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**The National Household Food Acquisition and Purchase Survey (FoodAPS)**

The National Household Food Acquisition and Purchase Survey (FoodAPS) collected information on foods purchased or otherwise acquired, and the prices and nutrient characteristics of those foods, for a nationally representative sample of U.S. households. The FoodAPS data collection was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and managed by USDA’s Economic Research Service (ERS) with support from USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). Due to special interest in the food acquisition patterns of households participating in these programs, the survey oversampled low-income households, both those receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and those not receiving SNAP benefits.

Mathematica fielded the survey from April 2012 through mid-January 2013. Each sampled household participating in the survey was asked to provide information on the foods all members acquired over a 7-day period. The household’s primary respondent also participated in two in-person interviews and up to three telephone interviews. Data were collected from 4,826 households.

***Household:***

***The FoodAPS household is defined as all persons who live together and share food and who expect to be present at the sampled address during at least part of the data collection week.***

**Data Dictionary**

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| **Variable** | **Description** | **Type** |
| **hhnum** | **6-digit unique identifier for each household**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Range:** | **100012 - 120080** | | **Numeric** |
| **region** | **Census region**  **1=Northeast**  **2=Midwest**  **3=South**  **4=South** | **Numeric** |
| **rural** | **Household is in a rural Census tract**  **Urban and rural are defined in the Census Bureau's urbanized area definitions, where rural areas are sparsely populated areas with fewer than 2,500 people, and urban areas are areas with more than 2,500 people.**  **0 =Urban**  **1=Rural** | **Numeric** |
| **targetgroup** | The survey had four target groups, defined in terms of participation in the SNAP and total reported household income:  **Sampling target based on SNAP participation and ratio of household income to the Poverty Guideline**  **1=Non-SNAP household, with income <100% of the Federal Poverty Guideline**  **2=Non-SNAP household, with income >=100% and <185% of the Federal Poverty Guideline**  **3=Non-SNAP household, with income >=185% of the Federal Poverty Guideline**  **4=SNAP household** | **Numeric** |
| **hhnum** | **Number of people at residence, excluding guests** | **Numeric** |
| **inchhavg\_r** | **Household average (monthly) income as sum of average imputed income per member (top-coded)** | **Numeric** |
| **selfemployhh** | **Anyone in household is self-employed (Y/N)**  **1= Yes**  **0= No** | **Numeric** |
| **housingown** | **Household owns, rents, or does not pay for residential unit**  **1= Rent**  **2= Own**  **3= Other, do not pay for housing** | **Numeric** |
| **liqassets** | **1= Less than $2,000**  **2= At or above $2,000 and below $3,000**  **3=Equal to or greater than $3,000**  **4=At least $2,000** | **Numeric** |
| **anyvehicle** | **Whether anybody in household owns or leases a vehicle (Y/N)**  **0= No**  **1= Yes** | **Numeric** |
| **largeexp** | **Household had unusually large and unexpected expense over past month (Y/N)**  **0= No**  **1= Yes** | **Numeric** |
| **snapnowhh** | **Anyone in household is receiving SNAP benefits (Y/N)**  **0= No**  **1= Yes** | **Numeric** |
| **snapnowreport** | **Anyone in household reported to be receiving SNAP benefits (Y/N)**  **0= No**  **1= Yes** | **Numeric** |
| **wichh** | **Anyone in household is receiving benefits from WIC (Y/N)**  **Universe: Someone in HH age 14-49 and SEX = 2 and ANYPREGNANT = 1, or someone in the household under age 5** | **Numeric** |
| **adltfscat** | **Adult food security status—30-day measure**  **1=High food security**  **2= Marginal food security**  **3= Low food security**  **4= very low food security** | **Numeric** |
| **foodsufficient** | **Respondent description of food sufficiency within last 30 days**  **1= Enough of the kinds of food we want to eat**  **2= Enough, but not always the kinds of food we want to eat**  **3= Sometimes not enough to eat**  **4= Often not enough to eat** | **Numeric** |
| **primstoresnaptype** | **Primary store's SNAP store-type code**  **Note: This variable is non-missing if the store name and address were selected from the CAPI drop-down list of SNAP authorized retailers during the interview or matched to the list of SNAP authorized retailers after the interview. If the store name/address were provided as open-ended text and not matched to the list of SNAP retailers, the store type is provided in PRIMSTORETYPEREPORT in the restricted use file.**  **1=Non-profit cooperative**  **2=Combination grocery/ other**  **3=Convenience store**  **4=Farmers' market**  **5=Large grocery store**  **6=Military commissary**  **7=Specialty—meat/poultry**  **8=Medium grocery store**  **9=Small grocery store**  **10=Supermarket**  **11=Super store** | **Numeric** |
| **primstoretime\_d** | **Driving time, in minutes, between residence and primary food store** | **Numeric** |
| **primstoredist\_d** | **Driving distance, in miles, between residence and primary food store** | **Numeric** |
| **dietstatuspr** | **Respondent's assessment of how healthy own diet is**  **1= Excellent**  **2= Very good**  **3= Good**  **4= Fair**  **5= Poor** | **Numeric** |
| **nutritioneduc** | **In last 2 months, participated in a nutrition education event (Y/N)**  **0= No**  **1= Yes** | **Numeric** |
| **anyvegetarian** | **Any household member is vegetarian (Y/N)**  **0= No**  **1= Yes** | **Numeric** |
| **totalpaid** | **Total amount paid, including tax (and tip when FAFH)** | **Numeric** |
| **ebt\_snapamt** | **SNAP EBT amount reported by respondent or corrected by value observed on receipt** | **Numeric** |
| **wicamt** | **WIC amount reported by respondent or corrected by value observed on receipt** | **Numeric** |
| **itemstot** | **Total number of items acquired from all sources of data collection.** | **Numeric** |