The PATH Study is a nationally representative, longitudinal study of tobacco use, its determinants, and its impacts.

### Access to PATH Study Data

**Data Collection**
- **Wave 4**: Dec. 2018 – Nov. 2019
- **Wave 5.5**: Jul. – Dec. 2020

**Special Collections**
- **Wave 7**: Wave 7 questions added on: 2022

### Researchers’ Use of Data

Policies and procedures to access biospecimens are available online at:

- [https://pathstudyinfo.nih.gov](https://pathstudyinfo.nih.gov)

### Wave 4.5 Special Collection Public-Use Files (SCPUF)†

- Blood Waves 1 – 5 adults
- Urine Waves 1 – 5 adults
- Urine Wave 4 replenishment adults
- Urine Blood Wave 4 replenishment adults

### Wave 4.5 Special Collection Restricted-Use Files (SCRUF)†

- Blood Waves 1 – 5 adults
- Urine Waves 1 – 5 adults
- Urine Blood Wave 4 replenishment adults
- ≥ 12 years old respondents from the Wave 4.5 Special Collection

### Waves 1–5 Biomarker Restricted-Use Files (BRUF)*

- Blood Waves 1–5 adults
- Urine Waves 1–5 adults
- ≥ 12 years old respondents from the Wave 4.5 Special Collection

### Researchers’ Use of Path Study Data

- Principal investigators of research studies designed to assess tobacco use, its determinants, and its impacts.
- Data are collected and stored at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Tobacco Products (CTP), respectively.
- Access to the Path Study data is available through various restricted-use data files.

### Researchers’ Use of Path Study Data

- **Restricted-Use Files**: Available to researchers who are conducting research on tobacco use, its determinants, and its impacts.
- **Public-Use Files**: Available to the general public.

### Data Collection

**Biomarkers**

- Blood
- Urine
- Saliva

**Common Measures**

- Demographics
- Tobacco use
- Use of nicotine and/or tobacco-related products
- Awareness of health consequences
- Awareness and ever use of IQOS

### Highlights of Method Papers

- **Data Collection Methods**: Describes the methods and conceptual framework for the PATH Study’s Wave 1 data collection.
- **Exposures and Potential Harm**: Focuses on exposures and potential harm from tobacco use and their related biomarkers.
- **IQOS**: Provides information on IQOS, including use (lifetime, regular, every day), age of initiation, purchasing, dependence, disposal, and reasons for use.
- **COVID-19**: Discusses the impact of COVID-19 on tobacco use and related behaviors.

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