

## Mortality Supplemental Dataset for the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS)

All graduate and sibling participants are searched against the National Death Index (NDI) on a yearly basis. Valid matches are considered a record of death. In addition to NDI records of death, WLS mortality status is derived from: direct reports by participants, family or proxies; contact attempts or other operations conducted by the University of Wisconsin Survey Center (UWSC); or direct searches of other public records by WLS staff.

**>> Version 1 (WLS\_Mortality\_Supplement\_rl\_1.dta) <<**

Contents:

- Linking ID for merging with other WLS data resources
- mortality\_status : Indicates if WLS has a record or report of death.
- death\_year : Year of Death
- death\_month: Month of Death (Not available on Public version)

The first version of this supplement only includes mortality status and date of death (year and month). Future versions will include cause of death. See [this link](#) for information on accessing WLS restricted datasets.

In Version 1, NDI matches are current for deaths up to 2023.

**These data are meant to replace these previously released variables in the WLS Official Release (v 15.02): z\_livgrad, z\_deatyr z\_deatmn.**