

American Housing Survey Codebook

This codebook contains information for all American Housing Survey (AHS) variables dating back to 1997. This web tool offers several features to help users locate information on specific variables and subject matter. These features include searching, filtering, and downloading.

The interactive tool allows users to find information quickly by providing users numerous ways to search and group the data.

Search For

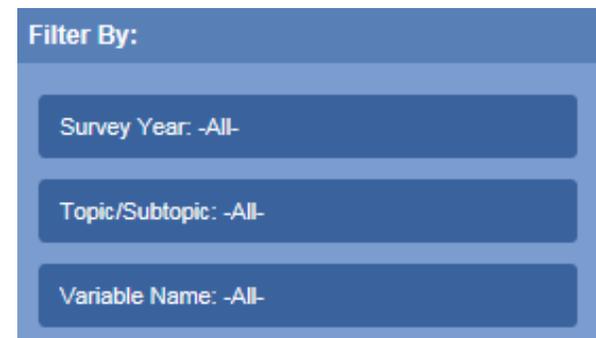
Search can be used to quickly locate all matching Variable names, Topics, Subtopics or Descriptions containing the requested text. The search is not case sensitive and will also return partial matches. Only one search term can be entered at a time. Press enter or click apply to execute search.



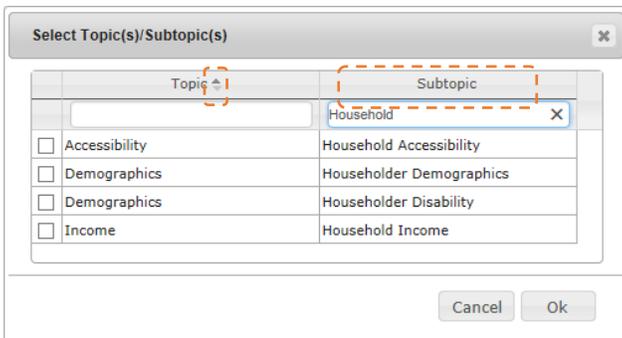
A blue header bar with the text "Search For:" in white. Below the header is a white rectangular input field.

Filter By

Filters can be used in combination with the search to narrow the results list or on their own. Results update after making selections and clicking the "OK" button and then clicking on the "Apply" button. Records returned are those that match all selections made for Survey Year, Topic/Subtopic and Variable Name, therefore many combinations of these may not return any results.



A blue header bar with the text "Filter By:" in white. Below the header are three dark blue buttons with white text: "Survey Year: -All-", "Topic/Subtopic: -All-", and "Variable Name: -All-".



A dialog box titled "Select Topic(s)/Subtopic(s)" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains a table with two columns: "Topic" and "Subtopic". The "Topic" column has a small up/down arrow icon next to its header. The "Subtopic" column has a small "X" icon next to its header. The table lists four rows, each with a checkbox in the first column and text in the second and third columns. The first row is "Household" with a subtopic of "Household Accessibility". The second row is "Accessibility" with a subtopic of "Householder Accessibility". The third row is "Demographics" with a subtopic of "Householder Demographics". The fourth row is "Demographics" with a subtopic of "Householder Disability". The fifth row is "Income" with a subtopic of "Household Income". At the bottom of the dialog box are "Cancel" and "Ok" buttons.

	Topic	Subtopic
<input type="checkbox"/>		Household
<input type="checkbox"/>	Accessibility	Household Accessibility
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demographics	Householder Demographics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demographics	Householder Disability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Income	Household Income

Columns can be sorted by clicking the up/down arrows near the column name where available.

Searches can be preformed within the filter selection box as well by typing the beginning of the search word into the search boxes at the top of the list.

Multiple selections can be checked when selecting filters.

Reset

Reset will clear the search term and all filters, resetting the tool to display all records.

Downloads

The AHS Mini Codebook is a quick reference that includes availability, topic, and subtopic of variables for the survey year.

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Variable Details

To quickly see the survey year(s) and question text for a variable click on the description of the variable in the results table. The information for the selected variable will appear below the results table.

Complete variable details can be seen or printed by clicking the link in the Variable column. The variable details include universe statements, response codes, imputation strategy, and user notes, among other details.

Variable	Topic	Subtopic	Description
BOARDU	Admin	Non-Interview Status	Type B unit boarded up
DFIRE	Admin	Non-Interview Status	Type C-30/31 severely damaged by fire
DISAS	Admin	Non-Interview Status	Type C severely damaged by natural disaster
EXPOSE	Admin	Non-Interview Status	Type B interior exposed to elements
NOINT	Admin	Non-Interview Status	Noninterview reason
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COOP	Occupancy and Tenure	Tenure	Flag indicating unit is a cooperative
HOA	Occupancy and Tenure	Tenure	Flag indicating unit is part of a homeowner's association
QWNLOT	Occupancy and Tenure	Tenure	Flag indicating owner owns the lot
MGRONSITE	Occupancy and Tenure	Tenure	Flag indicating there is an owner or property manager onsite
TEN	Occupancy and Tenure	Tenure	This person is owner/renter of unit
QWNHERE	Occupancy and Tenure	Tenure	Owner/resident manager lives on-site
VACANCY	Occupancy and Tenure	Vacancy Characteristics	Vacancy status
VACANCY2	Occupancy and Tenure	Vacancy Characteristics	Additional vacancy status information
TIMESHARE	Occupancy and Tenure	Vacancy Characteristics	Flag indicating ownership of unit time shared
MHMOVE	Occupancy and Tenure	Vacancy Characteristics	Flag indicating mobile home to be moved
VACMONTHS	Occupancy and Tenure	Vacancy Characteristics	Number of months unit has been vacant

Question Text: Is this unit (1) Owned or being bought by someone in your household?, (2) Rented?, or (3) Occupied without payment of rent?

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TENURE
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Table Name: 2015 AND LATER: HOUSEHOLD; 1999 AND EARLIER: HOUSEHOLD; 2001 AND LATER: NEWHOUSE

Type: Occupancy

Edit Flag Variable: TENURE

Applicability: PUP

Imputation Strategy: Copying soon

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Response Codes: 1: Owned or being bought by someone in your household; 2: Rented; 3: Occupied without payment of rent; N: (2015 and later) 98 or 99 (2013 and earlier) Not Applicable

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Implement Variable Name(s): TENURE

Disclosure: None

Conditions in Universe:

Downloading and Printing

You can download the results table as a comma-separated values (CSV) or Portable Document Format (PDF) file. Use the utility buttons on the top right of the page. The Mini Codebook is available for the 2015 and later survey years.



For printing or PDF download, the table will first open in a new window. Depending on your browser and the version of Adobe Reader you have installed, you will see controls for printing or saving that document.

