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RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview File for HRS 2002 Final Release

HRS Data Used:

- 2002 Exit Final Release Final V1 (December 2006)
- 2002 Post Exit Final Release Final V1 (October 2006)

Files and Documentation:

- randhrsexit2002v1_SAS.zip
 - randhrsexit2002v1.sas7bdat: SAS data
 - randhrsexit2002v1.cont: SAS Contents listing
 - README_exit2002.pdf
 - README_exitfiles.pdf
 - randhrsexit2002v1_STATA.zip
 - randhrsexit2002v1.dta: STATA 11 data
 - README_exit2002.pdf
 - README_exitfiles.pdf
 - randhrsexit2002v1_SPSS.zip
 - randhrsexit2002v1.sav: SPSS data
 - README_exit2002.pdf
 - 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 data can be identified by the flag POST_EXIT=1. The RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview Files include all Respondents from both the Exit and Post-Exit Interviews.

Two Respondents had exit interviews in 1998 and 2002. However, according to the tracker variable IWTYPE, 1998 is the Exit Interview year and 2002 is the Post-Exit Interview. Therefore, in this file, these two observations have been classified as Post-Exit Interviews, POST_EXIT=1. Their HHIDPNs are 11863010 and 203802010.

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 2002 Variable	Notes
2000 Core Sub-Household ID	GSUBHHN (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.
	GSUBHH (Char)	
2000 Core Household ID	GHHIDN (Num) = (HHIDx10) + GSUBHHN	
	GHHID (Char) = HHID concatenated with GSUBHH	
2002 Exit and Post-Exit Sub-Household ID	SSUBHHN (Num)	
	SSUBHH (Char)	
2002 Exit and Post-Exit Household ID	SHHIDN (Num) = (HHIDx10) + SSUBHHN	
	SHHID (Char) = HHID concatenated with SSUBHH	