RAND HRS 2020 Fat File

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1). <u>Important Things to Note</u>:

a). The RAND HRS 2020 Fat File is based on HRS 2020 Core (Final V1.0, May 2023) data, and the HRS Tracker 2020 (Final V1.0, January 2024) file.

b). The RAND HRS 2020 Fat File does not include the raw variables from the pension (PR_P) or jobs (PR_JB) preloads sections. The raw variables from the pension (J_P) section, however, are included in the Fat Files, and have been transposed to the Respondent level.

c). RAND HRS Fat File documentation can be found on the [RAND Center for the Study of Aging](#) website. Please note, however, that these documents are unlike traditional codebooks in the sense that they do not contain information about specific variables from the survey (e.g., frequencies, question text, etc.). For this, we recommend that users examine the [HRS Codebooks](#) and [HRS Questionnaires](#) for the key variables under study.

d). 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 2020 Fat File.

e). For citation instructions, please see the [RAND HRS Citation Instructions webpage](#).

2). <u>RAND HRS Data Distribution Files</u>:

Distribution File Name	Included Files	Description
h20f1a_SAS.zip	h20f1a.sas7bdat	Dataset (SAS)
	h20f1a.cont	Contents listing (SAS)
	hrs20.fmt	Formats (SAS)
h20f1a_SPSS.zip	h20f1a.sav	Dataset (SPSS)
h20f1a_STATA.zip	h20f1a.dta	Dataset (STATA SE)

<u>NOTE</u>: All of the ZIP packages in the above table include this file as well (README_fat20.pdf).