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HHWT

Household weight

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Description

HHWT indicates how many households in the U.S. population are represented by a given household in an IPUMS sample.

It is generally a good idea to use HHWT when conducting a household-level analysis of any IPUMS sample. The use of HHWT is optional when analyzing one of the "flat" or unweighted IPUMS samples. Flat IPUMS samples include the 1% samples from 1850-1930, all samples from 1960, 1970, and 1980, the 1% unweighted samples from 1990 and 2000, the 10% 2010 sample, and any of the full count 100% census datasets. HHWT must be used to obtain nationally representative statistics for household-level analyses of any sample other than those.

Users should also be sure to select one person (e.g., [PERNUM](#) = 1) to represent the entire household.

For further explanation of the sample weights, see ["Sample Designs"](#) and ["Sample Weights"](#). See also [PERWT](#) for a corresponding variable at the person level, and [SLWT](#) for a weight variable used with sample-line records in 1940 1% and 1950.

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