

Section 3. Introduction To This Addendum Report

Re-Analysis of The *Monitoring The Human Condition on Cape Cod Study* Response Data

Primary Data

For purposes of more fully understanding the needs of Cape Codders age 55 and older, data from the seven prior research studies have been professionally re-analyzed. **In recent months, researchers have separated out survey response data from the five years of the *Monitoring The Human Condition on Cape Cod Study*** relating to those surveyed households that include one or more adult age 55 or older. These data have been professionally re-analyzed. Responses from this smaller segment of the overall MTHC survey response sample has been scrutinized using advanced statistical analysis techniques and findings recorded. The major findings and highlights of findings from this re-analyses effort are the subject of this Addendum report.

Secondary Data

Secondary data is previously collected information that is available to researchers. Examples of secondary data include; U.S. Census Bureau statistics, birth, death, marriage, and divorce records, emergency room usage statistics, disease/illness incidence and prevalence rates, hospitalization records, etc. Secondary data from selected sources, including the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey for 2007 and 2008, are included in this Addendum report. Further, a detail Glossary of Terms is provided.

Appendix 3 to this Addendum contains a reprint of a U.S. Administration on Aging publication concerning the senior/elder population in the United States. That Report, A Profile of Older Americans: 2008, serves as an excellent reference. The reader is invited to reference Appendix 3 to gain a better understanding of the characteristics of the senior/elder population across the nation.

Research Questions

Section 4 of this Addendum report provides a detailed description of the research questions which are the focus of the *Monitoring The Human Condition on Cape Cod Study*.

