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IDN.000_00.000				RECTYPE	File type identifier	1 - 2	2
IDN.000_02.000				SRVY_YR	Year of National Health Interview Survey	3 - 6	4
IDN.000_04.000				HHX	Household Number	7 - 12	6
IDN.000_35.000				FMX	Family Number	13 - 14	2
IDN.000_70.000				WTFA_FAM	Weight - Final Annual	15 - 20	6
FRT.010_02.000	R01	RECODE		FINT_Y_P	Year Interview Completed - Year	21 - 24	4
FRT.010_02.000	R02	RECODE		FINT_M_P	Date of Interview - Month	25 - 26	2
COV.330_01.000	R01	RECODE		TELN_FLG	Supplied telephone number	27	1
COV.331_00.000			CURWRK	CURWRKN	Working phone inside home	28	1
COV.334_00.000			TELCEL	TELCELN	Working cell phone in family	29	1
COV.335_00.000			WRKCEL	WRKCELN	Number of working cell phones	30 - 31	2
COV.337_00.000			PHONEUSE	PHONEUSE	Received calls cell/landline/both	32	1
BCK.045_00.000			CLOSE1	FLNGINTV	Language of Interview	33	1
MFM.000_00.000	R02	RECODE		FM_SIZE	Size of family	34 - 35	2
MFM.000_00.000	R03	RECODE		FM_KIDS	# family members under 18 years of age	36 - 37	2
MFM.000_00.000	R04	RECODE		FM_ELDR	# family members aged 65 and older	38 - 39	2
MFM.000_00.000	R05	RECODE		FM_TYPE	Family type	40	1
MFM.000_00.000	R07	RECODE		FM_STRCP	Family Structure	41 - 42	2
MFM.000_00.000	R08	RECODE		FM_STRP	Family Structure	43 - 44	2
MFM.000_00.000	R10	RECODE		FM_EDUC1	Education of adult with highest education in family	45 - 46	2
FHS.005_00.000	R01	RECODE		FCHLMYN	Any children under age 5 in family with play limitations?	47	1
FHS.005_00.000	R02	RECODE		FCHLMCT	# children under age 5 in family with play limitations	48 - 49	2
FHS.050_00.000	R01	RECODE		FSPED YN	Any children in family receive Special Education/EIS?	50	1
FHS.050_00.000	R02	RECODE		FSPEDCT	# children in family receiving Special Education/EIS	51 - 52	2

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FHS.070_00.000	R01	RECODE		FLAADLYN	Any family member need help with an ADL?	53	1
FHS.070_00.000	R02	RECODE		FLAADLCT	# family members needing help with an ADL	54 - 55	2
FHS.150_00.000	R01	RECODE		FLIADLYN	Any family member need help with an IADL?	56	1
FHS.150_00.000	R02	RECODE		FLIADLCT	# family members needing help with an IADL	57 - 58	2
FHS.190_00.000	R01	RECODE		FWKLIMYN	Any family member have work limitations due to a health problem?	59	1
FHS.190_00.000	R02	RECODE		FWKLIMCT	# family members with work limitations due to a health problem	60 - 61	2
FHS.210_00.000	R01	RECODE		FWALKYN	Any family member have difficulty walking without equipment?	62	1
FHS.210_00.000	R02	RECODE		FWALKCT	# family members having difficulty walking without equipment	63 - 64	2
FHS.230_00.000	R01	RECODE		FREMEMYN	Any family member limited by difficulty remembering?	65	1
FHS.230_00.000	R02	RECODE		FREMEMCT	# family members with difficulty remembering	66 - 67	2
FHS.250_00.000	R01	RECODE		FANYLYN	Is any family member limited in ANY WAY?	68	1
FHS.250_00.000	R02	RECODE		FANYLCT	# of family members with ANY limitation	69 - 70	2
FHS.500_00.000	R03	RECODE		FHSTATEX	# family members in excellent health	71 - 72	2
FHS.500_00.000	R04	RECODE		FHSTATVG	# family members in very good health	73 - 74	2
FHS.500_00.000	R05	RECODE		FHSTATG	# family members in good health	75 - 76	2
FHS.500_00.000	R06	RECODE		FHSTATFR	# family members in fair health	77 - 78	2
FHS.500_00.000	R07	RECODE		FHSTATPR	# family members in poor health	79 - 80	2
FFS.010_00.000			FSRUNOUT	FSRUNOUT	Worried food would run out before got money to buy more	81	1
FFS.020_00.000			FSLAST	FSLAST	Food did not last before had money to get more	82	1
FFS.030_00.000			FSBALANC	FSBALANC	Could not afford to eat balanced meals	83	1
FFS.040_00.000			FSSKIP	FSSKIP	Cut size or skipped meals because not enough money	84	1
FFS.050_00.000			FSSKDAYS	FSSKDAYS	Number of days cut size or skipped meals	85 - 86	2
FFS.060_00.000			FSLESS	FSLESS	Eat less than felt should because not enough money	87	1
FFS.070_00.000			FSHUNGRY	FSHUNGRY	Hungry but did not eat because not enough money	88	1

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FFS.080_00.000			FSWEIGHT	FSWEIGHT	Lose weight because not enough money for food	89	1
FFS.090_00.000			FSNOTEAT	FSNOTEAT	Not eat for a whole day because not enough money for food	90	1
FFS.100_00.000			FSNEDAYS	FSNEDAYS	Number of days did not eat	91 - 92	2
FAU.010_00.000	R01	RECODE		FDMEDYN	Any family member delay* seeking medical care, 12m?	93	1
FAU.010_00.000	R02	RECODE		FDMEDCT	# of family members for whom medical care was delayed*, 12m	94 - 95	2
FAU.030_00.000	R01	RECODE		FNMEDYN	Any family member need and not get medical care*, 12m?	96	1
FAU.030_00.000	R02	RECODE		FNMEDCT	# of family members who needed and did not get medical care*, 12m	97 - 98	2
FAU.050_00.000	R01	RECODE		FHOSP2YN	Any family member in hospital overnight, 12m?	99	1
FAU.050_00.000	R02	RECODE		FHOSP2CT	# of family members in hospital overnight, 12m	100 - 101	2
FAU.120_00.000	R01	RECODE		FHCHMYN	Any family member receive home care*, 2wk?	102	1
FAU.120_00.000	R02	RECODE		FHCHMCT	# of family members who received home care*, 2wk	103 - 104	2
FAU.150_00.000	R01	RECODE		FHCPHRYN	Any family member get advice/test results over the phone, 2wk?	105	1
FAU.150_00.000	R02	RECODE		FHCPHRCT	# of family members who got advice/test results over the phone, 2wk	106 - 107	2
FAU.180_00.000	R01	RECODE		FHCDVYN	Any family member have an office visit, etc., 2wk	108	1
FAU.180_00.000	R02	RECODE		FHCDVCT	# of family members who had an office visit, etc., 2wk	109 - 110	2
FAU.210_00.000	R01	RECODE		F10DVYN	Any family member receive care 10+ times, 12m?	111	1
FAU.210_00.000	R02	RECODE		F10DVCT	# of family members who received care 10+ times, 12m	112 - 113	2
FHL070_00.000	R01	RECODE		FHICOVYN	Any family member have health insurance coverage?	114	1
FHL070_00.000	R02	RECODE		FHICOVCT	Number of family members with health insurance coverage	115 - 116	2
FHL070_00.000	R03	RECODE		FHIPRVCT	Number of family members with private health insurance coverage	117 - 118	2
FHL070_00.000	R04	RECODE		FHIEXCT	Number of family members with exchange-based coverage	119 - 120	2
FHL070_00.000	R05	RECODE		FHISINCT	Number of family members with single service plans	121 - 122	2
FHI.070_00.000	R06	RECODE		FHICARCT	Number of family members with Medicare	123 - 124	2
FHI.070_00.000	R07	RECODE		FHICADCT	Number of family members with Medicaid	125 - 126	2

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FHL070_00.000	R08	RECODE		FHICHPCT	Number of family members with SCHIP	127 - 128	2
FHL070_00.000	R09	RECODE		FHIMILCT	Number of family members with Military health insurance coverage	129 - 130	2
FHL070_00.000	R10	RECODE		FHIIHSCT	Number of family members with Indian Health Service coverage	131 - 132	2
FHL070_00.000	R11	RECODE		FHIPUBCT	Number of family members with other state-sponsored health plan	133 - 134	2
FHL070_00.000	R12	RECODE		FHIOGVCT	Number of family members with other government health plan	135 - 136	2
FHI.204_01.010	R13	RECODE		FPRCOOH	Any persons covered living outside of the household	137	1
FHL210_01.000	R14	RECODE		FHIEBCCT	Number of family members with employer based coverage	138 - 139	2
FHI.249_03.000	R15	RECODE		COVCONF	Confidence in obtaining affordable coverage	140	1
FHI.320_00.000	R16	RECODE		FHICOST	Cost of family medical/dental care in the past 12 months	141	1
FHL325_00.010	R17	RECODE		FMEDBILL	Problems paying or unable to pay any medical bills	142	1
FHI.327_00.010	R18	RECODE		FMEDBPAY	Medical bills being paid off over time	143	1
FHL327_00.020	R19	RECODE		FMEDBNOP	Unable to pay medical bills	144	1
FHL330_00.000	R20	RECODE		FSAF	Family has a Flexible Spending Account	145	1
FSD.007_00.000	R01	RECODE		FHDSTCT	# of children in family currently or ever in Head Start	146 - 147	2
FSD.050_00.000	R01	RECODE		FDGLWCT1	# family members working last week	148 - 149	2
FSD.050_00.000	R02	RECODE		FDGLWCT2	# family members looking for work last week	150 - 151	2
FSD.070_00.000	R01	RECODE		FWRKLWCT	# family members working full time last week	152 - 153	2
FIN.040_00.000	R01	RECODE		FSALYN	Any family member receive income from wages or salary?	154	1
FIN.040_00.000	R02	RECODE		FSALCT	# family members receiving income from wages or salary	155 - 156	2
FIN.060_00.000	R01	RECODE		FSEINCYN	Any family member receive income from self-employment?	157	1
FIN.060_00.000	R02	RECODE		FSEINCCT	# family members receiving income from self-employment	158 - 159	2
FIN.080_00.000	R01	RECODE		FSSRRYN	Any family member receive Social Security or Railroad Retirement income?	160	1
FIN.080_00.000	R02	RECODE		FSSRRCT	# family members receiving Social Security or Railroad Retirement income	161 - 162	2
FIN.100_00.000	R01	RECODE		FPENSYN	Any family members receive disability pensions*?	163	1

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FIN.100_00.000	R02	RECODE		FPENSCT	# family members receiving disability pensions*	164 - 165	2
FIN.104_00.000	R01	RECODE		FOPENSYN	Any family member receive other survivor or retirement pensions?	166	1
FIN.104_00.000	R02	RECODE		FOPENSCT	# family members receiving other survivor or retirement pension	167 - 168	2
FIN.120_00.000	R01	RECODE		FSSIYN	Any family member receive income from SSI?	169	1
FIN.120_00.000	R02	RECODE		FSSICT	# of family members receiving income from SSI	170 - 171	2
FIN.160_00.000	R01	RECODE		FTANFYN	Any family member receive income from a state or county welfare program?	172	1
FIN.160_00.000	R02	RECODE		FTANFCT	# of family members receiving income from a state or county welfare program	173 - 174	2
FIN.166_00.000	R01	RECODE		FOWBENYN	Any family member receive other kind of welfare assistance?	175	1
FIN.166_00.000	R02	RECODE		FOWBENCT	# of family members receiving other kind of welfare assistance	176 - 177	2
FIN.180_00.000	R01	RECODE		FINTR1YN	Any family member receive income from interest bearing accounts, funds, etc.?	178	1
FIN.180_00.000	R02	RECODE		FINTR1CT	# of family members receiving income from interest bearing accounts, funds, etc.	179 - 180	2
FIN.200_00.000	R01	RECODE		FDIVDYN	Any family member receive dividends from stocks, etc.?	181	1
FIN.200_00.000	R02	RECODE		FDIVDCT	# of family members receiving dividends from stocks, etc.	182 - 183	2
FIN.220_00.000	R01	RECODE		FCHSPYN	Any family member receive child support income?	184	1
FIN.220_00.000	R02	RECODE		FCHSPCT	# of family members for whom child support was received	185 - 186	2
FIN.240_00.000	R01	RECODE		FINCOTYN	Any family member receive income from any other source?	187	1
FIN.240_00.000	R02	RECODE		FINCOTCT	# of family members receiving income from any other source	188 - 189	2
FIN.250_00.000	R01	RECODE		INCGRP4	Total combined family income (grouped)	190 - 191	2
FIN.250_00.000	R02	RECODE		INCGRP5	Total combined family income (grouped)	192 - 193	2
FIN.250_00.000	R03	RECODE		RAT_CAT4	Ratio of family income to the poverty threshold	194 - 195	2
FIN.250_00.000	R04	RECODE		RAT_CAT5	Ratio of family income to the poverty threshold	196 - 197	2
FIN.280_00.000			HOUSEOWN	HOUSEOWN	Home tenure status	198	1
FIN.282_00.000			FGAH	FGAH	Paying lower rent due to government program	199	1

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FIN.310_00.000 R0	01 RECO	DE	FSSAPLYN	Any family member ever apply for SSI?	200	1
FIN.310_00.000 R0	02 RECO	DE	FSSAPLCT	# family members ever applying for SSI	201 - 202	2
FIN.340_00.000 R0	01 RECO	DE	FSDAPLYN	Any family member ever apply for SSDI?	203	1
FIN.340_00.000 R0	02 RECO	DE	FSDAPLCT	# family members ever applying for SSDI	204 - 205	2
FIN.360_00.000		FSNAP	FSNAP	Any family member receive food stamp/SNAP benefits last calendar year?	206	1
FIN.380_00.000		FSNAPMYR	FSNAPMYR	Number of months family received food stamps/SNAP benefits, last calendar year	207 - 208	2
FIN.385_00.000 R0	01 RECO	DE	FWICYN	Any family member receiving WIC benefits?	209	1
FIN.385_00.000 R0	02 RECO	DE	FWICCT	# family members receiving WIC benefits	210 - 211	2