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The Survey Health Status and Functioning file includes data about the sample person's health including height and weight, self-assessments of vision and hearing, history of medical conditions, functioning, among others.

From 1991 through 1996, this file contained one record for each person who completed an interview whether in the community or facility. This changed in 1997 when the facility instrument was converted to a Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing format. Since then, this file contains data from community interviews only; RIC 2F contains similar data from facility interviews.

RIC	1	2					C Record Identification Code
VERSION	3	1					C Version Number
BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT				C Unique SP Identification Number
				12,855			LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
GENHELTH	12	2	GENHFMT	HS1	C1		N General hlth compare to others same age
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				35			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				1,941			1 Excellent
				2,978			2 Very good
				3,767			3 Good
				2,817			4 Fair
				1,309			5 Poor
HELMTACT	14	2	TIMEFMT	HS2	C2		N Health limits social activity in past mo
				6			-9 Not ascertained
				20			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				7,658			1 None of the time
				2,771			2 Some of the time
				1,385			3 Most of the time
				1,011			4 All of the time
ECHELP	16	2	BLNDFMT	HS3	C3		N SP wear eyeglasses/contact lenses
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				10,802			1 Yes
				1,901			2 No
				139			3 Blind
ECTROUB	18	2	LOOKFMT	HS4	C4		N Description of SP vision
				145			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				78			-8 Don't know
				7,069			1 No trouble
				4,131			2 A little trouble
				1,429			3 A lot of trouble

Note: Applies only if ECHelp = 1 or 2

ECCATOP	20	2	YES1FMT	HS5	C5		N SP ever had operation for cataracts
				94			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				25			-8 Don't know

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				2,246 10,489			1 Yes 2 No
Note: Applies to new panel SPs who are not blind; in 2002, asked of blind also							
HCHELP	22	2	DEAFFMT	HS6	C6		N Does SP use hearing aid
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,298			1 Yes
				11,495			2 No
				53			3 Deaf
HCTROUB	24	2	LOOKFMT	HS7	C7		N Description of SP hearing
				59			. Inapplicable
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				7,254			1 No trouble
				4,389			2 A little trouble
				1,109			3 A lot of trouble
Note: Applies only if HCHELP = 1 or 2							
DCTROUB	26	2	YES2FMT	HS8	C8		N Diff eating solid foods b/c teeth prob
				36			-9 Not ascertained
				14			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,014			1 Yes
				10,787			2 No
HEIGHTFT	28	2	HEITFMT	HS9	C9		N Height of SP--feet
				6			-9 Not ascertained
				109			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				12,739			Height in feet
HEIGHTIN	30	2	INCHFMT	HS9	C9		N Height of SP--inches
				8			-9 Not ascertained
				137			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				12,708			0-11 Inch portion of height
WEIGHT	32	3	WEITFMT	HS10	C10		N Weight of SP in pounds
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				144			-8 Don't know
				33			-7 Refused
				3			0-50 0-50 Pounds
				455			51-100 51-100 Pounds
				5,504			101-150 101-150 Pounds
				5,414			151-200 151-200 Pounds
				1,123			201-250 201-250 Pounds
				145			251-300 251-300 Pounds
				24			301-350 301-350 Pounds
				6			351-400 351-400 Pounds
				2			Over 400 Pounds

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MAMMOGRM	35	2	YES1FMT		HS11	C11	N Had mammogram/breast X-ray since last yr
				5,574			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				124			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				2,137			1 Yes
				5,012			2 No
Note: Inapplicable if SP is male							
PAPSMEAR	37	2	YES1FMT		HS12	C12	N SP had a Pap smear since a year ago?
				5,574			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				136			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				1,819			1 Yes
				5,318			2 No
Note: Inapplicable if SP is male							
HYSTEREC	39	2	YES1FMT		HS13	C13	N SP ever had hysterectomy
				7,863			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				52			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,765			1 Yes
				3,171			2 No
Note: Applies to females in supplemental sample or where PAPNHYST = 2							
FLUSHOT	41	2	YES2FMT		HS14	C14	N SP have flu shot for last winter
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				326			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				6,098			1 Yes
				6,423			2 No
PNEUSHOT	43	2	YES2FMT		HS15	C15	N SP ever have shot for pneumonia
				276			-8 Don't know
				2,667			1 Yes
				9,912			2 No
EVERSMOK	45	2	YES2FMT		HS16	C16	N SP ever smoked cigarettes/cigars/tobacco
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				42			-8 Don't know
				7,370			1 Yes
				5,442			2 No

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SMOKNOW	47	2	YES6FMT		HS17	C17	N Does SP smoke now?
				5,546			. Inapplicable
				11			-9 Not ascertained
				8			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,089			1 Yes
				5,200			2 No
				0			3 No, but originally Yes
				0			4 Yes, but originally No
Note: Inapplicable if EVERSMOK = 2							
DIFSTOOP	49	2	DIF2FMT		HS18	C18	N Difficulty stooping/crouching/kneeling
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				12			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				3,727			1 No Difficulty
				2,671			2 Little Difficulty
				2,077			3 Some Difficulty
				2,340			4 Lot of Difficulty
				2,021			5 Unable to do it
DIFLIFT	51	2	DIF2FMT		HS19	C19	N Difficulty lifting/carrying 10 pounds
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				27			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				6,847			1 No Difficulty
				1,636			2 Little Difficulty
				1,172			3 Some Difficulty
				1,136			4 Lot of Difficulty
				2,030			5 Unable to do it
DIFREACH	53	2	DIF2FMT		HS20	C20	N Difficulty extending arms above shoulder
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				19			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				8,351			1 No Difficulty
				1,643			2 Little Difficulty
				1,250			3 Some Difficulty
				907			4 Lot of Difficulty
				677			5 Unable to do it
DIFWRITE	55	2	DIF2FMT		HS21	C21	N Difficulty writing/handling object
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				10			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				8,605			1 No Difficulty
				1,877			2 Little Difficulty
				1,171			3 Some Difficulty
				832			4 Lot of Difficulty
				352			5 Unable to do it

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DIFWALK	57	2	DIF2FMT		HS22	C22	N Difficulty walking 1/4 mi. or 2-3 blocks
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				19			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				6,185			1 No Difficulty
				1,493			2 Little Difficulty
				1,155			3 Some Difficulty
				1,196			4 Lot of Difficulty
				2,800			5 Unable to do it
OCARTERY	59	2	YES2FMT		HS23a	C23a	N Ever told had hardening of arteries
				17			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,930			1 Yes
				10,906			2 No
OCHBP	61	2	YES6FMT		HS23b	C23b	N Ever told had hypertension/hi blood pres
				1			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				6,628			1 Yes
				6,225			2 No
				0			3 No, but originally Yes
				0			4 Yes, but originally No
OCMYOCAR	63	2	YES2FMT		HS23c	C23c	N Ever told had myocard infarct/hrt attack
				6			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,941			1 Yes
				10,907			2 No
OCCHD	65	2	YES2FMT		HS23d	C23d	N Ever told had angina pectoris/chd
				19			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				2,036			1 Yes
				10,799			2 No
OCOTHART	67	2	YES2FMT		HS23e	C23e	N Ever told had other heart conditions
				14			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,789			1 Yes
				9,051			2 No
OCSTROKE	69	2	YES2FMT		HS23f	C23f	N Ever told had stroke/brain hemorrhage
				3			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,630			1 Yes
				11,221			2 No
OCCSKIN	71	2	YES2FMT		HS23g	C23g	N Ever told had new skin cancer
				2			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,851			1 Yes
				11,001			2 No

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OCCBRAIN	97	2	YES1FMT		HS23i	C23i	N Body part w/cancer--brain
				10,553			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				39			1 Yes
				2,261			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCTHROA	99	2	YES1FMT		HS23i	C23i	N Body part w/cancer--throat
				10,553			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				40			1 Yes
				2,260			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCBACK	101	2	YES1FMT		HS23i	C23i	N Body part w/cancer--back
				10,553			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				65			1 Yes
				2,235			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCHEAD	103	2	YES1FMT		HS23i	C23i	N Body part w/cancer--head
				10,553			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				54			1 Yes
				2,246			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCFONEC	105	2	YES1FMT		HS23i	C23i	N Body part w/cancer--female organs
				10,553			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				63			1 Yes
				2,237			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCDIABTS	107	2	YES5FMT		HS23j	C23j	N Ever told had diabetes/hi blood sugar
				1			-7 Refused
				2,092			1 Yes
				10,762			2 No
				0			3 Yes, but originally No
				0			4 No, but originally Yes
OCARTHRH	109	2	YES2FMT		HS23k	C23k	N Ever told had rheumatoid arthritis
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				17			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,787			1 Yes
				11,048			2 No

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OCAOTHER	123	2	YES1FMT		HS23m	C23m	N Body part w/arthritis-other
				6,054			. Inapplicable
				9			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				96			1 Yes
				6,694			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1							
OCMENTAL	125	2	YES2FMT		HS23n	C23n	N Ever told had mental retardation
				10			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				513			1 Yes
				12,329			2 No
OCALZHMR	127	2	YES2FMT		HS23o	C23o	N Ever told had Alzheimer's/dementia
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				663			1 Yes
				12,189			2 No
OCPSYCH	129	2	YES2FMT		HS23p	C23p	N Ever told had mental/psychiatric disord
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,321			1 Yes
				11,528			2 No
Note: After 1999, 'including depression' was added.							
OCOSTEOP	131	2	YES2FMT		HS23q	C23q	N Ever told had osteoporosis/soft bones
				11			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,295			1 Yes
				11,548			2 No
OCBRKHIP	133	2	YES2FMT		HS23r	C23r	N Ever told had broken hip
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				791			1 Yes
				12,060			2 No
OCPARKIN	135	2	YES2FMT		HS23s	C23s	N Ever told had Parkinson's disease
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				3			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				244			1 Yes
				12,606			2 No

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OCEMPHYS	137	2	YES2FMT		HS23t	C23t	N Ever told had emphysema/asthma/COPD
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				6			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,838			1 Yes
				11,009			2 No
OCPPARAL	139	2	YES2FMT		HS23u	C23u	N Ever told had complete/partial paralysis
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,200			1 Yes
				11,651			2 No
OCAMPUTE	141	2	YES2FMT		HS23v	C23v	N Ever lost an arm or leg
				1			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				166			1 Yes
				12,687			2 No

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EMCAUSC1	143	2	CAUSFMT		HS25	C26	N 1st cause of Medicare eligibility
				12,117			. Inapplicable
				12			-9 Not ascertained
				10			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				178			1 Back/spine/disc
				61			2 Severe eyesight loss
				13			3 Severe hearing loss
				48			4 Kidney/renal failure
				41			5 Seizure disorder
				45			6 Car/bike/train accident
				21			7 Multiple sclerosis
				8			8 Muscular dystrophy
				13			9 Cerebral palsy
				14			10 Broken bones
				0			11 Hardening of the arteries
				0			12 High blood pressure
				0			13 Myocardial infarction
				0			14 Angina pectoris
				0			15 Other heart condition
				0			16 Stroke
				0			17 New occurrence of skin cancer
				0			18 Cancer or tumor
				0			19 Diabetes
				0			20 Rheumatoid arthritis
				0			21 Other arthritis
				0			22 Mental retardation
				0			23 Alzheimer's disease
				0			24 Mental disorder
				0			25 Osteoporosis
				0			26 Broken hip
				0			27 Parkinson's disease
				0			28 Emphysema or asthma
				0			29 Partial paralysis
				0			30 Loss of limb
				0			31 Cong heart failure
				0			32 Probs w/ hrt valves
				0			33 Heartbeat rhythm
				0			34 Mental disorder, depression (eff. 05)
				0			35 Mental disorder, non-depression (eff. 05)
				0			65 Gained entitlement at 65
				273			91 Other

Note: Applies if SP is under age 65 at the time of the initial MCBS interview

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EMCAUSC2	145	2	CAUSFMT		HS25	C26	N 2nd cause of Medicare eligibility
				12,801			. Inapplicable
				16			1 Back/spine/disc
				1			2 Severe eyesight loss
				5			3 Severe hearing loss
				3			4 Kidney/renal failure
				0			5 Seizure disorder
				2			6 Car/bike/train accident
				0			7 Multiple sclerosis
				0			8 Muscular dystrophy
				1			9 Cerebral palsy
				8			10 Broken bones
				0			11 Hardening of the arteries
				0			12 High blood pressure
				0			13 Myocardial infarction
				0			14 Angina pectoris
				0			15 Other heart condition
				0			16 Stroke
				0			17 New occurrence of skin cancer
				0			18 Cancer or tumor
				0			19 Diabetes
				0			20 Rheumatoid arthritis
				0			21 Other arthritis
				0			22 Mental retardation
				0			23 Alzheimer's disease
				0			24 Mental disorder
				0			25 Osteoporosis
				0			26 Broken hip
				0			27 Parkinson's disease
				0			28 Emphysema or asthma
				0			29 Partial paralysis
				0			30 Loss of limb
				0			31 Cong heart failure
				0			32 Probs w/ hrt valves
				0			33 Heartbeat rhythm
				0			34 Mental disorder, depression (eff. 05)
				0			35 Mental disorder, non-depression (eff. 05)
				0			65 Gained entitlement at 65
				18			91 Other

Note: Applies only if SP has more than one cause for Medicare eligibility

PRBTELE	147	2	ADL2FMT		HS27a	C27(1)	N Any difficulty using telephone
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				1,327			1 Yes
				10,810			2 No
				708			3 Doesn't Do
PRBLHWK	149	2	ADL2FMT		HS27b		N Any difficulty doing light housework
				1,054			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				1,206			1 Yes
				9,349			2 No
				1,238			3 Doesn't Do

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11,617	. Inapplicable
712	1 Yes
526	2 No

Note: Applies only if PRBLHWK = 3

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DONTHHWK	163	2	YES1FMT		HS28c		N Don't do heavy housewrk b/c health prob
				9,924			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				1,856			1 Yes
				1,073			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBHHWK = 3			
DONTMEAL	165	2	YES1FMT		HS28d		N Don't prepare meals b/c health prob
				11,384			. Inapplicable
				647			1 Yes
				824			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBMEAL = 3			
DONTSHOP	167	2	YES1FMT		HS28e	C28(2)	N Don't do shopping b/c health prob
				11,258			. Inapplicable
				1,357			1 Yes
				240			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBSHOP = 3			
DONTBILS	169	2	YES1FMT		HS28f	C28(3)	N Don't manage money b/c health prob
				11,401			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,120			1 Yes
				331			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBBILS = 3			
HELPTLE	171	2	YES1FMT		HS29a	C27(1)	N Receives help w/ telephone
				10,969			. Inapplicable
				19			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,059			1 Yes
				807			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBTELE = 1 or DONTTELE = 1			
HELPLHWK	173	2	YES1FMT		HS29b		N Receives help w/ light housework
				10,937			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,579			1 Yes
				338			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBLHWK = 1 or DONTLHWK = 1			
HELPHHWK	175	2	YES1FMT		HS29c		N Receives help w/ heavy housework
				8,259			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				3,523			1 Yes
				1,070			2 No
				Note: Applies only if PRBHHWK = 1 or DONTHHWK = 1			

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HELPMEAL	177	2	YES1FMT		HS29d		N Receives help w/ preparing meals
				11,251			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,359			1 Yes
				244			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBMEAL = 1 or DONTMEAL = 1							
HELPSHOP	179	2	YES1FMT		HS29e	C29(2)	N Receives help w/ shopping
				9,507			. Inapplicable
				27			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				3,012			1 Yes
				308			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBSHOP = 1 or DONTSHOP = 1							
HELPBILS	181	2	YES1FMT		HS29f	C29(3)	N Receives help w/ managing money
				10,455			. Inapplicable
				33			-9 Not ascertained
				2			-8 Don't know
				2,190			1 Yes
				175			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBBILS = 1 or DONTBILS = 1							
HPPDBATH	183	2	ADL2FMT		HS31a	C30(1)	N Any difficulty bathing/showering
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				2,465			1 Yes
				10,165			2 No
				216			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDDRES	185	2	ADL2FMT		HS31b	C30(2)	N Any difficulty dressing
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				1,858			1 Yes
				10,816			2 No
				171			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDEAT	187	2	ADL2FMT		HS31c	C30(3)	N Any difficulty eating
				5			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-7 Refused
				820			1 Yes
				11,949			2 No
				76			3 Doesn't Do

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Note: Applies only if HELPEAT = 2

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D_ADLHRL	245	2	RELFMT				N Primary helper's relationship to SP
				12,587			. Inapplicable
				0			-5 Never ask again
				0			1 Sample person
				57			2 Spouse
				23			3 Son
				76			4 Daughter
				1			5 Brother
				4			6 Sister
				2			7 Father
				11			8 Mother
				0			9 Son-in-law
				15			10 Daughter-in-law
				1			11 Grandson
				13			12 Granddaughter
				0			13 Nephew
				3			14 Niece
				0			50 Partner/roommate
				12			51 Friend/neighbor
				0			52 Boarder
				8			53 Nurse/nurses aide
				0			54 Legal/financial officer
				0			55 Guardian
				5			91 Other relative
				37			92 Other non-relative

Note: See Notes for derivation

D_ADLHDB	247	6					C Date of birth of primary helper
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Note: See Notes for derivation

LOSTURIN	253	2	URIFMT		HS37	C34	N How often lost urine control last 12 mos
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				92			-8 Don't know
				25			-7 Refused
				1,446			1 More than once a week
				354			2 About once a week
				352			3 2-3 times a month
				207			4 About once a month
				194			5 Every 2-3 months
				369			6 1-2 Times a year
				9,678			7 Not at all
				135			8 Dialysis/catheterized