The **nhanes3** dataset includes 5,074 subjects randomly selected from the entire NHANES-III data.

Description of the NHANES III Data

**seqn** ID number

**age** age at interview (years)

**sex** sex (men 1; women 2)

**race** race (White 1; Black 2)

**urban** urbanization classification (urban 1; rural 2)

**region** census region (1='Northeast' 2='Midwest' 3='South' 4='West')

**pir** poverty income ratio

**psu** primary sampling unit

**strata** strata

**wt\_mh** sample weight

**bmi** body mass index (kg/m2)

**sbp** systolic blood pressure (mm Hg)

**dbp** diastolic blood pressure (mm Hg)

**hematoc** hematocrit (%)

**bpb** blood lead (μg/dL)

**chol** serum total cholesterol (mg/dL)

**trig** serum triglyceride (mg/dL)

**scalc** serum calcium (mg/dL)

**creat** serum creatinine (mg/dL)

**calc** dietary calcium consumption

**sodium** dietary sodium consumption

**potass** dietary potassium consumption

**educ** education (<12 yrs 1; 12-15 yrs 2; 16+ yrs 3)

**smk** smoking status (never 1; former 2; current 3)

**packyrs** cumulative cigarette (pack-years)

**alc** alcohol consumption (no 0; yes 1)

**phyact** physical activity (no 0; yes 1)

**med\_ht** antihypertensive medication (no 0; yes 1)

**diag\_ca** diagnosis of cancer (no 0; yes 1)

**diag\_dm** diagnosis of type-2 diabetes (no 0; yes 1)

**diag\_ht** diagnosis of hypertension (no 0; yes 1)

**htn** hypertension status (diag or med or sbp/dbp > 140/90) (no 0; yes 1)

**d\_total** total mortality (no 0; yes 1)

**d\_cancer** mortality due to cancer (no 0; yes 1)

**d\_cvd** mortality due to CVD (no 0; yes 1)

**pmon\_int** person-months of follow-up from interview date

**pmon\_mec** person-months of follow-up from MEC date