

RAND HRS 1998 Fat File

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1). Important Things to Note:

- a). The RAND HRS 1998 Fat File is based on HRS 1998 Core (Final V2.3, November 2003) data, and the Tracker 3.1 file.
- b). 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
h98f2c_SAS.zip	h98f2c.sas7bdat	Dataset (SAS) with original HRS IDs
	h98f2c.cont	Contents listing (SAS)
	hd98f2c.sas7bdat	Dataset (SAS) with IDs that merge best with other RAND HRS data products
	hd98f2c.cont	Contents listing (SAS)
	h98bkthF.fmt	Formats (SAS) for household-level categorical bracket variables
	h98bkthF.format	FORMAT statement for household-level bracket variables to SAS formats
	h98bktrF.fmt	Formats (SAS) for Respondent-level categorical bracket variables
	h98bktrF.format	FORMAT statement for Respondent-level level bracket variables to SAS formats
	hrs98.fmt	Formats (SAS) for other variables
h98f2c_SPSS.zip	h98f2c.sav	Dataset (SPSS) with original HRS IDs
	hd98f2c.sav	Dataset (SPSS) with IDs that merge best with other RAND HRS data products
h98f2c_STATA.zip	h98f2c.dta	Dataset (STATA SE) with original HRS IDs
	hd98f2c.dta	Dataset (STATA SE) with IDs that merge best with other RAND HRS data products

NOTE: All of the ZIP packages in the above table include this file as well (README_fat98.pdf).