

HEALTH AND RETIREMENT STUDY

Exit Place of Death

Restricted Data

Deaths Reported, 1994-2022

Data Description and Usage

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To the Restricted Data Investigator:

Use of this data product is limited to researchers who have obtained authorization from the Health and Retirement Study and the University of Michigan.

If there are any questions about this data set and its use, refer to the [HRS Restricted Data Website](#) or contact the [HRS Help Desk](#).

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1. Overview

The Health and Retirement Study (HRS) is a national longitudinal study of the economic, health, marital, and family status, as well as public and private support systems, of older Americans. The HRS is a rich source of longitudinal, cross-sectional data for researchers and policymakers who study aging. Funding for the Health and Retirement Study is provided by the National Institute on Aging at NIH (U01AG009740), with supplemental support from the Social Security Administration. The study is conducted by the Institute for Social Research (ISR) at the University of Michigan.

2. Obtaining the Data

2a. Access to Restricted Data

Although most HRS data sets are available to the public without restriction, certain HRS data sets contain sensitive respondent information and are only available under terms of a formal agreement negotiated between the researcher and HRS. Prospective users of HRS restricted data may obtain access through the [Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging \(MiCDA\) Virtual Desktop Infrastructure](#). For instructions on how to proceed, visit the [HRS Restricted Data Website](#). If you have questions, contact the [HRS Restricted Data Applications Processing Team](#).¹

2b. Restricted Data Agreement

This restricted data set is intended for exclusive use by you and the persons (if any) specified in your restricted data agreement. Access to this data set is

¹ **Note:** This data set is also available in the NIA LINKAGE enclave. Consult the [HRS Restricted Data Website](#) for further information.

limited to users who have been approved for the MiCDA VDI by the Health and Retirement Study and the University of Michigan.

2c. Publications Based on Restricted Data

Your restricted data agreement requires you to inform HRS of any papers, publications, or presentations based on the data set. Send a bibliographical reference (including a URL link whenever possible) for each published item to the [HRS Restricted Data Applications Processing Team](#) with “Attn: Papers and Publications” in the subject line. Whenever possible, a PDF-formatted copy of the publication should be included. As an alternative, publications may be transmitted in paper format by postal mail:

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Attn: Papers and Publications
The Institute for Social Research, Room 3450
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Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1248

3. Data Set Content

This version of the **Exit Place of Death 1994-2022** data set is based on respondents coded as deceased in the current version of the tracker file (Tracker 2022).² The file has 17,491 records, which are uniquely identified by Household Identifier (HHID) and Person Number (PN). The file provides two previously unreleased variables collected during the exit interview: state

² **Note:** The HRS tracker file is created to facilitate the use of HRS data within and across waves. It contains one record for every person who was ever eligible to be interviewed in any wave. The tracker file version used in preparation of this data set (Tracker 2022) covers all types of interviews (Core, Exit, and Post-Exit) for 1992 through the 2022 interviewing year.

in which the respondent was reported to have died (A126) and state in which the death certificate was reported to have been filed (A129).

TABLE 1: CONTENTS OF DISTRIBUTION PACKAGE

Directory	File	Type
.\xpod\docs\	XPOD2022.txt	Codebook file (ASCII text)
.\xpod\docs\	XPOD2022DD.pdf	Data Description (this file)
.\xpod\built\sas\	XPOD2022.sas7bdat	SAS system file
.\xpod\built\spss\	XPOD2022.sav	SPSS system file
.\xpod\built\stata\	XPOD2022.dta	Stata system file

4. If You Need to Know More

This document is intended to serve as a brief overview of the **Exit Place of Death 1994-2022** data set. If you have questions or concerns that are not adequately covered here or on our Website, or if you have any comments, please contact us. We will do our best to provide answers.

4a. HRS Website

To access public release data, find additional information about the Health and Retirement Study, or learn more about restricted data products, visit the [HRS Website](#).

4b. Contact Information

If you need to contact us, you may do so by:

1. [HRS Help Desk Website](#)
2. hqsquestions@umich.edu
3. Postal Service:

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The Institute for Social Research
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Appendix A: State Codes

FIPS Code	SRO Code	USPS Code	State Name
1	1	AL	Alabama
2	2	AK	Alaska
4	3	AZ	Arizona
5	4	AR	Arkansas
6	5	CA	California
8	6	CO	Colorado
9	7	CT	Connecticut
10	8	DE	Delaware
11	51	DC	District of Columbia
12	9	FL	Florida
13	10	GA	Georgia
15	11	HI	Hawaii
16	12	ID	Idaho
17	13	IL	Illinois
18	14	IL	Indiana
19	15	IA	Iowa
20	16	KS	Kansas
21	17	KY	Kentucky
22	18	LA	Louisiana
23	19	ME	Maine
24	20	MD	Maryland
25	21	MA	Massachusetts
26	22	MI	Michigan
27	23	MN	Minnesota
28	24	MS	Mississippi
29	25	MO	Missouri
30	26	MT	Montana
31	27	NE	Nebraska
32	28	NV	Nevada
33	29	NH	New Hampshire
34	30	NJ	New Jersey
35	31	NM	New Mexico
36	32	NY	New York
37	33	NC	North Carolina
38	34	ND	North Dakota
39	35	OH	Ohio
40	36	OK	Oklahoma
41	37	OR	Oregon

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42	38	PA	Pennsylvania
44	39	RI	Rhode Island
45	40	SC	South Carolina
46	41	SD	South Dakota
47	42	TN	Tennessee
48	43	TX	Texas
49	44	UT	Utah
50	45	VT	Vermont
51	46	VA	Virginia
53	47	WA	Washington
54	48	WV	West Virginia
55	49	WI	Wisconsin
56	50	WY	Wyoming
60	53	AS	American Samoa
64	54	FM	Federated States of Micronesia
66	55	GU	Guam
68	56	MH	Marshall Islands
69	57	MP	Northern Mariana Islands
70	58	PW	Palau
72	52	PR	Puerto Rico
78	59	VI	Virgin Islands