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## **RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview File for HRS 2004 Final Release**

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### HRS Data Used:

- 2004 Exit Final Release Final V1 (September 2011)
- 2004 Post Exit Final Release Final V1 (September 2011)

### Fat Files and Documentation:

- randhrsexit2004v1\_SAS.zip
    - randhrsexit2004v1.sas7bdat: SAS data
    - randhrsexit2004v1.cont: SAS Contents listing
    - README\_exit2004.pdf
    - README\_exitfiles.pdf
  - randhrsexit2004v1\_STATA.zip
    - randhrsexit2004v1.dta: STATA 11 data
    - README\_exit2004.pdf
    - README\_exitfiles.pdf
  - randhrsexit2004v1\_SPSS.zip
    - randhrsexit2004v1.sav: SPSS data
    - README\_exit2004.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 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**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Tracker Variable Name in <i>RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview File</i></b>	<b>Notes</b>
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 2004 Variable	Notes
2002 Core Sub-Household ID	HSUBHHN (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.
	HSUBHH (Char)	
2002 Core Household ID	HHHIDN (Num) = (HHIDx10) + HSUBHHN	
	HHHID (Char) = HHID concatenated with HSUBHH	
2004 Exit and Post-Exit Sub-Household ID	TSUBHHN (Num)	
	TSUBHH (Char)	
2004 Exit and Post-Exit Household ID	THHIDN (Num) = (HHIDx10) + TSUBHHN	
	THHID (Char) = HHID concatenated with TSUBHH	