

Guide to PHA Preferences Web Census Survey Data Documentation

1. Data

The data documentation folder contains two datasets and the format file for the data sets

- a. **All_phas.sasbdat7** – contains data on all 3,988 PHAs that were part of the study universe. Used for non-response analysis and for determining survey response rates.
- b. **Survey_completes.sasbdat7** – contains data on the 3,210 PHAs that completed the survey and is the core dataset used for analysis.
- c. **Formats** – SAS catalog file containing the formats for the datasets.

2. Programs

The programs folder contains the program used to create the master dataset, a program used to generate survey frequencies, and a program containing the formats for the variables in the datasets

- a. **CreateMasterWebCensusDataset.sas** – program used to generate the final master datasets (all_phas.sasbdat7 and survey_completes.sasbdat7)
- b. **Formats_DATA_10-16-2012.sas** – contains formats for variables in the final datasets. Is read into the CreateMasterWebCensusDataset.sas program to attach the formats to the final datasets.
- c. **Web Census Frequencies.sas** – program used to generate raw frequencies from the survey_completes and all_phas datasets. Uses the Frequencies Control File (see below) to select variables for the frequency output and to determine whether to generate frequencies or descriptive statistics for the variable.
 - i. **Frequencies Control File.xls** – file contains all variables in the master dataset and contains a system of flags to indicate the type of variable, type of procedure to be used (frequency versus descriptive statistics), and a set of flags indicating whether to include the variable in a particular frequency output document.

3. Frequencies

Contains raw frequencies from the each dataset and a formatted summary of the PHAs' survey answers.

- a. **Web Census Summary Frequencies.xls** – formatted summary of web census survey responses by survey section with a brief summary of respondent characteristics.
- b. **Web Census Raw Frequencies - PHA Universe.docx** – contains raw frequencies/descriptive statistics for variables in the “all_phas” dataset, primarily covering PHA characteristics of the study universe.
- c. **Web Census Raw Frequencies - Survey Completes.docx** – contains raw frequencies/descriptive statistics for variables included in the Web Census Survey for PHAs that responded to the survey. Also contains raw frequencies/descriptive statistics for PHA characteristics and analysis variables created from survey responses.

4. Accompanying Documentation

These documents capture essential features of the dataset, give additional relevant information about how key analysis variables were created, and provide notes on how to use the datasets included.

- a. **Web Survey Dataset Contents.xlsx** – provides overview of datasets and then lists each variable included in the dataset with a description of the variable, coding values, and data source of the variable.
- b. **Accompanying Notes to PHA Preferences Web Census Survey Data Documentation.docx** – provides additional documentation notes, covering the process of creating the final dataset, clarifying the differences between variables that seem similar, and other relevant notes for properly using the final dataset.
- c. **PHA Study_Web_Final.docx** – Paper copy of web survey.
- d. **Web Census Data Documentation Lead Cover Page.docx** – Cover page