

# Poverty & Income

## *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 (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:** Household poverty threshold in this month, excluding Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** At least one individual in the household is 15 or older

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**Length:** 4

**Min:** \$1

**Max:** \$7,000

**Status Flag:** AHPOV

**Description:** Family income-to-poverty ratio in this calendar year, excluding Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons with a family poverty threshold in each calendar month of the reference period

**Universe:** For months 1 to 12: RFPOV>0

**Length:** 7

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999.999

**Status Flag:** AFCYINCPOV

**Description:** Family income-to-poverty ratio in this calendar year, including Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons with a family poverty threshold (including Type 2 individuals) in each month of the reference period

**Universe:** For months 1 to 12: RFPOVT2 > 0

**Length:** 7

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999.999

**Status Flag:** AFCYINCPOVT2

**Description:** Family income-to-poverty ratio in this month, excluding Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons with a family poverty threshold

**Universe:** RFPOV > 0

**Length:** 7

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999.999

**Status Flag:** AFINCPOV

**Description:** Family income-to-poverty ratio in this month, including Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons with a family poverty threshold (including Type 2 individuals)

**Universe:** RFPOVT2 > 0

**Length:** 7

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999.999

**Status Flag:** AFINCPOVT2

**Description:** Family poverty threshold in this month, excluding Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons with a family reference person that is at least 15 years old

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**Length:** 4

**Min:** \$1

**Max:** \$7,000

**Status Flag:** AFPOV

**Description:** Family poverty threshold in this month, including Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons with a family reference person that is at least 15 years old (including T2 individuals)

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**Length:** 4

**Min:** \$1

**Max:** \$7,000

**Status Flag:** AFPOVT2

**Description:** Household income-to-poverty ratio in this calendar year, excluding Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons with a household poverty threshold in each calendar month of the reference period

**Universe:** For months 1 to 12: RHPOV > 0

**Length:** 7

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999.999

**Status Flag:** AHCYINCPOV

**Description:** Household income-to-poverty ratio in this calendar year, including Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons with a household poverty threshold (including Type 2 individuals) in each calendar month of the reference period

**Universe:** For months 1 to 12: RHPOVT2 > 0

**Length:** 7

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999.999

**Status Flag:** AHCYINCPOVT2

**Description:** Household income-to-poverty ratio in this month, excluding Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons with a household poverty threshold

**Universe:** RHPOV > 0

**Length:** 7

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999.999

**Status Flag:** AHINCPOV

**Description:** Household income-to-poverty ratio in this month, including Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons with a household poverty threshold (including Type 2 individuals)

**Universe:** RHPOVT2 > 0

**Length:** 7

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 999.999

**Status Flag:** AHINCPOVT2

**Description:** Household poverty threshold in this month, including Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** At least one individual in the household is 15 or older (including Type 2 individuals)

**Universe:** At least one individual in the household is 15 or older (including Type 2 individuals)

**Length:** 4

**Min:** \$1

**Max:** \$7,000

**Status Flag:** AHPOVT2

**Description:** Sum of monthly earnings and income received by family members age 15 and older, as well as SSI payments received by children under age 15

**Universe Description:** All people

**Universe:** THHLDSTATUS in (1,2,3,4)

**Length:** 12

**Min:** -\$10,000,000,000

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** AFTOTINC

**Description:** Sum of monthly earnings and income received by family members age 15 and older, as well as SSI payments received by children under age 15 (including Type 2 persons)

**Universe Description:** All people

**Universe:** THHLDSTATUS in (1,2,3,4)

**Length:** 12

**Min:** -\$10,000,000,000

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** AFTOTINCT2

**Description:** Sum of monthly earnings and income received by household members age 15 and older, as well as SSI payments received by children under age 15

**Universe Description:** All people

**Universe:** THHLDSTATUS in (1,2,3,4)

**Length:** 12

**Min:** -\$10,000,000,000

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** AHTOTINC

**Description:** Sum of monthly earnings and income received by household members age 15 and older, as well as SSI payments received by children under age 15 (including Type 2 persons)

**Universe Description:** All people

**Universe:** THHLDSTATUS in (1,2,3,4)

**Length:** 12

**Min:** -\$10,000,000,000

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** AHTOTINCT2

**Description:** Sum of monthly income received from means-tested transfer programs (including SSI, TANF, GA, and the Veterans Pension program)

**Universe Description:** People age 15 and older and children under age 15 who received SSI payments

**Universe:** TAGE\_EHC >= 15 or (TAGE\_EHC < 15 and RSSI\_MNYN = 1)

**Length:** 11

**Min:** 0

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** APTRNINC

**Description:** The sum of the reported monthly amounts received by an individual from VA benefits (except VA pension), workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, or social security

**Universe Description:** All people age 15 or older in any month of the reference period and were in sample for any month of the reference period

**Universe:** TAGE\_EHC ge 15 and EPPMIS1 = 1 OR EPPMIS2 = 1 OR EPPMIS3 = 1... OR EPPMIS12 = 1

**Length:** 11

**Min:** 0

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** APSCININC

**Description:** A monthly income recode variable, which is the sum of the reported monthly amounts received by an individual from other income sources, such as: survivor benefits, retirement benefits, disability benefits, foster child care payments, child support payments, alimony payments, lump sum payments, deferred payments from prior job, life insurance payments, or miscellaneous income sources.

**Universe Description:** All people age 15 or older in any month of the reference period and were in sample for any month of the reference period

**Universe:** TAGE\_EHC ge 15

**Length:** 11

**Min:** 0

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** APOTHINC

**Description:** The amount of total personal investment and property income during the reference year.

**Universe Description:** All people age 15 or older

**Universe:** TAGE\_EHC ge 15

**Length:** 12

**Min:** -\$10,000,000,000

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** APPRPINC

**Description:** Sum of personal monthly earnings and income for people age 15 and older, as well as children under age 15 who received SSI payments

**Universe Description:** People age 15 and older and children under age 15 who received SSI payments

**Universe:** TAGE\_EHC >= 15 or (TAGE\_EHC < 15 and RSSI\_MNYN = 1)

**Length:** 12

**Min:** -\$10,000,000,000

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** APTOTINC