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This file contains demographic information collected in the survey. There is one record for each person who completed an interview. Similar data obtained from CMS administrative files such as date of birth and gender may be found in RIC A.

RIC	1	2					C Record Identification Code
VERSION	3	1					C Version Number
BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT				C Unique SP Identification Number
				18,330			LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
D_DOB	12	6	\$DTE6FMT	IN9	RH9		C Date of birth
				18,330			Date in YYYYMM format
ROSTSEX	18	2	SEXFMT	IN11	RH6		N Gender of SP
				7,901			1 Male
				10,429			2 Female
D_AFEVER	20	2	YES1FMT	EN9	BQ12		N SP ever served in armed forces (AF)?
				2			. Inapplicable
				112			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				4,382			1 Yes
				13,831			2 No
							Note: Inapplicable if SP is less than 17 years old (15 for Facility CAPI).
D_AFVIET	22	2	YES1FMT	EN10	BQ12A		N SP served in AF during Vietnam era?
				13,948			. Inapplicable
				19			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				371			1 Yes
				3,991			2 No
							Note: Applies only if D_AFEVER = 1
D_AFKORE	24	2	YES1FMT	EN10	BQ12A		N SP served in AF during Korean conflict?
				13,948			. Inapplicable
				19			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,246			1 Yes
				3,116			2 No
							Note: Applies only if D_AFEVER = 1
D_AFWWII	26	2	YES1FMT	EN10	BQ12A		N SP served in AF during World War II?
				13,948			. Inapplicable
				19			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,023			1 Yes
				1,339			2 No
							Note: Applies only if D_AFEVER = 1

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D_AFWWI	28	2	YES1FMT		EN10	BQ12A	N SP served in AF during World War I?
				13,948			. Inapplicable
				19			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				20			1 Yes
				4,342			2 No
				Note: Applies only if D_AFEVER = 1			
D_AFPEAC	30	2	YES1FMT		EN10	BQ12A	N SP served in AF during peace time?
				13,948			. Inapplicable
				19			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				350			1 Yes
				4,012			2 No
				Note: Applies only if D_AFEVER = 1			
D_NGEVER	32	2	YES1FMT		EN11	BQ12B	N SP ever active Natl Guard/Reserve?
				2			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				148			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				982			1 Yes
				17,193			2 No
				Note: Inapplicable if SP is less than 17 years old (15 for Facility CAPI).			
D_NGALL	34	2	YES1FMT		EN12	BQ12C	N All active duty spent in Natl Guard?
				17,348			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				295			1 Yes
				682			2 No
				Note: Applies only if D_NGEVER = 1			
D_NGDSBL	36	2	YES1FMT		EN13	BQ12D	N Does SP have disability from service?
				13,818			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				16			-8 Don't know
				5			-7 Refused
				604			1 Yes
				3,886			2 No
				Note: Applies only if D_AFEVER = 1 or D_NGEVER = 1			

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D_VARATE	38	3	VADISFMT		EN14	BQ12E	N Current VA disability rating
				17,726			. Inapplicable
				97			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				29			0 0% Disability Rating
				175			1-10 1% to 10% Disability Rating
				54			11-25 11% to 25% Disability Rating
				144			26-50 26% to 50% Disability Rating
				22			51-75 51% to 75% Disability Rating
				11			76-99 76% to 99% Disability Rating
				70			100 100% Disability Rating

Note: Applies only if D_NGDSBL = 1.

D_RACE	41	2	RACEFMT		DI1	BQ11A	N Race of SP
				1			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				7			-8 Don't know
				14			-7 Refused
				153			1 American Indian
				219			2 Asian or Pacific Islander
				1,929			3 Black or African American
				15,788			4 White
				0			5 More than one
				218			91 Other

Note: In 1998, categories changed. See Notes on Using the Data for details.

D_ETHNIC	43	2	YES2FMT		DI2	BQ10A	N Is SP of Hispanic ancestry?
				1			. Missing
				10			-9 Not ascertained
				39			-8 Don't know
				10			-7 Refused
				1,142			1 Yes
				17,128			2 No

SPCHNLNM	45	2	CHILDFMT		IN14	BQ18,19	N Number of children living
				684			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				6			-7 Refused
				2,607			0 No children
				2,478			1 One child
				4,230			2 Two children
				3,270			3 Three children
				2,100			4 Four children
				1,177			5 Five children
				1,772			Six or more children

Note: Not asked in facility interviews until 1997.

Variable	Col	Len	Format	Frequency	ComQues#	FacQues#	Variable Type & Label
SPHIGRAD	47	2	HIGHFMT		DI3		N Highest school grade completed
				4			. Missing
				17			-9 Not ascertained
				426			-8 Don't know
				30			-7 Refused
				459			-1 Inapplicable
				332			1 1st grade
				127			2 2nd grade
				248			3 3rd grade
				249			4 4th grade
				291			5 5th grade
				475			6 6th grade
				497			7 7th grade
				1,630			8 8th grade
				900			9 1st year of high school
				1,068			10 2nd year of high school
				924			11 3rd year of high school
				5,797			12 4th year of high school
				916			13 1 year of college
				1,278			14 2 years of college
				428			15 3 years of college
				1,263			16 4 years of college
				239			17 5 years of college
				732			18 6 or more years of college

Note: Not asked in new facility panel interviews after 1996.

SPMARSTA	49	2	MARFMT		IN13	BQ13	N Marital status of SP
				2			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				15			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				8,616			1 Married
				6,355			2 Widowed
				1,379			3 Divorced
				265			4 Separated
				1,694			5 Never married

Note: After 1994, marital status was asked annually in the fall round.

INCOME	51	3	INCFMT		DI4,DI5	BQ24-27	N Income range of SP
				116			. Missing
				490			-25 Less than \$25,000
				11			-9 Not ascertained
				707			-8 Don't know
				250			-7 Refused
				1,249			1 \$5,000 or Less
				4,513			2 \$5,001-\$10,000
				2,880			3 \$10,001-\$15,000
				1,956			4 \$15,001-\$20,000
				1,639			5 \$20,001-\$25,000
				1,162			6 \$25,001-\$30,000
				746			7 \$30,001-\$35,000
				655			8 \$35,001-\$40,000
				347			9 \$40,001-\$45,000
				345			10 \$45,001-\$50,000
				854			11 \$50,001 or more
				410			25 \$25,000 or more

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D_DIVCUR	54	2	\$CENSUS				C Census division of SP's residence
				6			UN Unknown
				0			00 Not known
				508			01 New England
				3,489			02 Middle Atlantic
				2,931			03 East North Central
				1,137			04 West North Central
				3,254			05 South Atlantic
				881			06 East South Central
				1,705			07 West South Central
				1,940			08 Mountain
				2,224			09 Pacific
				255			10 Puerto Rico
EDLEVELF	56	2	EDLVFMT			BQ9	N Level of education
				17,871			. Inapplicable
				89			-8 Don't know
				29			1 No formal schooling
				103			2 Elementary (1st-8th)
				70			3 Some high school (9th-12th)
				92			4 Completed high school
				13			5 Technical or trace school
				21			6 Some college
				26			7 College graduate
				16			8 Graduate school

Notes: Only asked in initial facility interviews of new SPs beginning in 1997.
 First available in 1997