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1. Overview

The Five-Factor Screener may be useful to assess approximate intakes of fruits and vegetables, fiber, added sugar, calcium, and dairy foods. A single question about red meat is also asked. The screener asks respondents to report how frequently they consume foods in 18 categories. The screener also asks one question about the type of cereal consumed. No portion size questions are asked. This screener does not attempt to assess total diet.

The questions for the Five-Factor Screener were in-person interviewer-administered in the 2005 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). PDF files of the cancer part of 2005 NHIS questionnaire, which includes the food questions (NAC.010 - NAC.138), are available in English and Spanish.

You can view or print the Five-Factor Screener from the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) [Register of Validated Short Dietary Assessment Instruments](#).

The process of scoring the individual response data is described in [Scoring Procedures](#). A description and guidelines for the appropriate uses of the screener-estimated dietary intakes is found in [Uses of Screener Estimates](#). Validation data for the NHIS 2005 screener are presented in [Validation Results](#). Finally, the various dietary intake variables are found in [Computed Variables](#).

2. Scoring Procedures

How Analytical Scoring Procedures Were Developed

Scoring procedures were developed to convert a respondent's screener responses to estimates of individual dietary intake for fruits and vegetables (servings), fiber (gm), added sugar (tsp), calcium (mg), and dairy (servings) using USDA's [1994-96 Continuing Survey of Food Intakes of Individuals \(CSFII 94-96\)](#) dietary recall data. The following equations were estimated in the CSFII 94-96:

For **fiber** and **calcium**:

$$E(\text{Dietary Factor}) = b_0 + b_1(N_{FG1}P_1 + b_2N_{FG2}P_2 + \dots + b_{20}N_{FG20}P_{20})$$

$E(\text{Dietary Factor})$ indicates the expected values for fiber and calcium and assumes a normal distribution. In the CSFII 94-96 dataset fiber was positively skewed and required a cube-root transformation to approximate normality. Calcium required a quarter-root transformation. N_{FGk} is the usual number of times per day an individual consumed food group k ; P_k is the median portion size of group k ; and k indexes the 20 food groups. These 20 food groups were formed to reflect the same food groups on the screener. We calculated weighted least-squares estimates of the regression coefficients b_k , $k = 0, \dots, 20$ on CSFII 94-96 adults aged 18 and above, stratifying by gender and excluding extreme exposure values. We first included all 20 food groups in the regression model. After examining the results,

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we dropped food groups that failed to attain statistical significance at the $\alpha = 0.25$ level to form more parsimonious final models. In the fiber model, salad and soda were dropped for women. In the calcium model, all foods attained statistical significance. Because of the complex survey design, the analysis was performed using SUDAAN (RTI Inc., Research Triangle Park, NC).

For servings of **fruits and vegetables**:

$$E ([\text{Fruits and Veg}]^{1/2}) = b_0 + b_1([N_{FG1}P_1 + N_{FG2}P_2 + \dots + N_{FG9}P_9]^{1/2})$$

Servings of fruits and vegetables was square-root-transformed to approximate normality; N_{FGk} is the usual number of times per day an individual consumed food group k ; P_k is the median portion size of group k ; and k indexes the 9 fruit and vegetable food groups. We calculated weighted least-squares estimates of the regression coefficients b_0 and b_1 on the adults in the CSFII 94-96 sample, stratifying by gender and excluding extreme exposure values.

For teaspoons of **added sugar**:

$$E ([\text{Added Sugar}]^{.33}) = b_0 + b_1([N_{FG1}P_1 + N_{FG2}P_2 + \dots + N_{FG4}P_4]^{.33})$$

Teaspoons of added sugar was cube-root-transformed to approximate normality; N_{FGk} is the usual number of times per day an individual consumed food group k ; P_k is the median portion size of group k ; and k indexes the 4 added sugar food groups. We calculated weighted least-squares estimates of the regression coefficients b_0 and b_1 on the adults in the CSFII 94-96 sample, stratifying by gender and excluding extreme exposure values.

For servings of **dairy**:

$$E ([\text{Dairy}]^{1/2}) = b_0 + b_1([N_{FG1}P_1 + N_{FG2}P_2]^{1/2})$$

Servings of dairy was square-root-transformed to approximate normality; N_{FGk} is the usual number of times per day an individual consumed food group k ; P_k is the median portion size of group k ; and k indexes the 2 dairy food groups. We calculated weighted least-squares estimates of the regression coefficients b_0 and b_1 on the adults in the CSFII 94-96 sample, stratifying by gender and excluding extreme exposure values.

Scoring Procedures

We performed the following steps with the NHIS 2005 Cancer Control Supplement dietary data to estimate the individual's intake of servings of fruits and vegetables, fiber, added sugar, calcium, and servings of dairy.

1. Estimation of N_{FGk} : All reported frequencies were standardized to a common unit of time by converting them to daily frequencies.

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Table 2- 1 Reported frequencies converted to daily frequencies

Frequency Response	NFGk: Daily Frequency
Never	0
1-3 times per month	0.067
1-2 times per week	0.214
3-4 times per week	0.5
5-6 times per week	0.786
1 time per day	1
2 times per day	2
3 times per day	3
4 times per day	4
5 or more times per day	5

2. Estimation of P_k : The median age- and gender-specific portion sizes for each food were estimated from CSFII 94-96. For fiber and calcium variables, the units were in grams ([Table 2-2](#) & [Table 2-3](#)); for fruit and vegetable servings variables, the units were in Pyramid servings of fruits and vegetables ([Table 2-4](#) & [Table 2-5](#)); for dairy servings, the unit was Pyramid servings of dairy ([Table 2-6](#)); and for teaspoons of added sugar, the unit was Pyramid teaspoons of added sugar ([Table 2-7](#)).

For fruit and vegetables, a Pyramid serving was defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the 1992 Dietary Guidelines Food Guide Pyramid as:

- vegetables: 1 cup raw leafy, 1/2 cup of other vegetables, or 3/4 cup vegetable juice; and
- fruit: 1 whole fruit, 1/2 cup of cut-up fruit, or 3/4 cup fruit juice.

More recently, the 2005 Dietary Guidelines measure fruits and vegetables in cup equivalents. See [MyPyramid](#) for definitions of cup equivalents.

Both metrics are provided for these 2005 data.

For the milk group, a Pyramid serving is defined as:

- 1 cup of milk or yogurt;
- 1½ ounces of natural cheese; and
- 2 ounces of processed cheese.

For added sugar, a Pyramid serving is 1 teaspoon.

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Table 2- 2 Median Portion Size (Pk) in Grams per Mention by Age for Fiber and Calcium Analyses: Men

Food Group	Age Group						
	18-27	28-37	38-47	48-57	58-67	68-77	78-99
Cooked Cereals (P₁)	354.000000	219.630000	247.000000	247.000000	234.000000	239.000000	234.000000
High-fiber Cereal (P₂)	33.000000	33.000000	33.000000	33.000000	22.000000	22.000000	22.000000
Moderate-fiber cereal (P₃)	84.000000	66.000000	58.000000	64.125000	50.000000	47.000000	39.000000
Low-fiber cereal (P₄)	64.000000	54.000000	54.000000	40.625000	40.000000	30.375000	29.000000
Milk (P₅)	325.333333	268.400000	274.500000	244.000000	233.833333	206.000000	183.000000
Regular Soda (P₆)	453.866667	372.000000	372.000000	372.000000	370.200000	368.400000	368.000000
Fruit Drinks (P₇)	480.000000	376.500000	378.265000	372.000000	306.000000	248.000000	248.000000
Fruit Juice (P₈)	372.000000	311.250000	249.000000	249.000000	248.000000	186.750000	186.750000
Fruit (P₉)	131.750000	128.000000	123.200000	127.500000	122.000000	118.000000	114.250000
Salad (P₁₀)	30.000000	47.833333	42.500000	41.250000	42.500000	41.250000	44.666667
French fries (P₁₁)	112.500000	114.000000	100.000000	100.000000	85.500000	85.500000	97.000000
Other potatoes (P₁₂)	210.000000	193.000000	193.000000	161.000000	150.000000	127.000000	113.250000
Dried beans (P₁₃)	222.500000	188.095000	178.000000	189.750000	226.800000	199.333333	214.000000
Other vegetables (P₁₄)	61.250000	74.166667	75.625000	81.666667	76.000000	73.332500	70.000000
Tomato sauce (P₁₅)	63.000000	125.000000	125.000000	156.250000	122.500000	125.000000	125.000000

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Food Group	Age Group						
	18-27	28-37	38-47	48-57	58-67	68-77	78-99
Salsa (P₁₆)	62.250000	62.250000	49.275000	43.875000	16.000000	31.130000	31.130000
Whole Grain Bread (P₁₇)	56.000000	54.000000	52.000000	52.000000	51.000000	48.250000	48.000000
Doughnuts, sweet rolls, muffins (P₁₈)	71.000000	77.500000	72.800000	65.000000	63.000000	57.000000	57.000000
Cookies, pie, cake, brownies (P₁₉)	64.000000	66.000000	66.000000	73.733333	67.500000	64.000000	61.000000
Cheese (P₂₀)	35.440000	28.350000	30.470000	29.390000	28.350000	28.350000	28.350000

Table 2- 3 Median Portion Size (Pk) in Grams per Mention by Age for Fiber and Calcium Analyses: Women

Food Group	Age Group						
	18-27	28-37	38-47	48-57	58-67	68-77	78-99
Cooked Cereals (P₁)	234.000000	234.000000	234.000000	234.000000	226.800000	234.000000	227.475000
High-fiber Cereal (P₂)	42.750000	42.750000	42.750000	42.750000	27.970000	27.970000	27.970000
Moderate-fiber cereal (P₃)	60.000000	57.000000	53.000000	49.500000	42.000000	39.083333	40.000000
Low-fiber cereal (P₄)	46.500000	37.500000	36.250000	33.000000	27.000000	26.000000	25.000000
Milk (P₅)	244.000000	244.000000	244.000000	214.250000	183.750000	183.000000	183.000000

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Food Group	Age Group						
	18-27	28-37	38-47	48-57	58-67	68-77	78-99
Regular Soda (P₆)	372.000000	372.000000	370.200000	368.400000	330.666667	366.000000	368.200000
Fruit Drinks (P₇)	360.000000	341.000000	250.000000	250.000000	248.000000	240.000000	221.200000
Fruit Juice (P₈)	280.125000	249.000000	248.800000	233.250000	189.755000	186.600000	186.700000
Fruit (P₉)	118.000000	118.000000	118.000000	118.000000	118.000000	112.427143	109.000000
Salad (P₁₀)	33.750000	32.083333	47.000000	55.000000	43.750000	34.333333	41.250000
French fries (P₁₁)	79.500000	70.000000	70.000000	70.000000	66.000000	70.000000	64.000000
Other potatoes (P₁₂)	122.000000	127.000000	119.000000	113.000000	105.000000	105.000000	105.000000
Dried beans (P₁₃)	132.750000	126.500000	126.500000	141.750000	130.550000	172.000000	178.000000
Other vegetables (P₁₄)	56.000000	62.043333	64.415000	64.920000	65.000000	67.375000	71.333333
Tomato sauce (P₁₅)	125.000000	113.400000	62.500000	125.000000	62.500000	62.500000	62.500000
Salsa (P₁₆)	32.000000	31.130000	36.565000	27.847500	31.130000	16.000000	16.000000
Whole Grain Bread (P₁₇)	50.000000	48.000000	47.500000	45.000000	45.000000	42.400000	34.000000
Doughnuts, sweet rolls, muffins (P₁₈)	67.333333	58.000000	57.000000	58.500000	57.000000	59.000000	47.000000
Cookies, pie, cake, brownies (P₁₉)	56.700000	50.000000	48.800000	55.200000	57.000000	48.675000	52.666667
Cheese (P₂₀)	28.250000	24.000000	24.000000	26.250000	28.350000	26.250000	28.350000

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Table 2- 4 Median Portion Size (Pk) in Pyramid Servings* per Mention by Gender and Age for Fruits and Vegetables Analyses

Food Group	Age Group						
	18-27	28-37	38-47	48-57	58-67	68-77	78-99
Men							
100% fruit juice (P₁)	2.000000	1.667500	1.335000	1.335000	1.334000	1.001000	1.001000
Fruit (P₂)	1.301000	1.301000	1.229571	1.227333	1.168000	1.168000	1.052333
Salad (P₃)	0.545000	0.708000	0.754500	0.750000	0.833500	0.750000	0.822500
Fried potatoes (P₄)	2.000000	2.000000	1.773000	1.710000	1.400000	1.250000	1.250000
Other potatoes (P₅)	2.000000	2.000000	1.999000	1.999000	1.914000	1.544000	1.508000
Dried beans (P₆)	1.374000	1.047000	1.065000	1.227000	1.000000	1.000000	1.114000
Other Vegetables (P₇)	0.750000	0.906000	0.974500	1.000000	1.000000	0.880000	0.833333
Tomato sauce (P₈)	0.500000	0.541000	0.541000	0.812000	0.541000	0.541000	0.541000
Salsa (P₉)	0.533000	0.533000	0.421500	0.386500	0.137000	0.266000	0.266000
Women							
100% fruit juice (P₁)	1.500500	1.334000	1.334000	1.251250	1.019500	1.000500	1.000500
Fruit (P₂)	1.168000	1.168000	1.168000	1.168000	1.150500	1.083833	1.000000
Salad (P₃)	0.613500	0.572500	0.833333	1.000000	0.795500	0.625000	0.750000
Fried potatoes (P₄)	1.481000	1.365500	1.272000	1.400000	1.000000	1.026000	1.000000
Other white potatoes (P₅)	1.544000	1.544000	1.528000	1.544000	1.499000	1.516000	1.272000

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Food Group	Age Group						
	18-27	28-37	38-47	48-57	58-67	68-77	78-99
Dried beans (P₆)	0.964000	0.684000	0.800000	0.687000	0.822000	0.807000	1.000000
Other Vegetables (P₇)	0.702200	0.779333	0.792500	0.788500	0.774000	0.833000	0.856750
Tomato sauce (P₈)	0.541000	0.541000	0.273000	0.541000	0.500000	0.500000	0.500000
Salsa (P₉)	0.274000	0.266000	0.322500	0.238250	0.266000	0.137000	0.137000

* Using [1992 Food Guide Pyramid definitions of servings](#).

Table 2- 5 Median Portion Size (Pk) in Cup Servings per Mention by Gender and Age for Fruits and Vegetables Analyses**

Food Group	Age Group						
	18-27	28-37	38-47	48-57	58-67	68-77	78-99
Men							
100% fruit juice (P₁)	1.499160	1.250580	1.000980	1.000980	1.000176	0.750735	0.750735
Fruit (P₂)	0.999580	0.933450	0.867300	0.867300	0.867300	0.774916	0.657060
Salad (P₃)	0.272700	0.353970	0.377235	0.374963	0.416640	0.375000	0.411323
Fried potatoes (P₄)	0.721125	0.727700	0.641000	0.641000	0.548055	0.480750	0.499980
Other potatoes (P₅)	1.000400	1.140030	0.999600	0.999600	0.999490	0.833175	0.754400
Dried beans (P₆)	0.717550	0.551540	0.566720	0.612360	0.500250	0.502285	0.575360
Other Vegetables (P₇)	0.387675	0.473920	0.499840	0.500240	0.499905	0.460585	0.416899

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Food Group	Age Group						
	18-27	28-37	38-47	48-57	58-67	68-77	78-99
Tomato sauce (P₈)	0.249900	0.271250	0.271250	0.406875	0.271250	0.271250	0.271250
Salsa (P₉)	0.266430	0.266430	0.210897	0.195683	0.068480	0.133236	0.133236
Women							
100% fruit juice (P₁)	1.124370	1.000960	1.000176	0.938130	0.764776	0.750728	0.750434
Fruit (P₂)	0.749235	0.867300	0.844838	0.789970	0.742350	0.712640	0.620475
Salad (P₃)	0.306788	0.286335	0.416625	0.499950	0.397688	0.312469	0.374963
Fried potatoes (P₄)	0.509595	0.455110	0.448700	0.448700	0.394856	0.444260	0.444260
Other white potatoes (P₅)	0.782020	0.876945	0.771260	0.771260	0.749700	0.771260	0.644235
Dried beans (P₆)	0.492150	0.341550	0.430530	0.345763	0.430685	0.430530	0.500400
Other Vegetables (P₇)	0.364468	0.395882	0.404303	0.408330	0.416913	0.436560	0.452214
Tomato sauce (P₈)	0.271250	0.271250	0.136710	0.271250	0.249900	0.249900	0.249900
Salsa (P₉)	0.136960	0.133236	0.163080	0.119187	0.133236	0.068480	0.068480

** Using [2005 MyPyramid definitions](#) of cups of fruits and vegetables.

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Table 2- 6 Median Portion Size (Pk) in Pyramid Servings* per Mention by Gender and Age for Dairy Analyses

Food Group	Age Group						
	18-27	28-37	38-47	48-57	58-67	68-77	78-99
Men							
Milk (P₁)	1.250500	1.083000	1.100400	1.000000	0.916667	0.833333	0.750000
Cheese (P₂)	0.741000	0.641333	0.667000	0.600000	0.575000	0.499000	0.370000
Women							
Milk (P₁)	1.000000	1.000000	0.999000	0.874000	0.750000	0.718750	0.750000
Cheese (P₂)	0.517000	0.470000	0.494000	0.494000	0.470000	0.379000	0.494000

* Using [1992 Food Guide Pyramid definitions of servings.](#)

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Table 2- 7 Median Portion Size (Pk) in Pyramid Servings* per Mention by Gender and Age for Added Sugar Analyses

Food Group	Age Group						
	18-27	28-37	38-47	48-57	58-67	68-77	78-99
Men							
Soda (P₁)	11.835000	9.990000	9.947000	9.683000	9.683000	9.631000	9.605000
Fruit drinks (P₂)	9.627000	8.561000	8.985000	8.194000	6.815000	5.463000	5.307000
Doughnuts, sweet rolls, muffins (P₃)	4.3080000	4.196000	3.707000	3.095000	2.897000	2.837000	2.781500
Cookies, pie, cake, brownies (P₄)	5.189000	5.027000	4.845000	4.716000	4.730000	4.428000	3.968000
Women							
Soda (P₁)	9.815000	9.683000	9.683000	9.644000	8.443500	8.370000	9.683000
Fruit drinks (P₂)	7.997000	7.876000	6.418000	6.002000	6.418000	5.116000	5.116000
Doughnuts, sweet rolls, muffins (P₃)	2.966000	2.966000	2.797000	2.966000	2.498000	2.627000	2.627000
Cookies, pie, cake, brownies (P₄)	4.133000	3.650000	3.842000	3.719000	4.027500	3.571000	3.166500

* Using [1992 Food Guide Pyramid definitions of servings](#).

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3. For fiber (grams), estimation of b_0 and b_1 , the model is:

$$E([\text{Dietary Factor}]^{1/3}) = b_0 + (b_1[\text{NFG1P1}] + b_2[\text{NFG2P2}] + \dots + b_{20}[\text{NFG20P20}])$$

For calcium (mg) estimation of b_0 and b_1 , the model is:

$$E([\text{Dietary Factor}]^{1/4}) = b_0 + (b_1[\text{NFG1P1}] + b_2[\text{NFG2P2}] + \dots + b_{20}[\text{NFG20P20}])$$

For fiber and calcium, estimation of b_k , $k = 0, \dots, 20$: the values for each parameter, for each gender, are in the following table:

Table 2- 8 Estimated Regression Coefficients for Foods as Predictors of Fiber (gm) and Calcium (mg), by Gender

Parameter	Men		Women	
	Fiber (cube root)	Calcium (quarter root)	Fiber (cube root)	Calcium (quarter root)
Intercept (b_0)	2.015301	4.482732	1.838259	4.155762
Cooked Cereals (b_1)	0.000558	0.000318	0.000671	0.000484
High-fiber Cereal (b_2)	0.011463	0.006716	0.019873	0.006744
Moderate-fiber cereal (b_3)	0.003515	-0.000355	0.004688	0.000074
Low-fiber cereal (b_4)	-0.000425	-0.002023	0.001493	-0.001305
Milk (b_5)	0.000180	0.002204	0.000169	0.002580
Regular Soda (b_6)	0.000043	0.000089	---	0.000095
Fruit Drinks (b_7)	0.000141	0.000105	0.000115	0.000326
Fruit juice (b_8)	0.000166	0.000123	0.000229	0.000195
Fruit (b_9)	0.000985	0.000170	0.001009	0.000264
Salad (b_{10})	-0.000447	-0.000938	---	-0.000723
French fries (b_{11})	0.001517	0.001159	0.001381	0.000414
Other potatoes (b_{12})	0.000720	0.000349	0.000693	0.000489
Dried beans (b_{13})	0.002156	0.000511	0.003217	0.001035
Other vegetables (b_{14})	0.000899	0.000400	0.000925	0.000396

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Parameter	Men		Women	
	Fiber (cube root)	Calcium (quarter root)	Fiber (cube root)	Calcium (quarter root)
Tomato sauce (b ₁₅)	0.001315	0.000948	0.001204	0.000287
Salsa (b ₁₆)	0.003632	0.002179	0.003239	0.002679
Whole grain bread (b ₁₇)	0.002927	0.000406	0.003401	0.000680
Doughnuts, sweet rolls, muffins (b ₁₈)	0.000979	0.001198	0.001683	0.001873
Cookies, pie, cake, brownies (b ₁₉)	0.001006	0.001771	0.001377	0.002451
Cheese (b ₂₀)	0.001206	0.014186	0.000513	0.015442

4. For Pyramid servings of fruits and vegetables, estimation of b₀ and b₁, the model is:

$$E ([\text{Dietary Factor}]^{1/2}) = b_0 + b_1 ([N_{FG1}P_1 + N_{FG2}P_2 + \dots + N_{FG9}P_9]^{1/2})$$

For Pyramid servings of fruits and vegetables, including and excluding French fries, for each gender, the estimates of the parameters are:

Table 2- 9 Estimated Regression Coefficients for Sum of Foods Predicting Servings of Total Fruits and Vegetables and Fruits and Vegetables Excluding French Fries, by Gender

Parameter	Men	Women
Summary Variable with French fries		
Intercept (b ₀)	0.704319	0.658819
b ₁	0.835532	0.796243
Summary Variable excluding French fries		
Intercept (b ₀)	0.729653	0.639540
b ₁	0.822694	0.804796

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5. For cups of fruits and vegetables (2005 MyPyramid definition), including and excluding French fries, for each gender, the estimates of the parameters are:

Table 2- 10 Estimated Regression Coefficients for Sum of Foods Predicting Cups of Total Fruits and Vegetables and Fruits and Vegetables Excluding French Fries, by Gender

Parameter	Men	Women
Summary Variable with French fries		
Intercept (b ₀)	0.529258	0.502480
b ₁	0.839721	0.792683
Summary Variable excluding French fries		
Intercept (b ₀)	0.559458	0.495205
b ₁	0.819797	0.794978

6. For Pyramid servings of dairy, estimation of b₀ and b₁, the model is:

$$E ([\text{Dietary Factor}]^{1/2}) = b_0 + b_1 ([N_{FG1}P_1 + N_{FG2}P_2]^{1/2})$$

For Pyramid servings of dairy, for each gender, the estimates of the parameters are:

Table 2- 11 Estimated Regression Coefficients for Sum of Foods Predicting Servings of Dairy, by Gender

Parameter	Men	Women
Intercept (b ₀)	0.417414	0.385301
b ₁	0.831739	0.782852

7. For Pyramid teaspoons of added sugar, estimation of b₀ and b₁, the model is:

$$E ([\text{Dietary Factor}]^{1/3}) = b_0 + b_1 ([N_{FG1}P_1 + N_{FG2}P_2 + \dots + N_{FG4}P_4]^{1/3})$$

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For Pyramid teaspoons of added sugar, for each gender, the estimates of the parameters are:

Table 2- 12 Estimated Regression Coefficients for Sum of Foods Predicting Teaspoons of Added Sugar, by Gender

Parameter	Men	Women
Intercept (b_0)	1.672746	1.591494
b_1	0.534485	0.491231

3. Uses of Screener Estimates

Introduction

Dietary intake estimates derived from the Five-Factor Screener are rough estimates of usual intake of fruits and vegetables, fiber, calcium, servings of dairy, and added sugar. These estimates are not as accurate as those from more detailed methods (e.g., 24-hour recalls). However, [Validation Results](#) suggests that the estimates may be useful to characterize a population's median intakes, to discriminate among individuals or populations with regard to higher vs. lower intakes, to track dietary changes in individuals or populations over time, and to allow examination of interrelationships between diet and other variables. In addition, diet estimates from the Cancer Control Supplement (CCS) could be used as benchmark national data for smaller surveys, for example, in a particular state.

Variance-Adjustment Factor

What is the variance adjustment estimate and why do we need it?

Data from the Five-Factor Screener are individuals' reports about their intake and, like all self-reports, contain some error. The algorithms we use to estimate servings of fruits and vegetables, grams of fiber, mg of calcium, servings of dairy, and teaspoons of added sugar calibrate the data to 24-hour recalls. The screener estimate of intake represents what we expect the person would have reported on his 24-hour recall, given what he reported on the individual items in the screener. As a result, the mean of the screener estimate of intake should equal the mean of the 24-hour recall estimate of intake in the population. (It would also equal the mean of true intake in the population if the 24-hour recalls were unbiased. However, there are many studies suggesting that recalls underestimate individuals' true intakes).

When describing a population's distribution of dietary intakes, the parameters needed are an estimate of central tendency (i.e. mean or median) and an estimate of spread (variance). The variance of the screener, however, is expected to be smaller than the variance of true intake, since the screener prediction formula estimates the conditional expectation of true

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intake given the screener responses, and in general the variance of a conditional expectation of a variable is smaller than the variance of itself. As a result, the screener estimates of intake cannot be used to estimate quantiles (other than median) or prevalence estimates of true intake without an adjustment. Procedures have been developed to estimate the variance of true intake using data from 24-hour recalls, by taking into consideration within person variability [1, 2]. We extended these procedures to allow estimation of the variance of true intake using data from the screener. The resulting variance adjustment factor adjusts the screener variance to approximate the variance of true intake in the population.

How did we estimate the variance adjustment factors?

We have estimated the adjustment factors in the two external validation datasets available to us: the Observing Protein and Energy Nutrition Study (OPEN) [3] and the Eating at America's Table Study (EATS) [4]. The results indicate that the adjustment factors differ by gender and dietary variable. Under the assumption that the variance adjustment factors appropriate to the 2005 National Health Interview Study (NHIS) are similar to those in these two external datasets, the variance-adjusted screener estimate of intake should have variance closer to the estimated variance of true intake that would have been obtained from repeat 24-hour recalls.

Table 3- 1 Variance Adjustment Factors for the NHIS Multifactor Screener

Nutrient	Gender	Variance Adjustment Factor
Total Fruit & Vegetable Intake	Male	1.2
	Female	1.0
Fruit & Vegetable Intake (excluding fried potatoes)	Male	1.2
	Female	1.0
Fiber Intake	Male	1.4
	Female	1.2
Calcium Intake	Male	1.0
	Female	0.9
Dairy Intake	Male	1.1
	Female	1.1
Added Sugar Intake	Male	1.5
	Female	1.3

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How do you use the variance adjustment estimates?

To estimate quantile values or prevalence estimates for an exposure, you should first adjust the screener so that it has approximately the same variance as true intake.

Adjust the screener estimate of intake by:

- multiplying intake by an adjustment factor (an estimate of the ratio of the standard deviation of true intake to the standard deviation of screener intake); and
- adding a constant so that the overall mean is unchanged.

The formula for the variance-adjusted screener is:

$$\text{variance-adjusted screener} = (\text{variance adjustment factor}) * (\text{unadjusted screener} - \text{mean}_{\text{unadj scr.}}) + \text{mean}_{\text{unadj scr.}}$$

This procedure is performed on the normally distributed version of the variable (i.e., Pyramid servings of fruits and vegetables is square-rooted; fiber is cube rooted; calcium is quarter-rooted; dairy is square-rooted; and added sugar is cube rooted). The results can then be back-transformed (e.g. cubed, squared, etc.) to obtain estimates in the original units.

The variance adjustment procedure is used to estimate prevalence of obtaining recommended intakes for the 2000 NHIS in Thompson et al., [5].

When do you use variance adjustment estimates?

The appropriate use of the screener information depends on the analytical objective. Following is a characterization of suggested procedures for various analytical objectives.

Table 3- 2 Suggested procedures for various analytical objectives

Analytical Objective	Procedure
Estimate mean or median intake in the population or within subpopulations.	First, transform the variable to normalized version. Then, use the unadjusted screener estimate of intake.
Estimate quantiles (other than median) of the distribution of intake in the population; estimate prevalence of attaining certain levels of dietary intake.	Use the variance-adjusted screener estimate.

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Analytical Objective	Procedure
Classify individuals into exposure categories (e.g., meeting recommended intake vs. not meeting recommended intake) for later use in a regression model.	Use the variance-adjusted screener estimates to determine appropriate classification into categories.
Use the screener estimate as a continuous covariate in a multivariate regression model.	First, transform the variable to normalized version. Then, use the unadjusted screener estimate.

Attenuation of Regression Parameters Using Screener Estimates

When the screener estimate of dietary intake is used as a continuous covariate in a multivariate regression, the estimated regression coefficient will typically be attenuated (biased toward zero) due to measurement error in the screener. The "attenuation factor" [6] can be estimated in a calibration study and used to deattenuate the estimated regression coefficient (by dividing the estimated regression coefficient by the attenuation factor).

We estimated attenuation factors in the OPEN and EATS studies (see below). If you use these factors to deattenuate estimated regression coefficients, note that the data come from relatively small studies that consist of fairly homogeneous samples (primarily white, well-educated individuals).

Table 3- 3 Estimated attenuation factors for screener predicted intake in the OPEN and EATS studies

Gender	Square-Root Fruit & Veg	Square-Root Fruit & Veg (excluding French Fries)	Cube-Root Fiber	Quarter-Root Calcium	Square-Root Dairy	Cube Root Added Sugar
Men	0.75	0.79	0.75	0.57	0.80	0.93
Women	0.64	0.66	0.67	0.45	0.73	0.88

If you categorize the screener values into quantiles and use the resulting categorical variable in a linear or logistic regression, the bias (due to misclassification) is more complicated because the categorization can lead to differential misclassification in the screener [7]. Although methods may be available to correct for this [8, 9], it is not simple, nor are we comfortable suggesting how to do it at this time.

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Even though the estimated regression coefficients are biased (due to measurement error in the screener or misclassification in the categorized screener), tests of whether the regression coefficient is different from zero are still valid. For example, if one used the SUDAAN REGRESS procedure with fruit and vegetable intake (estimated by the screener) as a covariate in the model, one could use the Wald statistic provided by SUDAAN to test whether the regression coefficients were statistically significantly different from zero. This assumes that there is only one covariate in the model measured with error; when there are multiple covariates measured with error, the Wald test that a single regression coefficient is zero may not be valid, although the test that the regression coefficients for all covariates measured with error are zero is still valid.

4. Validation Results

Risk Factor Assessment Branch staff have assessed indirectly the validity of parts of the Five-Factor Screener in two studies: NCI's Observing Protein and Energy (OPEN) Study [3] and the Eating at America's Table Study (EATS) [4]. In both studies, multiple 24-hour recalls in conjunction with a measurement error model were used to assess validity.

Table 4- 1 Estimated mean fruit and vegetables (F&V) servings*, Fiber, Calcium, Dairy Servings, and Added Sugar from 24HR and screener and de-attenuated Pearson correlation coefficient between true intake and screener, by gender: OPEN

Dietary Factor	N	Mean (95% CI)			De-attenuated Pearson Correlation Coefficient (SEE)
		24HR	Screener	Difference	
Total Pyramid servings of F&V* (square root)					
Men	260	2.48	2.28	-0.21 ²	0.58 (0.066)
Women	221	2.29	2.14	-0.16 ²	0.73 (0.078)
Pyramid servings of F&V* -- Fries (square root)					
Men	260	2.43	2.22	-0.21 ²	0.61 (0.067)
Women	221	2.25	2.11	-0.15 ²	0.74 (0.070)
Grams of Fiber (cube root)					
Men	260	2.78	2.56	-0.22 ²	0.52 (0.59)
Women	221	2.55	2.36	-0.18 ²	0.54 (0.70)

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Dietary Factor	N	Mean (95% CI)			De-attenuated Pearson Correlation Coefficient (SEE)
		24HR	Screener	Difference	
Mgs of Calcium (fourth root)					
Men	260	5.44	5.20	-0.25 ²	0.59 (0.066)
Women	221	5.18	4.87	-0.31 ²	0.44 (0.080)
Tsps of Added Sugar (cube root)					
Men	260	2.61	2.58	-0.04	0.68 (0.039)
Women	222	2.39	2.29	-0.10 ²	0.66 (0.045)
Servings of Dairy (square root)					
Men	260	1.13	1.13	-0.00	0.64 (0.041)
Women	221	1.03	0.99	-0.04	0.64 (0.44)

* Using [1992 Food Guide Pyramid definitions of servings](#).

¹ p < 0.05

² p < 0.01

Table 4- 2 Estimated mean F&V servings*, Fiber, Calcium, Dairy Servings, and Added Sugar from 24HR and screener and de-attenuated Pearson correlation coefficient between true intake and screener, by gender: EATS

Dietary Factor	N	Mean (95% CI)			De-attenuated Pearson Correlation Coefficient (SEE)
		24HR	Screener	Difference	
Servings of Total F&V* (square root)					
Men	184	2.44	2.36	-0.08 ¹	0.70 (0.058)
Women	247	2.07	2.11	0.04	0.54 (0.060)
Servings of F&V* -- Fries (square root)					
Men	184	2.34	2.29	-0.05	0.72 (0.054)
Women	247	2.01	2.06	0.05	0.55 (0.058)

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Dietary Factor	N	Mean (95% CI)			De-attenuated Pearson Correlation Coefficient (SEE)
		24HR	Screener	Difference	
Grams of Fiber (cube root)					
Men	184	2.73	2.59	-0.12 ¹	0.60 (0.059)
Women	247	2.41	2.35	-0.06 ²	0.55 (0.054)
Mgs of Calcium (fourth root)					
Men	184	5.42	5.26	-0.04 ²	0.60 (0.061)
Women	247	5.01	4.93	-0.07	0.56 (0.053)
Tsps of Added Sugar (cube root)					
Men	446	2.64	2.67	0.03	0.59 (0.037)
Women	519	2.32	2.35	0.03	0.66 (0.032)
Servings of Dairy (square root)					
Men	446	1.15	1.17	0.03	0.74 (0.32)
Women	519	0.95	1.00	0.05 ²	0.73< (0.029)

* Using [1992 Food Guide Pyramid definitions of servings](#).

^a Estimated from multiple 24-hour dietary recalls in a measurement error model.

¹ p < 0.05

² p < 0.01

Table 4- 3 Median intakes of fruits and vegetables (Pyramid servings*) and added sugar (teaspoons) for NHANES 2001-02, NHIS 2005, and CHIS 2005 by gender and race/ethnicity

Gender and Race/Ethnicity	Pyramid Servings* of Fruits and Vegetables		Teaspoons of Added Sugar	
	NHANES 2001-02 (24HR)	NHIS 2005 (9-item screener)	NHANES 2001-02 (24HR)	NHIS 2005 (4-item screener)
Men				
Non-Hispanic White	4.7	5.2	20.5	19.0

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Gender and Race/Ethnicity	Pyramid Servings* of Fruits and Vegetables		Teaspoons of Added Sugar	
	NHANES 2001-02 (24HR)	NHIS 2005 (9-item screener)	NHANES 2001-02 (24HR)	NHIS 2005 (4-item screener)
Non-Hispanic Black	4.2	5.3	23.6	21.4
Hispanic	5.2	5.8	21.6	21.4
Women				
Non-Hispanic White	4.2	4.4	14.0	12.8
Non-Hispanic Black	3.5	4.3	19.3	15.5
Hispanic	4.0	4.6	16.3	14.5

* Using [1992 Food Guide Pyramid definitions of servings](#).

Table 4- 4 Median intakes of fiber (gm) and calcium (mg) for NHANES 2003-04 and NHIS 2005, by gender and race/ethnicity

Gender and Race/Ethnicity	Fiber (gm)		Calcium (mg)	
	NHANES 2003-04 (24HR)	NHIS 2005 (18-item screener)	NHANES 2003-04 (24HR)	NHIS 2005 (2-item screener)
Men				
Non-Hispanic White	15.7	17.9	1061	876
Non-Hispanic Black	12.7	17.4	787	753
Hispanic	17.2	22.3	917	864
Women				
Non-Hispanic White	12.5	13.9	688	653

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Gender and Race/Ethnicity	Fiber (gm)		Calcium (mg)	
	NHANES 2003-04 (24HR)	NHIS 2005 (18-item screener)	NHANES 2003-04 (24HR)	NHIS 2005 (2-item screener)
Non-Hispanic Black	9.7	13.4	542	584
Hispanic	13.3	16.8	703	691

These validation results suggest that dietary exposure estimates computed for the 2005 NHIS Cancer Control Supplement (CCS) may be useful to compare subgroup means, especially for populations consuming mainstream diets. The estimates may be less useful for populations with more ethnic diets, including Asian and possibly Latino populations. Although significant error may be associated with these estimates of diet, we believe the exposure estimates still substantially reflect what individuals are actually consuming.

5. Computed Variables

NOTE: The dietary variables provided here are in their natural units. For most analyses, however, they must be transformed first, to approximate normal distributions. For fruits, vegetables, and dairy, use the square-root transformation; for fiber and added sugar, use the cube-root transformation; for calcium, use the quarter-root transformation. After analyses, the result variables can be back-transformed for easier interpretation.

The computed diet variables for the 2005 NHIS Five-Factor Screener are available for download in two formats -- SAS transport and comma-separated values (CSV). The files include the following variables:

- **FV** - Pyramid servings (1992 definition) of fruits and vegetables per day
- **FVAdj** - Adjusted Pyramid servings (1992 definition) of fruits and vegetables per day
- **FVNoFF** - Pyramid servings (1992 definition) of fruits and vegetables excluding French fries per day
- **FVNoFFAdj** - Adjusted Pyramid servings (1992 definition) of fruits and vegetables excluding French fries per day
- **FCE** - Cup equivalents of fruits (2005 definition) per day
- **FCEAdj** - Adjusted cup equivalents of fruits (2005 definition) per day
- **FVCE** - Cup equivalents of fruits and vegetables (2005 definition) per day

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- **FVCEAdj** - Adjusted cup equivalents of fruits and vegetables (2005 definition) per day
- **FVCENoFF** - Cup equivalents of fruits and vegetables except French fries (2005 definition) per day
- **FVCENoFFAdj** - Adjusted cup equivalents of fruits and vegetables excluding French fries (2005 definition) per day
- **VCE** - Cup equivalents of vegetables (2005 definition) per day
- **VCEAdj** - Adjusted cup equivalents of vegetables (2005 definition) per day
- **VCENoFF** - Cup equivalents of vegetables excluding French fries (2005 definition) per day
- **VCENoFFAdj** - Adjusted cup equivalents of vegetables excluding French fries (2005 definition) per day
- **Fiber** - Fiber (gm) per day
- **FiberAdj** - Adjusted fiber (gm) per day
- **Dairy** - Pyramid servings (1992 definition) of dairy per day
- **DairyAdj** - Adjusted Pyramid servings (1992 definition) of dairy per day
- **Calcium** - Calcium (mg) per day
- **CalciumAdj** - Adjusted calcium (mg) per day
- **Sugar** - Added sugar (tsp) (1992 definition) per day
- **SugarAdj** - Adjusted added sugar (tsp) (1992 definition) per day
- **HHX** - Household identifier
- **FMX** - Family serial number
- **FPX** - Person number (in family)

These datasets and SAS program for this screener are in a folder on [NCI's Short Dietary Assessment Instruments](#) website.

The datasets are sorted in ascending order by the ID variables HHX, FMX, and FPX. All numeric variables have been rounded to the nearest 0.000001.

- Comma-separated Values File (nhis2005dietvars.08-15-2007.csv) - This zip file contains the comma-separated values file, which includes 25 variables, 31,428 records, and an additional record for the variable names.
- SAS Transport File (nhis2005dietvars.08-15-2007.v8x) - The SAS transport file includes 31,428 records and 15 variables. To access the SAS dataset, unzip the file, then use proc cimport.

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For example:

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proc cimport file='nhis2005dietvars.08-15-2007.v8x' data=dietvars'
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- SAS Program_(create.nhis2005dietvars.03-29-2007.v8x.sas)- This is the SAS program that created the dataset. This is just for reference; there should be no need to run this program.

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