

COVER SHEET  
Health Care  
*SIPP Public Use Metadata Report*

NOTE: Not in universe will be "." for numeric variables and blank for character variables.

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**Status Flag Values**

0. Not in universe
1. In universe; as reported
2. Statistical imputation (hot deck)
3. Logical imputation
4. Model-based imputation
5. Cold deck
6. Imputed from a range
7. Combination of 1 and 2/3/5/6
8. Combination of 2/3/5/6
9. Can be determined from the allocation flags for the components of this recode.

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Although most universe statements reference public use variables, some universes contain variables that are not available for public use. These variables include:

**EPPMIS1:12:** Respondent's interview status this month

**HHINCSCR\_MTH:** Indicates whether a household member's monthly income falls below 200% of the poverty level\*

**HHINCSCR\_YR:** Indicates whether a household member's annual income falls below 200% of the poverty level\*

**HHPGMSCR:** Indicates whether a household member participated in certain means-tested assistance programs such as SNAP, WIC, Medicaid, TANF, or GA

**HHRESP:** Person number of the household respondent

**HHSTAT:** Respondent's status within the household this wave (returning, deleted, new, inactive, or partial-period household member)

**INC\_SCRN:** Indicates whether household member's income falls below 200% of the poverty level\* (based on responses to HHINCSCR\_YR and HHINCSCR\_MTH)

**LEAVE\_MO:** Month respondent left the household (for movers in Waves 2+)

**LNO:** Respondent's position on the household roster

**SCREENER\_CLUMP:** Identifies a group or "clump" of household members likely to share resources among one another

\* For household members who are part of a clump, the 200% poverty threshold is based on the number of people in the clump.

### **A note about weeks and XWKA(i) variables in select Labor Force Recodes:**

Many labor force recodes describe values for certain weeks of the year (ex. RWKESR1, RJB1\_WKSUM1, etc.). These recodes refer to weeks (Sunday through Saturday) that contain 4+ days in the reference month, starting with the first 4+ day week. This is very similar to what was done in older SIPP panels. Variables XWKA1-XWKA5 are used to set universes for these recodes. These variables indicate the week number of the reference year for each week in the reference month containing 4+ days, and are consistent across all records. For example, the first calendar week of August 2013 has only three days (the 1st-3rd), so XWKA1 for August 2013 is the week starting the 4th, and has a value of 32 (being defined the 32nd week of the year). Although not included as variables on the public files, a more detailed description of the XWKA(i) variables can be found in the User's Guide here: [<http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sipp/guidance/users-guide.html>]. Note that week 1 of the year will contain more than seven days when the first calendar week of the year has 3 or fewer days, such as occurred in January 2015. Similarly, week 52 of the year will contain more than seven days when the last calendar week of the year has 3 or fewer days, such as occurred in December 2013.

Additionally, for earnings variables where the last calendar week in the month has less than 4 days, values for those days are carried into the first week of the next month (and vice-versa to the previous month where the first calendar week has less than 4 days). Also note that this does not affect monthly sums (ex. RJB1\_MSUM), which account for every day in the month.

## Summary Statistic Variables

When topcoding assets, earnings, and medical expenditures, values at the top of the distribution are replaced by the mean (or median) of those values. Each variable has a set of corresponding summary statistic variables that display additional information about the distribution of topcoded values. These variables end in \_MEAN (mean), \_MED (median), and \_STD (standard deviation) and are only in universe for topcoded cases.

Most summary statistic variables hold values that describe the overall distribution of topcoded cases, however, some variables display separate statistics by demographic group. These groups are defined differently depending on how the data was collected - at the person or person-month level, or at the household level.

Person and person-month level variables with summary statistics by demographic group include:

TJB(1-7)\_ANNSAL(1-3), TJB(1-7)\_HOURLY(1-3), TJB(1-7)\_WKLY(1-3), TJB(1-7)\_BWKLY(1-3),  
TJB(1-7)\_MTHLY(1-3), TTHR401VAL, TOICKINC, TOSAVINC, TOICKVAL, TOCHKVAL, TOSAVVAL,  
TLIFE\_FVAL, TLIFE\_CVAL, TBSJ(1-7)VAL, TOEDDEBTVAL, TOOTDEBTVAL

Demographic groups for these variables are defined as follows:

- \* Male, White non-Hispanic
- \* Male, Black/Asian/Other or Hispanic
- \* Female, White non-Hispanic
- \* Female, Black/Asian/Other or Hispanic

Household level variables with summary statistics by demographic group include:

TPRVAL, TRENTMORT, TUTILS, TVEH(1-3)DEBTVAL, TVEH(1-3)VAL

Demographic groups for these variables are defined based on the following characteristics of the household reference person:

- \* Married (spouse present), White non-Hispanic
- \* Married (spouse present), Black/Asian/Other or Hispanic
- \* Unmarried, White non-Hispanic
- \* Unmarried, Black/Asian/Other or Hispanic

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**Description:** What is ... health status?

**Universe Description:** New, returning, or partial period household members.

**Universe:** HHSTAT in (1,3,5)

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Excellent
2	Very good
3	Good
4	Fair
5	Poor

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**Status Flag:** AHLTSTAT

**Description:** How many days did illness or injury keep ... in bed more than half of the day?

**Universe Description:** Respondents who are at least 15 years old.

**Universe:** HHSTAT in (1,3,5) and TAGE ge 15

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 365

**Status Flag:** ADAYSICK

**Description:** How many nights did ... spend in the hospital?

**Universe Description:** Age 1 and older by the end of the wave

**Universe:** HHSTAT in (1,3,5) and TAGE >= 1

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 365

**Status Flag:** AHOSPnit

**Description:** Why was ... in the hospital (for the most recent stay)? (Diagnostic test to determine what was wrong)

**Universe Description:** Respondents who stayed at least one night in a hospital in the last year.

**Universe:** EHOSPSTA = 1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** AHREASON

**Description:** Why was ... in the hospital (for the most recent stay)? (Birth - either to be born, or to give birth, including C-section)

**Universe Description:** Respondents who stayed at least one night in a hospital in the last year.

**Universe:** EHOSPSTA = 1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** AHREASON

**Description:** Why was ... in the hospital (for the most recent stay)? (Operation or surgery)

**Universe Description:** Respondents who stayed at least one night in a hospital in the last year.

**Universe:** EHOSPSTA = 1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** AHREASON

**Description:** Why was ... in the hospital (for the most recent stay)? (Other treatment or therapy not including surgery)

**Universe Description:** Respondents who stayed at least one night in a hospital in the last year.

**Universe:** EHOSPSTA = 1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** AHREASON

**Description:** Why was ... in the hospital (for the most recent stay)? (Any other reason)

**Universe Description:** Respondents who stayed at least one night in a hospital in the last year.

**Universe:** EHOSPSTA = 1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** AHREASON

**Description:** Did ... take any prescription medications?

**Universe Description:** New, returning, or partial period household members with age greater than or equal to 1 by end of calendar year.

**Universe:** HHSTAT in (1,3,5) and TAGE >= 1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

---

<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** APRESDRG

**Description:** Did ... take prescription medication on a daily basis?

**Universe Description:** New, returning, or partial period household members with age greater than or equal to 1 by end of calendar year who used a prescription drug

**Universe:** HHSTAT in (1,3,5) and TAGE >= 1 and EPRESDRG = 1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** ADALYDRG

**Description:** How many visits has ... made to a dentist or other dental professional?

**Universe Description:** New, returning, or partial period household members with age greater than or equal to 3

**Universe:** HHSTAT in (1,3,5) and TAGE  $\geq$  3

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999

**Status Flag:** AVISDENT

**Description:** Has ... lost any of his/her permanent adult teeth?

**Universe Description:** New, returning or partial period household members and age greater than or equal to 15

**Universe:** HHSTAT = (1, 3, 5) and TAGE ge 15

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** ALOSTTH

**Description:** Has ... lost all of his/her permanent adult teeth?

**Universe Description:** New, returning or partial period household members and age greater than or equal to 15 who have lost at least one permanent adult tooth

**Universe:** ELOSTTH = 1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** AALLTH

**Description:** How many times did ... see or talk to a doctor, nurse, or any other type of medical provider about his/her health?

**Universe Description:** New, returning, or partial period household members with age greater than or equal to 1 by end of calendar year.

**Universe:** HHSTAT in (1,3,5) and TAGE >= 1

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999

**Status Flag:** AVISDOC

**Description:** How many of the visits or calls include contact with a physician?

**Universe Description:** New or returning household members with age greater than or equal to 1 by end of calendar year who had one or more visits or calls to a doctor, nurse, or some other medical provider during the reference period.

**Universe:** HHSTAT in (1,3,5) and EVISDOC>0 and TAGE>=1

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999

**Status Flag:** ADOCNUM

**Description:** How much did ... pay for comprehensive health insurance premiums?

**Universe Description:** New, returning or partial period household members

**Universe:** EPPMIS(MONTHCODE)=1 for any month in the reference period

**Length:** 6

**Min:** \$0

**Max:** \$999,000

**Status Flag:** AHIPAY

**Description:** How much did ... pay for his/her non-premium medical out-of-pocket expenditures for over-the-counter health-related products?

**Universe Description:** New, returning or partial period household members who are at least one year old by the end of the reference period.

**Universe:** EPPMIS(MONTHCODE)=1 for any month in the reference period & TAGE >= 1

**Length:** 5

**Min:** \$0

**Max:** \$99,000

**Status Flag:** AOTCMDPAY

**Description:** How much did ... pay for his/her non-premium medical out-of-pocket expenditures on medical care?

**Universe Description:** New, returning or partial period household members who are at least one year old by the end of the reference period.

**Universe:** EPPMIS(MONTHCODE)=1 for any month in the reference period & TAGE >= 1

**Length:** 6

**Min:** \$0

**Max:** \$999,000

**Status Flag:** AMDPAY

**Description:** Does ... have a Flexible Spending Account for health expenses?

**Universe Description:** Respondents who are at least 15 years old and who were employed at any time during the reference period.

**Universe:** TAGE >= 15 AND at least one month where (EPPMIS(MONTHCODE)=1 AND (EJB1\_JBORSE=1 OR EJB2\_JBORSE=1 OR EJB3\_JBORSE=1 OR EJB4\_JBORSE=1 OR EJB5\_JBORSE=1 OR EJB6\_JBORSE=1 OR EJB7\_JBORSE=1))

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

**Status Flag:** AFLEXSPND

**Description:** During the month(s) ... was not covered by any health insurance, did he/she go to a dentist or other dental professional?

**Universe Description:** Respondents age > or = 15, who didn't have any health insurance coverage (MEDICAID, MEDICARE, or private coverage) for at least one month during the reference period, who visited a dentist or other dental professional during the reference period.

**Universe:** TAGE>= 15 AND (RHLTHMTH=2 AND EMCPART1=2 for any month in the reference period) AND EVISDENT >= 1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

**Status Flag:** ANOINDNT

**Description:** During the month(s) ... was not covered by any health insurance, did he/she go to a doctor, nurse, or other medical provider?

**Universe Description:** Respondents age > or =15, who didn't have any health insurance coverage (MEDICAID, MEDICARE, or private coverage) for at least one month during the reference period, who visited a doctor, nurse, or other medical provider during the reference period.

**Universe:** TAGE>= 15 AND (RHLTHMTH=2 AND EMCPART1=2 for any month in the reference period) AND EVISDOC >= 1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

Value:	Description:
1	Yes
2	No

**Status Flag:** ANOINDOC

**Description:** Where did ... go to get this/those health care service(s)? (Clinic or Public Health Department)

**Universe Description:** Respondent who visited a doctor, nurse or some other medical provider during the months(s) the person didn't have any health insurance coverage.

**Universe:** ENOINDOC=1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

**Status Flag:** ANOINCLN

**Description:** Where did ... go to get this/those health care service(s)? (Emergency Room)

**Universe Description:** Respondent who visited a doctor, nurse or some other medical provider during the months(s) the person didn't have any health insurance coverage.

**Universe:** ENOINDOC=1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** ANOINCLN

**Description:** Where did ... go to get this/those health care service(s)? (Hospital, excluding emergency room)

**Universe Description:** Respondent who visited a doctor, nurse or some other medical provider during the months(s) the person didn't have any health insurance coverage.

**Universe:** ENOINDOC=1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** ANOINCLN

**Description:** Where did ... go to get this/those health care service(s)? (VA hospital)

**Universe Description:** Respondent who visited a doctor, nurse or some other medical provider during the months(s) the person didn't have any health insurance coverage.

**Universe:** ENOINDOC=1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** ANOINCLN

**Description:** Where did ... go to get this/those health care service(s)? (Doctor's office)

**Universe Description:** Respondent who visited a doctor, nurse or some other medical provider during the months(s) the person didn't have any health insurance coverage.

**Universe:** ENOINDOC=1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** ANOINCLN

**Description:** Where did ... go to get this/those health care service(s)? (Dentist's office)

**Universe Description:** Respondent who visited a doctor, nurse or some other medical provider during the months(s) the person didn't have any health insurance coverage.

**Universe:** ENOINDOC=1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

---

<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** ANOINCLN

**Description:** Where did ... go to get this/those health care service(s)? (Someplace else)

**Universe Description:** Respondent who visited a doctor, nurse or some other medical provider during the months(s) the person didn't have any health insurance coverage.

**Universe:** ENOINDOC=1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** ANOINCLN

**Description:** Did anyone ask what ... income was before they set a price for the services?

**Universe Description:** Respondent who visited a doctor, nurse or some other medical provider during the months(s) the person didn't have any health insurance coverage.

**Universe:** ENOINDOC=1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

---

<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** ANOININC

**Description:** Did ... receive treatment for an illness or injury?

**Universe Description:** Respondent who visited a doctor, nurse or some other medical provider during the months(s) the person didn't have any health insurance coverage.

**Universe:** ENOINDOC=1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** ANOINTRT

**Description:** Did ... receive any routine or preventative care?

**Universe Description:** Respondent who visited a doctor, nurse or some other medical provider during the months(s) the person didn't have any health insurance coverage.

**Universe:** ENOINDOC=1

**Length:** 1

**Answer List:**

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<b>Value:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
1	Yes
2	No

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**Status Flag:** ANOINCHK

**Description:** Standard deviation of topcoded values for THIPAY

**Universe:** Amount paid for health insurance premiums was topcoded

**Length:** 6

**Min:** \$0

**Max:** \$999,000

**Description:** Median of topcoded values for THIPAY

**Universe:** Amount paid for health insurance premiums was topcoded

**Length:** 6

**Min:** \$0

**Max:** \$999,000

**Description:** Standard deviation of topcoded values for TMDPAY

**Universe:** Amount paid for non-premium medical out-of-pocket expenditures on medical care was topcoded

**Length:** 6

**Min:** \$0

**Max:** \$999,000

**Description:** Median of topcoded values for TMDPAY

**Universe:** Amount paid for non-premium medical out-of-pocket expenditures on medical care was topcoded

**Length:** 6

**Min:** \$0

**Max:** \$999,000

**Description:** Standard deviation of topcoded values for TOTCMDPAY

**Universe:** Amount paid for non-premium medical out-of-pocket expenditures for over-the-counter health-related products was topcoded

**Length:** 5

**Min:** \$0

**Max:** \$99,000

**Description:** Median of topcoded values for TOTCMDPAY

**Universe:** Amount paid for non-premium medical out-of-pocket expenditures for over-the-counter health-related products was topcoded

**Length:** 5

**Min:** \$0

**Max:** \$99,000

**Description:** Standard deviation of topcoded values for TDAYSICK

**Universe Description:** Number of days illness or injury kept ... in bed more than half of the day was topcoded

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 365

**Description:** Median of topcoded values for TDAYSICK

**Universe Description:** Number of days illness or injury kept ... in bed more than half of the day was topcoded

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 365

**Description:** Standard deviation of topcoded values for THOSPNT

**Universe Description:** Number of nights ... spent in hospital was topcoded

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 365

**Description:** Median of topcoded values for THOSPNT

**Universe Description:** Number of nights ... spent in hospital was topcoded

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 365

**Description:** Standard deviation of topcoded values for TVISDENT

**Universe Description:** Number of visits ... made to a dentist or other dental professional was topcoded

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999

**Description:** Median of topcoded values for TVISDENT

**Universe Description:** Number of visits ... made to a dentist or other dental professional was topcoded

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999

**Description:** Standard deviation of topcoded values for TVISDOC

**Universe Description:** Number of times ... saw or talked to a doctor, nurse, or any other type of medical provider about his/her health was topcoded

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999

**Description:** Median of topcoded values for TVISDOC

**Universe Description:** Number of times ... saw or talked to a doctor, nurse, or any other type of medical provider about his/her health was topcoded

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999

**Description:** Standard deviation of topcoded values for TDOCNUM

**Universe Description:** Number of visits or calls that included contact with a physician was topcoded

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999

**Description:** Median of topcoded values for TDOCNUM

**Universe Description:** Number of visits or calls that included contact with a physician was topcoded

**Length:** 3

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999