RAND HRS 2022 Fat File

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1). Important Things to Note:

a). The RAND HRS 2022 Fat File is based on HRS 2022 Core (Final V2.0, July 2026) data, and the HRS Tracker 2022 (Final V1.0, December 2025) file.

b). The RAND HRS 2022 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 HRS Data Products 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 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 HRS team, with funding and support from the National Institute on Aging (NIA)(grant numbers NIA U01AG009740 and NIA R01AG073289) and the Social Security Administration (SSA), has created the RAND HRS data products. This document describes the RAND HRS 2022 Fat File.

e). For citation instructions, please see the RAND HRS Citation Instructions webpage.

2). RAND HRS Data Distribution Files:

Distribution File Name	Included Files	Description
h22f2a_SAS.zip	h22f2a.sas7bdat	Dataset (SAS)
	h22f2a.cont	Contents listing (SAS)
	hrs22.fmt	Formats (SAS)
h22f2a_SPSS.zip	h22f2a.sav	Dataset (SPSS)
h22f2a_STATA.zip	h22f2a.dta	Dataset (STATA SE)

NOTE: All of the ZIP packages in the above table include this file as well (README_fat22.pdf).