS data in your work? Mark all that apply.

☐ For secondary data analysis/peer reviewed research for abstracts and/or manuscripts

☐ For program, intervention, or campaign planning

☐ For program evaluation

☐ As background to inform grant applications

☐ As background to inform presentations

☐ As background to inform policy development

☐ For a class project, master's thesis, etc.

☐ For a doctoral dissertation

☐ As a teaching tool in my classes

☐ To inform survey instrument development for my own research/primary data collection

☐ Other (Specify)



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<https://hints.cancer.gov/view-questions-topics/all-hints-questions.aspx>

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☐ Yes

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Please provide suggestions for new constructs (or items) that HINTS should assess in future iterations. Be as detailed as possible, providing item stems and response options. Please also add a link or citation where we can learn more about how this new construct or item has been used in other surveys or who/what organization created it, if available.



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Which statistical software package(s) do you use most often for HINTS analyses? Mark all that apply.

☐ SAS

☐ SUDAAN (or SAS-callable SUDAAN)

☐ SPSS

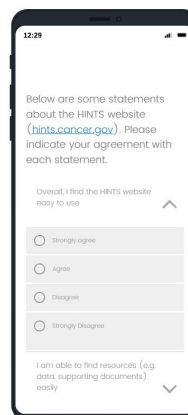
☐ STATA

☐ R

☐ MPlus

☐ Other (Specify)

☐ I do not use statistical packages for HINTS analyses.



How useful are each of the following HINTS materials that are provided with each HINTS data package?

	Very Useful	Useful	Somewhat useful	Not Useful	Have never used
Methodology Report	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unweighted Codebook of Frequencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weighted Codebook of Frequencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Annotated Instrument in English	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Annotated Instrument in Spanish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Survey Overview and Data Analysis Recommendations Document	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
History Document	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How useful are each of the following HINTS resources that are provided on the HINTS website?

	Very Useful	Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Useful	Have never used
Video tutorials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
HINTS Briefs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Online codebook/Item frequencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
EBICSA Page	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Data merge tool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Online HINTS Publication List	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Below are some statements about the HINTS website (hints.cancer.gov). Please indicate your agreement with each statement.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Overall, I find the HINTS website easy to use.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am able to find resources (e.g. data, supporting documents) easily.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you have any suggestions for how to improve the HINTS website, please list them below:

Before taking this survey, were you aware of restricted HINTS data resources that can be requested here (<https://hints.cancer.gov/data/restricted-data.aspx>)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Have you requested or accessed any of the following restricted data resources? Mark all that apply.

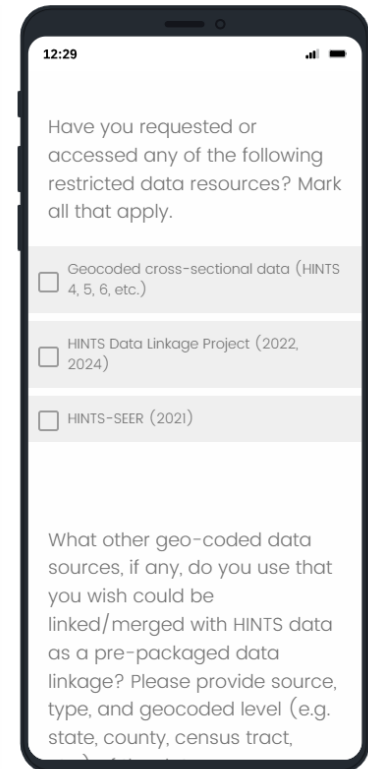
☐ Geocoded cross-sectional data (HINTS 4, 5, 6, etc.)☐ HINTS Data Linkage Project (2022, 2024)☐ HINTS-SEER (2021)

What other geo-coded data sources, if any, do you use that you wish could be linked/merged with HINTS data as a pre-packaged data linkage? Please provide source, type, and geocoded level (e.g. state, county, census tract, etc.) of the data.

If HINTS were to offer more composite/derived variables, which composite/derived variables would you find useful? Please specify by providing the items and the outcome of interest.



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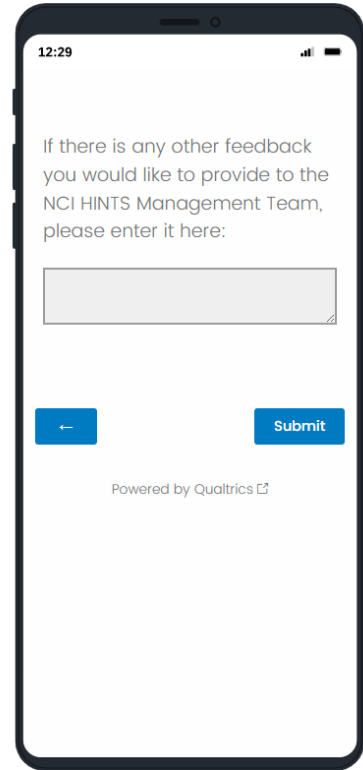


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