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RAND HRS Exit and Post Exit Interview File for HRS 1998 Final Release

HRS Data Used:

- 1998 Exit Final Release Final V1 (January 2005)
- 1998 Post Exit Final Release Final V1 (February 2006)

Files and Documentation:

- randhrsexit1998v1_SAS.zip
 - randhrsexit1998v1.sas7bdat: SAS data
 - randhrsexit1998v1.cont: SAS Contents listing
 - README_exit1998.pdf (this file)
 - README_exitfiles.pdf
 - randhrsexit1998v1_STATA.zip
 - randhrsexit1998v1.dta: STATA 11 data
 - README_exit1998.pdf (this file)
 - README_exitfiles.pdf
 - randhrsexit1998v1_SPSS.zip
 - randhrsexit1998v1.sav: SPSS data
 - README_exit1998.pdf (this file)
 - README_exitfiles.pdf
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Additions and Changes to the Public Release HRS Data

The RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview Files only include Respondent-level modules. We have added numeric versions of household and person identifiers to facilitate matching across years and merging with other RAND HRS data products.

Where appropriate, we have removed the second letter “P” from the Post-Exit variable names so that we can append the Post-Exit interview data to the Exit interview data. The Post-Exit Interview responses can be identified by the flag POST_EXIT=1. The Exit Interview responses can be identified by POST_EXIT=0. The RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview Files include all Respondents from both the Exit and Post-Exit Interviews.

Identifier Variables: Not Wave-Specific

Description	Tracker Variable Name in <i>RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview File</i>	Notes
HRS Household ID (Num)	HHIDN	ID Fields are provided in both numeric (Num) and character (Char) format. HRS provides IDs in character format, but numeric formats are included in the <i>RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview File</i> to facilitate merging with data from previous waves.
HRS Household ID (Char)	HHID	
HRS Household ID + Person Number (Num)	HHIDPN	
HRS Household ID + Person Number (Char)	RAHHIDPN	
Person Number (Num)	PNN	
Person Number (Char)	PN	
HRS Exit or Post-Exit Interview (Num)	POST_EXIT	

Identifier Variables: Wave-Specific

Description	HRS 1998 Variable	Notes
1995 Core Sub-Household ID	DSUBHHN (Num)	ID Fields are provided in both numeric (Num) and character (Char) format. HRS provides IDs in character format, but numeric formats are included in the <i>RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview File</i> to facilitate merging with data from previous waves.
	DSUBHH (Char)	
1995 Core Household ID	DHHIDN (Num) = (HHIDx10) + DSUBHHN	
	DHHID (Char) = HHID concatenated with DSUBHH	
1996 Core Sub-Household ID	ESUBHHN (Num)	
	ESUBHH (Char)	
1996 Core Household ID	EHHIDN (Num) = (HHIDx10) + ESUBHHN	
	EHHID (Char) = HHID concatenated with ESUBHH	
1998 Exit and Post-Exit Sub-Household ID	QSUBHHN (Num)	
	QSUBHH (Char)	
1998 Exit and Post-Exit Household ID	QHHIDN (Num) = (HHIDx10) + QSUBHHN	
	QHHID (Char) = HHID concatenated with QSUBHH	