List of variables used and their description

Variable Name	Type	Explanation
CONTROL	Character String	A control variable for Housing Unit. Useful to match data across datasets from different years.
AGE1	Numerical	Age of head of household
METRO3	Character '1','2', '3', '4' or '5'	Metropolitan status: '1' – Central City '2', '3', '4', '5' – Others
REGION	Character '1','2', '3' or '4'	The four census regions: '1' – Northeast '2' – Midwest '3' – South '4' – West
LMED	Numerical ($)	Area Median Income
FMR	Numerical ($)	Fair Market Monthly Rent
IPOV	Numerical ($)	Poverty Income threshold
BEDRMS	Numerical	Number of Bedrooms in the unit
BUILT	Numerical	Year the unit was built
STATUS	Character '1', '3'	'1' – Occupied '3' – Vacant
TYPE	Numerical	Structure Type 1 House, apartment, flat 2 Mobile home with no permanent room added 3 Mobile home with permanent room added 4 HU, in nontransient hotel, motel, etc

		5 HU, in permanent transient hotel, motel, etc
		6 HU, in rooming house
		7 Boat or recreation vehicle
		9 HU, not specified above
VALUE	Numerical ($)	Current market value of unit
NUNITS	Numerical	Number of Units in Building
ROOMS	Numerical	Number of rooms in the unit
PER	Numerical	Number of persons in Household
ZINC2	Numerical	Annual Household income
ZADEQ	Character	Adequacy of unit '1' – Adequate '2' – Moderately Inadequate '3' – Severely Inadequate '-6' – Vacant - No information
ZSMHC	Numerical ($)	Monthly housing costs. For renters, housing cost is contract rent plus utility costs. For Owners, mortgage is not included
STRUCTURETYPE	Numerical	Structure Type 1 Single Family 2 2-4 units 3 5-19 units 4 20-49 units 5 50+ units 6 Mobile Home -9 Not Known
OWNRENT	Character, '1', '2'	'1' – Owner: Owner occupied, vacant for sale, and sold but not occupied.

		'2' – Rental: Occupied units rented for cash and without payment of cash rent. Vacant for rent, vacant for rent or sale, and rented but not occupied.
UTILITY	Numerical ($)	Monthly utilities cost (gas, oil, electricity, other fuel, trash collection, and water)
OTHERCOST	Numerical ($)	Sum of 'other monthly costs' such as Home owners' or renters' insurance, Land rent (where distinct from unit rent), Condominium fees (where applicable), Other mobile home fees (where applicable).
COST06	Numerical ($)	Monthly mortgage payments assuming 6% interest. This applies only to "Owners".
COST08	Numerical ($)	Monthly mortgage payments assuming 8% interest. This applies only to "Owners".
COST12	Numerical ($)	Monthly mortgage payments assuming 12% interest. This applies only to "Owners".
COSTMED	Numerical ($)	Monthly mortgage payments assuming median interest. This applies only to "Owners".
ASSISTED	Numerical	Did the housing unit receive some governmental 'assistance'. 0 Not assisted 1 Assisted -9 Not Known