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This file contains demographic information collected in the survey. There is one record for each person who completed an interview. Similar data obtained from CMS administrative files such as date of birth and gender may be found in RIC A.

RIC	1	2				C Record Identification Code
VERSION	3	1				C Version Number
BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT			C Unique SP Identification Number
			17,794			LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
D_DOB	12	6	\$DTE6FMT	IN9	A2	C Date of birth
			17,794			Date in YYYYMM format
ROSTSEX	18	2	SEXFMT	IN11	A1	N Gender of SP
			7,686			1 Male
			10,108			2 Female
D_AFEVER	20	2	YES1FMT	EN9	A7	N SP ever served in armed forces (AF)?
			4			. Inapplicable
			111			-8 Don't know
			2			-7 Refused
			4,122			1 Yes
			13,555			2 No

Note: Inapplicable if SP is less than 17 years old (15 for Facility CAPI).

D_AFVIET	22	2	YES1FMT	EN10	A8	N SP served in AF during Vietnam era?
			13,672			. Inapplicable
			23			-8 Don't know
			2			-7 Refused
			337			1 Yes
			3,760			2 No

Note: Applies only if D\_AFEVER = 1

D_AFKORE	24	2	YES1FMT	EN10	A8	N SP served in AF during Korean conflict?
			13,672			. Inapplicable
			23			-8 Don't know
			2			-7 Refused
			987			1 Yes
			3,110			2 No

Note: Applies only if D\_AFEVER = 1

D_AFWWII	26	2	YES1FMT	EN10	A8	N SP served in AF during World War II?
			13,672			. Inapplicable
			23			-8 Don't know
			2			-7 Refused
			3,066			1 Yes
			1,031			2 No

Note: Applies only if D\_AFEVER = 1

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D_AFWWI	28	2	YES1FMT	EN10	A8		N SP served in AF during World War I?
				13,672			. Inapplicable
				23			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				28			1 Yes
				4,069			2 No
				Note: Applies only if D_AFEVER = 1			
D_AFPEAC	30	2	YES1FMT	EN10	A8		N SP served in AF during peace time?
				13,672			. Inapplicable
				23			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				345			1 Yes
				3,752			2 No
				Note: Applies only if D_AFEVER = 1			
D_NGEVER	32	2	YES1FMT	EN11	A9		N SP ever active Natl Guard/Reserve?
				4			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				161			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				933			1 Yes
				16,691			2 No
				Note: Inapplicable if SP is less than 17 years old (15 for Facility CAPI).			
D_NGALL	34	2	YES1FMT	EN12	A10		N All active duty spent in Natl Guard?
				16,861			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				278			1 Yes
				650			2 No
				Note: Applies only if D_NGEVER = 1			
D_NGDSBL	36	2	YES1FMT	EN13	A11		N Does SP have disability from service?
				13,554			. Inapplicable
				18			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				556			1 Yes
				3,663			2 No
				Note: Applies only if D_AFEVER = 1 or D_NGEVER = 1			

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D_VARATE	38	3	VADISFMT	EN14	A12	N	Current VA disability rating
				17,238			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				78			-8 Don't know
				27			0 0% Disability Rating
				170			1-10 1% to 10% Disability Rating
				60			11-25 11% to 25% Disability Rating
				130			26-50 26% to 50% Disability Rating
				19			51-75 51% to 75% Disability Rating
				11			76-99 76% to 99% Disability Rating
				60			100 100% Disability Rating

Note: Applies only if D\_NGDSBL = 1.

D_RACE	41	2	RACEFMT	DI1	A3	N	Race of SP
				2			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				11			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				141			1 American Indian
				233			2 Asian or Pacific Islander
				1,892			3 Black or African American
				15,282			4 White
				0			5 More than one
				218			91 Other

Note: In 1998, categories changed. See Notes on Using the Data for details.

D_ETHNIC	43	2	YES2FMT	DI2	A4	N	Is SP of Hispanic ancestry?
				2			. Missing
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				46			-8 Don't know
				11			-7 Refused
				1,278			1 Yes
				16,454			2 No

SPCHNLNM	45	2	CHILDFMT	IN14		N	Number of children living
				1,025			. Missing
				6			-8 Don't know
				7			-7 Refused
				2,499			0 No children
				2,461			1 One child
				3,991			2 Two children
				3,014			3 Three children
				1,992			4 Four children
				1,076			5 Five children
				1,723			6-HIGH Six or more children

Note: Not asked in facility interviews until 1997.

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
SPHIGRAD	47	2	HIGHFMT		DI3	A5	N Highest school grade completed
				3			. Missing
				28			-9 Not ascertained
				562			-8 Don't know
				25			-7 Refused
				378			1 1st grade
				151			2 2nd grade
				283			3 3rd grade
				291			4 4th grade
				309			5 5th grade
				536			6 6th grade
				520			7 7th grade
				1,708			8 8th grade
				845			9 1st year of high school
				1,047			10 2nd year of high school
				892			11 3rd year of high school
				5,620			12 4th year of high school
				872			13 1 year of college
				1,204			14 2 years of college
				403			15 3 years of college
				1,173			16 4 years of college
				238			17 5 years of college
				706			18 6 or more years of college

Note: Not asked in new facility panel interviews after 1996.

SPMARSTA	49	2	MARFMT		IN13	A6	N Marital status of SP
				2			. Missing
				16			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				8,331			1 Married
				6,181			2 Widowed
				1,340			3 Divorced
				284			4 Separated
				1,638			5 Never married

Note: After 1994, marital status was asked annually in the fall round.

INCOME	51	3	INCFMT		DI4,DI5	A14-16	N Income range of SP
				154			. Missing
				572			-25 Less than \$25,000
				9			-9 Not ascertained
				674			-8 Don't know
				278			-7 Refused
				1,221			1 \$5,000 or Less
				4,161			2 \$5,001-\$10,000
				2,847			3 \$10,001-\$15,000
				1,895			4 \$15,001-\$20,000
				1,565			5 \$20,001-\$25,000
				1,167			6 \$25,001-\$30,000
				744			7 \$30,001-\$35,000
				605			8 \$35,001-\$40,000
				363			9 \$40,001-\$45,000
				326			10 \$45,001-\$50,000
				784			11 \$50,001 or more
				429			25 \$25,000 or more

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D_DIVCUR	54	2	\$CENSUS				C Census division of SP's residence
				2			UN Unknown
				0			00 Not known
				479			01 New England
				2,709			02 Middle Atlantic
				2,873			03 East North Central
				1,157			04 West North Central
				3,954			05 South Atlantic
				860			06 East South Central
				1,683			07 West South Central
				1,196			08 Mountain
				2,649			09 Pacific
				232			10 Puerto Rico