

RAND HRS 2002 Fat File

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1). Important Things to Note:

- a). The RAND HRS 2002 Fat File is based on HRS 2002 Core (Final V2.0, July 2006) data, and the Tracker 2004 (V1.0, July 2006) file.
- b). The RAND HRS 2002 Fat File does not include the raw variables from the pension preloads (PR_P) or the asset reconciliation (U_A) sections.
- c). Other updates included in the RAND HRS 2002 Fat File:

March 2011: Two cases are dropped based on Tracker documentation: "In the course of reviewing data, it was discovered that one line, HHID 022965 and PN 041, was indeed never a qualified respondent. Also, it has been determined that the interview obtained from HHID 022965 and PN 040 cannot be verified and should not have been taken. The line for PN 041 has been removed from the Tracker file and the wave specific variables have been recoded for PN 040 to reflect non-response."

October 2017: We have removed all cross-wave tracker variables from the RAND Fat File. HRS routinely updates Tracker variables and so it is best to merge on the most current Tracker file using HHID and PN.

- d). 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.

2). RAND HRS Data Distribution Files:

Distribution File Name	Included Files	Description
h02f2c_SAS.zip	h02f2c.sas7bdat	Dataset (SAS)
	h02f2c.cont	Contents listing (SAS)
	hrs02.fmt	Formats (SAS)
h02f2c_SPSS.zip	h02f2c.sav	Dataset (SPSS)
h02f2c_STATA.zip	h02f2c.dta	Dataset (STATA SE)

NOTE: All of the ZIP packages in the above table include this file as well (README_fat02.pdf).