

**Dataset Title:** National Latino and Asian American Study (NLAAS)

**Overview:** The National Latino and Asian American Study (NLAAS) compares the presence of various mental illnesses and usage of mental health services by Latinos and Asian Americans. It has three aims. Its first aim is “to describe the lifetime and 12-month prevalence of psychiatric disorders and the rates of mental health services use for Latino and Asian American populations using nationwide representative samples of these groups. [It’s second goal] is to assess the associations among social position, environmental context, and psychosocial factors with the prevalence of psychiatric disorders and utilization rates of mental health services. [It’s third objective is] to compare the lifetime and 12-month prevalence of psychiatric disorders, and utilization of mental health services of Latinos and Asian Americans with national representative samples of non-Latino whites and African Americans.”

NLAAS is a component of the Collaborative Psychiatric Epidemiology Surveys (CPES).

Source: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/191>

**Date:** May 2002- November 2003

**Time dimension:** Longitudinal Study

**Sample:** The NLAAS sample included 2,554 Latino and 2,095 Asian American respondents. There were also separate ethnic subgroups of Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, Chinese, Vietnamese and Filipino populations. Researchers have used NLAAS to determine the prevalence of mental illness across ethnic subgroups, identify socio-cultural influences on mental illnesses, and evaluate the availability and quality of mental health services for Latino and Asian American populations.

**Data source:** The sample only included respondents who were 18 years or older. Respondents could pick from a few different languages. Their language options were: English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, or Tagalog. Interviewers were fully bilingual in English and their language of choice.

**Self-Identified Race and Hispanic Origin Measures:**

\*DM1.1. Are you of Spanish or Hispanic descent, that is, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban or Spanish?

(IF NEC: Which one?)

- NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC..... 1
- MEXICAN ..... 2      GO TO DM1.2
- MEXICAN AMERICAN ..... 3      GO TO DM1.2
- CHICANO ..... 4      GO TO DM1.2
- PUERTO RICAN ..... 5      GO TO DM1.2
- CUBAN ..... 6      GO TO DM1.2
- OTHER SPANISH (SPECIFY)..... 7      GO TO DM1.2

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- DON'T KNOW ..... 8
  - REFUSED ..... 9

\*DM1.1c. (\*DA2) (RB, PG 32-33) In addition to being American, what are your (other) main ethnic origins? (Please tell me the number that describes your main ethnic group.)

(IF NEC: What country did your ancestors come from?)

RECORD ALL MENTIONS

INTERVIEWER: SEE TABLE ON NEXT PAGE FOR COUNTRY CODES.

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY CODE(S)

NONE .....997  
DON'T KNOW.....998  
REFUSED.....999

\*DM1.3. (\*DA3) INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT: (SEE \*DM1.1, \*DM1.1c, \*DM1.2)

NO GROUP MENTIONED .....1      GO TO \*DM1.5  
IF \*DM1.1c OR \*DM1.2 EQUALS '996' OR '997' .....4      GO TO \*DM1.5  
ONLY ONE GROUP MENTIONED.....2      GO TO \*DM1.5  
ALL OTHERS.....3

\*DM1.3a. (\*DA3a) Which one do you feel best describes your ethnic background – (ALL OF R'S MENTIONS IN \*DM1.1, \*DM1.1c AND \*DM1.2)?

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\*DM1.5. (\*DA4) (RB PG 54) Looking at the bottom of page 54 in the RB, please tell me which group best describes your race?

RECORD ALL MENTIONS

PROBE BEFORE ACCEPTING REFUSAL

WHITE/ CAUCASIAN .....1  
AFRICAN/ AFRICAN AMERICAN/ BLACK .....2  
AMERICAN INDIAN.....3  
ALASKA NATIVE .....4  
ASIAN INDIAN .....5  
CHINESE .....6  
FILIPINO .....7  
JAPANESE .....8  
KOREAN .....9  
VIETNAMESE.....10  
OTHER ASIAN (SPECIFY).....11  
NATIVE HAWAIIAN .....12  
PACIFIC ISLANDER .....13  
GUAMANIAN OR CHAMARRO .....14  
SAMOAN.....15  
MESTIZO.....16  
CRIOLLO.....17  
MULATO .....18  
LATIN BLACK .....19  
CARIBBEAN.....20  
OTHER (SPECIFY).....21  
DON'T KNOW .....98  
REFUSED .....99

\*DM1.5b. (\*DA4b) (RB PG 54) Looking again at the bottom of page 54 in the RB, please tell me which one do you feel best describes your race?

RECORD ALL MENTIONS

PROBE BEFORE ACCEPTING REFUSAL

WHITE/ CAUCASIAN .....	1
AFRICAN/ AFRICAN AMERICAN/ BLACK .....	2
AMERICAN INDIAN .....	3
ALASKA NATIVE .....	4
ASIAN INDIAN .....	5
CHINESE .....	6
FILIPINO .....	7
JAPANESE .....	8
KOREAN .....	9
VIETNAMESE .....	10
OTHER ASIAN (SPECIFY) .....	11
NATIVE HAWAIIAN .....	12
PACIFIC ISLANDER .....	13
GUAMANIAN OR CHAMARRO .....	14
SAMOAN .....	15
MESTIZO .....	16
CRIOLO .....	17
MULATO .....	18
LATIN BLACK .....	19
CARIBBEAN .....	20
OTHER (SPECIFY) .....	21
DON'T KNOW .....	98
REFUSED .....	99

**Observed Race Measures: N/A**

**Reflected Race Measures: N/A**

**Phenotype Measures: N/A**

**Race or Ethnic origin of Respondent's Parents:**

**\*DE5.2** How many of your grandparents were born in the U.S.?

\_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER

DON'T KNOW .....98

REFUSED .....99

**\*DE5.3. INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT: (SEE RESPONDENT'S ID NUMBER)**

R IS PART OF WHITE SAMPLE..... 1

R IS PART OF LATINO SAMPLE..... 2

R IS PART OF ASIAN SAMPLE..... 3

**GO TO \*DE7.a**

**Interviewer Characteristics:** N/A

**Other Race Measures:**

\*DM1.6. (\*DE4) In what country were you born?

INTERVIEWER: START TYPING THE NAME OF THE COUNTRY.

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY CODE

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**Weblinks:**

<http://www.multiculturalmentalhealth.org/nlaas.asp#aims>

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/CPES/files/nlaas>

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/191>

[http://www.unboundmedicine.com/medline/citation/19672330/Assessing\\_Diversity\\_among\\_Latinos:\\_Results\\_from\\_the\\_NLAAS\\_](http://www.unboundmedicine.com/medline/citation/19672330/Assessing_Diversity_among_Latinos:_Results_from_the_NLAAS_)

<http://www.apa.org/monitor/feb06/health.aspx>

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**Publications using NLAAS data:**

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