

ICPSR 2526

## **United States Census of Mortality: 1850, 1860, and 1870**

Description

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## **Bibliographic Description**

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## **Scope of Study**

Summary: This data collection is a portion of the historical data collected by the project, "Early Indicators of Later Work Levels, Disease, and Death," which is collecting military, medical, and socioeconomic data on a sample of white males mustered into the Union Army during the Civil War. During 1850, 1860, and 1870, mortality information was gathered at the county level as an addendum to the population census. These data examine the impact of environmental factors on life outcomes and look at the influence of infectious disease rates on economic and health patterns at late ages. Part 1, Disease Data, looks at cause of death from 66 disease classifications. Part 2, General Disease Data, also examines cause of death but through 18 broad disease categories. Variables included in both parts are state, county, year of death, and frequency of death by disease.

Subject Term(s): American Civil War, causes of death, disease, environmental impact, health problems, health status, males, military service, mortality rates, Union Army, White Americans

Geographic Coverage: United States

Date(s) of Collection: • 1998

Universe: All deaths in the year prior to the taking of the census in 1850, 1860, and 1870.

Data Type: medical records data

Data Collection Notes: (1) These files represent a storage format sometimes referred to as a weighted analysis file. The data are organized with one record for each county/year/disease permutation (in the event that no one died in that county/year/disease, no record is created). For each such permutation, the frequency variable contains the number of individuals who died in the county/year of that disease. (2) Questions regarding the use of these data should be directed to Peter Viechnicki at the University of Chicago (peterv@cpe.uchicago.edu).

## Methodology

Sample: Individuals who died in a household in which somebody survived were included.

Data Source: mortality census records

## Access and Availability

Note: A list of the data formats available for this study can be found in the [summary of holdings](#). Detailed file-level information (such as record length, case count, and variable count) is listed in the [file manifest](#).

Original ICPSR Release: 2000-05-01

Version History: The last update of this study occurred on 2006-03-30.

2006-03-30 - File CB2526.ALL.PDF was removed from any previous datasets and flagged as a study-level file, so that it will accompany all downloads.

2005-11-04 - On 2005-03-14 new files were added to one or more datasets. These files included additional setup files as well as one or

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more of the following: SAS program, SAS transport, SPSS portable, and Stata system files. The metadata record was revised 2005-11-04 to reflect these additions.

- Dataset(s):
- DS1: Disease Data
  - DS2: General Disease Data