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RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Finder File

The Health and Retirement Study (HRS) is a longitudinal household survey conducted by the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan with funding from the National Institute on Aging (grant numbers NIA U01AG009740 and NIA R01AG073289) and the Social Security Administration. The HRS is extraordinarily rich and complex, and its multidisciplinary data provide researchers the opportunity to investigate many different aspects related to population aging in the United States. With the goal of making the data more accessible to researchers, the RAND Center for the Study of Aging, with funding and support from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the Social Security Administration (SSA), has created the RAND HRS data products. This document describes the RAND HRS Exit and Post-Exit Finder File. For citation instructions, please see the [RAND HRS Citation Instructions webpage](#).

HRS Data Used:

- 2020 Final Tracker V1.0 (January 2024)

Files and Documentation:

- randhrsexitfinder1994_2020v1_SAS.zip
  - randhrsexitfinder1994_2020v1.sas7bdat: SAS data
  - README_exitfinder.pdf
  - README_exitfiles.pdf
- randhrsexitfinder1994_2020v1_STATA.zip
  - randhrsexitfinder1994_2020v1.dta: STATA 11 data
  - README_exitfinder.pdf
  - README_exitfiles.pdf
- randhrsexitfinder1994_2020v1_SPSS.zip
  - randhrsexitfinder1994_2020v1.sav: SPSS data
  - README_exitfinder.pdf
  - README_exitfiles.pdf

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