

Data Alert for RAND HRS, Version L (February 2012)

We released Version L of the RAND HRS dataset in December 2011. Since then, with the assistance of other users, we have discovered some inconsistencies that have now been corrected.

The RAND HRS data files, including the codebook, will be updated on the HRS web site in the data download area. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please let us know if you have any questions by emailing RANDHRSHelp@rand.org.

In the process of updating the following variables, we inadvertently did not incorporate the medical expenditure and utilization data from Ahead 1995.

Medical Expenditure and Utilization in Ahead 1995 (wave3)

Medical expenditures: Out of Pocket and Total

R3TOTMD:W3 Total med expenses, prv 2 yrs S3TOTMD:W3 Total med expenses, prv 2 yrs
This problem affected 7005 cases for the respondent variables, and 3594 cases for the spouse variables. The amounts were missing for these cases but are now present.

Medical care utilization: Nursing Home

R3NRSHOM:W3 Nurs home stay, prv 2 yrs S3NRSHOM:W3 Nurs home stay, prv 2 yrs
This problem affected 6748 cases for the respondent variables, and 3540 cases for the spouse variables. The data were missing for these cases but are now present.

R3NRSNIT:W3 # Nights in nurs home, prv 2 yrs S3NRSNIT:W3 # Nights in nurs home, prv 2 yrs
This problem affected 6979 cases for the respondent variables, and 3590 cases for the spouse variables. The data were missing for these cases but are now present.

And in the following variables, this problem affected 7027 cases for the respondent variables, and 3704 cases for the spouse variables. The data were missing for these cases but are now present.

Medical expenditures: Out of Pocket and Total

R3OOPMD:W3 Out of pkt med exp, prv 2 yrs S3OOPMD:W3 Out of pkt med exp, prv 2 yrs
R3OOPMDF:W3 Out of pkt imputed S3OOPMDF:W3 Out of pkt imputed
R3TOTMDF:W3 Total med imputed S3TOTMDF:W3 Total med imputed

Medical care utilization: Hospital

R3HOSP:W3 Hospital stay, prv 2 yrs S3HOSP:W3 Hospital stay, prv 2 yrs
R3HSPTIM:W3 # Hospital stays, prv 2 yrs S3HSPTIM:W3 # Hospital stays, prv 2 yrs
R3HSPNIT:W3 # Nights in hosp, prv 2 yrs S3HSPNIT:W3 # Nights in hosp, prv 2 yrs

Medical care utilization: Nursing Home

R3NRSTIM:W3 # Nurs home stays, prv 2 yrs S3NRSTIM:W3 # Nurs home stays, prv 2 yrs

Medical care utilization: Doctor

R3DOCTOR:W3 Doctor visit, prv 2 yrs S3DOCTOR:W3 Doctor visit, prv 2 yrs
R3DOCTIM:W3 # Doctor vists, prv 2 yrs S3DOCTIM:W3 # Doctor vists, prv 2 yrs

Medical care utilization: Other Medical Care Utilization

R3OUTPT:W3 Outpatient surgry, prv 2 yrs S3OUTPT:W3 Outpatient surgry, prv 2 yrs
R3DENTST:W3 Dental visit, prv 2 yrs S3DENTST:W3 Dental visit, prv 2 yrs

R3DRUGS:W3 Reg take Rx, Prv 2 yrs

S3DRUGS:W3 Reg take Rx, Prv 2 yrs

R3SPCFAC:W3 Spec hlth facilty, prv 2 yrs

S3SPCFAC:W3 Spec hlth facilty, prv 2 yrs

R3HOMCAR:W3 Home hlth care, prv 2 yrs

S3HOMCAR:W3 Home hlth care, prv 2 yrs