

Marital History

SIPP Public Use Metadata Report

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

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.

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 (1 - Returning, 2 - Partial Period Household Member (may return in later waves), 3 - New, 4 - Inactive, 5 - Partial Period Household Member (will not return in later waves))

INC_SCRN: Indicates whether household member's income falls below 200% of the poverty level* (based on responses to HHINCSCR_YR and HHINCSCR_MTH)

LAST_MONTH: Last month in household for partial-period household members who left before the interview date in Waves 2+

LNO: Respondent's position on the household roster

RNALLKIDS: Number of all children (biological, step, or adopted) under 21 for the respondent

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, TOCHKINC, TOSAVINC, 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: Year of current marriage

Universe Description: All persons aged 15+ who are currently married

Universe: TAGE GE 15, EMS in (1,2,5)

Length: 4

Min: 1960

Max: 2018

Status Flag: AYRCURRMARR

Description: Number of times married

Universe Description: All persons aged 15+

Universe: TAGE GE 15

Length: 1

Answer List:

Value:	Description:
0	Never married
1	Married once
2	Married twice
3	Married three times
4	Married four or more times

Status Flag: AXMAR

Description: Year of first marriage

Universe Description: All persons aged 15+ who are ever married

Universe: TAGE GE 15, EMS NE 6

Length: 4

Min: 1954

Max: 2018

Status Flag: AYRFIRSTMARR

Description: Has ... ever been widowed?

Universe Description: All persons aged 15+

Universe: TAGE GE 15

Length: 1

Answer List:

Value:	Description:
1	Yes
2	No

Status Flag: AEVERWID

Description: Has ... ever been divorced?

Universe Description: All persons aged 15+

Universe: TAGE GE 15

Length: 1

Answer List:

Value:	Description:
1	Yes
2	No

Status Flag: AEVERDIV

Description: Is ... married, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married at this month?

Universe Description: All persons aged 15+ at this month

Universe: TAGE_EHC ge 15

Length: 1

Answer List:

Value:	Description:
1	Married, spouse present
2	Married, spouse absent
3	Widowed
4	Divorced
5	Separated
6	Never married

Status Flag: AMS_EHC

Description: Person number of spouse at this month

Universe Description: Married, spouse present at this month

Universe: EMS_EHC=1

Length: 3

Answer List:

Value:	Description:
60:499	Person number

Status Flag: APNSPOUS_EHC

Description: Person number of unmarried partner

Universe Description: All persons aged 15+ and present at the time of interview and not married, spouse present

Universe: TAGE GE 15, EMS NE 1, THHLDSTATUS in (1:2)

Length: 3

Min: 101

Max: 499

Description: Person number of unmarried partner at this month

Universe Description: All persons aged 15+ who do not have a marital status of married spouse present at this month

Universe: TAGE_EHC ge 15 and EMS_EHC ne 1

Length: 3

Min: 60

Max: 499

Status Flag: APNCOHAB_EHC

Description: Is ... in a registered domestic partnership or civil union?

Universe Description: All persons aged 15+ with an unmarried partner

Universe: TAGE GE 15, EPNCOHAB_EHC >= 101

Length: 1

Answer List:

Value:	Description:
1	Yes
2	No

Status Flag: AREGDOMPART