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This file summarizes the characteristics of the interview, including type of questionnaire, duration, and whether or not the interview was conducted with a proxy respondent. There is one record for each person who completed an interview.

RIC	1	2				C Record Identification Code
VERSION	3	1				C Version Number
BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT			C Unique SP Identification Number
				16,119		LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
INTERVU	12	1	\$INTRFMT			C Type of interview
				14,742		C Community
				1,377		F Facility
INT_DATE	13	6				C Interview Date (YYYYMMDD)
RESTART	19	2	STARFMT			N Was interview interrupted?
				1,377		. Inapplicable
				14,304		0 Not interrupted
				322		1 One restart
				89		2 Two restarts
				20		3 Three restarts
				7		Four or more restarts

Note: Applies only to Community interviews

LENGTH	21	5	LENFMT			N Duration of interview
				137		. Missing
				15,982		Minutes
LANG	26	2	\$LANGFMT	CL26		C Language of interview
				1,377		-1 Inapplicable
				14,172		E English
				570		S Spanish
				0		91 Other

Notes: Applies only to Community interviews
 First available in 1992

PROXY	28	2	PROXFMT	IN4		N Self - respondent or proxy
				1,377		-1 Inapplicable
				12,880		1 SP responded
				1,862		2 Proxy responded

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D_PROXR	30	2	RELFMT	IN4a		N Proxy's relationship to SP
				14,741		. Inapplicable
				0		-5 Never ask again
				264		1 Sample person
				365		2 Spouse
				67		3 Son
				229		4 Daughter
				12		5 Brother
				63		6 Sister
				31		7 Father
				180		8 Mother
				5		9 Son-in-law
				26		10 Daughter-in-law
				3		11 Grandson
				9		12 Granddaughter
				4		13 Nephew
				18		14 Niece
				2		50 Partner/roommate
				19		51 Friend/neighbor
				1		52 Boarder
				2		53 Nurse/nurses aide
				2		54 Legal/financial officer
				5		55 Guardian
				34		91 Other relative
				37		92 Other non-relative

Note: Applies only to Community interviews with proxies

PNSPOLD	32	2	IND1FMT	IN6a		N Proxy necessary - SP too old/frail
				14,852		. Inapplicable
				3		-9 Not ascertained
				207		1 Indicated
				1,057		2 Not indicated

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PNSPILL	34	2	IND1FMT	IN6a		N Proxy necessary - SP too ill
				14,852		. Inapplicable
				3		-9 Not ascertained
				154		1 Indicated
				1,110		2 Not indicated

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PNSPHOH	36	2	IND1FMT	IN6a		N Proxy necessary - SP hard of hearing
				14,852		. Inapplicable
				3		-9 Not ascertained
				156		1 Indicated
				1,108		2 Not indicated

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PNSPSBB	38	2	IND1FMT		IN6a		N Proxy necessary - SP shouldn't be bother
				14,852			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				186			1 Indicated
				1,078			2 Not indicated
Note: Applies only to Community interviews with proxies							
PNSPWBA	40	2	IND1FMT		IN6a		N Proxy necessary - SP unable to answer
				14,852			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				631			1 Indicated
				634			2 Not indicated
Note: Applies only to Community interviews with proxies							
PNSPMEM	42	2	IND1FMT		IN6a		N Proxy necessary - SP memory is bad
				14,852			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				266			1 Indicated
				998			2 Not indicated
Note: Applies only to Community interviews with proxies							
PNSPNAM	44	2	IND1FMT		IN6a		N Proxy necessary - SP not able mentally
				14,852			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				450			1 Indicated
				814			2 Not indicated
Note: Applies only to Community interviews with proxies							
PNSPINH	46	2	IND1FMT		IN6a		N Proxy necessary - SP in hospital
				14,852			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				12			1 Indicated
				1,253			2 Not indicated
Note: Applies only to Community interviews with proxies							
PNSPLAN	48	2	IND1FMT		IN6a		N Proxy necessary - language problem
				14,852			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				77			1 Indicated
				1,187			2 Not indicated
Note: Applies only to Community interviews with proxies							

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PNSPDED	50	2	IND1FMT			IN6a	N Proxy necessary - SP deceased
				14,852			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				0			1 Indicated
				1,265			2 Not indicated
Notes: Applies only to Community interviews with proxies First available in 1992							
PNSPINS	52	2	IND1FMT			IN6a	N Proxy necessary - SP institutionalized
				14,852			. Inapplicable
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				36			1 Indicated
				1,228			2 Not indicated
Notes: Applies only to Community interviews with proxies First available in 1992							
PNSPUNA	54	2	IND1FMT			IN6a	N Proxy necessary - SP unavailable
				14,852			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				134			1 Indicated
				1,131			2 Not indicated
Notes: Applies only to Community interviews with proxies First available in 1992							
PNSPOTH	56	2	IND1FMT			IN6a	N Proxy necessary - other reason
				14,852			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				124			1 Indicated
				1,141			2 Not indicated
Note: Applies only to Community interviews with proxies							
RREHELP	58	2	YES1FMT			IR3	N Did respondent receive help answering?
				7,528			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				1,188			1 Yes
				7,401			2 No
Note: Optional interviewer data applicable to community interviews							

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D_IHLPRL	60	2	RELFMT			IR3	N Helper's relationship to SP
				14,972			. Inapplicable
				0			-5 Never ask again
				36			1 Sample person
				823			2 Spouse
				29			3 Son
				107			4 Daughter
				1			5 Brother
				21			6 Sister
				8			7 Father
				29			8 Mother
				3			9 Son-in-law
				17			10 Daughter-in-law
				0			11 Grandson
				8			12 Granddaughter
				0			13 Nephew
				5			14 Niece
				8			50 Partner/roommate
				17			51 Friend/neighbor
				0			52 Boarder
				4			53 Nurse/nurses aide
				0			54 Legal/financial officer
				1			55 Guardian
				7			91 Other relative
				23			92 Other non-relative

Note: Applies only if RRECHLP = 1

RINFOSAT	62	2	YES1FMT			IR5	N Info provided by respondent satisfactory
				6,238			. Inapplicable
				27			-9 Not ascertained
				9,576			1 Yes
				278			2 No

Note: Optional interviewer data applicable to community interviews

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Note: Randomly-assigned number