

Revised Scoring Percent Energy From NCI Fat Screener

1. Convert reported frequency category to average daily number of times consumed:

- Convert each frequency response category to the midpoint of that frequency range, and standardize to times per day:
 - Never = 0
 - Less than once a month = .018
 - 1-3 times per month = .066
 - 1-2 times per week = .214
 - 3-4 times per week = .499
 - 5-6 times per week = .784
 - 1 time per day = 1
 - 2 or more times per day = 2

2. Estimate the individual's percent energy from fat, by applying regression coefficients to each food item:

- a) First, estimate how much of the fat added to foods is regular fat. Add the responses for the 3 fat added questions in the grid, then apply the information in Q2 about how often the fat added was reduced fat. You can use the following code:

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totfat = sum(marg on bread, marg on veg, marg on rice);  
If q2 in (1,2) then regfat=totfat;  
else if q2 eq 3 then regfat=totfat*.75;  
else if q2 eq 4 then regfat=totfat*.5;  
else if q2 eq 5 then regfat=totfat*.25;  
else if q2 eq 6 then regfat=0;
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- b) The dependent variable, percent energy from fat, is then estimated by the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{estpcalfat} = & 31.84935 - (.93376 * \text{cereal}) + (2.31628 * \text{eggs}) - \\ & (2.38211 * \text{citrusjuice}) + (6.32391 * \text{hotdogs}) + (2.00977 * \text{cheese}) + \\ & (3.73339 * \text{friedpot}) - (2.58347 * \text{skim milk}) + (4.1064 * \text{sausage}) - \\ & (1.71212 * \text{fruit}) + (3.37789 * \text{mayo}) + (5.92817 * \text{salad dressing}) + \\ & (1.95707 * \text{reg.fat}) - (2.86065 * \text{rice}); \end{aligned}$$

Note that the last question is not used in this scoring. Question 3 by itself was correlated with percent energy from fat, but it is unnecessary if the other questions are used to more precisely estimate the individual's percent energy from fat.