



SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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RAND HRS Exit File for HRS 2020 Final Release

The Health and Retirement Study (HRS) is a longitudinal household survey conducted by the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan with funding from the National Institute on Aging (grant numbers NIA U01AG009740 and NIA R01AG073289) and the Social Security Administration. The HRS is extraordinarily rich and complex, and its multidisciplinary data provide researchers the opportunity to investigate many different aspects related to population aging in the United States. With the goal of making the data more accessible to researchers, the RAND Center for the Study of Aging, with funding and support from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the Social Security Administration (SSA), has created the RAND HRS data products. This document describes the RAND HRS 2020 Exit File. For citation instructions, please see the [RAND HRS Citation Instructions webpage](#).

HRS Data Used:

- 2020 Exit Final Release V1 (September 2023)
- 2020 Post Exit Final Release V1 (September 2023)

Files and Documentation:

- randhrsexit2020v1_SAS.zip
 - randhrsexit2020v1.sas7bdat: SAS data
 - randhrsexit2020v1.cont: SAS Contents listing
 - README_exit2020.pdf
 - README_exitfiles.pdf
- randhrsexit2020v1_STATA.zip
 - randhrsexit2020v1.dta: STATA 11 data
 - README_exit2020.pdf
 - README_exitfiles.pdf
- randhrsexit2020v1_SPSS.zip
 - randhrsexit2020v1.sav: SPSS data
 - README_exit2020.pdf
 - README_exitfiles.pdf

Additions and Changes to the Public Release HRS Data

The RAND HRS Exit 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.

Identifier Variables: Not Wave-Specific

Description	Tracker Variable Name in <i>RAND HRS Exit 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 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	

Identifier Variables: Wave-Specific

Description	HRS 2020 Variable	Notes
2018 Core Sub-Household ID	QSUBHHN (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 File</i> to facilitate merging with data from previous waves.
	QSUBHH (Char)	
2018 Core Household ID	QHHIDN (Num) = (HHIDx10) + QSUBHHN	
	QHHID (Char) = HHID concatenated with QSUBHH	
2020 Exit Sub-Household ID	XRSUBHHN (Num)	
	XRSUBHH (Char)	
2020 Exit Household ID	XRHHIDN (Num) = (HHIDx10) + XRSUBHHN	
	XRHHID (Char) = HHID concatenated with XRSUBHH	