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RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Finder File

HRS Data Used:

- 2020 Tracker Early V2.0 (December 2022)

Files and Documentation:

- randhrsexitfinder1994_2018v2_SAS.zip
 - randhrsexitfinder1994_2018v2.sas7bdat: SAS data
 - README_exitfinder.pdf
 - README_exitfiles.pdf
 - randhrsexitfinder1994_2018v2_STATA.zip
 - randhrsexitfinder1994_2018v2.dta: STATA 11 data
 - README_exitfinder.pdf
 - README_exitfiles.pdf
 - randhrsexitfinder1994_2018v2_SPSS.zip
 - randhrsexitfinder1994_2018v2.sav: SPSS data
 - README_exitfinder.pdf
 - README_exitfiles.pdf
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[RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Finder file for merging across years](#)

Researchers would most likely want to combine the information from Exit and Post-Exit Interviews and merge them with Respondents' Core Interviews. We have created the RAND HRS Exit/Post-Exit Finder File to make it easy to identify the years in which Respondents' Exit Interview and Post-Exit Interview(s) take place. The file contains the following variables.

Description	Variable Name in <i>RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Finder File</i>	Notes
HRS Household ID + Person Number (Num)	HHIDPN	RAND HRS unique identifier (Num), included in the <i>RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Interview Finder File</i> to facilitate merging.
HRS Exit Year (Num)	EXIT1	Exit Interview
HRS Exit 2 nd Year (Num)	EXIT2	Second Exit Interview
HRS Post-Exit 1 st Year (Num)	POSTEXIT1	First Post-Exit Interview
HRS Post-Exit 2 nd Year (Num)	POSTEXIT2	Second Post-Exit Interview
HRS Post-Exit 3 rd Year (Num)	POSTEXIT3	Third Post-Exit Interview

We derived the Exit and Post-Exit variables from the Tracker file variable xIWTYPE (Interview Type), where x=Survey Year letter. The EXIT1 variable contains the year the Exit Interview was conducted. The EXIT2 variable contains the year a second Exit interview was administered, in error, to two Respondents. (HHIDPN = 11863010 and 203802010) The variables POSTEXIT1-POSTEXIT3 contain the years Post-Exit Interviews were conducted. If you merge all the Respondents in, say 1992, with the RAND HRS Exit/Post-Exit Finder File, by HHIDPN, and they are missing values in, say EXIT1, this means that these Respondents do not have an Exit interview.