

2014 Changes

INTERVIEW SURVEY AND DIARY SURVEY CONSUMER EXPENDITURE PUBLIC USE MICRODATA

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Changes in the 2014 Microdata Files from the 2013 Files

This document summarizes the changes in the 2014 files from the 2013 files for the Interview Survey and Diary Survey. Generally, there are three types of variable changes: Additions, deletions, and changes.

Interview Survey

A. Variable Deletions in FMLI file

Beginning in 2014Q1 the following variables will be deleted from the FMLI files. In the 2014 data, CE deleted variables that were related to calculating the poverty threshold.

For more information of poverty thresholds, visit the [poverty page](#) on CENSUS.gov.

Variable	Description	Flag	Type
POVLEVCY	Poverty threshold for this CU in the current year	POVL_VCY	NUM(8)
POVLEVPY	Poverty threshold for this CU in the previous year	POVL_VPY	NUM(8)
POV_CY	Is CU income below current year's poverty threshold? (Income is defined as FINCBTAX-FOODSMPX) CODED 1 Yes 2 No BLS derived	POV_CY_	CHAR(1)
POV_PY	Is CU income below current year's poverty threshold? (Income is defined as FINCBTAX-FOODSMPX) CODED 1 Yes 2 No BLS derived	POV_PY_	CHAR(1)
RESPSTAT	Completeness of income response status by code		CHAR(1)

B. Variable Additions in MCHI file

Beginning in 2014Q1 the following variables will be added to the MCHI files.

Variable	Description	Flag	Type
NCTPER15	(PV noncontact) Other		CHAR(1)
NCTTEL8	(PH noncontact) Other		CHAR(1)
NONINTR8	(No interview) Other		CHAR(1)
ATMPT1	Not attempting contact. What were you doing? Reviewing or changing case information		CHAR(1)
ATMPT3	Not attempting contact. What were you doing? Doing ACS geocode verification		CHAR(1)
ATMPT2	Not attempting contact. What were you doing? Readiing case for transmission		CHAR(1)
ATMPT4	Not attempting contact. What were you doing? Locating activities		CHAR(1)
ATMPT5	Not attempting contact. What were you doing? Verification of Type B/C		CHAR(1)
ATMPT6	Not attempting contact. What were you doing? Opened case/CHI by mistake		CHAR(1)
ATMPT7	Not attempting contact. What were you doing? Other		CHAR(1)

Diary Survey**A. Variable Deletions in FMLD file**

Beginning in 2014Q1 the following variables will be deleted from the FMLD files. In the 2014 data, CE deleted variables that were related to calculating the poverty threshold because CE determined that this data are not reliable.

Variable	Description	Flag	Type
POVLEVCY	Poverty threshold for this CU in the current year	POVL_VCY	NUM(8)
POVLEVPY	Poverty threshold for this CU in the previous year	POVL_VPY	NUM(8)
POV_CY	Is CU income below current year's poverty threshold? CODED 1 Yes 2 No BLS derived	POV_CY_	CHAR(1)
POV_PY	Is CU income below current year's poverty threshold? CODED 1 Yes 2 No BLS derived	POV_PY_	CHAR(1)
RESPSTAT	Completeness of income response status by code		CHAR(1)