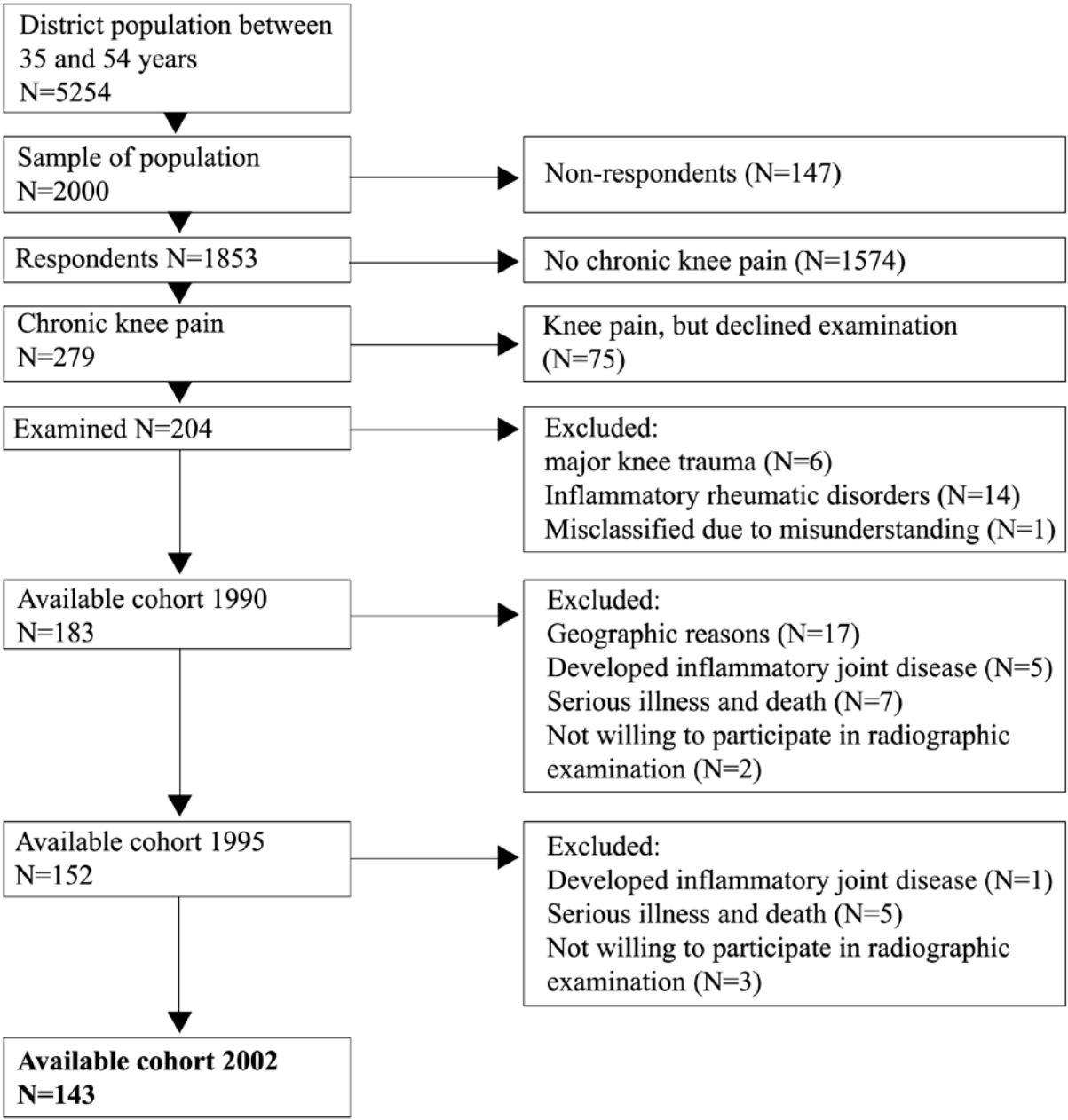
District population between 35 and 54 years N=5254
Sample of population N=2000
Non-respondents (N=147)
Respondents N=1853
No chronic knee pain (N=1574)
Chronic knee pain N=279
Knee pain, but declined examination (N=75)
Examined N=204
Excluded:
major knee trauma (N=6)
Inflammatory rheumatic disorders (N=14)
Misclassified due to misunderstanding (N=1)
Available cohort 1990 N=183
Excluded:
Geographic reasons (N=17)
Developed inflammatory joint disease (N=5)
Serious illness and death (N=7)
Not willing to participate in radiographic examination (N=2)
Available cohort 1995 N=152
Excluded:
Developed inflammatory joint disease (N=1)
Serious illness and death (N=5)
Not willing to participate in radiographic examination (N=3)
Available cohort 2002 N=143