

Current Population Survey Telework Items Extract Files

Technical Documentation

Starting in October 2022, a series of questions were added to the Current Population Survey related to telework status of those employed in the labor force, and telework status prior to the onset of the Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic. The first 2 questions obtain the telework status as of the current labor force reference period (last week) and the number of hours teleworked. The last 2 questions obtain the telework status prior to the onset of the pandemic in February 2020, and whether or not the hours teleworked differ now compared to then.

Data processing of the extract file data consisted of a consistency edit and hot-deck allocation for non-response. Apply the person final weight (PWSSWGT) to generate weighted estimates. Nonresponse for the Telework items varies month by month, but in general ranges from one percent to eleven percent.

A separate extract file is created for each month the questions remain in CPS. In order to properly use this extract, it should be used in combination with the regular monthly CPS public use files. Use the first 4 variables on the extract file to match the extract data to the regular public use this file. This will allow the user to access the full set of demographic and labor force characteristics from basic CPS for their analysis.

2023 Telework Items List

Intro

I now have a few questions related to where people work.

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Telework

COVR1 At any time LAST WEEK, did (you/name) telework or work at home for pay?

(1) Yes

(2) No

Hours_Telework

COVR2 LAST WEEK, (you/name) worked (# hours worked last week at all jobs) hours (total/at all jobs). How many of these hours did you telework or work at home for pay?

Multiple jobholders should include telework hours on all jobs combined.
Enter 97 for workers who teleworked 100 or more hours.

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Telework_Prior_To

COVR3 Did (you/name) telework or work at home for pay in February 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic started?

(Enter No if the person was not employed in February 2020)

(1) Yes

(2) No

Hours_Compared

COVR4 LAST WEEK, did (you/name) do more, less, or the same amount of telework or work at home for pay as in February 2020 (before the COVID-19 pandemic)?

(1) More

(2) Less

(3) About the same

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY TELEWORK EXTRACT FILE RECORD LAYOUT

NAME	SIZE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
QSTNUM	5	Unique Household Identifier Universe = All	1-5
OCCURNUM	2	Unique person Identifier Within a QSTNUM Universe = All	6-7
HRMONTH	2	Month of Interview Universe = All	8-9
		VALID ENTRIES	
		01-12	
HRYEAR	4	Year of Interview Universe = All	10-13
		VALID ENTRIES	
		22 2022	
		23 2023	
PTCOVR1	2	At any time LAST WEEK did (you/name) telework or work at home for pay?	14-15
		Universe: PRTAGE = 16+ and PEMLR = 1	
		VALID ENTRIES	
		-1 Not in Universe	
		1 Yes	
		2 No	

PTCOVR2	3	<p>LAST WEEK, (you/name) worked (# hours worked last week at all jobs) hours (total/at all jobs). How many of these hours did (you/name) telework or work at home for pay?</p> <p>Universe: PTCOVR1 = 1.</p> <p>VALID ENTRIES</p> <p>-1 Not in Universe 0 – 198 Hours</p> <p>(0 hours represent reports of < 30 minutes telework)</p>	16-18
PTCOVR3	2	<p>Did (you/name) telework or work at home for pay in February 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic started?</p> <p>Universe: PRTAGE = 16+ and PEMLR = 1</p> <p>VALID ENTRIES</p> <p>-1 Not in Universe 1 Yes 2 No</p>	19-20
PTCOVR4	2	<p>LAST WEEK, did (you/name) do more, less, or the same amount of telework or work at home for pay as in February 2020 (before the COVID-19 pandemic)?</p> <p>Universe: PTCOVR1 = 1 and PTCOVR3 = 1</p> <p>VALID ENTRIES</p> <p>-1 Not in Universe 1 More 2 Less 3 About the same</p>	21-22
PXCOVR1	2	<p>Allocation flag for PTCOVR1</p> <p>VALID ENTRIES</p> <p>-1 Not in universe 0 Not allocated 1 Allocated</p>	23-24

PXCOVR2	2	Allocation flag for PTCOVR2	25-26
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VALID ENTRIES

-1 Not in universe
0 Not allocated
1 Allocated

PXCOVR3	2	Allocation flag for PTCOVR3	27-28
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VALID ENTRIES

-1 Not in universe
0 Not allocated
1 Allocated

PXCOVR4	2	Allocation flag for PTCOVR4	29-30
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VALID ENTRIES

-1 Not in universe
0 Not allocated
1 Allocated

End of Record