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**§ 1. Document Description**

**Citation**

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| **Title Statement** | |
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**Study Scope**

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| **Subject Information** | |
| Topic Classification: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
|  | Core Demographic Variables -- PERSON |
|  | Education Variables -- PERSON |
|  | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
|  | Access to Care Variables -- PERSON |
|  | General Coverage Variables -- PERSON |
|  | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
|  | Total Expenditures Variables -- PERSON |
|  | Prescription Medications Variables -- PERSON |
| **Summary Data Description** | |
| Time Period: | 2016 |
| Country: | United States |
| **Notes** | |
| Note: | Additional notes on a sample that is part of this study: ; regular size |

**Data Access - Use Statement**

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**Study Notes**

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| **Notes** | |
| Note: | User-provided description: Revision of (2016 Medical Expenditure Survey) |
|  | This extract is a revision of the user's previous extract, number 1. |

**§ 3. File Description**

**File**

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| File Name: | meps\_00002.dat |
| Contents of Files: | Microdata records |
| Type: | rectangular |
| File Type: | ISO-8859-1 data file |
| Data Format: | fixed length fields |
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**§ 4. Variable Description**

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1. [YEAR](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#YEAR) (Survey year)
2. [SERIAL](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#SERIAL) (Sequential serial number, person record)
3. [PERNUM](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PERNUM) (Person number within family (from reformatting))
4. [DUID](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#DUID) (Dwelling unit ID)
5. [PID](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PID) (Person number)
6. [MEPSID](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MEPSID) (MEPS ID (DUID + PID + PANEL))
7. [PANEL](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PANEL) (Panel)
8. [PSUANN](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PSUANN) (Annual primary sampling unit (PSU) for variance estimation)
9. [STRATANN](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#STRATANN) (Annual stratum for variance estimation)
10. [PANELYR](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PANELYR) (Year entered MEPS)
11. [RELYR](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#RELYR) (Relative year 1 or 2 in panel)
12. [PERWEIGHT](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PERWEIGHT) (Final basic annual weight)
13. [SAQWEIGHT](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#SAQWEIGHT) (Self-Administered Questionnaire weight)
14. [DIABWEIGHT](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#DIABWEIGHT) (Diabetes care weight)
15. [AGE](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#AGE) (Age)
16. [SEX](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#SEX) (Sex)
17. [MARSTAT](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MARSTAT) (Legal marital status)
18. [REGIONMEPS](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#REGIONMEPS) (Census region as of 12/31 of the survey year)
19. [EDUC](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#EDUC) (Educational attainment)
20. [HEALTH](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#HEALTH) (Health status)
21. [USUALPL](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#USUALPL) (Has usual place for medical care)
22. [USCPRTYP](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#USCPRTYP) (Type of provider seen at usual source of care)
23. [UNMTNDMC](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#UNMTNDMC) (Unable to get needed medical care)
24. [HIPRIVATE](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#HIPRIVATE) (Has any private health insurance)
25. [HIMCARE](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#HIMCARE) (Has Medicare insurance)
26. [INSMMX](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#INSMMX) (Monthly any health insurance coverage)
27. [INSJAX](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#INSJAX) (Covered by any insurance in January)
28. [INSFEX](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#INSFEX) (Covered by any insurance in February)
29. [INSMAX](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#INSMAX) (Covered by any insurance in March)
30. [INSAPX](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#INSAPX) (Covered by any insurance in April)
31. [INSMYX](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#INSMYX) (Covered by any insurance in May)
32. [INSJUX](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#INSJUX) (Covered by any insurance in June)
33. [INSJLX](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#INSJLX) (Covered by any insurance in July)
34. [INSAUX](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#INSAUX) (Covered by any insurance in August)
35. [INSSEX](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#INSSEX) (Covered by any insurance in September)
36. [INSOCX](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#INSOCX) (Covered by any insurance in October)
37. [INSNOX](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#INSNOX) (Covered by any insurance in November)
38. [INSDEX](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#INSDEX) (Covered by any insurance in December)
39. [MAMM](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MAMM) (Monthly Medicaid/SCHIP health insurance coverage)
40. [MAJA](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MAJA) (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in January)
41. [MAFE](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MAFE) (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in February)
42. [MAMA](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MAMA) (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in March)
43. [MAAP](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MAAP) (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in April)
44. [MAMY](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MAMY) (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in May)
45. [MAJU](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MAJU) (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in June)
46. [MAJL](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MAJL) (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in July)
47. [MAAU](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MAAU) (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in August)
48. [MASE](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MASE) (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in September)
49. [MAOC](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MAOC) (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in October)
50. [MANO](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MANO) (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in November)
51. [MADE](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MADE) (Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in December)
52. [PEGMM](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PEGMM) (Monthly private employer or union group health insurance coverage)
53. [PEGJA](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PEGJA) (Covered by private employer/union group insurance in January)
54. [PEGFE](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PEGFE) (Covered by private employer/union group insurance in February)
55. [PEGMA](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PEGMA) (Covered by private employer/union group insurance in March)
56. [PEGAP](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PEGAP) (Covered by private employer/union group insurance in April)
57. [PEGMY](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PEGMY) (Covered by private employer/union group insurance in May)
58. [PEGJU](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PEGJU) (Covered by private employer/union group insurance in June)
59. [PEGJL](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PEGJL) (Covered by private employer/union group insurance in July)
60. [PEGAU](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PEGAU) (Covered by private employer/union group insurance in August)
61. [PEGSE](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PEGSE) (Covered by private employer/union group insurance in September)
62. [PEGOC](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PEGOC) (Covered by private employer/union group insurance in October)
63. [PEGNO](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PEGNO) (Covered by private employer/union group insurance in November)
64. [PEGDE](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PEGDE) (Covered by private employer/union group insurance in December)
65. [MDSMQADV](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#MDSMQADV) (Health provider advised to quit smoking, past 12 months)
66. [SMOKENOW](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#SMOKENOW) (Smoke cigarettes now)
67. [AEFFORT](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#AEFFORT) (Felt everything an effort, past 30 days (adults))
68. [AHOPELESS](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#AHOPELESS) (How often felt hopeless, past 30 days (adults))
69. [ANERVOUS](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#ANERVOUS) (How often felt nervous, past 30 days (adults))
70. [ARESTLESS](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#ARESTLESS) (How often felt restless, past 30 days (adults))
71. [ASAD](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#ASAD) (How often felt sad, past 30 days (adults))
72. [AWORTHLESS](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#AWORTHLESS) (How often felt worthless, past 30 days (adults))
73. [EXPTOT](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#EXPTOT) (Annual total of direct health care payments)
74. [RXPRMEDSNO](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#RXPRMEDSNO) (Count of all prescribed medications purchased during the year)
75. [ADILCR](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#ADILCR) (Illness/injury/condition needing immediate care: last 12 months)
76. [ADILWW](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#ADILWW) (Got immediate care when needed: last 12 months)
77. [ADAPPT](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#ADAPPT) (Number of visits to medical office for care: last 12 months)
78. [ADRESP](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#ADRESP) (How often doctors show respect: last 12 months)
79. [ADHECR](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#ADHECR) (Rating of all health care received: last 12 months)
80. [ADDOWN](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#ADDOWN) (Felt depressed: past 4 weeks)
81. [ADSOCA](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#ADSOCA) (Physical or emotional health interfered with social activities: past 4 weeks)
82. [PHQ2](https://meps.ipums.org/meps-action/downloads/extract_files/meps_00002.xml#PHQ2) (PHQ-2 depression screen summary score)

**Variable: "YEAR"**

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| Name: | YEAR |
| Label: | Survey year |
| Variable Text: | YEAR is a four-digit variable reporting the calendar year (e.g., 2003) the survey was conducted and the data were collected. YEAR indicates the survey year on the person record. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 1 |
| End Position: | 4 |
| Width: | 4 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | This is a 4-digit numeric variable with 0 implied decimal places |

**Variable: "SERIAL"**

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| Name: | SERIAL |
| Label: | Sequential serial number, person record |
| Variable Text: | SERIAL is an IPUMS MEPS-constructed value that is an identifying number unique to each household in a given survey year. The combination of YEAR and SERIAL provides a unique identifier for every household in the IPUMS MEPS database. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 5 |
| End Position: | 10 |
| Width: | 6 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | SERIAL is a 6-digit numeric variable. |

**Variable: "PERNUM"**

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| Name: | PERNUM |
| Label: | Person number within family (from reformatting) |
| Variable Text: | PERNUM is an IPUMS MEPS-constructed variable that numbers all persons within each household consecutively (starting with "1") in the order in which they appear in the original MEPS data. PERNUM was created by IPUMS MEPS during the process of reformatting the original MEPS public use files. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 11 |
| End Position: | 12 |
| Width: | 2 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | PERNUM is a 2-digit numeric variable. |

**Variable: "DUID"**

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| Name: | DUID |
| Label: | Dwelling unit ID |
| Variable Text: | For all persons, DUID reports the person's Dwelling Unit ID in the original MEPS data. The Dwelling Unit ID is a five-digit random ID number assigned after the case was sampled for MEPS. DUID is unique within panel, but must be combined with information on panel (PANEL) to be unique across panels. DUID can be combined with PID to uniquely identify each person within the dwelling unit. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 13 |
| End Position: | 17 |
| Width: | 5 |
| Variable Format: | character |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | This is a 5-digit numeric variable with 0 implied decimal places |

**Variable: "PID"**

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| Name: | PID |
| Label: | Person number |
| Variable Text: | PID is a within-dwelling unit person identifier assigned in sampling or by CAPI. PID must be combined with DUID, and PANEL to uniquely identify persons within a single year of data. IPUMS MEPS offers the constructed variable MEPSID that is equal to the concatenated values of PANEL, DUID, and PID. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 18 |
| End Position: | 20 |
| Width: | 3 |
| Variable Format: | character |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | PID is a 3-digit numeric variable. |

**Variable: "MEPSID"**

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| Name: | MEPSID |
| Label: | MEPS ID (DUID + PID + PANEL) |
| Variable Text: | MEPSID is an IPUMS MEPS-generated variable that uniquely identifies respondents across MEPS panels. It is created by combining DUID, PID, and PANEL. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 21 |
| End Position: | 30 |
| Width: | 10 |
| Variable Format: | character |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | This is a 10-digit numeric variable with 0 implied decimal places |

**Variable: "PANEL"**

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| Name: | PANEL |
| Label: | Panel |
| Variable Text: | For all persons, PANEL is a MEPS-constructed variable used to specify the panel number for the person. MEPS began in 1996 with panel number 1 and the panel number for persons entering the MEPS in each subsequent year increases by 1, so that 1997 had panels 1 and 2, 1998 had panels 2 and 3, 1999 had panels 3 and 4, and so on. PANEL can be combined with DUID and PID to uniquely identify individuals across panels. IPUMS MEPS offers the constructed variable MEPSID that is equal to the concatenated values of PANEL, DUID, and PID. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 31 |
| End Position: | 32 |
| Width: | 2 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | This is a 2-digit numeric variable with 0 implied decimal places |

**Variable: "PSUANN"**

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| Name: | PSUANN |
| Label: | Annual primary sampling unit (PSU) for variance estimation |
| Variable Text: | PSUANN is the annual primary sampling unit variable that represents the impact of sample design clustering on the estimates of variance and standard errors. It is appropriate to use PSUANN to generate annual estimates for all years. For pooled analyses including years before 2002, analysts should instead use the pooled primary sampling unit variable, PSUPLD. For analyses limited to years 2002 and later, PSUANN is suitable for use in annual and pooled analyses.  PSUANN is constant within a sample design period and changes between sample design periods. For analysis, researchers need to use PSUANN in conjunction with STRATANN to account for stratification and clustering when computing variance estimates with IPUMS MEPS data. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 33 |
| End Position: | 35 |
| Width: | 3 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | PSUANN is a 3-digit numeric variable.  000: Not in Universe |

**Variable: "STRATANN"**

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| Name: | STRATANN |
| Label: | Annual stratum for variance estimation |
| Variable Text: | STRATANN is the annual sampling strata that represents the impact of sample design stratification on the estimates of variance and standard errors. It is appropriate to use STRATANN to generate annual estimates for all years. For pooled analyses including years before 2002, analysts should instead use the pooled variance sampling strata variable, STRATAPLD. For analyses limited to years 2002 and later, STRATANN is suitable for use in annual and pooled analyses.   From 1996-2001, STRATANN were statistically independent from year to year. Beginning in 2002, strata are constant within sample design period. For analysis, researchers need to use STRATANN in conjunction with PSUANN to account for stratification and clustering when computing variance estimates with MEPS data. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 36 |
| End Position: | 39 |
| Width: | 4 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | STRATANN is a 4-digit numeric variable.  0000: Not in Universe |

**Variable: "PANELYR"**

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| Name: | PANELYR |
| Label: | Year entered MEPS |
| Variable Text: | For all persons, PANELYR reports the year that the person started to participate in the MEPS Household Component interviews. PANELYR is identical to YEAR if the person is in their first year of MEPS participation ("relative year 1," captured in RELYEAR), or the year previous to the one recorded in YEAR if the person is in relative year 2 of the MEPS PANEL. For more information on the relationship between relative year, calendar year, panel, and round data, please see the IPUMS MEPS Panel Design Documentation [URL omitted from DDI.]. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 40 |
| End Position: | 43 |
| Width: | 4 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 1996 | 1996 | | 1997 | 1997 | | 1998 | 1998 | | 1999 | 1999 | | 2000 | 2000 | | 2001 | 2001 | | 2002 | 2002 | | 2003 | 2003 | | 2004 | 2004 | | 2005 | 2005 | | 2006 | 2006 | | 2007 | 2007 | | 2008 | 2008 | | 2009 | 2009 | | 2010 | 2010 | | 2011 | 2011 | | 2012 | 2012 | | 2013 | 2013 | | 2014 | 2014 | | 2015 | 2015 | | 2016 | 2016 | | |

**Variable: "RELYR"**

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| --- | --- |
| Name: | RELYR |
| Label: | Relative year 1 or 2 in panel |
| Variable Text: | For all persons, RELYR indicates whether they are in their first or second year of participation in the MEPS household component panel. The MEPS panel involves five rounds of interviews over a period of about two years. For more information on the relationship between relative year, calendar year, panel, and round data, please see the IPUMS MEPS Panel Design Documentation [URL omitted from DDI.]. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 44 |
| End Position: | 44 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 1 | Relative year 1 | | 2 | Relative year 2 | | |

**Variable: "PERWEIGHT"**

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| Name: | PERWEIGHT |
| Label: | Final basic annual weight |
| Variable Text: | PERWEIGHT is an IPUMS MEPS-constructed variable based on the Final Person Weight in the original MEPS annual full-year consolidated files. This weight should be used for many cross-sectional analyses at the person level, particularly with variables for which information was collected about all family members. PERWEIGHT represents the inverse probability of selection into the sample, adjusted for non-response with post-stratification adjustments for age, race/ethnicity, and sex using the Census Bureau's population control totals. For each year, the sum of these weights is equal to that year's civilian, non-institutionalized U.S. population.   There are instances, however, when the researcher should use a different person-level weight, particularly when analyzing variables from the Self-Administered Questionnaire or the Diabetes Care Survey, or when conducting longitudinal analyses with the MEPS data. For example, researchers analyzing variables from the Self-Administered Questionnaire from 2000 forward should use SAQWEIGHT rather than PERWEIGHT.   Users should review the documentation for extracted variables--most notably the "Weights" section toward the top of each variable description--to ascertain which weight is the appropriate choice for a given survey year. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 45 |
| End Position: | 56 |
| Width: | 12 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 6 |
| Coder Instructions: | PERWEIGHT is a 12-digit numeric variable with 6 implied decimals. |

**Variable: "SAQWEIGHT"**

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| Name: | SAQWEIGHT |
| Label: | Self-Administered Questionnaire weight |
| Variable Text: | SAQWEIGHT is an IPUMS MEPS-constructed variable based on the Final SAQ Weight in the original MEPS annual full-year consolidated files. This weight should be used for many cross-sectional analyses at the person level, particularly with variables for which information was collected about persons selected for the self-administered questionnaire (SAQ) (see SAQELIG for the person's SAQ eligibility status). SAQWEIGHT adjusts for SAQ non-response. For each year, the sum of these weights is equal to that year's civilian, non-institutionalized U.S. population aged 18 and older.  Users should review the documentation for extracted variables--most notably the "Weights" section toward the top of each variable description--to ascertain which weight is the appropriate choice for a given survey year. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 57 |
| End Position: | 68 |
| Width: | 12 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 6 |
| Coder Instructions: | SAQWEIGHT is a 12-digit numeric variable with 6 implied decimal places. |

**Variable: "DIABWEIGHT"**

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| Name: | DIABWEIGHT |
| Label: | Diabetes care weight |
| Variable Text: | DIABWEIGHT is an IPUMS MEPS-constructed variable based on the Final Diabetes Care Supplement Weight in the original MEPS annual full-year consolidated files. This weight should be used for many cross-sectional analyses at the person level, particularly with variables for which information was collected about persons selected for the self-administered Diabetes Care Survey (DCS) (individuals who reported that they had ever been told by a health care professional that they had diabetes). DIABWEIGHT adjusts for DCS non-response. For each year, the sum of these weights is equal to that year's civilian, non-institutionalized U.S. population of diabetics aged 18 and older.   Users should review the documentation for extracted variables--most notably the "Weights" section toward the top of each variable description--to ascertain which weight is the appropriate choice for a given survey year. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 69 |
| End Position: | 80 |
| Width: | 12 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 6 |
| Coder Instructions: | DIABWEIGHT is a 12-digit numeric variable with 6 implied decimal places. |

**Variable: "AGE"**

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| Name: | AGE |
| Label: | Age |
| Variable Text: | AGE reports the individual's exact age, calculated from date of birth, as of the last day (12/31) of the survey year.    Date of birth and age were asked for each reporting unit member, and then exact age was calculated from date of birth. Where the calculated age and the age provided did not match, inconsistencies were reviewed and resolved. When date of birth was not provided, but age was provided, the month and year of birth were assigned randomly from among the possible valid options. For any cases still not accounted, age was imputed using: (1) the mean age difference between MEPS participants with certain family relationships (where available) or  (2) the mean age value for MEPS participants. |
| Concept: | Core Demographic Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 81 |
| End Position: | 82 |
| Width: | 2 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | AGE is a 2-digit-numeric variable.  85: Top code for 85 years or older (2001-forward) 90: Top code for 90 years or older (1996-2000) 99: Missing |

**Variable: "SEX"**

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| Name: | SEX |
| Label: | Sex |
| Variable Text: | SEX indicates whether the person was male or female.    Data on the sex of each reporting unit member was determined during the NHIS interview, and was then verified, and, if necessary, corrected during each MEPS interview. |
| Concept: | Core Demographic Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 83 |
| End Position: | 83 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 2 | Female | | 1 | Male | | |

**Variable: "MARSTAT"**

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| Name: | MARSTAT |
| Label: | Legal marital status |
| Variable Text: | For persons age 16 and older, MARSTAT reports the person's legal marital status. |
| Concept: | Core Demographic Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 84 |
| End Position: | 85 |
| Width: | 2 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 99 | Unknown marital status | | 50 | Never married | | 40 | Separated | | 30 | Divorced | | 20 | Widowed | | 13 | Married - Spouse in household unknown | | 12 | Married - Spouse not in household | | 11 | Married - Spouse present | | 10 | Married | | 00 | NIU | | |

**Variable: "REGIONMEPS"**

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| Name: | REGIONMEPS |
| Label: | Census region as of 12/31 of the survey year |
| Variable Text: | REGIONMEPS indicates the Census region the respondent resided in the survey year. Regions are defined as:  Northeast: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.  Midwest: Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.   South: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.  West: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. |
| Concept: | Core Demographic Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 86 |
| End Position: | 86 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | Northeast | | 2 | Midwest | | 3 | South | | 4 | West | | |

**Variable: "EDUC"**

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| Name: | EDUC |
| Label: | Educational attainment |
| Variable Text: | EDUC reports the highest level of schooling an individual had completed, in terms of completed grades for persons with less than a high school degree, and in terms of degrees attained for high school graduates and those with higher education. EDUC is available for all survey participants age 5 and older at the time of their first MEPS interview. It is an IPUMS MEPS constructed variable.   See Comparability section for more information on the construction of EDUC.  Education Variables offered through IPUMS MEPS  In addition to EDUC, there are several other educational attainment variables offered through MEPS. Unlike EDUC, these variables are not available for every MEPS year. EDUCYR: Years of education completed (available 1996-2011 and 2014 forward) HIDEG: Highest degree completed (available 1996-2011 and 2014 forward)  EDUYRDG: Years of education and highest degree completed (available 2011-2015) EDRECODE: Years of education, recode (available 2011-2015) |
| Concept: | Education Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 87 |
| End Position: | 89 |
| Width: | 3 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 000 | NIU | | 100 | Grade 8 or less | | 101 | Never attended/kindergarten only | | 102 | Grade 1 | | 103 | Grade 2 | | 104 | Grade 3 | | 105 | Grade 4 | | 106 | Grade 5 | | 107 | Grade 6 | | 108 | Grade 7 | | 109 | Grade 8 | | 200 | Grade 9-12. no diploma | | 201 | Grade 9 | | 202 | Grade 10 | | 203 | Grade 11 | | 204 | 12th grade, no diploma | | 300 | High school diploma or GED | | 301 | High school graduate | | 302 | GED or equivalent | | 400 | Some college, no 4yr degree | | 401 | Some college, no degree | | 402 | AA degree: technical/vocational/occupational | | 403 | AA degree: academic program | | 500 | Bachelor's degree (BA,AB,BS,BBA) | | 600 | Master's, Professional, or Doctoral Degree | | 601 | Master's degree (MA,MS,Med,MBA) | | 602 | Professional (MD,DDS,DVM,JD) | | 603 | Doctoral degree (PhD, EdD) | | 604 | Other degree | | 996 | No degree, years of education unknown | | 997 | Unknown--refused | | 998 | Unknown--not ascertained | | 999 | Unknown--don't know | | |

**Variable: "HEALTH"**

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| Name: | HEALTH |
| Label: | Health status |
| Variable Text: | HEALTH rates an individual's general health (as self-reported by the person in question) on a five-point Likert scale, ranging from "excellent" to "poor." |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 90 |
| End Position: | 90 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 5 | Poor | | 4 | Fair | | 3 | Good | | 2 | Very Good | | 1 | Excellent | | 0 | NIU | | |

**Variable: "USUALPL"**

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| Name: | USUALPL |
| Label: | Has usual place for medical care |
| Variable Text: | For persons eligible for the Access to Care supplement (ACCESSELIG), USUALPL indicates whether they have a particular doctor's office, clinic, health center, or other place they usually go if they are sick or need advice about their health. |
| Concept: | Access to Care Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 91 |
| End Position: | 91 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | There is no place or No | | 2 | Yes, has a usual place or Yes | | 3 | There is more than one place | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "USCPRTYP"**

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| Name: | USCPRTYP |
| Label: | Type of provider seen at usual source of care |
| Variable Text: | For persons eligible for the Access to Care supplement who have a usual source of care, USCPRTYP reports the type of provider individuals see as their usual source of care provider. Prior to 2003, persons could choose from a set list or provider types. Beginning in 2003, additional categories are included as needed based on verbatim responses. USCPRTYP is collected as part of the Access to Care supplement, which gathers information on usual source of care for all family members, characteristics of usual source of care health providers, and barriers family members have faced in obtaining needed health care. |
| Concept: | Access to Care Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 92 |
| End Position: | 94 |
| Width: | 3 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 101 | MD - General/Family practice | | 102 | MD - Internal medicine | | 103 | MD - Pediatrics | | 104 | MD - OB/GYN | | 105 | MD - Surgery | | 200 | MD - Other | | 201 | MD - Cardiologist | | 202 | Doctor of osteopathy | | 203 | MD - Endocrinologist | | 204 | MD - Gastroenterologist | | 205 | MD - Geriatrician | | 206 | MD - Nephrologist | | 207 | MD - Oncologist | | 208 | MD - Pulmonologist | | 209 | MD - Rheumatologist | | 210 | MD - Neurologist | | 211 | Other MD type | | 300 | Nurse/Nurse practitioner | | 301 | Nurse | | 302 | Nurse practitioner | | 400 | Psychiatrist/Psychologist | | 500 | Other non-MD provider | | 501 | Chiropractor | | 502 | Physician's assistant | | 503 | Alternative care provider | | 504 | Other type of non-MD provider | | 996 | Not in universe | | 999 | Unknown | | |

**Variable: "UNMTNDMC"**

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| Name: | UNMTNDMC |
| Label: | Unable to get needed medical care |
| Variable Text: | For persons eligible for the Access to Care supplement, UNMTNDMC indicates whether, in the past 12 months, they were unable obtain medical care, tests, or treatments they or a doctor believed necessary. UNMTNDMC is collected as part of the Access to Care supplement, which gathers information on usual source of care for all family members, characteristics of usual source of care health providers, and barriers family members have faced in obtaining needed health care. |
| Concept: | Access to Care Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 95 |
| End Position: | 95 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | Not in universe | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | 7 | Unknown - refused | | 8 | Unknown - not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown - don't know | | |

**Variable: "HIPRIVATE"**

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| --- | --- |
| Name: | HIPRIVATE |
| Label: | Has any private health insurance |
| Variable Text: | For all persons, HIPRIVATE is an annual summary variable that indicates whether the person had private health insurance coverage from any source, including TRICARE/CHAMPVA, for at least one day during the calendar year. This variable was constructed by AHRQ staff based on the values of the corresponding 12 month-by-month private health insurance coverage variables (PRIJA-PRIDE). |
| Concept: | General Coverage Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 96 |
| End Position: | 97 |
| Width: | 2 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 00 | NIU | | 01 | No | | 02 | Yes | | 07 | Unknown-refused | | 08 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 09 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "HIMCARE"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | HIMCARE |
| Label: | Has Medicare insurance |
| Variable Text: | For all persons, HIMCARE indicates whether the person had Medicare coverage for at least one day of the calendar year. This variable was constructed by AHRQ staff based on the values of the corresponding 12 month-by-month Medicare health insurance coverage variables (MCJA-MCDE). |
| Concept: | General Coverage Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 98 |
| End Position: | 98 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | Not mentioned or No | | 2 | Mentioned or Yes | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "INSMMX"**

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| --- | --- |
| Name: | INSMMX |
| Label: | Monthly any health insurance coverage |
| Variable Text: | For all persons, INSMMX is a set of monthly health insurance variables indicating whether they have any health insurance coverage in a given calendar month. By adding INSMMX to your data cart, you are in effect adding 12 monthly health insurance coverage variables (INSJA-INSDE), one variable for each calendar month.  Monthly Health Insurance Coverage Variables  INSJAX: Covered by any insurance in January INSFEX: Covered by any insurance in February INSMAX: Covered by any insurance in March INSAPX: Covered by any insurance in April INSMYX: Covered by any insurance in May INSJUX: Covered by any insurance in June INSJLX: Covered by any insurance in July INSAUX: Covered by any insurance in August INSSEX: Covered by any insurance in September INSOCX: Covered by any insurance in October INSNOX: Covered by any insurance in November INSDEX: Covered by any insurance in December |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 99 |
| End Position: | 99 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | This is a 1-digit numeric variable with 0 implied decimal places |

**Variable: "INSJAX"**

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| --- | --- |
| Name: | INSJAX |
| Label: | Covered by any insurance in January |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the INSJAX-INSDEX variables if users choose INSMMX during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 100 |
| End Position: | 100 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "INSFEX"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | INSFEX |
| Label: | Covered by any insurance in February |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the INSJAX-INSDEX variables if users choose INSMMX during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 101 |
| End Position: | 101 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "INSMAX"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | INSMAX |
| Label: | Covered by any insurance in March |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the INSJAX-INSDEX variables if users choose INSMMX during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 102 |
| End Position: | 102 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "INSAPX"**

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| --- | --- |
| Name: | INSAPX |
| Label: | Covered by any insurance in April |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the INSJAX-INSDEX variables if users choose INSMMX during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 103 |
| End Position: | 103 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "INSMYX"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | INSMYX |
| Label: | Covered by any insurance in May |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the INSJAX-INSDEX variables if users choose INSMMX during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 104 |
| End Position: | 104 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "INSJUX"**

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| --- | --- |
| Name: | INSJUX |
| Label: | Covered by any insurance in June |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the INSJAX-INSDEX variables if users choose INSMMX during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 105 |
| End Position: | 105 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "INSJLX"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | INSJLX |
| Label: | Covered by any insurance in July |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the INSJAX-INSDEX variables if users choose INSMMX during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 106 |
| End Position: | 106 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "INSAUX"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | INSAUX |
| Label: | Covered by any insurance in August |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the INSJAX-INSDEX variables if users choose INSMMX during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 107 |
| End Position: | 107 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "INSSEX"**

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| --- | --- |
| Name: | INSSEX |
| Label: | Covered by any insurance in September |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the INSJAX-INSDEX variables if users choose INSMMX during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 108 |
| End Position: | 108 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "INSOCX"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | INSOCX |
| Label: | Covered by any insurance in October |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the INSJAX-INSDEX variables if users choose INSMMX during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 109 |
| End Position: | 109 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "INSNOX"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | INSNOX |
| Label: | Covered by any insurance in November |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the INSJAX-INSDEX variables if users choose INSMMX during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 110 |
| End Position: | 110 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "INSDEX"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | INSDEX |
| Label: | Covered by any insurance in December |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the INSJAX-INSDEX variables if users choose INSMMX during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 111 |
| End Position: | 111 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "MAMM"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | MAMM |
| Label: | Monthly Medicaid/SCHIP health insurance coverage |
| Variable Text: | For all persons, MAMM is a set of unedited monthly health insurance variables indicating whether they have Medicaid and/or SCHIP coverage in a given calendar month. By adding MAMM to your data cart, you are in effect adding 12 monthly health insurance coverage variables (MAJA-MADE), one variable for each calendar month.  Monthly Health Insurance Coverage Variables  MAJA: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in January MAFE: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in February MAMA: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in March MAAP: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in April MAMY: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in May MAJU: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in June MAJL: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in July MAAU: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in August MASE: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in September MAOC: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in October MANO: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in November MADE: Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in December |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 112 |
| End Position: | 112 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | This is a 1-digit numeric variable with 0 implied decimal places |

**Variable: "MAJA"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | MAJA |
| Label: | Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in January |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the MAJA-MADE variables if users choose MAMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 113 |
| End Position: | 113 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "MAFE"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | MAFE |
| Label: | Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in February |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the MAJA-MADE variables if users choose MAMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 114 |
| End Position: | 114 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "MAMA"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | MAMA |
| Label: | Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in March |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the MAJA-MADE variables if users choose MAMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 115 |
| End Position: | 115 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "MAAP"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | MAAP |
| Label: | Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in April |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the MAJA-MADE variables if users choose MAMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 116 |
| End Position: | 116 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "MAMY"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | MAMY |
| Label: | Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in May |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the MAJA-MADE variables if users choose MAMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 117 |
| End Position: | 117 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "MAJU"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | MAJU |
| Label: | Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in June |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the MAJA-MADE variables if users choose MAMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 118 |
| End Position: | 118 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "MAJL"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | MAJL |
| Label: | Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in July |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the MAJA-MADE variables if users choose MAMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 119 |
| End Position: | 119 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "MAAU"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | MAAU |
| Label: | Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in August |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the MAJA-MADE variables if users choose MAMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 120 |
| End Position: | 120 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "MASE"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | MASE |
| Label: | Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in September |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the MAJA-MADE variables if users choose MAMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 121 |
| End Position: | 121 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "MAOC"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | MAOC |
| Label: | Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in October |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the MAJA-MADE variables if users choose MAMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 122 |
| End Position: | 122 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "MANO"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | MANO |
| Label: | Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in November |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the MAJA-MADE variables if users choose MAMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 123 |
| End Position: | 123 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "MADE"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | MADE |
| Label: | Covered by Medicaid/SCHIP in December |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the MAJA-MADE variables if users choose MAMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 124 |
| End Position: | 124 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "PEGMM"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | PEGMM |
| Label: | Monthly private employer or union group health insurance coverage |
| Variable Text: | For all persons, PEGMM is a set of constructed monthly summary health insurance variables indicating whether they have private employer or union group insurance in a given calendar month. By adding PEGMM to your data cart, you are in effect adding 12 monthly health insurance coverage variables (PEGJA-PEGDE), one variable for each calendar month.   Coverage through an employer or union was initially asked about in the Employment section of the interview and later confirmed in the Health Insurance section. Respondents also had an opportunity to report employer and union group insurance for the first time in the Health Insurance section of the interview, but this insurance was not linked to a specific job.  Monthly Health Insurance Coverage Variables  PEGJA: Covered by private employer/union group insurance in January PEGFE: Covered by private employer/union group insurance in February PEGMA: Covered by private employer/union group insurance in March PEGAP: Covered by private employer/union group insurance in April PEGMY: Covered by private employer/union group insurance in May PEGJU: Covered by private employer/union group insurance in June PEGJL: Covered by private employer/union group insurance in July PEGAU: Covered by private employer/union group insurance in August PEGSE: Covered by private employer/union group insurance in September PEGOC: Covered by private employer/union group insurance in October PEGNO: Covered by private employer/union group insurance in November PEGDE: Covered by private employer/union group insurance in December |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 125 |
| End Position: | 125 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | This is a 1-digit numeric variable with 0 implied decimal places |

**Variable: "PEGJA"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | PEGJA |
| Label: | Covered by private employer/union group insurance in January |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the PEGJA-PEGDE variables if users choose PEGMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 126 |
| End Position: | 126 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "PEGFE"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | PEGFE |
| Label: | Covered by private employer/union group insurance in February |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the PEGJA-PEGDE variables if users choose PEGMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 127 |
| End Position: | 127 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "PEGMA"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | PEGMA |
| Label: | Covered by private employer/union group insurance in March |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the PEGJA-PEGDE variables if users choose PEGMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 128 |
| End Position: | 128 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "PEGAP"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | PEGAP |
| Label: | Covered by private employer/union group insurance in April |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the PEGJA-PEGDE variables if users choose PEGMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 129 |
| End Position: | 129 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "PEGMY"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | PEGMY |
| Label: | Covered by private employer/union group insurance in May |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the PEGJA-PEGDE variables if users choose PEGMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 130 |
| End Position: | 130 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "PEGJU"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | PEGJU |
| Label: | Covered by private employer/union group insurance in June |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the PEGJA-PEGDE variables if users choose PEGMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 131 |
| End Position: | 131 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "PEGJL"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | PEGJL |
| Label: | Covered by private employer/union group insurance in July |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the PEGJA-PEGDE variables if users choose PEGMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 132 |
| End Position: | 132 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "PEGAU"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | PEGAU |
| Label: | Covered by private employer/union group insurance in August |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the PEGJA-PEGDE variables if users choose PEGMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 133 |
| End Position: | 133 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "PEGSE"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | PEGSE |
| Label: | Covered by private employer/union group insurance in September |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the PEGJA-PEGDE variables if users choose PEGMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 134 |
| End Position: | 134 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "PEGOC"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | PEGOC |
| Label: | Covered by private employer/union group insurance in October |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the PEGJA-PEGDE variables if users choose PEGMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 135 |
| End Position: | 135 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "PEGNO"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | PEGNO |
| Label: | Covered by private employer/union group insurance in November |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the PEGJA-PEGDE variables if users choose PEGMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 136 |
| End Position: | 136 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "PEGDE"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | PEGDE |
| Label: | Covered by private employer/union group insurance in December |
| Variable Text: | Extracts include the PEGJA-PEGDE variables if users choose PEGMM during the extract process. |
| Concept: | Monthly Health Insurance Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 137 |
| End Position: | 137 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | |

**Variable: "MDSMQADV"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | MDSMQADV |
| Label: | Health provider advised to quit smoking, past 12 months |
| Variable Text: | For adults aged 18 and older who currently smoke (SMOKENOW) and visited a doctor in the past 12 months, MDSMQADV indicates if, in the last 12 months, a doctor advised the respondent to quit smoking. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 138 |
| End Position: | 138 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "SMOKENOW"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | SMOKENOW |
| Label: | Smoke cigarettes now |
| Variable Text: | For adults aged 18 and older, SMOKENOW indicates if the respondent currently smokes. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 139 |
| End Position: | 139 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 2 | Yes | | 1 | No | | 0 | NIU | | |

**Variable: "AEFFORT"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | AEFFORT |
| Label: | Felt everything an effort, past 30 days (adults) |
| Variable Text: | AEFFORT reports responses to the question, "During the past 30 days, how often did you feel that everything was an effort?"    Related Variables  AEFFORT is one of a series of six variables whose responses can be summed as a scale measuring nonspecific psychological distress over a 30-day recall period. This scale, developed by Ronald C. Kessler and known as the Kessler 6 Scale (K6), asks about six manifestations of nonspecific psychological distress.    Kessler's instrument asks how often, during the past 30 days, the respondent felt:  So sad that nothing could cheer you up? (ASAD) Nervous? (ANERVOUS) Restless or fidgety? (ARESTLESS) Hopeless? (AHOPELESS) That everything was an effort? (AEFFORT) Worthless? (AWORTHLESS)  As noted above, acceptable responses fell into five categories, ranging from "none of the time" to "all of the time."    Scoring Variables  Kessler recommends scoring the scale by assigning 0 to 4 points for each of the six questions, based on the reported frequency of the feelings (i.e., 0 for "none of the time"; 1 for "a little of the time"; 2 for "some of the time"; 3 for "most of the time"; and 4 for "all of the time"). The range for summed responses on the K6 Scale is thus 0 to 24, with 0 suggesting the lowest level of nonspecific psychological distress, and 24 suggesting the highest level of nonspecific psychological distress. According to the scoring criteria proposed by Kessler, persons with a score of 13 or greater are likely to be experiencing severe mental illness.   The summed score is reported in K6SUM. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 140 |
| End Position: | 140 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | None of the time | | 1 | A little of the time | | 2 | Some of the time | | 3 | Most of the time | | 4 | All of the time | | 6 | NIU | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "AHOPELESS"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | AHOPELESS |
| Label: | How often felt hopeless, past 30 days (adults) |
| Variable Text: | AHOPELESS reports responses to the question, "During the past 30 days, how often did you feel hopeless?"    Related Variables  AHOPELESS is one of a series of six variables whose responses can be summed as a scale measuring nonspecific psychological distress over a 30-day recall period. This scale, developed by Ronald C. Kessler and known as the Kessler 6 Scale (K6), asks about six manifestations of nonspecific psychological distress.    Kessler's instrument asks how often, during the past 30 days, the respondent felt:  So sad that nothing could cheer you up? (ASAD) Nervous? (ANERVOUS) Restless or fidgety? (ARESTLESS) Hopeless? (AHOPELESS) That everything was an effort? (AEFFORT) Worthless? (AWORTHLESS)  As noted above, acceptable responses fell into five categories, ranging from "none of the time" to "all of the time."    Scoring Variables  Kessler recommends scoring the scale by assigning 0 to 4 points for each of these six questions, based on the reported frequency of the feelings (i.e., 0 for "none of the time"; 1 for "a little of the time"; 2 for "some of the time"; 3 for "most of the time"; and 4 for "all of the time"). The range for summed responses on the K6 Scale is thus 0 to 24, with 0 suggesting the lowest level of nonspecific psychological distress, and 24 suggesting the highest level of nonspecific psychological distress. According to the scoring criteria proposed by Kessler, persons with a score of 13 or greater are likely to be experiencing severe mental illness.   The summed score is reported in K6SUM. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 141 |
| End Position: | 141 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | None of the time | | 1 | A little of the time | | 2 | Some of the time | | 3 | Most of the time | | 4 | All of the time | | 6 | NIU | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "ANERVOUS"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | ANERVOUS |
| Label: | How often felt nervous, past 30 days (adults) |
| Variable Text: | ANERVOUS reports responses to the question, "During the past 30 days, how often did you feel nervous?"    Related Variables  ANERVOUS is one of a series of six variables whose responses can be summed as a scale measuring nonspecific psychological distress over a 30-day recall period. This scale, developed by Ronald C. Kessler and known as the Kessler 6 Scale (K6), asks about six manifestations of nonspecific psychological distress.    Kessler's instrument asks how often, during the past 30 days, the respondent felt:  So sad that nothing could cheer you up? (ASAD) Nervous? (ANERVOUS) Restless or fidgety? (ARESTLESS) Hopeless? (AHOPELESS) That everything was an effort? (AEFFORT) Worthless? (AWORTHLESS)  As noted above, acceptable responses fell into five categories, ranging from "none of the time" to "all of the time."    Scoring Variables  Kessler recommends scoring the scale by assigning 0 to 4 points for each of these six questions, based on the reported frequency of the feelings (i.e., 0 for "none of the time"; 1 for "a little of the time"; 2 for "some of the time"; 3 for "most of the time"; and 4 for "all of the time"). The range for summed responses on the K6 Scale is thus 0 to 24, with 0 suggesting the lowest level of nonspecific psychological distress, and 24 suggesting the highest level of nonspecific psychological distress. According to the scoring criteria proposed by Kessler, persons with a score of 13 or greater are likely to be experiencing severe mental illness.   The summed score is reported in K6SUM. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 142 |
| End Position: | 142 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | None of the time | | 1 | A little of the time | | 2 | Some of the time | | 3 | Most of the time | | 4 | All of the time | | 6 | NIU | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "ARESTLESS"**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name: | ARESTLESS |
| Label: | How often felt restless, past 30 days (adults) |
| Variable Text: | For sample adults aged 18 and older, ARESTLESS reports responses to the question, "During the past 30 days, how often did you feel restless or fidgety?"    Related Variables  ARESTLESS is one of a series of six variables whose responses can be summed as a scale measuring nonspecific psychological distress over a 30-day recall period. This scale, developed by Ronald C. Kessler and known as the Kessler 6 Scale (K6), asks about six manifestations of nonspecific psychological distress.    Kessler's instrument asks how often, during the past 30 days, the respondent felt:  So sad that nothing could cheer you up? (ASAD) Nervous? (ANERVOUS) Restless or fidgety? (ARESTLESS) Hopeless? (AHOPELESS) That everything was an effort? (AEFFORT) Worthless? (AWORTHLESS)  As noted above, acceptable responses fell into five categories, ranging from "none of the time" to "all of the time."   Scoring Variables  Kessler recommends scoring the scale by assigning 0 to 4 points for each of these six questions, based on the reported frequency of the feelings (i.e., 0 for "none of the time"; 1 for "a little of the time"; 2 for "some of the time"; 3 for "most of the time"; and 4 for "all of the time"). The range for summed responses on the K6 Scale is thus 0 to 24, with 0 suggesting the lowest level of nonspecific psychological distress, and 24 suggesting the highest level of nonspecific psychological distress. According to the scoring criteria proposed by Kessler, persons with a score of 13 or greater are likely to be experiencing severe mental illness. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 143 |
| End Position: | 143 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | None of the time | | 1 | A little of the time | | 2 | Some of the time | | 3 | Most of the time | | 4 | All of the time | | 6 | NIU | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "ASAD"**

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| Name: | ASAD |
| Label: | How often felt sad, past 30 days (adults) |
| Variable Text: | ASAD reports responses to the question, "During the past 30 days, how often did you feel so sad that nothing could cheer you up?"    Related Variables  ASAD is one of a series of six variables whose responses can be summed as a scale measuring nonspecific psychological distress over a 30-day recall period. This scale, developed by Ronald C. Kessler and known as the Kessler 6 Scale (K6), asks about six manifestations of nonspecific psychological distress.    Kessler's instrument asks how often, during the past 30 days, the respondent felt:  So sad that nothing could cheer you up? (ASAD) Nervous? (ANERVOUS) Restless or fidgety? (ARESTLESS) Hopeless? (AHOPELESS) That everything was an effort? (AEFFORT) Worthless? (AWORTHLESS)  As noted above, acceptable responses fell into five categories, ranging from "none of the time" to "all of the time."    Scoring Variables  Kessler recommends scoring the scale by assigning 0 to 4 points for each of these six questions, based on the reported frequency of the feelings (i.e., 0 for "none of the time"; 1 for "a little of the time"; 2 for "some of the time"; 3 for "most of the time"; and 4 for "all of the time"). The range for summed responses on the K6 Scale is thus 0 to 24, with 0 suggesting the lowest level of nonspecific psychological distress, and 24 suggesting the highest level of nonspecific psychological distress. According to the scoring criteria proposed by Kessler, persons with a score of 13 or greater are likely to be experiencing severe mental illness.   The summed score is reported in K6SUM. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 144 |
| End Position: | 144 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | None of the time | | 1 | A little of the time | | 2 | Some of the time | | 3 | Most of the time | | 4 | All of the time | | 6 | NIU | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "AWORTHLESS"**

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| Name: | AWORTHLESS |
| Label: | How often felt worthless, past 30 days (adults) |
| Variable Text: | AWORTHLESS reports responses to the question, "During the past 30 days, how often did you feel worthless?"    Related Variables  AWORTHLESS is one of a series of six variables whose responses can be summed as a scale measuring nonspecific psychological distress over a 30-day recall period. This scale, developed by Ronald C. Kessler and known as the Kessler 6 Scale (K6), asks about six manifestations of nonspecific psychological distress.   Kessler's instrument asks how often, during the past 30 days, the respondent felt:  So sad that nothing could cheer you up? (ASAD) Nervous? (ANERVOUS) Restless or fidgety? (ARESTLESS) Hopeless? (AHOPELESS) That everything was an effort? (AEFFORT) Worthless? (AWORTHLESS)  As noted above, acceptable responses fell into five categories, ranging from "none of the time" to "all of the time."    Scoring Variables  Kessler recommends scoring the scale by assigning 0 to 4 points for each of these six questions, based on the reported frequency of the feelings (i.e., 0 for "none of the time"; 1 for "a little of the time"; 2 for "some of the time"; 3 for "most of the time"; and 4 for "all of the time"). The range for summed responses on the K6 Scale is thus 0 to 24, with 0 suggesting the lowest level of nonspecific psychological distress, and 24 suggesting the highest level of nonspecific psychological distress. According to the scoring criteria proposed by Kessler, persons with a score of 13 or greater are likely to be experiencing severe mental illness.   The summed score is reported in K6SUM. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 145 |
| End Position: | 145 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | None of the time | | 1 | A little of the time | | 2 | Some of the time | | 3 | Most of the time | | 4 | All of the time | | 6 | NIU | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "EXPTOT"**

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| Name: | EXPTOT |
| Label: | Annual total of direct health care payments |
| Variable Text: | For all persons, EXPTOT captures the sum of direct payments for care provided during the year, including out-of-pocket payments and payments by private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and other sources. Payments for over-the-counter drugs and indirect payments not related to specific medical events, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share and Medicare Direct Medical Education subsidies, are not included in this amount. For more information on how MEPS collects expenditure data, please refer to our user note on medical expenditures [URL omitted from DDI.].  Related variables  Variables related to total annual health care expenditures by source of payment, total annual health care expenditures by type of medical service, and total annual health care charges are also available. Please refer to our user note on expenditures [URL omitted from DDI.] for a list of these variables. |
| Concept: | Total Expenditures Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 146 |
| End Position: | 152 |
| Width: | 7 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | EXPTOT is a 6-digit numeric variable. |

**Variable: "RXPRMEDSNO"**

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| Name: | RXPRMEDSNO |
| Label: | Count of all prescribed medications purchased during the year |
| Variable Text: | For all persons, RXPRMEDSNO is a count of all prescribed medications purchased during the year (including initial purchases and refills). For more information on how MEPS collects information about prescription medications, please refer to our user note on Collection of Information about Prescription Medications [URL omitted from DDI.]. |
| Concept: | Prescription Medications Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 153 |
| End Position: | 155 |
| Width: | 3 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | RXPRMEDSNO is a 3-digit numeric variable. |

**Variable: "ADILCR"**

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| Name: | ADILCR |
| Label: | Illness/injury/condition needing immediate care: last 12 months |
| Variable Text: | For adults aged 18 and older, ADILCR indicates if, in the last 12 months, the respondent had an illness, injury, or condition that needed care right away in a clinic, emergency room, or doctor's office. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 156 |
| End Position: | 156 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | No | | 2 | Yes | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "ADILWW"**

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| Name: | ADILWW |
| Label: | Got immediate care when needed: last 12 months |
| Variable Text: | For adults aged 18 and older who, in the last 12 months, had an illness, injury, or condition that needed care in a clinic, emergency room, or doctor's office right away, ADILWW indicates how often the respondent got the care as soon as they thought they needed it. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 157 |
| End Position: | 157 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | Never | | 2 | Sometimes | | 3 | Usually | | 4 | Always | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "ADAPPT"**

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| Name: | ADAPPT |
| Label: | Number of visits to medical office for care: last 12 months |
| Variable Text: | For adults aged 18 and older, ADAPPT indicates the number of times the respondent went to a doctor's office or clinic to get health care for themselves in the last 12 months. This excludes times they went to an emergency room. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 158 |
| End Position: | 159 |
| Width: | 2 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 00 | None | | 01 | One | | 02 | Two | | 03 | Three | | 04 | Four | | 05 | Five to nine | | 06 | Ten or more | | 96 | NIU | | 97 | Unknown-refused | | 98 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 99 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "ADRESP"**

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| Name: | ADRESP |
| Label: | How often doctors show respect: last 12 months |
| Variable Text: | For adults aged 18 and older, ADRESP indicates how often, in the last 12 months, the respondent felt that doctors or other health providers showed respect for what they had to say. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 160 |
| End Position: | 160 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | Never | | 2 | Sometimes | | 3 | Usually | | 4 | Always | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "ADHECR"**

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| Name: | ADHECR |
| Label: | Rating of all health care received: last 12 months |
| Variable Text: | For adults aged 18 and older, ADHECR indicates how the respondent would rate all of their health care in the last 12 months. The respondent rated their health care experience on a scale from zero to ten, where zero is the worst health care possible, and ten is the best health care possible. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 161 |
| End Position: | 162 |
| Width: | 2 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 00 | 0 Worst health care possible | | 01 | 1 | | 02 | 2 | | 03 | 3 | | 04 | 4 | | 05 | 5 | | 06 | 6 | | 07 | 7 | | 08 | 8 | | 09 | 9 | | 10 | 10 Best health care possible | | 96 | NIU | | 97 | Unknown-refused | | 98 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 99 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "ADDOWN"**

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| Name: | ADDOWN |
| Label: | Felt depressed: past 4 weeks |
| Variable Text: | For adults aged 18 and older, ADDOWN indicates how much of the time the respondent felt downhearted and depressed in the last four weeks. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 163 |
| End Position: | 163 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | All of the time | | 2 | Most of the time | | 3 | Some of the time | | 4 | A little of the time | | 5 | None of the time | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "ADSOCA"**

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| Name: | ADSOCA |
| Label: | Physical or emotional health interfered with social activities: past 4 weeks |
| Variable Text: | For sample adults, ADSOCA indicates how much of the time the respondent's physical health or emotional problems interfered with their social activities in the last four weeks. Social activities include things like visiting friends, relatives, etc. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 164 |
| End Position: | 164 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| **Categories** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Value** | **Label** | | 0 | NIU | | 1 | All of the time | | 2 | Most of the time | | 3 | Some of the time | | 4 | A little of the time | | 5 | None of the time | | 7 | Unknown-refused | | 8 | Unknown-not ascertained | | 9 | Unknown-don't know | | |

**Variable: "PHQ2"**

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| Name: | PHQ2 |
| Label: | PHQ-2 depression screen summary score |
| Variable Text: | For persons eligible for the Self-Administered Questionnaire (SAQELIG), PHQ2 reports the person's summary score on the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-2), a screening measure for depression. The score reported in PHQ2, ranging from 0 through 6, summarizes responses to two component variables:   ADINTR: during the past two weeks, bothered by having little interest or pleasure in doing things, and   2) ADDPRS: during the past two weeks, bothered by feeling down,  depressed, or hopeless.   The higher the value on PHQ2, the greater the person's tendency towards depression is. Kroenke et al. (2003) suggest a score of 3 as the optimal cut point for depression screening purposes. For more information, refer to  Kroenke, K., Spitzer, R.L., and Williams, J.B. (2003). The Patient Health Questionnaire-2: Validity of a two-item depressive screener. Medical Care 41: 1284-1292. |
| Concept: | Self-Administered Questionnaire Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 165 |
| End Position: | 166 |
| Width: | 2 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | PHQ2 is a count variable with values ranging from 0 to 6. Missing data codes are specified below.  96: NIU 98: Unknown - not ascertained |