

COVER SHEET  
Poverty & Income  
*SIPP Public Use Metadata Report*

NOTE: Not in universe will be "." for numeric variables and blank for character variables.

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**Status Flag Values**

0. Not in universe
1. In universe; as reported
2. Statistical imputation (hot deck)
3. Logical imputation
4. Model-based imputation
5. Cold deck
6. Imputed from a range
7. Combination of 1 and 2/3/5/6
8. Combination of 2/3/5/6
9. Can be determined from the allocation flags for the components of this recode.

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Although most universe statements reference public use variables, some universes contain variables that are not available for public use. These variables include:

**EPPMIS1:12:** Respondent's interview status this month

**HHINCSCR\_MTH:** Indicates whether a household member's monthly income falls below 200% of the poverty level\*

**HHINCSCR\_YR:** Indicates whether a household member's annual income falls below 200% of the poverty level\*

**HHPGMSCR:** Indicates whether a household member participated in certain means-tested assistance programs such as SNAP, WIC, Medicaid, TANF, or GA

**HHRESP:** Person number of the household respondent

**HHSTAT:** Respondent's status within the household this wave (returning, deleted, new, inactive, or partial-period household member)

**INC\_SCRN:** Indicates whether household member's income falls below 200% of the poverty level\* (based on responses to HHINCSCR\_YR and HHINCSCR\_MTH)

**LEAVE\_MO:** Month respondent left the household (for movers in Waves 2+)

**LNO:** Respondent's position on the household roster

**SCREENER\_CLUMP:** Identifies a group or "clump" of household members likely to share resources among one another

\* For household members who are part of a clump, the 200% poverty threshold is based on the number of people in the clump.

## **A note about weeks and XWKA(i) variables in select Labor Force Recodes:**

Many labor force recodes describe values for certain weeks of the year (ex. RWKESR1, RJB1\_WKSUM1, etc.). These recodes refer to weeks (Sunday through Saturday) that contain 4+ days in the reference month, starting with the first 4+ day week. This is very similar to what was done in older SIPP panels. Variables XWKA1-XWKA5 are used to set universes for these recodes. These variables indicate the week number of the reference year for each week in the reference month containing 4+ days, and are consistent across all records. For example, the first calendar week of August 2013 has only three days (the 1st-3rd), so XWKA1 for August 2013 is the week starting the 4th, and has a value of 32 (being defined the 32nd week of the year). Although not included as variables on the public files, a more detailed description of the XWKA(i) variables can be found in the User's Guide here: [<http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sipp/guidance/users-guide.html>]. Note that week 1 of the year will contain more than seven days when the first calendar week of the year has 3 or fewer days, such as occurred in January 2015. Similarly, week 52 of the year will contain more than seven days when the last calendar week of the year has 3 or fewer days, such as occurred in December 2013.

Additionally, for earnings variables where the last calendar week in the month has less than 4 days, values for those days are carried into the first week of the next month (and vice-versa to the previous month where the first calendar week has less than 4 days). Also note that this does not affect monthly sums (ex. RJB1\_MSUM), which account for every day in the month.

## Summary Statistic Variables

When topcoding assets, earnings, and medical expenditures, values at the top of the distribution are replaced by the mean (or median) of those values. Each variable has a set of corresponding summary statistic variables that display additional information about the distribution of topcoded values. These variables end in \_MEAN (mean), \_MED (median), and \_STD (standard deviation) and are only in universe for topcoded cases.

Most summary statistic variables hold values that describe the overall distribution of topcoded cases, however, some variables display separate statistics by demographic group. These groups are defined differently depending on how the data was collected - at the person or person-month level, or at the household level.

Person and person-month level variables with summary statistics by demographic group include:

TJB(1-7)\_ANNSAL(1-3), TJB(1-7)\_HOURLY(1-3), TJB(1-7)\_WKLY(1-3), TJB(1-7)\_BWKLY(1-3),  
TJB(1-7)\_MTHLY(1-3), TTHR401VAL, TOICKINC, TOSAVINC, TOICKVAL, TOCHKVAL, TOSAVVAL,  
TLIFE\_FVAL, TLIFE\_CVAL, TBSJ(1-7)VAL, TOEDDEBTVAL, TOOTDEBTVAL

Demographic groups for these variables are defined as follows:

- \* Male, White non-Hispanic
- \* Male, Black/Asian/Other or Hispanic
- \* Female, White non-Hispanic
- \* Female, Black/Asian/Other or Hispanic

Household level variables with summary statistics by demographic group include:

TPRVAL, TRENTMORT, TUTILS, TVEH(1-3)DEBTVAL, TVEH(1-3)VAL

Demographic groups for these variables are defined based on the following characteristics of the household reference person:

- \* Married (spouse present), White non-Hispanic
- \* Married (spouse present), Black/Asian/Other or Hispanic
- \* Unmarried, White non-Hispanic
- \* Unmarried, Black/Asian/Other or Hispanic

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**Description:** Family income-to-poverty ratio in this calendar year, excluding Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons with a valid interview and family poverty threshold (excluding Type 2 individuals) in each calendar month of the reference period

**Universe:** For months 1 to 12: EPPMIS(MONTHCODE)=1 and RFPOV>0

**Length:** 11

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 9999999.999. Income to poverty ratio

**Status Flag:** AFCYINCPOV

**Description:** Family income-to-poverty ratio in this calendar year, including Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons with a valid interview and family poverty threshold (including Type 2 individuals) in each calendar month of the reference period

**Universe:** For months 1 to 12: EPPMIS(MONTHCODE)=1 and RFPOVT2>0

**Length:** 11

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 9999999.999. Income to poverty ratio

**Status Flag:** AFCYINCPOVT2

**Description:** Family income-to-poverty ratio in this month, excluding Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons except unrelated individuals less than 15

**Universe:** TAGE GE 15 or (TAGE LT 15 and RFPERSONS > 1)

**Length:** 11

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 9999999.999. Income to poverty ratio

**Status Flag:** AFINCPOV

**Description:** Family income-to-poverty ratio in this month, including Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons except unrelated individuals less than 15

**Universe:** TAGE GE 15 or (TAGE LT 15 and RFPERSONS > 1)

**Length:** 11

**Min:** 0

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**Status Flag:** AFINCPOVT2



**Description:** Family poverty threshold in this month, excluding Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons except unrelated individuals less than 15

**Universe:** TAGE GE 15 or (TAGE LT 15 and RFPERSONS > 1)

**Length:** 4

**Min:** \$1

**Max:** \$7,000

**Status Flag:** AFPOV

**Description:** Family poverty threshold in this month, including Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons except unrelated individuals less than 15

**Universe:** TAGE GE 15 or (TAGE LT 15 and RFPERSONS > 1)

**Length:** 4

**Min:** \$1

**Max:** \$7,000

**Status Flag:** AFPOVT2

**Description:** Household income-to-poverty ratio in this calendar year, excluding Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons with a valid interview and household poverty threshold (excluding Type 2 individuals) in each calendar month of the reference period

**Universe:** For months 1 to 12: EPPMIS(MONTHCODE)=1 and RHPOV>0

**Length:** 11

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 9999999.999. Income to poverty ratio

**Status Flag:** AHCYINCPOV

**Description:** Household income-to-poverty ratio in this calendar year, including Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons with a valid interview and household poverty threshold (including Type 2 individuals) in each calendar month of the reference period

**Universe:** For months 1 to 12: EPPMIS(MONTHCODE)=1 and RHPOVT2>0

**Length:** 11

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 9999999.999. Income to poverty ratio

**Status Flag:** AHCYINCPOVT2

**Description:** Household income-to-poverty ratio in this month, excluding Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons in households

**Universe:** All persons in households

**Length:** 11

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 9999999.999. Income to poverty ratio

**Status Flag:** AHINCPOV

**Description:** Household income-to-poverty ratio in this month, including Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons in households

**Universe:** All persons in households

**Length:** 11

**Min:** 0

**Max:** 9999999.999. Income to poverty ratio

**Status Flag:** AHINCPOVT2

**Description:** Household poverty threshold in this month, excluding Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons in households

**Universe:** All persons in households

**Length:** 4

**Min:** \$1

**Max:** \$7,000

**Status Flag:** AHPOV

**Description:** Household poverty threshold in this month, including Type 2 individuals

**Universe Description:** All persons in households

**Universe:** All persons in households

**Length:** 4

**Min:** \$1

**Max:** \$7,000

**Status Flag:** AHPOVT2



**Description:** Sum of the reported monthly earning and income amounts received by all individuals in a family during the reference year

**Universe Description:** All people age 15 or older in that month of the reference period that were identified as part of a family and in that month of the reference period

**Universe:** TAGE\_EHC ge 15 and RFAMNUM ge 1 for monthcode 1:12.

**Length:** 12

**Min:** -\$10,000,000,000

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** AFTOTINC

**Description:** Sum of all earnings and income received by a family, from all family members age 15 and older, including type 2 people in the family, for each month of the reference year

**Universe Description:** All people age 15 or older in that month of the reference period that were identified as part of a family and in that month of the reference period

**Universe:** TAGE\_EHC ge 15 and RFAMNUM ge 1 and RT2\_FAMNUM1-10 ge 1 in monthcode 1:12.

**Length:** 12

**Min:** -\$10,000,000,000

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** AFTOTINCT2

**Description:** Sum of all earnings and income received by a household, from all household members age 15 and older for each month of the reference year

**Universe Description:** All people age 15 or older in that month of the reference period that were identified as part of a residence/household and in that month of the reference period

**Universe:** TAGE\_EHC ge 15 and ERESID ge 100001 for monthcode 1:12

**Length:** 12

**Min:** -\$10,000,000,000

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** AHTOTINC

**Description:** The sum of the reported monthly earnings and income amounts received by all individuals age 15 and older in the household, including up to ten type 2 individuals during the reference year

**Universe Description:** All people age 15 or older in that month of the reference period that were identified as part of a residence/household in that month of the reference period.

**Universe:** TAGE\_EHC ge 15 and ERESID ge 100001 for monthcode 1:12

**Length:** 12

**Min:** -\$10,000,000,000

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** AHTOTINCT2

**Description:** The sum of the reported monthly amounts received by an individual from TANF, SSI, Pass-through child support payments, General Assistance, or general relief

**Universe Description:** All people age 15 or older in any month of the reference period and were in sample for any month of the reference period

**Universe:** TAGE\_EHC ge 15 and EPPMIS1 = 1 OR EPPMIS2 = 1 OR EPPMIS3 = 1... OR EPPMIS12 = 1

**Length:** 11

**Min:** 0

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** APTRNINC

**Description:** The sum of the reported monthly amounts received by an individual from VA benefits (except VA pension), workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, or social security

**Universe Description:** All people age 15 or older in any month of the reference period and were in sample for any month of the reference period

**Universe:** TAGE\_EHC ge 15 and EPPMIS1 = 1 OR EPPMIS2 = 1 OR EPPMIS3 = 1... OR EPPMIS12 = 1

**Length:** 11

**Min:** 0

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** APSCININC

**Description:** A monthly income recode variable, which is the sum of the reported monthly amounts received by an individual from other income sources, such as: survivor benefits, retirement benefits, disability benefits, foster child care payments, child support payments, alimony payments, lump sum payments, deferred payments from prior job, life insurance payments, or miscellaneous income sources.

**Universe Description:** All people age 15 or older in any month of the reference period and were in sample for any month of the reference period

**Universe:** TAGE\_EHC ge 15 and EPPMIS1 = 1 OR EPPMIS2 = 1 OR EPPMIS3 = 1... OR EPPMIS12 = 1

**Length:** 11

**Min:** 0

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** APOTHINC

**Description:** The amount of total personal investment and property income during the reference year.

**Universe:** TAGE\_EHC ge 15 and EPPMIS1 = 1 OR EPPMIS2 = 1 OR EPPMIS3 = 1... OR EPPMIS12 = 1

**Length:** 12

**Min:** -\$10,000,000,000

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** APPRPINC



**Description:** The sum of reported monthly earnings and income amounts received by an individual during the reference year.

**Universe Description:** All people age 15 or older in any month of the reference period and were in sample for any month of the reference period.

**Universe:** EAGE\_EHC ge 15 and EPPMIS1 = 1 or EPPMIS2 = 1 or EPPMIS3 = 1... OR EPPMIS12 = 1

**Length:** 12

**Min:** -\$10,000,000,000

**Max:** \$10,000,000,000

**Status Flag:** APTOTINC