

2017 American Housing Survey National Public Use File (PUF) Versioning Document

The purpose of this document is to provide data users with information regarding updates to the 2017 AHS PUFs. Each release is accompanied by a list of changes and their potential impact on data analysis.

| Version | Release Date |
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| V 1.0 | September 6, 2018 |
| V 1.1 | October 2, 2018 |

| Changes Between 2017 AHS PUFs 1.0 and 1.1 | | | |
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| Item | Item Label | Change | Analysis Impact |
| DBLVEFORC | Likelihood of leaving home due to foreclosure | Added to PUF | None |
| DBMISSMORT | Inability to pay mortgage | Added to PUF | None |
| DBMISSRENT | Inability to pay rent | Added to PUF | None |
| DBFORCWHR | Where household would go in event of foreclosure | Added to PUF | None |
| DBEVICTHT | Threat of eviction | Added to PUF | None |
| DBEVICNOTE | Receipt of eviction notice | Added to PUF | None |
| DBEVICLK | Likelihood of leaving home because of eviction | Added to PUF | None |
| DBEVICWHERE | Where household would go in event of eviction | Added to PUF | None |
| DBUTBILL | Received utility shut-off notice | Added to PUF | None |
| ROOFSAG | Flag indicating roof's surface sags or is uneven | Shifted about 800 cases for each variable from 'N' (not applicable – out of universe) to 'M' (not reported) to better reflect the intended universe. Previously, they were marked as 'N' (not applicable - out of universe) because they did not have a valid value for the variable that came before it due to survey respondent drop-off. | Minimal |
| ROOFSHIN | Flag indicating roof has missing shingles or other roofing materials | | |
| ROOFHOLE | Flag indicating roof has holes | | |
| WALLSIDE | Flag indicating outside walls have missing siding, bricks, or other missing wall materials | | |
| WALLSLOPE | Flag indicating outside walls slope, lean, buckle, or slant | | |
| WINBOARD | Flag indicating windows are boarded up | | |
| WINBROKE | Flag indicating windows are broken | | |

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| <p>WINBARS</p> <p>FNDCRUMB</p> | <p>Flag indicating unit's windows covered with metal bars</p> <p>Flag indicating foundation has holes, cracks, or crumbling</p> | | |
| <p>Value Labels Package</p> | | <p>Some variables, such as NATVTY, OMB13CBSA, and SPLITSAMP, were not properly updated from 2015 and have now been added to the value labels file.</p> | <p>Minimal (only for users of the Value Labels Package)</p> |