

The 2011 American Housing Survey

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What is the AHS?

- Biennial survey of housing units
- Longitudinal
- Representative of the whole U.S. and selected metropolitan areas
- AHS data includes information about the housing unit, the occupant(s), and their housing costs
- Data release: summary tables and microdata



Overview

- Sample changes
- Content additions
- Content edits and deletions
- Major Public Use File change
- Released data products
- Planned data products



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Sample Changes

- Significant increase in sample size over previous years... 186,448 housing units
- 29 metropolitan area oversamples (~4,500 housing units in each metro area)
- HUD-assisted renters oversample (~5,250 housing units nationwide)



Content Additions

- New topical module: Home Accessibility
- New topical module: Healthy Homes
- Added Energy Star appliance questions
- Added energy efficiency remodeling and tax credit questions



Content Edits and Deletions

- Significant revisions to the Mortgage module
- Removed Journey to Work module
- Removed Neighborhood Observation module



Major Public Use File Change

- Combined national and metropolitan area samples:
 - National weight
 - Separate metropolitan area weights for each metropolitan area oversample



Released Data Products

<http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/ahs.html>

PUF v 1.0

Codebook changes document for 2011
AHS

Topcode/bottomcode file

Descriptive Statistics

SAS PUF File Flattener



Planned Data Products

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| Metropolitan Area maps and ESRI shapefiles | This week |
| Revised Codebook | By Dec. 31 |
| PUF v 2.0 (w/replicate weights) | TBD |
| SAS value label package | TBD |
| SAS table specifications code | TBD |



Planned Data Products

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| National Summary Report: tables (Excel) | This week |
| National Summary Report: full (PDF) | TBD |
| Metropolitan Area Summary Report (Excel) | By Dec. 31 |
| National Summary Report standard errors (Excel) | TBD |
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| American Fact Finder | By Dec. 13 |
| Metropolitan Area Fact Sheets (PDF) New! | By Dec. 31 |
| 2011 Wall Chart | By Nov. 9 |
| 2011 Data Wheel | By Nov. 30 |
| Introductory AHS Training Course | 2013 |



Information Resources

- AHS web pages
 - <http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/ahs.html>
 - <http://www.census.gov/housing/ahs/>
- AHS List Server
 - To subscribe, send a message to: ahs@huduser.org

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