

DATABASE SPOTLIGHT

HEALTH INFORMATION NATIONAL TRENDS SURVEY (HINTS)

<https://hints.cancer.gov/>

WHAT IS HINTS?

Gathers public knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors regarding health-related issues, including:

- Cancer prevention and screening
- Changing health communication and practices
- Assesses cancer information access and usage
- Cancer risk perception

COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY FOCUSED:

Questions surrounding communication items over time:

- Health Information Seeking
- Use of Health Information Technology
- Social Media Use
- Medical Records/EHR's
- Patient-Provider Communication

PUBLICATIONS USING HINTS:

- Self-efficacy to Get Cancer – Related Information or Advice

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36708498/>

- Caregivers of children feel confident about using the Internet for health information

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35396806/>

GETTING STARTED: DATASETS, SURVEY INSTRUMENTS, SUMMARY STATISTICS, AND BRIEFS:

1. View “Questions” to see all questions related to your area of interest:
<https://hints.cancer.gov/view-questions/all-hints-questions.aspx>
2. See the types of Survey Instruments used for HINTS collections:
<https://hints.cancer.gov/data/survey-instruments.aspx>
3. By clicking ALL next to the Question, see Summary Statistics for all cycles or specific cycles.
4. Use Briefs for a snapshot of noteworthy research findings:
<https://hints.cancer.gov/publications-reports/hints-briefs.aspx>
5. Datasets are free to download – SAS, STATA, SPSS, and R
<https://hints.cancer.gov/data/download-data.aspx>

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

- *HINTS Factsheet:*
https://hints.cancer.gov/docs/Hints_Factsheet.pdf
- *HINTS Educational Webinars:*
<https://hints.cancer.gov/meetings-trainings/hints-educational-webinars.aspx>
- *Publications Using HINTS Data:*
<https://hints.cancer.gov/publications-reports/hints-publications.aspx>
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