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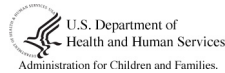
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NSAF HOUSEHOLD FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: ATTNFEXT

Label: Atmpts aft 1st scnr cont to comp 1stext

Type: N

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable indicates the number of attempts, after the first scener contact, necessary to complete the first extended interview.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	42,973	0	113	8.30

Variable Name: ATTNFSCT

Label: Attempt number of 1st scnr contact

Type: N

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable shows how many attempts were necessary to make the first screener contact with the household.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	42,973	1	40	2.61

Variable Name: CHLD0_5

Label: Number of children under six years old

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable provides a count of household children under the age of six.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	44,461	0	6	0.40

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Variable Name: CHLD6_17

Label: Num of children between 6 & 17 yrs old

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable provides a count of household children between the ages of 6 and 17 (inclusive).

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	44,461	0	9	0.87

Variable Name: DANYAWAY

Label: Anyone usually here but away last night

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: D2

Question Text: Is there anyone who usually lives here but didn't stay here last night? Please include anyone traveling for work or business, on vacation, at school, or in a hospital.

FOR EACH PERSON ADDED ON THE ROSTER, ASK:

How old is (PERSON)? (RECORD ON ROSTER)

[IF NECESSARY] Is (PERSON) male or female?

Description: This question was not interpreted for the respondent. If the question was not understood, the question was repeated and the respondent was asked to respond according to what the question meant to him or her.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		7	0.02
	.R		49	0.11
	1	Yes	3,084	6.94
	2	No	41,321	92.94

NSAF HOUSEHOLD FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: EX1REFCT

Label: 1st extended incentive

Type: C

Length: 2

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable records the incentives used to induce the respondent to complete the first extended interview.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
.			42,249	95.02
A	FedEx	\$5	1,724	3.88
B	FedEx	\$0	108	0.24
E	Letter	\$0	380	0.85

Variable Name: EX2REFCT

Label: 2nd extended incentive

Type: C

Length: 2

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable records the second incentive used to induce the respondent to complete the first extended interview.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
.			43,860	98.65
A	FedEx	\$5	299	0.67
B	FedEx	\$0	114	0.26
E	Letter	\$0	188	0.42

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Variable Name: EXCOCOOP

Label: 1st ext comp intrvwr ext coop rate quart

Type: N

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable indicates the quartile ranking of the interviewer who completed the respondent's first extended interview.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		2,113	4.75
	1	1st quartile (0-25%)	1,735	3.90
	2	2nd quartile (26-50%)	17,369	39.07
	3	3rd quartile (51-75%)	18,215	40.97
	4	4th quartile (76-100%)	5,029	11.31

Variable Name: EXCOHIRE

Label: 1st ext compltd intrvwr hire date

Type: C

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable gives the hire date of the interviewer who completed the respondent's first extended interview.

Variable Name: EXCOINT

Label: 1st extended completed interviewer

Type: C

Length: 4

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable gives the unique identifier code for the interviewer who completed the first extended interview.

NSAF HOUSEHOLD FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: EXFACCOOP

Label: 1st ext atmptd Int ext coop rate quart

Type: N

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable indicates the quartile ranking of the interviewer who first attempted the extended interview.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.1		1,488	3.35
	1	1st quartile (0-25%)	1,765	3.97
	2	2nd quartile (26-50%)	16,403	36.89
	3	3rd quartile (51-75%)	17,659	39.72
	4	4th quartile (76-100%)	7,146	16.07

Variable Name: EXFAHIRE

Label: 1st ext atmptd intrvwr hire date

Type: C

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable gives the hire date of the interviewer first attempted the extended interview

Variable Name: EXFAINT

Label: 1st ext atmptd intrvwr

Type: C

Length: 4

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable gives the unique identifier code for the interviewer who completed the first extended interview.

NSAF HOUSEHOLD FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: EXREFATT

Label: Ext refusal conversion attempt contacts

Type: N

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable records the number of attempts made to convert an initial refusal to participate in the extended interview.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	42,973	0	47	0.48

Variable Name: EXRESPID

Label: 1st ext int resps person number

Type: C

Length: 2

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable give the person identifier (PERSID) of the respondent, the individual who provided answers during the extended interview.

Variable Name: HHID

Label: Household identification number

Type: C

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This is a unique number assigned to each household during survey processing. We included it as a convenience to researchers wishing to bring together interview records for the same household.

NSAF HOUSEHOLD FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: MNBEDRMS

Label: Number of bedrooms in house

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M5

Question Text: How many bedrooms are there in your home?

Description: The interviewer counted only separate rooms whose primary purpose is sleeping. Other rooms that persons also sleep in were not included. For example, the living room was not counted, even when family members routinely sleep on the couch. (Efficiency apartments were considered to have zero bedrooms).

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	43,825	0	12	2.82

Variable Name: MNBUSPHN

Label: Additional phones for non-business use

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M15

Question Text: How many of these additional telephone numbers are for home use?

Description: This variable tells how many of the additional telephone numbers mentioned in variable MNPHONES were for home use, as opposed to business.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.1		38,009	85.49
	0		1,483	3.34
	1		4,234	9.52
	2		623	1.40
	3		94	0.21
	4		13	0.03
	5		4	0.01
	6		1	0.00

NSAF HOUSEHOLD FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: MNPHONES

Label: Other telephones in the household

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M14

Question Text: Besides (RESPONDENT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER), do you have other telephone numbers in your household?

Description: This question was used to determine whether the household had additional telephone numbers, other than the one which the interviewer had called.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		1,488	3.35
	1	Yes	6,452	14.51
	2	No	36,457	82.00
	3	Not R's phone number	64	0.14

Variable Name: MSERTIME

Label: Time with phone service past 12 months

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M13PERS

Question Text: What was the total amount of time your household had telephone service?

[IF INTERMITTENT SERVICE, ASK R TO ESTIMATE TOTAL SERVICE TIME]

Description: This question was used to identify the total amount of time a non-telephone household had telephone service during the past 12 months. If they had intermittent service, then they were asked to estimate the total amount of time they had service.

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Variable Name: MSERTRAN

Label: HH had phone service past 12 months

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M12PERS

Question Text: During the past 12 months, has your household ever had telephone service?

Description: This question was used to identify whether or not a non-telephone household had telephone service during the past 12 months.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		3	0.01
	.I		42,973	96.65
	.N		1	0.00
	1	Yes	462	1.04
	2	No	1,022	2.30

Variable Name: MSERUNIT

Label: Time with phone service unit

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M13PERS

Question Text: What was the total amount of time your household had telephone service?

[IF INTERMITTENT SERVICE, ASK R TO ESTIMATE TOTAL SERVICE TIME]

Description: This variable gives the units (months, weeks, etc.) for the amount of time the household was without phone service. Non-telephone households were asked to identify the total amount of time they had telephone service. If they had intermittent service, then they were asked to estimate the total amount of time they had service.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		44,007	98.98
	1	Days	1	0.00
	2	Weeks	12	0.03
	3	Months	441	0.99

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Variable Name: MTELTIME

Label: Time without phone more than one day

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M13

Question Text: What was the total amount of time your household was without telephone service for more than 24 hours?

Description: This variable indicates the total amount of time the respondent's household was without telephone service during the period or periods referred to by variable MTELTRAN.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	2,926	1	31	3.10

Variable Name: MTELTRAN

Label: No phone more than one day in last year

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M12

Question Text: During the last 12 months, has your household ever been without telephone service for more than 24 hours?

Description: This variable indicates whether the household has ever been without telephone service for more than 24 hours during the last 12 months.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		41	0.09
	.I		1,488	3.35
	.N		338	0.76
	.R		28	0.06
	1	Yes	2,990	6.72
	2	No	39,576	89.01

Variable Name: MTELUNIT

Label: Time without phone unit

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M13

Question Text: What was the total amount of time your household was without telephone service for more than 24 hours?

Description: This variable gives the units (whether days, weeks, or months) of the value for the variable MTELTIME.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		41,535	93.42
	1	Days	1,299	2.92
	2	Weeks	681	1.53
	3	Months	946	2.13

NSAF HOUSEHOLD FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: QSC5

Label: HH total income before taxes

Type: C

Length: 2

Question Num: SC5

Question Text: It is important for the study to include households in a wide variety of economic situations in (STATE). For 1996, was the total income for everyone in this household, before taxes, below [2X POVERTY LINE FOR HH] or above [2X POVERTY LINE FOR HH]?

[200 percent poverty thresholds are determined by the number of household members (SC3) and whether or not there are children under 18 years old in the household (SC2).]

Description: This item was asked on the screener questionnaire. Respondents were asked to indicate whether or not the total income for all members of the household was above or below twice the poverty line for that household.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		971	2.18
	.I		66	0.15
	.R		974	2.19
	1	Below	22,355	50.28
	2	Above	20,095	45.20

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Variable Name: RELEASGR

Label: Release group number

Type: C

Length: 2

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable indicates to which release group the case interview belonged.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.1	1,488	3.35
	1	5,205	11.71
	10	2,711	6.10
	11	2,496	5.61
	12	2,481	5.58
	13	2,352	5.29
	14	1,925	4.33
	15	1,455	3.27
	16	777	1.75
	17	253	0.57
	18	265	0.60
	19	284	0.64
	2	2,680	6.03
	20	283	0.64
	21	122	0.27
	22	127	0.29
	23	147	0.33
	24	138	0.31
	3	2,674	6.01
	4	2,699	6.07
	5	2,652	5.96
	6	2,694	6.06
	7	2,822	6.35
	8	2,973	6.69
	9	2,758	6.20

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Variable Name: SC1REFCT

Label: 1st screener incentive

Type: C

Length: 2

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable records the incentives used to induce the respondent to complete the first screener interview.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
.			37,976	85.41
A	FedEx	\$5	2,198	4.94
B	FedEx	\$0	381	0.86
C	FedEx	\$10	235	0.53
D	Letter	\$5	3,212	7.22
E	Letter	\$0	260	0.58
F	Letter	\$2	199	0.45

Variable Name: SC2REFCT

Label: 2nd screener incentive

Type: C

Length: 2

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable records the incentives used to induce the respondent to complete the first screener interview.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
.			43,527	97.90
E	Letter	\$0	934	2.10

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Variable Name: SCCOCOOP

Label: Scrnr compltd int scrnr coop rate quart

Type: N

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable indicates the quartile ranking of the interviewer who first completed the initial screener interview.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		1,488	3.35
	1	1st quartile (0-25%)	9,387	21.11
	2	2nd quartile (26-50%)	12,561	28.25
	3	3rd quartile (51-75%)	13,154	29.59
	4	4th quartile (76-100%)	7,871	17.70

Variable Name: SCCOHIRE

Label: Scrnr completed interviewer hire date

Type: C

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable gives the hire date of the interviewer who completed the respondent's initial screener interview.

Variable Name: SCCOINT

Label: Screener completed interviewer

Type: C

Length: 4

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable gives the interviewer identifier code for the interviewer who completed the initial screener interview.

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Variable Name: SCFCCOOP

Label: 1st scrnr cont int scrnr coop rate quart

Type: N

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable indicates the quartile ranking of the interviewer who first contacted the respondent and accepted the screener interview.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		1,488	3.35
	1	1st quartile (0-25%)	8,543	19.21
	2	2nd quartile (26-50%)	12,964	29.16
	3	3rd quartile (51-75%)	14,148	31.82
	4	4th quartile (76-100%)	7,318	16.46

Variable Name: SCFCHIRE

Label: 1st scrnr contact interviewer hire date

Type: C

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable gives the hire date of the interviewer who first contacted the respondent and accepted the screener interview.

Variable Name: SCFCINT

Label: 1st screener contact interviewer

Type: C

Length: 4

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable gives the interviewer code for the interviewer who first contacted the respondent and accepted the screener interview.

NSAF HOUSEHOLD FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: SCREFATT

Label: Scmr refusal conversion atmtpt contacts

Type: N

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable indicates how many times interviewers contacted the respondent in order to attempt to convert a refusal into a completed interview.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	42,973	0	31	0.57

Variable Name: SCRNDATE

Label: Screener finalized date

Type: C

Length: 6

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable gives the date on which the screener interview was completed.

Variable Name: SCRNRSLT

Label: Screener result code

Type: C

Length: 2

Question Num: SCTHANK#

Question Text: Thank you. Those are all the questions I have at this time.

Description: The values for this variable indicate the result of the screener interview.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	CA	Selected household with adults only	16,652	37.45
	CC	Selected household with children	27,783	62.49
	CM	Selected household with EM only	26	0.06

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Variable Name: SITE

Label: Site

Type: N

Length: 4

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This geographic variable is closely tied to NSAF's main goal, which was to provide detailed information on 13 states plus Milwaukee, and also to sample the balance of the United States, so that national estimates would be possible.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	1	Alabama	2,553	5.74
	2	California	2,543	5.72
	3	Florida	2,386	5.37
	4	Massachusetts	3,238	7.28
	5	Michigan	2,776	6.24
	6	Minnesota	3,285	7.39
	7	New Jersey	3,567	8.02
	8	New York	2,632	5.92
	10	Texas	2,452	5.51
	11	Washington	3,393	7.63
	13	Mississippi	2,390	5.38
	14	Milwaukee County	2,269	5.10
	15	Wisconsin	3,086	6.94
	16	Balance of US	4,716	10.61
	18	Colorado	3,175	7.14

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Variable Name: STATE

Label: State

Type: C

Length: 2

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable indicates the current state of residence. Each state has a two-character alphabetic code that is identical to its two-character postal abbreviation.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	AK	Alaska	12	0.03
	AL	Alabama	2,553	5.74
	AR	Arkansas	99	0.22
	AZ	Arizona	133	0.30
	CA	California	2,543	5.72
	CO	Colorado	3,175	7.14
	CT	Connecticut	80	0.18
	DC	District of Columbia	12	0.03
	DE	Delaware	25	0.06
	FL	Florida	2,386	5.37
	GA	Georgia	253	0.57
	HI	Hawaii	30	0.07
	IA	Iowa	88	0.20
	ID	Idaho	45	0.10
	IL	Illinois	355	0.80
	IN	Indiana	195	0.44
	KS	Kansas	111	0.25
	KY	Kentucky	194	0.44
	LA	Lousiana	129	0.29
	MA	Massachusetts	3,238	7.28
	MD	Maryland	157	0.35
	ME	Maine	52	0.12
	MI	Michigan	2,776	6.24
	MN	Minnesota	3,285	7.39
	MO	Missouri	233	0.52
	MS	Mississippi	2,390	5.38
	MT	Montana	67	0.15
	NC	North Carolina	268	0.60
	ND	North Dakota	30	0.07
	NE	Nebraska	56	0.13
	NH	New Hampshire	44	0.10
	NJ	New Jersey	3,567	8.02
	NM	New Mexico	59	0.13
	NV	Nevada	43	0.10
	NY	New York	2,632	5.92
	OH	Ohio	381	0.86
	OK	Oklahoma	126	0.28
	OR	Oregon	118	0.27
	PA	Pennsylvania	580	1.30

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RI	Rhode Island	26	0.06
SC	South Carolina	107	0.24
SD	South Dakota	34	0.08
TN	Tennessee	171	0.38
TX	Texas	2,452	5.51
UT	Utah	64	0.14
VA	Virginia	227	0.51
VT	Vermont	15	0.03
WA	Washington	3,393	7.63
WI	Wisconsin	5,355	12.04
WV	West Virginia	81	0.18
WY	Wyoming	16	0.04

Variable Name: UFIPS

Label: 5 digit FIPS county code

Type: C

Length: 5

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable shows the 5 digit FIPS county code for counties with more than 250,000 persons in NSAF focal states.

Variable Name: USCRLANG

Label: Language of screener

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable indicates whether the screener interview was conducted in English or Spanish.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	1	English	42,646	95.92
	2	Spanish	1,815	4.08

NSAF HOUSEHOLD FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: VARSTRAT

Label: Variance estimation stratum

Type: N

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: The variable VARSTRAT can be used with some statistical software packages (e.g., STATA or SUDAAN) to generate variance estimates from a complex sample design. See also VARUNIT.

Variable Name: VARUNIT

Label: Variance estimation unit

Type: N

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: The variable VARUNIT can be used with some statistical software packages (e.g., SUDAAN or STATA) to generate variance estimates from a complex sample design. See also VARSTRAT.
