

Resource Summary Report

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Public Use Microdata Sample for the Older Population

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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/6219>

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Description: A public-use microdata sample focusing on the older population created from the 1990 census. This sample consists of 3 percent of households with at least one member aged 60 or older. Although, the highest age presented is age 90, this allows analysis of data on the very old for most states with a reasonable degree of reliability. Since data for all members in households containing a person 60 years and over will be on the file, users will be able to analyze patterns such as living arrangements and sources of household income from which older members may benefit. Additionally, users will be able to augment the PUMS-O sample with a PUMS file. The Census Bureau has issued two regular PUMS files for the entire population. One PUMS file will contain 1 percent of all households; the other PUMS file will contain 5 percent of all households. Both files have most sample data items, and differ only in geographical composition. The 1-percent file contains geographic areas that reflect metropolitan vs. non-metropolitan areas. The 5-percent file shows counties or groups of counties as well as large sub-county areas such as places of 100,000 or more. The geography on the 5-percent PUMS file matches that of the PUMS-O file. Since data for different households are present on the two files, users can merge the PUMS-O file with the 5-percent PUMS to construct an 8-percent sample. However, weighted averages must be constructed for any estimates created because each sample yields state-level estimates. Thus, it is possible to analyze substate areas even for the very old. In states where the geographic areas identified on the PUMS-O and the 5-percent PUMS are coterminous with State Planning and Service Areas (used by service providers in relation to the Older Americans Act), the Planning and Service Areas are identified. * Dates of Study: 1990-2000 Links: 1980: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/08101> 2000: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/04204>

Abbreviations: PUMS-O

Synonyms: Public Use Microdata Sample: 3-Percent Elderly Sample, Public Use Microdata Sample: Elderly Households Extract

Resource Type: data or information resource, data set

Keywords: late adult human

Related Condition: Aging

Funding: U.S. Census Bureau ;
Administration on Aging

Availability: Public, Computer tape, CD-ROM, Customer Services, Bureau of the Census, (301) 457-4100

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Public Use Microdata Sample for the Older Population.

No alerts have been found for Public Use Microdata Sample for the Older Population.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We have not found any literature mentions for this resource.