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Please review the Data Change Log (Section 2) if you have previously worked with the Journeys Home data.

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1 ABOUT THE USER MANUAL

This manual aims to document the Journeys Home data and things you need to know when using the Journeys Home data. This includes things such as missing data conventions, derived variables and how datasets have been constructed. You will rarely need to read this document from start to end - you can search for variables using your PDF readers find functionality or you can use the table of contents to find specific chapters.

This document will be available on the Journeys Home website and will be updated as further information becomes available. A summary of changes and new information will also be published with each update; these changes are also included in the change log (Section 2 below) of this document.

The Journeys Home website is: http://www.melbourneinstitute.com/journeys_home/

Variable names in this document are presented in UPPERCASE for readability however all variables names are LOWERCASE for all of the Journeys Home datasets. If you are using a case sensitive statistical package please remember to use lowercase names.

2 DATA CHANGE LOG

2.1 VERSION 201412.1

RELEASE DATE: 10th December 2014

DATE FILES: Index, W1, W2, W3, W4, W5, W6, Accommodation Calendar through W6, Children Data File

This is the first release of the completed Journeys Home data. Future releases will be for maintenance purposes only. Please check the Journeys Home website for updates and revision notices.

1. Addition of HWXCOND variables (experienced health problem since previous interview).
2. Restricted JSIN6M to only Wave 1 data – use HXTH13R for Wave 2 onwards.
3. Further longitudinal cleaning and consistency improvements.

2.2 VERSION 201410.1

RELEASE DATE: Not released

DATA FILES: Index, W1, W2, W3, W4, W5, W6, Accommodation Calendar through W6, Children Data File

This version is not available for public access it has been created for W6 data management processes.

1. Wave 6 data has been added:
 - a. New sections on marital history (MH), parents marriage (CG), internet usage (WU), personal control and impulsivity (CI), risk and time preferences (RT) and cognitive ability (CA).
 - b. Additional variables related to needing a health service but not going to the doctor (HWZ prefixed) and life-time history of gambling and betting and associated debts (IZ prefixed).
 - c. An additional dataset containing cross-wave identified children has been provided in the unconfidentialised (limited) releases. This separate dataset also includes additional variables related to children's education and care added in Wave 6. These additional variables are not available in the confidentialised (general and overseas) releases.
2. An additional variable has been added to the calendar MCDTR*: This variable indicates what type of change – if any – has been made to the corresponding MCWHEN* date. The codes for this are derived from the modifications detailed below in Version 201405.2 Item #3.
3. IYWKV and ICYWKV have been updated for each wave based on new RED extracts.
4. Variables related to 2nd youngest and 2nd oldest children have been updated to match the definition in this document. Previously they were only coded where PCU18T>2.
5. An additional accommodation proportion of time has been derived: HTHUP. This is the time spent living in a house/unit irrespective of the tenure arrangements.
6. Distance moved between waves has been split into two separate variables: TMOVEF provides distance between consecutive fieldwork periods; TMOVER provides distance between consecutive responding waves.

2.3 VERSION 201405.2

RELEASE DATE: Not released

DATA FILES: Index, W1, W2, W3, W4, W5, Accommodation Calendar through to W5

This version is not available for public access it has been created for W5 data management processes.

1. ENYRPP has been adjusted to match EMDUR where EMDUR>0 and ENYRPP=1.
2. This manual has been updated to properly define temporariness for HSTATUS2.
3. Dates for calendar spells (MCWHEN*) have been modified so that if the spell started on the interview date and the accommodation type matches (i.e. MCACC* and HACCTYP); the spell start date should be the day before the interview. The HACCTYP reported accommodation is “where they stayed last night” which means they must have moved their before the current day.
4. Where respondent is paying rent to caravan park or hotel managers the calendar accommodation type – for spell at interview – now assumes they are living in that type of accommodation, unless reported otherwise; similarly, when paying rent to welfare service providers the calendar accommodation type is coded to Crisis Accommodation, unless reported as something else.

2.4 VERSION 201403.3

RELEASE DATE: Not released

DATA FILES: Index, W1, W2, W3, W4, W5, Accommodation Calendar through to W5

This version is not available for public access it has been created for W5 data management processes.

1. Wave 5 data has been added:
 - a. Variables on Mobile Phone Usage (MP) and Diet and Food Security (DF) are now available.
 - b. Self assessed personality descriptors (PZSELF) are included.
 - c. Floating point value rounding changed from 0.01 to 0.00001.

2.5 VERSION 201403.2

RELEASE DATE: 27th March 2014

DATA FILES: Index, W1, W2, W3, W4, Accommodation Calendar through to W4

1. User manual description of weights for W4/W5 has been revised to reflect correct weight totals.
2. Some corrections to derivations from RED:
 - a. INCPDUR: Some Income Support spells were not counted when deriving this value. The missing spells all have duration greater than the time between interviews (JHBTWN);
 - b. AXBENSU / AXSUSRSN: Over-counted respondents with a suspension between waves. Also affects AXSUFail, AXSUIMP, AXSUWTD, AXSUOVS, AXSUOTH, AXSUFCD & AXSUCCHG; and
 - c. ABENS6M: Under-counted number of suspensions / cancellations.
3. The layout of multiple-choice questions in the User Manual has been revised for clarity.
4. Corrected documentation on sorting order of children: unknown ages are assumed to be eldest. This does not change the data it is a documentation change only. Previously the documentation indicated children with unknown ages remained in relative place to their prior reported siblings.

NOTE: This version of the User Manual includes documentation on variables which will be available in a future release (i.e. a release which includes W5 and W6 data). The variables on mobile phone usage and diet and food security (prefixed with DF and MP) are not available in this release.

2.6 VERSION 201403.1

RELEASE DATE: 1st March 2013

DATA FILES: Index, W1, W2, W3, W4, Accommodation Calendar through to W4

This release includes two major changes to the datasets available.

1. The Journeys Home data is now available for the R statistical package.
2. The LIMITED release file has been divided into two separate release types: LIMITED and LIMITED+RED. The old limited release is equivalent to the new LIMITED+RED release. The new LIMITED release applies the principle of only releasing RED data where there is a specific research need. As such the new LIMITED release does not include variables on income support or any of the A prefixed variables.

Other changes:

1. The variables HFHLR* and HLHLR* in Wave 2 onwards had values matching the same variables in Wave 1. These variables have been coded as -9 (Not available in this dataset) to match this documents description of the variables.
2. New sections added to documentation: Mobile Phone Usage, Diet and Food Security
3. The description for HWCIGDAY has been updated to reflect this is a reported measure of cigarettes smoked on a day when the respondent smokes - not the average number of cigarettes per day.
4. Variables HHMLS6M and HHMLSRP have been updated to bring their definition into line with the HSTATUS2 definition. The change means that anyone with an episode of secondary homelessness will be coded as YES irrespective of spell length except for episodes staying with family, friends or other relatives which still require the spell length be less than 6 months.
5. Wave 4 midpoint in this document was incorrect: listed as 27th March should have been 8th April. The calculations and data used 8th April – this is just a documentation error.
6. Interview dates have been added to the accommodation calendar.

NOTE: This version of the User Manual includes documentation on variables which will be available in a future release (i.e. a release which includes W5 and W6 data). The variables on mobile phone usage and diet and food security (prefixed with DF and MP) are not available in this release.

2.7 VERSION 201310.1

RELEASE DATE: 10th October 2013

DATA FILES: Index, W1, W2, W3, W4, Accommodation Calendar through to W4

1. Wave 4 data has been added
 - a. Variables on other children living/staying with the respondent are now available: PYCHOTH, PYCHU18T, PYCHU5T, PYCH512T, PYCHO12T, PYCHRES, PYCHF, PYCHM
 - b. Variables for age, gender and whether the other children live with respondent all or most of the time are available in the LIMITED release data: PYC#AGE, PYC#SEX and PYC#RES.
 - c. Number of adults living with the respondent is now available: HYACCT
 - d. Details on bond and vacating process are included: HYBOND and HYNOTICE
2. HRARR3: Label has been updated include those who did not receive enough income to pay their rent.
3. W3 Weights: A coding error required the W3 weights to be revised however the effect is minimal.
4. ELEDDUR: The proportion of time employed and the proportion of time not in the labour force was incorrectly calculated for the W1 cross section data. This resulted in too many respondents being coded as Unknown (-1) or N/A (-3) in waves 2 and 3. The W1 proportions have been revised and the waves 2 and 3 proportions recalculated to correct for this.

2.8 VERSION 201309.1

RELEASE DATE: 17th September 2013

DATA FILES: Index, W1, W2, W3, Accommodation Calendar through to W3

This release fixes a major issue in the W3 accommodation calendar.

An issue was discovered with how the fieldwork provider extracted and pre-processed the W3 data. The names, labels and sequencing for the accommodation calendar variables in the raw W3 data delivered to the Melbourne Institute were incorrect. The effect of this is such that, for example, accommodation spells reported as beginning in March 2012 were coded as beginning in October 2012 or those reported as beginning in December 2012 were coded as beginning in March 2012. This issue affects the following variables: HHMLS6M, HHMLSRP, HSTATUS1, HSTATUS2, HACCDUR, HPROPALL, HTH1 – HTH13, HXTH1 – HXTH13, HTH1R – HTH13R, HXTH1R – HXTH13R, HTOTH, HXTOTH, HTOTHP, HTOTHR, HXTOTHP, HXTOTHR and all MCWHEN variables in JH_ACCCAL where the corresponding MCWAVE is W3.

Other changes:

1. HWXIAGE0: A coding error resulted in 83 respondents who reported an age for first use of illegal / street drugs being coded as -3 (Not applicable) and a further 426 respondents being coded as -1 (Unknown) for HWXIAGE0. Of these 426 cases, 422 should have been coded as -3 (Not applicable).

2.9 VERSION 201308.1

RELEASE DATE: 19th August 2013

DATA FILES: Index, W1, W2, W3, Accommodation Calendar through to W3

Release 201308.1 is the first public release of the Journeys Home data.

3 ABOUT JOURNEYS HOME

Journeys Home is an important new national panel survey examining the living and housing challenges that people may be facing. It is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS), formerly the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), and run by the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research at the University of Melbourne.

The study allows for analysis of the diverse social, economic and personal factors that are related to housing stability. Journeys Home will help policy makers, academics and service providers to understand the needs and experiences of Australians in the field of housing and will help all levels of government to provide better services to people who have living and housing challenges.

4 SURVEY STRUCTURE

Journeys Home initially was to include 4 waves over an 18 month period. In May 2013 FaHCSIA, now DSS, announced Journeys Home would be funded for an additional 2 waves maintaining the existing biannual schedule through to May 2014.

The following waves have been completed so far:

1. Wave 1 (SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2011)
2. Wave 2 (MARCH – MAY 2012)
3. Wave 3 (SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2013)
4. Wave 4 (MARCH – MAY 2013)
5. Wave 5 (SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2013)
6. Wave 6 (MARCH – MAY 2014)

NOTE: Due to data cleaning, processing and checking the release data files may not yet contain data for all of the completed waves. See the change log (Section 2) for information on which waves are included in a release.

5 SAMPLING METHODOLOGY

The Journeys Home sample was drawn from the Research Evaluation Database (RED) developed by the Department of Employment, formerly the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). RED is drawn from Centrelink's customer database, and contains payment records, together with a range of personal details, for all Centrelink income support customers since 1st July 2002. The RED used for sampling was extracted 27 May 2011.

Centrelink's customer database also contains clients who have been flagged as "homeless" or "at risk of homelessness" through the Homeless Indicator that became available on 1 January 2010. The Homelessness Indicator is a service delivery tool to ensure that those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness receive the support they need. The population for Journeys Home has been selected using this Homelessness Indicator and comprises recipients of an income support payment that had been flagged by Centrelink as either "homeless" or "at-risk of homelessness".

A third group, those "vulnerable to homelessness", have also been included in the population. This group has been selected using statistical techniques that identify persons that have not been flagged as homeless but nevertheless have characteristics similar to those that have been. These persons might be thought of as a group of people who are, at least in a statistical sense, vulnerable to homeless. It also will likely include some homeless persons who have not yet been flagged as such by Centrelink staff.

A further consideration that was necessary in selecting the in-scope population for Journeys Home is that it was not possible to cover the entire population due to the practical restrictions of face-to-face interviewing. Therefore the sample was clustered around 36 geographical areas across Australia where there was sufficient sample within a certain radius (10km in the major cities and 20km in the regional centres) to make the cluster viable for the interviewer.

A total sample of 4551 was provided to Roy Morgan Research by the end of fieldwork but only a proportion of this was actually allocated to be attempted. Of the 4551 provided, a total of 2992 were allocated to interviewers to be approached to participate in the survey.

Of the 2992 individuals that were issued to field, 273 individuals were determined to be out-of-scope and 1682 individuals agreed to participate in the Journeys Home study. The resulting in-scope response rate was therefore 62%. Thirty five percent of these respondents were from the "homeless" population subgroup, 37% from the "at-risk" subgroup and 28% from the "vulnerable" subgroup.

6 QUESTIONNAIRE

The Journeys Home questionnaire is broken up into several sections. Sections included in the questionnaire will vary between waves (e.g. Wave 1 included Family History to collect base line data). Marked up versions of the Journeys Home questionnaire are available from the website and are included with the Journeys Home data files. Unless specified, each sub-section is included in all waves in which the parent section is included. Plus (+) and minus (-) signs indicate substantial variation in this section or subsection since the previous wave.

Abbr.	Section Name	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5	W6
P	Personal Details	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Relationships						
	Children's education and care						+ ²
	Demographic background	Y	N	N	N	N	N
	Education and schooling						
MH	Marital History	N	N	N	N	N	Y
CG	Parent Relationships (PM) ¹	N	N	N	N	N	Y
E	Employment and Voluntary Work	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Paid employment						
	Job seeking						
	Volunteering						
H	Housing and Living Arrangements ³	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Current housing/living arrangements						
	Accommodation standards and overcrowding						
	Accommodation search						
	History of unstable and stable housing	Y	N	N	N	N	N
	Recent accommodation changes	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

¹ Sections with (XY) indicate the survey instrument abbreviation code was XY. This is only listed where XY is different to the section abbreviation used in this document. Several sections required variation to avoid breaking variable naming conventions from earlier waves and to not conflict with other variables.

² Children's education was added, and care arrangements were expanded, in W6. Previous waves (1 through 5) only include details on number of children and basic care arrangements. See questionnaires for specific details. These expanded data are only available with the limited releases in the children long data file.

³ Questions on accommodation spells between waves are coded in the accommodation calendar dataset.

S	Support Services and Networks Friends and family Access and use of support services	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MP	Usage of Mobile Phones	N	N	N	N	Y	N
WU	Internet Usage (IN)	N	N	N	N	N	Y
HW	Health and Well-Being Sexual preference Physical and mental health Kessler 6 Drug and alcohol usage Use of prescription medicine Life satisfaction	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
		Y	N	N	N	N	N
				+ ⁴			
				+ ⁵			
QS	Quality of Sleep (SL)	N	N	N	N	N	Y
PR	Psychological Resources	N	N	N	N	N	Y
CI	Personal Control / Impulsivity						
RT	Risk and Time Preferences						
CA	Cognitive Ability	N	N	N	N	N	Y
DF	Diet and Food Security	N	N	N	N	Y	N
F	Family History Primary female caregiver Primary male caregiver Foster, residential or kin care	Y	N	N	N	N	N
JS	Contact with Justice System	Y	- ⁶	Y	Y	Y	Y
V	Exposure to Violence Physical violence Sexual assault Threats of violence	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
			- ⁷	N	N	N	N
I	Income and Financial Stress Financial stressors Gambling and betting Income support (see ICONSENT) Other sources of income Sources of debt	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

6.1 TRACKING AND INTERVIEWER FEEDBACK

Two extra sections (T: Tracking, and Z: Interviewer Feedback) are also included in the questionnaire for collecting data on how to find the respondent in subsequent waves and fieldwork notes on the actual interview. Data from these sections is confidentialised by Roy Morgan Research, who is bound by

⁴ Diagnosis of mental health conditions and age of first diagnosis were added in Wave 3. In cases of W3 non-response these details were collected in the next responding wave. In cases of first diagnosis during the survey period, after W3 was completed, details were collected in next responding wave.

⁵ Information related to first use of cigarettes, marijuana/cannabis, and illegal drugs and injecting was added in Wave 3. In cases of W3 non-response details were collected in the next responding wave. In cases of initial use during the survey period, after W3 was completed, details were collected in next responding wave.

⁶ A significantly reduced form of Section JS was included from Wave 2 onwards. The time spent in prison, remand and juvenile detention are aggregated into one measure derived from the housing calendar.

⁷ The subsection on threats of violence has been removed from Exposure to Violence for Wave 2 onwards.

confidentiality laws not to provide these data to any other person, firm, institution or government agency. The non-confidentialised data is **not available** in any dataset.

7 JOURNEYS HOME DATA

The Journeys Home DVD contains this document, marked up questionnaires (for waves completed at release date) and zip archives containing the Journeys Home data. The data files have been compressed using DEFLATE and encrypted using AES-256⁸ combined with a complex password. You will receive a copy of your password separately from the data files.

The Journeys Home data is provided for SAS (including a separate formats dataset⁹), SPSS and Stata. Datasets can be transferred to other statistical packages using StatTransfer or any other data conversion package of your choice. You may need to restrict the number of variables to be included in your transferred dataset due to the limitations on the number of variables imposed by some statistical packages. *When producing a wide format dataset variable names will need to be modified to identify which wave they came from (for example by adding a 1, 2, 3 or 4 to the variable name - in which case the variable name length will be up to 9 characters long). Some statistical packages place limitations on the length of variable names in these packages you will need to rename the variables before producing a wide format dataset.*

7.1 DATASET FILES

The Journeys Home dataset files are divided into three separate categories: a general release, a limited release, a limited+red release and an overseas release.

All data files have been de-identified and confidentialised by the following means:

- Withholding ID variables
- Converting date of birth to age
- Aggregation of some variables

The General and Overseas Release files have been further confidentialised by:

- Suppressing geographical details (only provides SA4, Section of State and Greater Capital City); and
- Aggregating of industry and occupation codes from four digit to two digit level; and
- Top-coding¹⁰ some variables (such as children, income and debt).

The Limited Release and Overseas Release have been further confidentialised by removing variables reflecting receipt of income support. This means the following variables have been removed: IINCSUP, ICPTYP, IYGOV, ITCCPDUR, ICPDUR, ICP5YR, IXCPRPP, ICPSUSP, INCPDUR, IFTB and all A prefixed (i.e. RED derived) variables.

7.1.1 FILE NAMING CONVENTIONS

- All filenames begin with the prefix JH
- General release data files have a GEN following the JH
- Limited release data files have a LIM following the JH
 - Limited+RED files have a LRD following the JH

⁸ You will need to use software that can open AES encrypted zip files. 7-Zip is recommended.

⁹ A SAS formats catalogue can be created using the code:

```
PROC FORMATS LIBRARY=WORK CNTLIN=JHLIB.JHGEN_FORMATS; RUN;
```

¹⁰ The top-coding algorithm can be found in Section 21.1.

- Overseas release data files have an OS following the JH
- If a dataset is specific to a wave the name will then contain WX where X is the wave number
- Longitudinal data files have LONG to finish the file name
- SAS format data files have _FORMATS appended to the name

7.1.2 DATA FILE NAMES

This list is current at publication and will be updated as new waves are completed and data files become available. Please note that data files are only supplied for the data release requested and approved by the researcher (i.e. a general release user will only receive general release data files).

Name	Wave(s)	Description
JH_INDEX	All	Summary dataset including if respondent responded for each wave
JH_ACCCAL	All	Accommodation calendar – spell based accommodation transitions.
JH_CHILDREN	All	Longitudinal dataset of Journeys Home children. This file is only available with the Limited and Limited+RED releases. A child cross wave identifier has been provided.
JHGEN_LONG	All	The Journeys Home Dataset This is a general release dataset with observations stacked for each completed wave (i.e. long format). Some variables have been derived from Centrelink administrative (RED) data.
JHLRD_LONG	All	This is the non-confidentialised version of Journeys Home data which contains the general release dataset and some additional variables which were withheld, aggregated or top-coded during confidentialisation. This release dataset also contains additional information from the RED database held by the Department of Employment.
JHLIM_LONG	All	This is the non-confidentialised version of Journeys Home data which contains the general release dataset and some additional variables which were withheld, aggregated or top-coded during confidentialisation. This release dataset does NOT contain information from the RED database held by the Department of Employment. Furthermore the variables reflecting receipt of income support have been removed.
JHOS_LONG	ALL	This is an overseas release dataset with observations stacked for each completed wave (i.e. long format). Variables reflecting receipt of income support have been removed.
JHGEN_W1	1	General release cross sectional file for Wave 1
JHLIM_W1	1	Limited release cross sectional file for Wave 1
JHLRD_W1	1	Limited release with RED cross sectional file for Wave 1
JHOS_W1	1	Overseas release cross sectional file for Wave 1
JHGEN_W2	2	The pattern of cross sectional release files continues for each wave where the wave number is appended to the end of the dataset file name.
JHLIM_W2	2	
JHLRD_W2	2	
JHOS_W2	2	
JHGEN_W3	3	
JHLIM_W3	3	
JHLRD_W3	3	
JHOS_W3	3	

Name	Wave(s)	Description
JHGEN_W4	4	
JHLIM_W4	4	
JHOS_W4	4	
JHLRD_W4	4	
JHGEN_W5	5	
JHLIM_W5	5	
JHLRD_W5	5	
JHOS_W5	5	
JHGEN_W6	6	
JHLIM_W6	6	
JHLRD_W6	6	
JHOS_W6	6	

7.2 NOTES ON DATA

The Journeys Home Wave 1 responding sample consists of 1682 individuals who agreed to participate in the study. Each of these 1682 respondents will be approached for re-interview in all subsequent waves however they may choose to not respond, or may not be able to respond for a variety of circumstances. Non-response in any wave (except wave 1) will not preclude the respondent from participating in subsequent waves.

In wave 1 there are 6 cases where the respondent terminated the interview early however did consent to be approached for follow-up waves. Data and variables collected after the interview termination point have been coded as -2 "Refused / Non-response" – see Global Missing Values (Section 12) for details.

In wave 2, 1529 (including 4 terminated cases) of the 1682 respondents participated in the survey; a further 4 respondents were found to be overseas during the fieldwork period, 2 respondents had passed away, 3 respondents were incapable of completing the interview and 16 respondents were in prison. For details on non-response modelling see the Journeys Home technical reports.

In wave 3, 1478 (including 4 terminated cases) of the 1682 respondents participated in the survey; a further 8 respondents were found to be overseas during the fieldwork period, 9 respondents had passed away, 2 respondents were incapable of completing the interview and 27 respondents were in prison. For details on non-response modelling see the Journeys Home technical reports.

In wave 4, 1456 (including 2 terminated cases) of the 1682 respondents participated in the survey; a further 6 respondents were found to be overseas during the fieldwork period, 12 respondents had passed away, 3 respondents were incapable of completing the interview and 31 respondents were in prison. For details on non-response modelling see the Journeys Home technical reports.

In wave 5, 1425 (including 4 terminated cases) of the 1682 respondents participated in the survey; a further 9 respondents were found to be overseas during the fieldwork period, 21 respondents had passed away, 2 respondents were incapable of completing the interview and 18 respondents were in prison. For details on non-response modelling see the Journeys Home technical reports.

In wave 6, 1406 (including 4 terminated cases) for the 1682 respondents participated in the survey; a further 15 respondents were found to be overseas during the fieldwork period, 25 respondents had passed away, 4 respondents were incapable of completing the interview and 24 respondents were in prison. For details on non-response modelling see the Journeys Home technical papers.

8 DATA ACCESS AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

Application forms and fact sheets detailing data access and security requirements can be downloaded from the Journeys Home website at http://melbourneinstitute.com/journeys_home/research/dataaccess.html.

9 WEIGHTS

There are four fixed weights provided on the data files:

1. JHWDES – This is the design weight which adjusts for the differential probability of selection of the clusters and the three groups within each cluster (homeless, at risk, and vulnerable). This weight is calculated as the inverse of the probability of selection of the cluster multiplied by the inverse of the probability of selection of the activated sample in each group given the cluster was selected.
2. JHWRES – This is the response weight which adjusts for the differential probability of response via logistic regression models using variables from the administrative dataset and survey responses from wave 1. For wave 1, ‘response’ is counted as either a person who is interviewed or has been identified as overseas and ‘non-response’ is all other outcomes other than deaths (which have been excluded). For waves 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in addition to respondents who were interviewed or overseas during the fieldwork period, ‘response’ also includes those who passed away since the last fieldwork period (see the Journeys Home technical reports for further discussion). The response weight is rescaled so that the sum of the weights is equal to the size of the responding sample (i.e. 1682 for wave 1, 1529 for wave 2, 1478 for wave 3, 1456 for wave 4, 1425 for wave 5 and 1406 for wave 6).
3. JHWPOP – This is the population weight which is the multiplication of the design weight and the response weight, with a rescaling factor so the sum of the weights across both respondents and those overseas equals the size of the total population (of homeless, at risk and vulnerable) in clusters that were not undersized (i.e. 22,568 for the homeless, 13,101 for the at risk and 74,682 for the vulnerable group). The sum of the weights for the responding samples by group in each wave are:
 - W1: 22,254 for homeless, 12,945 for at risk and 72,333 for the vulnerable group
 - W2: 22,467 for homeless, 13,101 for at risk and 74,208 for the vulnerable group
 - W3: 22,480 for homeless, 12,929 for at risk and 73,734 for the vulnerable group
 - W4: 22,269 for homeless, 12,839 for at risk and 72,355 for the vulnerable group
 - W5: 22,198 for homeless, 12,868 for at risk and 72,932 for the vulnerable group
 - W6: 21,911 for homeless; 12,799 for at risk and 72,204 for the vulnerable group

Note that the weights for sample in the vulnerable group are much higher than those in the other two groups because of the low sampling rate (much lower than the other two groups). If you would like the statistics to be influenced more evenly from the three groups, you may like to consider using the response weight or re-scale the population weight by group-specific scaling factors to lower the effects of the unequal sampling rate. (See Journey Home Technical Reports for more discussion on the nature of weights).

4. JHWPRS – This is the population weight rescaled so the sum of the weights equals the size of the responding sample (i.e. 1682 for wave 1, 1529 for wave 2, 1478 for wave 3, 1456 for wave 4, 1425 for wave 5 and 1406 for wave 6).

There are also several balanced panel weights for each of the waves. The # in the variable names represents the number of waves in the balanced panel. For example JHWBPR2W is the balanced panel response weight for 2 waves (e.g. Wave 1 and Wave 2) and JHWBPP4W is the balanced panel population weight for 4 waves

(e.g. Waves 1, 2, 3 and 4). Note a) these examples are not a balanced panel weight for wave 2 or wave 4 but are a balanced panel weight for 2 waves and 4 waves respectively; and b) the 2W balanced panel weights will match the Wave 2 response weights because, by design, all W2 respondents responded in W1.

5. JHWBPR#W – This is the balanced panel response weight.
For wave 3, a ‘response’ in the balanced panel is defined as wave 1 respondents who were counted as ‘response’ in wave 2 and wave 3. Similarly for wave 4 a ‘response’ in the balanced panel is defined as wave 1 respondents who were counted as a ‘response’ in waves 2, 3 and 4, and so on for waves 5 and 6. The balance panel response weight is rescaled so that the sum of the weights is equal to the size of the sample which responded to all included waves (i.e. 1529 for waves 1 and 2; 1406 for waves 1, 2 and 3; 1325 for waves 1, 2, 3 and 4; 1243 for waves 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; 1174 for waves 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6).
6. JHWBPP#W – This is the balanced panel population weight.
For each wave, this is the multiplication of the design weight and that waves balanced panel response weight, with a rescaling factor so the sum of the weights across both respondents and those overseas (at wave 1) equals the size of the total population (of homeless, at risk and vulnerable) in clusters that were not undersized. The sum of the weights for the balanced panel respondents are:
 - W2: 22,467 for homeless, 13,101 for at risk and 74,208 for the vulnerable group
 - W3: 22,424 for homeless, 12,947 for at risk and 73,361 for the vulnerable group
 - W4: 22,296 for homeless, 12,831 for at risk and 72,269 for the vulnerable group
 - W5: 22,230 for homeless, 12,707 for at risk and 72,327 for the vulnerable group
 - W6: 22,019 for homeless, 12,571 for at risk and 71,451 for the vulnerable group
7. JHWBPS#W – This is the balanced panel population weight rescaled so the sum of the weights equals the size of the balanced panel responding sample (i.e. 1529 for waves 1 and 2; 1406 for waves 1, 2 and 3; 1325 for waves 1, 2, 3 and 4; 1243 for waves 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; 1174 for waves 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6).

10 GEOGRAPHY

Each respondent’s residential address (at time of interview) is geo-coded and converted to an Australian Statistical Geography Standard - Statistical Area 1 code (ASGS 2011, SA1), ABS (2011). Note that for respondents who do not have a fixed residential address this will reflect the street address of wherever they are staying (e.g. of a park, train station, etc). Some respondents may also have an incomplete address.

For incomplete addresses the following rules apply:

1. Suburb and postcode: geo-code the centre point of the smallest area (suburb or postcode); or
2. Suburb or postcode: geo-code the centre point of the known address field (suburb or postcode); or
3. No known address or only a state: the centre-point of the sampling cluster has been geo-coded.

The Limited Release file provides the geo-coded SA1 code which can be used to build most other ASGS codes, however in the General and Overseas Release files geography details are subject to aggregation for confidentialisation. The General and Overseas Release files only provide SA4, Section of State (SOS) and Greater Capital City Statistical Area (GCCSA) codes.

11 HOUSING STATUS AND DEFINING HOMELESSNESS

The Journeys Home data includes two variables reflecting separate definitions for housing status: one based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011 Review of Counting the Homeless; and the second from internal modelling and discussion with the Journeys Home Technical Reference Group. Details follow.

11.1 AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS: COUNTING THE HOMELESS (HSTATUS1)

The Australian Bureau of Statistics classifies people into three categories, ABS (2006) and ABS (2011). Where a respondent does not match any of the categories they have been coded as “Not homeless”.

11.1.1 PRIMARY HOMELESS

Primary homelessness is defined as people who are living without conventional accommodation (sleeping rough, cars, squatting) who do not choose to be in that state. Choice is defined by employment, tenure and earnings; operationalised for Journeys Home as working and earning less than \$600/week or not working.

11.1.2 SECONDARY HOMELESS

1. People living in crisis accommodation or a refuge which also includes those living rent free in welfare accommodation. But excludes persons who are paying rent to their employer; or
2. Those renting to welfare organisations or community groups; or
3. Those who are staying temporarily with other households.

Temporarily is defined for Journeys Home as having been living at the place for 13 weeks or less (3 months) and cannot stay for the next 3 months (modelled on the census “usual” address over a 6 month period); and other households are defined by ABS exclusions to be: a place where staying with family/friends, or a place that has an unknown dwelling type, or a rent-free caravan park, or a place where a recent refugee (from a non-main English speaking country) is living, or any other rent-free place where there is no tenure.

11.1.3 TERTIARY HOMELESS

Tertiary homelessness is defined as people living in a situation that is below the minimum community standard for housing except where they are a student and living in a boarding house (accepted as above community standard). Once again the ABS defines criteria for excluding people who are in this situation by choice (defined as earnings greater than \$600/week). Persons who own or are working at their accommodation are also excluded. For consistency they must still have been there 13 weeks or more.

11.2 MELBOURNE INSTITUTE CLASSIFICATION OF HOUSING STATUS (HSTATUS2)

The Melbourne Institute classification of housing status follows developments in the literature on defining homelessness and, rather than simply looking at homelessness as a dichotomous state, examines people’s housing circumstances on a continuum running from those sleeping rough to the stably housed. To demarcate the homeless from the housed we adopt the cultural definition of homelessness put forward by Chamberlain and Mackenzie (1992), making an assessment of whether people’s accommodation meets the minimum community standard that people can expect to achieve in contemporary Australian society. At present we determine where people are on the continuum at a point in time. When further waves of data become available we will incorporate a temporal dimension into our approach more formally.

For this definition temporariness is defined as: have stayed in current place for 3 months or less and cannot stay there for the next 3 months. This is modelled on usual address for 6 months measures in the Census.

We identify six categories that reflect the extent of housing stability, or instability, that people face. To identify those with the least stable housing we follow the Counting the Homeless (CTH) methodology (Chamberlain & Mackenzie 1992, 2008), and separate the homeless into three groups according to the severity of their situation: the primary, secondary and tertiary homeless. The remaining categorise those who are marginally housed from those who are housed. Details of how we categories respondents into these categories follow (see Section 20.1 for a flowchart of this model):

1. **Primary Homeless:** Anyone sleeping rough, squatting, in a car with no concept of choice: if someone is living like this they are considered to be without housing.
2. Anyone living / staying with friends, family or other households; or is living in a boarding house/motel/hostel/hotel; or accommodation is provided by welfare services; or is living in a caravan; or in crisis accommodation. Where the respondent is:
 - a. In this situation temporarily and/or not sleeping in a bedroom: **Secondary Homeless;** or
 - b. In this situation long-term and living in a caravan/boarding house or housing is provided by welfare services or crisis accommodation: **Tertiary Homeless;**
 - c. In this situation long-term and living in a house/unit, renting/boarding/rent free with family/friends: **Marginally Housed.**
3. Where accommodation is provided through private rental, public housing, community housing, the respondent is the owner of property, is renting or living rent free in family / friends houses but not living with them. Private rental is defined as:
 - a. Private rental with a lease; or
 - b. Accommodation rented from employer; or
 - c. Paying board to family or friends but not living with them.
 Where the respondent is:
 - a. In this situation temporarily and not the owner: **Short-term rental;** or
 - b. In this situation long-term or is owner occupier: **Housed.**

12 GLOBAL MISSING VALUES

Global missing values are used throughout the dataset to identify missing data. These values are not restated for each variable in the manual however some will be shown in the marked up questionnaire. When performing mathematical operations (e.g. sum, mean, product, etc...) or running procedures which summarise the data, researchers must first assign or program for these missing values. Failure to do so will give inaccurate or distorted results.

Value	Label
-1	Unknown / Unable to determine value
-2	Refused / Non-response
-3	Not Applicable
-4	Opt out
-5	Implausible value
-9	Not available in this dataset

The -9 value is used to indicate a variable which is available in the Journeys Home data but is not available for this respondent in this wave. In general this is used as a placeholder for variables added in future waves. However, in some cases it is used to indicate an error with data collection (e.g. IYPARJ).

Note: Date variables (e.g. date of interview) have been converted to numeric/integer values (YYYYMMDD i.e. 1st Feb 2012 is 20120201) and also coded with these missing values where appropriate. See Section 21.2 for example algorithms to use when converting to date variables.

13 VARIABLE NAMING AND LABELING

A variable naming convention was established for naming and labelling variables in the Journeys Home dataset. This convention is only used as a guide – it is not enforced. The convention is summarised here:

- Names must be lowercase; and
- Names must only contain A-Z, 0-9 and underscores; and
- Names should be prefixed with a questionnaire section abbreviation, except:
 - Administratively derived variables (RED) should be prefixed with A; and
 - Journeys Home survey management/control variables should be prefixed with JH; and
- Multiple choice variables will be suffixed with a number corresponding to the questionnaire code; and
- Derived variable labels should have a prefix of “DV:”; and
- Where a variable is not available its label will be “VAR NAME [NOT AVAILABLE]”.

13.1 REFERENCE WEEK/PERIOD AND 6 MONTH MEASURES

The reference week is the week immediately before the interview was conducted.

The reference period is the time since the respondent was last interviewed; except wave 1 which uses a fixed 6 month reference period. In the wave 1 questionnaire this fixed 6 month reference period was used for many measures (e.g. number of jobs held in the last 6 months); for wave 2 onwards these questions were revised to cover the time between interviews. As these questions measure across varying periods of time extra variables have been created to distinguish between 6 month and reference period measures. Where possible the 6 month measure has been derived from the reference period measure.

14 DERIVED VARIABLES

All derived variables have the prefix “DV:” in the variable label and have the same missing value codes as survey variables. The marked up questionnaires only refers to derived variables when there is a one-to-one relationship between the question and the derived variable (e.g. Occupation).

Derived variables are created from the data in the following circumstances:

1. When questions are asked in an easy-to-answer form which requires recombination to a common metric (such as employment status); or
2. When some verbatim other (please specify) answers are coded; or
3. When a complex combination of data occurs (e.g. housing status); or
4. When open-ended answers are converted to standard code frames (such as industry, occupation, education qualifications); or
5. When external data are matched to derive applicable measures.

15 VALUE ROUNDING / PROPORTIONS

- All integer measurement variables have been rounded to the nearest whole number
- All floating point measurement variables have been rounded to the nearest 0.00001
- Proportion of time variables will be fuzzy as they approach 100% – this is caused by responses being measured in larger units of time (e.g. years instead of months) by the questionnaire.

16 POINT IN TIME MEASURES FOR NON-RESPONSE

For cases of non-response in Wave 2 onwards, the mid-point of all completed interviews is used as a proxy for the date of interview. The mid-point dates are:

- Wave 2: 8th April 2012
- Wave 3: 6th October 2012
- Wave 4: 8th April 2013
- Wave 5: 8th October 2013
- Wave 6: 5th April 2014

For completeness, the Wave 1 mid-point is 13th October 2011.

17 VARIABLE DOCUMENTATION

As described in the data files section there are several Journeys Home dataset files: a) an index file of respondent participation; b) general and overseas releases; c) limited release; and d) housing calendar. The variable documentation has been divided up into these four categories. The documentation has been further segmented into the sections of the survey (personal details, employment, etc...) that each variable relates to.

You can use the find function (Ctrl + F / Command + F) of your PDF reader to find a specific variable name.

Variable names are in lower case in the dataset, they are documented here in upper case for readability.

The first line in the documentation column is the variable label, then any value labels specific to the variable and finally any description, sources, references or notes for the variable. *Remember global missing values are not restated for each variable.*

17.1 CROSS WAVE IDENTIFIER

The Journeys Home cross wave identifier is *XWAVEID*.

The child cross wave identifier (added in release 201410.1, Wave 6) is *CHID*.

XWAVEID is a 1+4 digit code generated at the end of the W1 interviews. The 4 digit code is a sequence in the range 0001 – 9999 which is prefixed with the first digit which represents batches of sample released to field. The 4 digit sequence was created by assigning a pseudo random number to each respondent, sorting respondents based on the pseudo random numbers, and finally, iteratively assigning *XWAVEID* in sequence.

CHID is similarly a 1+4 digit code, except that the first digit represents the first wave the child was reported.

Any correlation related to *XWAVEID* or *CHID* is by pure random chance and should be ignored.

17.2 INDEX VARIABLES

These data can be found in the JH_INDEX dataset. *Note this is just a summary of variables - please review documentation for each variable in the General Release Variables later in this document.*

Variable	Documentation
XWAVEID	The Journeys Home Cross Wave Identifier
JHSTRATA	Population strata 1 = Strata 1 2 = Strata 2 3 = Strata 3
JHW1	Wave 1 Response 1 = Yes 0 = No -1 = Deceased -2 = Future Wave (not yet completed)
	Indicates if the respondent identified by XWAVEID responded in this wave.
JHW2	Wave 2 Response
JHW3	Wave 3 Response
JHW4	Wave 4 Response
JHW5	Wave 5 Response
JHW6	Wave 6 Response
JHW4	Wave 4 Response
PSEX	Gender 1 = Male 2 = Female 3 = Intersex
PATSI	Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander 0 = No 1 = Aboriginal 2 = Torres Strait Islander 3 = Both
ICONSENT	Consent to link with Centrelink records 0 = No 1 = Yes

NOTE: This question was dropped from the survey at W5 under the assumption that those who had not yet granted consent would not give consent in future interviews.

17.3 GENERAL AND OVERSEAS RELEASE VARIABLES

These data can be found in the JHGEN_LONG and JHGEN_W# datasets where W# is W1, W2, etc...

17.3.1 SURVEY ADMINISTRATIVE VARIABLES

Variable	Documentation
XWAVEID	The Journeys Home Cross Wave Identifier
JHCLUST	CLUSTER
	The Journeys Home sample was initially drawn from 36 geographic areas (clusters). In W1 JHCLUST is the respondent sampling cluster. For W2 onwards where respondent is located within the geographic boundaries of a sampling cluster JHCLUST corresponds to the ID of that cluster. If the respondent was outside the geographic boundary of all clusters JHCLUST is coded as -1 (Unknown).
JHWAVE	WAVE
JHSTRATA	Population strata 1 = Strata 1 2 = Strata 2 3 = Strata 3
JHWDES	Design weight
JHWPOP	Population weight
JHWRES	Differential response weight
JHWPRS	Population weight rescaled to sample
JHWBPP#W	Balanced panel population weight [# WAVES]
JHWBPS#W	Balanced panel population weight rescaled to sample [# WAVES]
JHWBPR#W	Balanced panel differential response weight [# WAVES]
JHNUMCON	Number of times contacted during fieldwork
JHINTTYP	Interview method 1 = Face-to-face 2 = By Phone
JHISTAT	Interview status 0 = Not started 1 = Completed 2 = Partial
JHSUSPND	Interview was suspended and resumed 0 = No 1 = Yes
	An interview is deemed to have been suspended and then resumed if any section of the interview was completed more than 6 hours after the previous section.
JHIDATE	Interview date (YYYYMMDD)
	<i>NOTE: All date variables in the Journeys Home data are numeric values. You should convert the value to a date type in your statistics package before use. See Section 21.2 for example algorithms to use when converting to date variables.</i>
JHBTWN	Reference period (MONTHS)

This is the time since previous responding interview (see Section 16 for details). For non-response the mid-point of the responding interview dates has been used.

17.3.2 SECTION P: PERSONAL DETAILS

Variable	Documentation
PAGE	Age at interview For non-responding cases in wave 2 onwards this has been derived using the mid-point of the wave's interview dates (see Section 16).
PSEX	Gender 1 = Male 2 = Female 3 = Intersex Standard item but with an unprompted intersex option allowed for, as recommended on AIHW Metadata Online Registry.
PATSI	Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander 0 = No 1 = Aboriginal 2 = Torres Strait Islander 3 = Both Coding as in the ABS Census. Question wording from AHURI Intergenerational Homelessness Survey 2009, but with word "person" omitted, Flatau et al. (2009).
PCOUPLE	DV: Married / De facto 0 = No 1 = Yes Yes if respondent is in a registered marriage or a de facto relationship.
PRELSTAT	DV: Relationship status 1 = Never Married 2 = Widowed 3 = Divorced 4 = Separated 5 = Married 6 = De facto Combined relationship status to include de facto relationships.
PXPARTNR	Same partner as previous interview 0 = No 1 = Yes
PRELDUR	DV: Time in current relationship (MONTHS)
PMDUR	Time married in current relationship (MONTHS)
PDFDUR	Duration of current de facto relationship (MONTHS)
MHNUMREL	DV: Number of marriages and de facto relationships 0 = None 1 = One 2 = Two 3 = Three 4 = Four or more
MHNUMMG	Number of times married 0 = None 1 = One 2 = Two 3 = Three 4 = Four or more

Variable	Documentation
MHNUMDF	Number of de facto relationships 0 = None 1 = One 2 = Two 3 = Three 4 = Four or more
<i>NOTE: Only includes de facto relationships which did not end in marriage.</i>	
MHMG1BEG	1 st Marriage: Year married
MHCOHAB	1 st Marriage: Lived together before marrying 0 = No 1 = Yes
MHCODUR	1 st Marriage: Time lived together before marrying (MONTHS)
MHMG1SEP	1 st Marriage: Ended in separation or divorce 0 = No 1 = Yes
<i>NOTE: Marriages ending through death of spouse are coded as 0 (No).</i>	
MHMG1END	1 st Marriage: Year separated from partner
MHDFEVER	Ever been in a de facto relationship not ending in marriage 0 = No 1 = Yes
MHDF1BEG	1 st de facto: Year started
<i>NOTE: Only includes de facto relationships which did not end in marriage.</i>	
MHDF1SEP	1 st de facto: Ended in separation 0 = No 1 = Yes
<i>NOTE: Only includes de facto relationships which did not end in marriage. De facto relationships which ended through death of partner are coded as 0 (No).</i>	
MHDF1END	1 st de facto: Year separated from partner
<i>NOTE: Only includes de facto relationships which did not end in marriage.</i>	
PPARENT	Ever had children 0 = No 1 = Yes
PXCHILD	New children since previous interview who are under 18 years of age 0 = No 1 = Yes
PCHU18T	Total number of children under 18 years of age
PCHU18R	DV: Number of children under 18 living with respondent
PCHU5T	DV: Number of children 0-4 (inclusive)
PCHU5R	DV: Number of children 0-4 (inclusive) living with respondent
PCH512T	DV: Number of children 5-12 (inclusive)
PCH512R	DV: Number of children 5-12 (inclusive) living with respondent
PCHO12T	DV: Number of children 13-17 (inclusive)
PCHO12R	DV: Number of children 13-17 (inclusive) living with respondent
PCHM	DV: Number of male children under 18
PCHF	DV: Number of female children under 18
PCHMR	DV: Number of male children under 18 living with respondent

Variable	Documentation
PCHFR	DV: Number of female children under 18 living with respondent
PCHBIO	DV: Number of birth children under 18
PCHBIOR	DV: Number of birth children under 18 living with respondent
PCHY1AGE	DV: Youngest child under 18 – age

Children have been restricted to the 2 youngest and 2 oldest children:

1. Where only 1 child is reported the child details will be found in both y1 and o1
2. Where two children with an age are reported:
 - a. y1 / o2 is youngest child
 - b. y2 / o1 is oldest child
3. Where three children with an age are reported:
 - a. y1 is youngest of the three
 - b. y2 / o2 is the middle child
 - c. o1 is the oldest of the three
4. Where four or more children are reported these are coded by age.

NOTE: Children are sorted on age before calculating these variables. For children with unknown ages, the age is assumed, for sorting purposes, to be the age of the child reported directly before this child (or zero if first child).

PCHY1SEX	DV: Youngest child under 18 – gender 1 = Male 2 = Female
PCHY1RES	DV: Youngest child under 18 – lives with respondent 0 = No 1 = Yes
PCHY1BIO	DV: Youngest child under 18 – birth child
PCHY2AGE	DV: 2nd Youngest child under 18 – age
PCHY2SEX	DV: 2nd Youngest child under 18 – gender
PCHY2RES	DV: 2nd Youngest child under 18 – lives with respondent
PCHY2BIO	DV: 2nd Youngest child under 18 – birth child
PCHO2AGE	DV: 2nd Oldest child under 18 – age
PCHO2SEX	DV: 2nd Oldest child under 18 – gender
PCHO2RES	DV: 2nd Oldest child under 18 – lives with respondent
PCHO2BIO	DV: 2nd Oldest child under 18 – birth child
PCHO1AGE	DV: Oldest child under 18 – age
PCHO1SEX	DV: Oldest child under 18 – gender
PCHO1RES	DV: Oldest child under 18 – lives with respondent
PCHO1BIO	DV: Oldest child under 18 – birth child
PYCHOTH	Any other children living/staying with respondent 0 = No 1 = Yes

NOTE: These children are: not the respondent’s biological children; have not been adopted by the respondent; and are not a step-child in the respondents’ care.

PYCHU18T	Total number of other children living/staying with respondent
PYCHU5T	DV: Number of other children 0-4 (inclusive)
PYCH512T	DV: Number of other children 5-12 (inclusive)
PYCHO12T	DV: Number of other children 13-17 (inclusive)
PYCHRES	DV: Number of other children under 18 living/staying there most of the time

Variable	Documentation
PYCHF	DV: Number of other female children under 18
PYCHM	DV: Number of other male children under 18
PCOBESS	DV: Main English Speaking Status for Country of Birth 1 = Australia 2 = Main English Speaking Country 3 = Non-main English Speaking Country Main English speaking countries are: Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America. ABS (2006).
PYRARRAU	Year 1st came to Australia to live for 1 year or more Question from the HILDA Survey, but with reference period changed to one year as in the ABS Census.
PREFUGEE	Came to Australia as a refugee 0 = No 1 = Yes
PPOLYGOT	Speak language(s) other than English 0 = No 1 = Yes Based on standard item (e.g. from ABS Census) but with notable difference that reference to "at home" is excluded.
PTCLANG	Best spoken language [AGGREGATED] 1 = English 2 = Australian Aboriginal languages 97 = Other If the respondent only speaks English this has been coded to English. <i>NOTE: This variable is aggregated into the above codes from a range of languages; see the questionnaire for a complete list. The variable PBESTLNG provides the complete set of language codes and is available in the limited release files.</i>
PENGLIT	Self assessed English reading ability 0 = Doesn't read English 1 = Excellent 2 = Good 3 = Fair 4 = Poor
PSTUDY	DV: Current study load 0 = Not Studying 1 = Part Time 2 = Full Time (including those still at school)

Variable	Documentation
PHIGHED	DV: Highest education qualification completed 1 = University degree or higher 2 = Diploma Associate Diploma Associate Degree 3 = Trade certificate or Apprenticeship (if undefined certificate level) 4 = Certificate III or IV 5 = Year 12 and Certificate I or II 6 = Year 12 only 7 = Year 10 or 11 or Certificate I or II 8 = Less than Year 10 9 = No Schooling
PAGELS	Age left school -3 = Still at school 0 = No schooling HILDA Survey (NPQ).
PSCHCMP	Highest level of school completed 1 = Year 12 or equivalent 2 = Year 11 or equivalent 3 = Year 10 or equivalent 4 = Year 9 or equivalent 5 = Year 8 or below HILDA Survey (NPQ).
PLSWHY	Early school leaver: Any 0 = No 1 = Yes Multiple choice, specific reasons include: PLSWHY1: More school would make little difference to work prospects PLSWHY2: Got (or wanted) a job / apprenticeship PLSWHY3: Not doing well at school PLSWHY4: Did not like school PLSWHY5: Changed to other type of study PLSWHY6: Own ill-health or disability PLSWHY7: Caring for family members PLSWHY8: Other personal or family reasons PLSWHY9: Financial reasons PLSWHY10: Location or transportation reasons PLSWHY11: Year 12 or equivalent not available PLSWHY97: Other reasons Based on questions in ABS Survey of Education and Training but asked of all persons under 35 rather than under 25. ABS (2009).
PEDEVER	Ever enrolled in trade cert, diploma, degree or other education qualification 0 = No 1 = Yes HILDA Survey (NPQ)

Variable	Documentation
PEDQCMP	<p>Highest level of educational qualification (which was not schooling)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = Certificate level I or II 2 = Certificate level III or IV (includes senior secondary school) 3 = Trade certificate or apprenticeship (if undefined certificate level) 4 = Diploma Associate Diploma Associate Degree 5 = University degree or higher 7 = Did not complete 8 = Still studying 97 = Other
PEDENRLD	<p>Currently enrolled in trade cert, diploma, degree or other education qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No 1 = Yes <p>HILDA Survey (NPQ).</p>
PEDLOAD	<p>Study load for trade, diploma, degree or other education qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = Full-time 2 = Part-time <p>This variable does not include school attendance (see PSTUDY).</p> <p>HILDA Survey (NPQ) but with word "currently" added.</p>
PEDQENLV	<p>Level of qualification currently studying toward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = Secondary school qualification 2 = Certificate level I or II 3 = Certificate level III or IV 4 = Certificate, but don't know level 5 = Diploma / Associate Diploma 6 = University degree or higher 97 = Other <p>Based on HILDA Survey but with wording slightly revised to reflect the lack of show card and word "level" included.</p>
PRES DUR	<p>Time lived in local area before Journeys Home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = 3 months or less 2 = 4 to 6 months 3 = 7 to 11 months 4 = 1 to 2 years 5 = 3 to 5 years 6 = More than 5 years 7 = All my life <p>This variable records the time the respondent has lived in their local area before the Journeys Home W1 interview. For waves 2 on this is coded as -9 (not available).</p>

Variable	Documentation
PZSELF	<p>Self assessed personality descriptors</p> <p>1 = Does not describe at all 5 = Describes very well</p> <p>Multiple response, specific responses include:</p> <p>PZSELF1: TALKATIVE PZSELF2: SYMPATHETIC PZSELF3: ORDERLY PZSELF4: MOODY PZSELF5: PHILOSOPHICAL PZSELF6: SHY PZSELF7: KIND PZSELF8: SLOPPY PZSELF9: TOUCHY PZSELF10: CREATIVE PZSELF11: QUIET PZSELF12: COOPERATIVE PZSELF13: DISORGANISED PZSELF14: INTELECTUAL PZSELF15: LIVELY PZSELF16: WARM PZSELF17: EFFICIENT PZSELF18: TEMPERAMENTAL PZSELF19: IMAGINATIVE</p> <p><i>NOTE: Likert scale with values from 1 to 5, labels only applied as above.</i></p>
CGMARRY	<p>Parents ever married to each other</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p><i>NOTE: Parents refer to either biological or adoptive parents.</i></p>
CGDFCTO	<p>Parents ever live together in a de facto relationship</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
CGDVORC	<p>Parents ever divorce</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
CGSEPRTE	<p>Parents ever separate</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
CGRECON	<p>Parents reconciled after separation/divorce</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
CGFIRST	<p>Age parents first separated</p> <p>0 = Unborn or under 1 year old</p>

17.3.3 SECTION E: EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTARY WORK

Variable	Documentation
ELEDDUR	DV: Total time since first leaving full-time education (MONTHS) Where the source question was not asked is constructed from age. HILDA.
ELEDDURE	DV: Proportion of time in paid work (since education) Proportion of total time since first left full-time education. HILDA.
ELEDDURU	DV: Proportion of time unemployed looking for work (since education) Proportion of total time since first left full-time education. HILDA.
ELEDDURN	DV: Proportion of time neither employed nor looking for work (since education) Proportion of total time since first left full-time education. HILDA.
EEMPSTAT	DV: Current employment status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Not employed 1 = Employee 2 = Employer 3 = Own account worker 4 = Contributing family member <p>Respondent is considered to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed if they are working in a job, business or farm for wages, salary, for payment in kind, government job creation program or any CDEP program; or • Employer if they work in their own business with employees; or • Own account worker if they work in their own business with no employees; or • Contributing family member if they work without pay in a family business. <p><i>NOTE: There is no distinction between those self employed and those who are employees of their own business; both will be coded as own account worker.</i></p> <p>ABS (2007).</p>
ELFS	DV: Labour force status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = Employed 2 = Unemployed 3 = Not in Labour Force <p>Summary labour force status is constructed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed if working but not as an unpaid volunteer or in a mutual obligation job or work for the dole program. • Unemployed when not working or working as an unpaid volunteer or mutual obligation jobs or work for the dole programs and has been seeking work in the last four weeks and could start work in the week before the interview. • Not in the labour force when not seeking work or unable to start work in the week before the interview. <p>ABS (2007).</p>

Variable	Documentation
ELFSDL	DV: Labour force status detail 1 = Employed Full-Time 2 = Employed Part-Time 3 = Unemployed 4 = Not in Labour Force - Marginally Attached 5 = Not in Labour Force - Not Marginally Attached 6 = Employed - Other (Don't Know)
	Detailed labour force status is as per ELFS with the following additional coding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time employment is defined as working 35 or more hours per week. • Part-time employment is defined as working less than 35 hours per week. • Respondents not in the labour force are marginally attached when they either a) want to work, and are looking for work, but are not available to start in the week before the interview; or b) want to work and are available to start in the next 4 weeks but are not currently looking for work. • Respondents not in the labour force are not marginally attached when they do not want to work or want to work but not available to start within the next 4 weeks and are not looking for work. • Where a respondent indicates they are working but cannot be classified into another code they are coded as Employed - Other.
	ABS (2007).
EHRWK	DV: All jobs - Hours per week
	HILDA (which is based on question in ABS 1993 Survey of Training and Education).
EYAWK	DV: All jobs - Gross earnings per week
EMULTJOB	Has more than one job 0 = No 1 = Yes
	HILDA (which has modified question from ABS Monthly Population Survey).
EMHRWK	DV: Main job - Hours per week
	HILDA (which is based on question in ABS 1993 Survey of Training and Education).
EYMWK	DV: Main job - Gross earnings per week
EXJBSAME	Same job as previous interview 0 = No 1 = Yes
EXMJSAME	Main job same as previous interview 0 = No 1 = Yes
EMOCC2D	DV: Occupation (main job) [ABS ANZSCO R1 2009 2-digit]

Based on standard item. Coded per ANZSCO First Edition, Revision 1. ABS (2009).

Variable	Documentation
EXMJLV	Reason left main job reported at previous interview 1 = Job was only temporary 2 = Got laid off, no work available, retrenched, made redundant, employer went out of business 3 = Not satisfied with job 4 = To get a better job 5 = Self employed: business closed down for economic reasons 6 = Self employed: business closed down for other reasons 7 = Retired / didn't want to work any longer 8 = Own sickness / disability / injury 9 = Pregnancy/to have children 10 = To stay at home to care for children 11 = Travel / holiday 12 = To return to study 13 = Too much travel time / too far from transport 97 = Other reasons
EMDUR	Total time worked in current position (MONTHS)
EMIND2D	DV: Industry (main job) [ABS ANZSIC R1 2006 2-digit] Based closely on standard ABS question (but as in HILDA unlike the ABS we do not precede the question with one asking respondents to nominate the name of the business that employs them). Coded per ANZSIC 2006 Revision 1.0. ABS (2006).
EMCNT	Contract of employment 1 = Employed on a fixed-term contract 2 = Employed on a casual basis 3 = Employed on a permanent or ongoing basis 4 = None of above HILDA.
EJOBSAT	Self ranked satisfaction with job 0 = Totally unsatisfied 10 = Totally satisfied HILDA.
EJOBS6M	Number of jobs in the last 6 months This variable combines responses for those employed and those not employed. Modified from HILDA question which uses reference period of the last 12 months.
EJOBSRP	Number of jobs in reference period
ENY6M	No paid job in the last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes Modified from HILDA question based on the last 12 months.
ENYRP	No paid job in reference period
ENY6MP	DV: Proportion of time without a paid job in 6 months before Journeys Home
ENYRPP	DV: Proportion of time without a paid job in reference period

Variable	Documentation
EJS4W	Looking for paid work in last 4 weeks 0 = No 1 = Yes As HILDA, modified from ABS Monthly Population Survey to only ask about whether had looked for paid work rather than full-time or part-time work.
EJS	Job search: Any methods 0 = No 1 = Yes Multiple response, specific items include: EJS1: Written, phoned, or applied in person EJS2: Answered an advertisement EJS3: Checked factory notice boards or used a touch screen at Centrelink EJS4: Been registered with Centrelink as a jobseeker EJS5: Check or registered with an employment agency EJS6: Advertised or tendered for work EJS7: Contacted friends/relatives to find a job EJS8: Looked in newspapers but did not actually answer a job advertisement EJS9: Looked on internet, but did not actually answer an advertisement EJS10: Other forms of job search <i>NOTE: For employment status purposes EJS1 – EJS7 are considered active forms of job seeking; EJS8 and EJS9 are considered inactive; and EJS10 has been manually coded based on the verbatim response.</i>
EJSDUR	Total time looking for work (MONTHS)
EJSYEARS	Indicator of YEARS looking for work 1 = Less than 1 year ago 2 = 1 to less than 2 years ago 3 = 2 to less than 5 years ago 4 = 5 years or more ago Modified from HILDA and ABS Monthly Population Survey.
EJSHR	Number of HOURS spent on job search activities last week HILDA.
ESTART1W	Could have started work last week 0 = No 1 = Yes ABS Monthly Population Survey.

Variable	Documentation
ESTART4W	<p>Could start work in the next 4 weeks</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Constructed from two exclusive questions asking the respondent about their ability to start work in the next 4 weeks (those looking for work / not looking for work).</p> <p>ABS Monthly Population Survey.</p>
ENJS	<p>Reasons not looking for work: Any</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple choice, specific reasons include:</p> <p>ENJS1: Have a job to go to ENJS2: Own illness, injury or disability ENJS3: Pregnancy / maternity leave ENJS4: Studying / returning to studies ENJS5: Does not need to work ENJS6: To give others a chance ENJS7: Welfare payment / pension may be affected ENJS8: Moved house / Holidays ENJS9: Lack of transport ENJS10: No time ENJS11: Prefers to look after children ENJS12: Difficulties in finding child care ENJS13: Waiting until youngest child starts pre-school / primary school ENJS14: Other child care reason ENJS15: Ill health of someone other than self or other family reasons ENJS16: Too young / too old ENJS17: Lacks necessary training or qualifications ENJS18: Lacks necessary experience ENJS19: Difficulties with language or ethnic background ENJS20: Difficulties with reading / writing ENJS21: No jobs available in line of work ENJS22: No jobs available with suitable hours ENJS23: No jobs available at all ENJS24: On a job-related training program ENJS97: Other reasons</p> <p>HILDA.</p>
ELIKEJOB	<p>Would like a job (even though not looking)</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes 2 = Maybe / it depends</p> <p>HILDA.</p>
EPAIDJOB	<p>Ever had a paid job</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Modified from ABS Monthly Population Survey (which asks when last worked for 2 weeks or more).</p>

Variable	Documentation
EFTJOB	Ever had paid full-time job 0 = No 1 = Yes Modified from ABS Monthly Population Survey (which asks when last worked for 2 weeks or more).
EXPAID	Had paid work in reference period 0 = No 1 = Yes
ENYDUR	Total time since last in paid work (MONTHS)
ENFTDUR	Total time since last in paid full-time work (MONTHS)
ELOCC2D	DV: Occupation (last job) [ABS ANZSCO R1 2009 2-digit] Based on standard item. Coded per ANZSCO First Edition, Revision 1. ABS (2009).
ELRNLV	Main reason left last job 1 = Job was only temporary 2 = Got laid off / no work available / retrenched / made redundant / employer went out of business etc 3 = Not satisfied with job 4 = To get a better job 5 = Self employed: business closed down for economic reasons 6 = Self employed: business closed down for other reasons 7 = Retired / didn't want to work any longer 8 = Own sickness / disability / injury 9 = Pregnancy / to have children 10 = To stay at home to care for children or other dependents 11 = Travel / holiday 12 = To return to study 13 = Too much travel time / too far from transport 97 = Other reasons ABS Monthly Population Survey.
EVOL6M	Volunteer work in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes
EVOL6MFR	Frequency of volunteer work 1 = At least once a week 2 = At least once a fortnight 3 = At least once a month 4 = Less than once a month
EVOLHRWK	Average hours per week as volunteer
EAGENCY	Registered with any agencies to help find a job 0 = No 1 = Yes Usage of employment services questions are modified from series of questions in DEEWR's 2009 Longitudinal Survey of Employment Services and Income Support: Stepping Stones.

Variable	Documentation
EAGCONFR	Frequency of contact with registered agencies 1 = Almost every day 2 = Two to three times a week 3 = About once a week 4 = About once a fortnight 5 = Once a month 6 = Less often than once a month 7 = Only once in the last six months
EAGDO	Did an agency assist in any of these ways? 0 = No 1 = Yes Multiple response, specific items include: EAGDO1: Give you any advice or help with applying for jobs EAGDO2: Actively look for work on your behalf, such as contacting an employer EAGDO3: Help you with transport such as paying for fares or petrol, or arranging lifts EAGDO4: Provide you with or pay for clothing, footwear or equipment EAGDO5: Provide you with financial counselling EAGDO6: Arrange or pay for personal assistance such as grooming, medical or dental EAGDO7: Arrange or pay for personal assistance such as counselling or rehabilitation services EAGDO8: Help you find somewhere to live
EAGAFTER	Did agency: Help after starting work 0 = No 1 = Yes
EAGTRIAL	Did agency: Arrange work experience or trial placements 0 = No 1 = Yes

17.3.4 SECTION H: HOUSING AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS¹¹

*NOTE: Several Section H variables refer to the **current place** (e.g. HRENTWK weekly rent for current place). In most cases this refers to the place the respondent is currently living or staying. However, for W1, where the respondent is in a health, treatment or rehabilitation facility the **current place** refers to the place they were living or staying before being admitted to the facility. For W2 onwards current place refers to the place the respondent was living in, or staying at, on the day of the interview.*

Variable	Documentation
HHISHMLS	DV: History of homelessness prior to Journeys Home 0 = No 1 = Yes Respondent is coded as having a history of homelessness if they respond with yes to staying anywhere because they did not have a place to live (HHIS*) in Wave 1. This variable is coded as -9 "Not available" for Wave 2 onwards.
HHMLS6M	DV: Experienced homelessness in 6 months prior to Journeys Home 0 = No 1 = Yes Coded as yes if respondent was primary, secondary or tertiary homeless (HSTATUS2) at date of interview or spent any time in the 6 months prior to Wave 1: a) Living in the primary homeless categories; or b) Living in a caravan, hotel, boarding house or in crisis accommodation; or c) Living with friends, family or other relatives.
HHMLSRP	DV: Experienced homelessness in reference period 0 = No 1 = Yes Coded as yes if respondent was primary, secondary or tertiary homeless (HSTATUS2) at date of interview or spent any time between interviews living: a) In the primary homeless categories; or b) In a caravan, hotel, boarding house or in crisis accommodation; or c) With friends, family or other relatives but not for more than 6 months.
HSTATUS1	DV: Homeless Status (ABS 2011) at interview date 0 = Not homeless 1 = Primary 2 = Secondary 3 = Tertiary See the discussion on housing status and defining homelessness in Section 11. ABS (2006) and ABS (2011).

¹¹ Logic and sequencing of this section influenced by NSHAPC. Housing and Urban Development (1996).

Variable	Documentation
HSTATUS2	<p>DV: Homeless Status (MI 2012) at interview date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = Primary 2 = Secondary 3 = Tertiary 4 = Marginally housed 5 = Short-term rental 6 = Long-term housed / stable <p>Based on Melbourne Institute modelling and discussion with the Journeys Home Technical Reference Group. See the discussion on housing status and defining homelessness in Section 11 for further details.</p>
HCHANGE	<p>DV: Accommodation changed in reference period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No 1 = Yes 2 = Yes but returned to previous place 3 = Still sleeping rough <p>It is possible for accommodation to have not changed but the respondent to have moved (i.e. respondent left and returned to previous accommodation). See HNUMRPV for the number of accommodation transitions.</p>
HACCTYP	<p>Type of accommodation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = A house / townhouse 2 = An apartment / unit / flat (includes granny flats and bed-sitters) 3 = Caravan / mobile home / cabin / houseboat 4 = Boarding house / rooming house / hostel 5 = Hotel or motel room 6 = Crisis Accommodation or Refuge 7 = Sleeping rough (for example: street, park, tent, train station, improvised shelter) 8 = A car or other vehicle (NOT a mobile home) 9 = A squat / abandoned building 10 = Health, treatment, or rehabilitation facility 11 = Prison or other form of detention 97 = Other <p>This is the type of accommodation the respondent was living in, or staying at, on the day of the interview. For those in a health, treatment or rehabilitation facility or those in prison HIACCTYP codes the type of accommodation the respondent was living in, or staying at, in prior to being admitted / incarcerated.</p>
HLIVING	<p>Living or stayed last night at current place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = Living 2 = Staying <p>Interviewer assessed for the accommodation coded in HACCTYP.</p>

Variable	Documentation
HGEOADDR	<p>Geo-coded address status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Complete Address 1 = Suburb and state and postcode 2 = State and postcode 3 = State only 4 = No address information <p>Constructed based on most complete address (see Section 10) which corresponds to the HACCTYP accommodation i.e. most complete current residential address.</p>

HSTATE	<p>ASGS State or Territory of current place (ABS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = NSW 2 = Victoria 3 = Queensland 4 = SA 5 = WA 6 = Tasmania 7 = NT 8 = ACT 9 = Other Territories
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This is derived from the geo-coded address of the HACCTYP accommodation.

Constructed from ASGS 2011 release data. ABS (2011).

HGCCSA	<p>ASGS Greater Capital City Statistical Area (ABS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 = Greater Sydney 12 = Rest of NSW 21 = Greater Melbourne 22 = Rest of Victoria 31 = Greater Brisbane 32 = Rest of Queensland 41 = Greater Adelaide 42 = Rest of SA 51 = Greater Perth 52 = Rest of WA 61 = Greater Hobart 62 = Rest of Tasmania 71 = Greater Darwin 72 = Rest of NT 81 = Australian Capital Territory 91 = Other Territories 94 = No usual address 97 = Migratory - Offshore - Shipping
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This is derived from the geo-coded address of the HACCTYP accommodation.

Coding is informed by the ASGS GCCSA codes however they have been reworked to provide numeric codes and to collapse all Migratory – Offshore – Shipping and no usual address codes into the single codes listed above.

Constructed from ASGS 2011 release data. ABS (2011).

Variable	Documentation
HGEOSA4	<p>ASGS Statistical Area 4 (ABS)</p> <p>This is derived from the geo-coded address of the HACCTYP accommodation.</p> <p>Constructed from ASGS 2011 release data. ABS (2011).</p>
HGEOSOS	<p>ASGS Section of State (ABS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Major Urban 1 = Other Urban 2 = Bounded Locality 3 = Rural Balance 7 = Migratory - Offshore - Shipping 9 = No usual address <p>This is derived from the geo-coded address of the HACCTYP accommodation.</p> <p>The categories listed above have been collapsed from the respective state based categories in the ASGS. For confidentiality reasons all areas defined as Bounded Localities in the territories (i.e. ACT/NT/OT) have been reclassified as Rural Balance.</p> <p>Constructed from ASGS 2011 release data. ABS (2011).</p>
HACCDUR	<p>Total time living/staying at current place (MONTHS)</p> <p>This is the total time living or staying at the HACCTYP accommodation.</p> <p>Adapted from question in NSHAPC.</p>
HACC3M	<p>Can stay at current place for next 3 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No 1 = Yes <p>This refers to the HACCTYP accommodation.</p> <p>Adapted from question in NSHAPC.</p>
HIACCTYP	<p>Type of accommodation before being admitted/incarcerated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = A house / townhouse 2 = An apartment / unit / flat (includes granny flats and bed-sitters) 3 = Caravan / mobile home / cabin / houseboat 4 = Boarding house / rooming house / hostel 5 = Hotel or motel room 6 = Crisis Accommodation or Refuge 7 = Sleeping rough (for example: street, park, tent, train station, improvised shelter) 8 = A car or other vehicle (NOT a mobile home) 9 = A squat / abandoned building 97 = Other
HACCRES	<p>Are there other people living at current place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No 1 = Yes <p><i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i></p>

Variable	Documentation
HYACCT	<p>Number of adults living/staying at current place</p> <p><i>NOTE: This question was introduced in W4 and as such current place refers to the place on the day of the interview; for respondents in a health treatment facility or who are incarcerated this is not applicable.</i></p>
HACCR	<p>Living / staying with: Any</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple choice, specific options include:</p> <p>HACCR1: Both parents HACCR2: One parent and parent's spouse/partner HACCR3: One parent HACCR4: Spouse / partner HACCR5: Your or your partner's children HACCR6: Other relatives HACCR7: A foster family HACCR8: Friends HACCR9: Paid carer HACCR97: Other unrelated persons</p>
HTENURE1	<p>Tenure of current place</p> <p>1 = Own/mortgage 2 = Rent/board/fees/share of bills 3 = Rent buy scheme 4 = Live rent free 5 = Life tenure</p> <p>Based on HILDA with crucial difference that this is about tenure of individual respondent not a household. <i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i></p>
HTENURE2	<p>Housing tenure when rent free, life tenure or unknown</p> <p>1 = Staying with parents rent-free 2 = Staying with friends or relatives rent-free 3 = Home owned by parents not living there 4 = Home owned by relatives not living there 5 = Home owned by someone else not living there 6 = Provided by the Public Housing Authority 7 = Provided by a community or Co-operative housing group 8 = Provided by welfare service provider 9 = Life tenure contract 97 = Other</p> <p>Based on HILDA: with more appropriate responses for Journeys Home population. <i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i></p>

Variable	Documentation
HLANDLRD	<p>Who receives rent/board/fees at current place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = Private landlord or real estate agent 2 = Caravan park owner or manager 3 = Hotel / motel 4 = Government housing authority 5 = Community or cooperative housing group 6 = Welfare service provider 7 = Pay board to a parent/guardian 8 = Pay board to other relatives or friends 9 = An employer 97 = Someone else <p>Based on HILDA: with more appropriate responses for Journeys Home population. See Section H introduction to current place.</p>
HYBOND	<p>Deposit or bond paid before moving into current place</p> <p><i>NOTE: This question was introduced in W4 and as such current place refers to the place on the day of the interview; for respondents not in accommodation, in a health treatment facility or who are incarcerated this is not applicable.</i></p>
HYNOTICE	<p>Written notice required to vacate current place</p> <p><i>NOTE: This question was introduced in W4 and as such current place refers to the place on the day of the interview; for respondents not in accommodation, in a health treatment facility or who are incarcerated this is not applicable.</i></p>
HBEHIND	<p>DV: Falling behind in housing payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No 1 = Yes <p>Indicates whether those in rental accommodation are behind on their rent or those with a mortgage are behind on their mortgage repayments. See Section H introduction to current place.</p>
HARRDUR	<p>DV: Total time behind in housing payments (MONTHS)</p> <p>For those in rental accommodation this indicates the number of months behind in rent payments; for those with a mortgage this indicates the number of months behind in mortgage repayments. See Section H introduction to current place.</p>
HACCWEEK	<p>DV: Total weekly housing costs at current place</p> <p>For those in rental accommodation this indicates current weekly rent payments (scaled from the reported payment figure); where paying a mortgage for current accommodation this indicates the weekly mortgage repayments (scaled from the reported figure). See Section H introduction to current place.</p>
HRENTWK	<p>Total weekly rental costs at current place</p> <p>See Section H introduction to current place.</p>
HRENTDUR	<p>Total time behind in rental payments (MONTHS)</p> <p>See Section H introduction to current place.</p>

Variable	Documentation
HRARR	<p>Behind on rent: Any</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple choice, specific reasons include:</p> <p>HRARR1: Unexpected expenses (for things such as repairs to car or appliances, health excluding health insurance, education)</p> <p>HRARR2: Everyday living expenses (for things such as gas/electricity bills, phone bills, food, insurances)</p> <p>HRARR3: Lost job / no income / not enough income</p> <p>HRARR4: Gambling</p> <p>HRARR5: Debt repayments (such as credit cards)</p> <p>HRARR97: Other</p>
HHSVAL	<p>Estimated sale value of current place at interview date</p> <p><i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i></p> <p>HILDA.</p>
HMTG	<p>Mortgage used to purchase current place</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p><i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i></p> <p>HILDA.</p>
HMTGOUT	<p>Mortgage amount remaining for current place</p> <p><i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i></p> <p>HILDA.</p>
HMTGWK	<p>Total weekly mortgage repayments at current place</p> <p><i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i></p>
HMTGDUR	<p>Total time behind on mortgage payments (MONTHS)</p> <p><i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i></p>

Variable	Documentation
HMARR	<p>Behind on mortgage: Any</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple choice, specific reasons include:</p> <p>HMARR1: Unexpected expenses (for things such as repairs to car or appliances, health excluding health insurance, education)</p> <p>HMARR2: Everyday living expenses (for things such as gas/electricity bills, phone bills, food, insurances)</p> <p>HMARR3: Lost job / no income</p> <p>HMARR4: Gambling</p> <p>HMARR5: Debt Repayments (such as credit cards)</p> <p>HMARR97: Other</p>
HPHWLIST	<p>On public housing waiting list</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HACCBED	<p>Own bedroom at current place</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes 2 = Doesn't sleep in a bedroom</p> <p><i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i></p>
HACCBEDS	<p>Number of people sharing bedroom at current place</p> <p><i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i></p>
HOVRCRWD	<p>DV: Indicator of overcrowding at current place</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>A simple definition for overcrowding is used in Journeys Home: sharing a bedroom with 3 or more people or not sleeping in a bedroom. This was developed from internal examination of the data. <i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i></p>
HST1	<p>Current place feels safe</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p><i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i></p>
HST2	<p>Current place has adequate toilet facilities</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p><i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i></p>
HST3	<p>Current place has adequate sleeping space</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p><i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i></p>

Variable	Documentation
HST4	Current place has cooking facilities (such as an oven or stove) 0 = No 1 = Yes
<i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i>	
HST5	Current place has electricity 0 = No 1 = Yes
<i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i>	
HSTGC	Current place is in good condition 0 = No 1 = Yes
<i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i>	
HTRANDIS	Distance to public transport from current place 1 = Less than 500 metres 2 = Between 500 metres and 1 kilometre 3 = 1 to 2 kilometres 4 = 3 to 5 kilometres 5 = More than 5 kilometres
<i>See Section H introduction to current place.</i>	
HLOOKING	Looking for another place to live 0 = No 1 = Yes
HLOOKDUR	Total time looking for a new place to live (MONTHS)
HLOOKOBS	Any obstacles to finding a new place to live 0 = No 1 = Yes
HLOBS	Obstacle to finding another place: Any 0 = No 1 = Yes

Multiple choice, specific reasons include:

- HLOBS1: Too expensive; shortage of affordable accommodation
- HLOBS2: Unemployment
- HLOBS3: Discrimination
- HLOBS4: Poor location of available accommodation
- HLOBS5: Poor quality of available accommodation
- HLOBS6: Poor rental history
- HLOBS7: No rental history / references
- HLOBS8: Health / disability
- HLOBS97: Other

Variable	Documentation
HHHIS1	<p>Stayed with relatives temporarily before Journeys Home (because did not have a place to live)</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>The following HHHIS* questions are based on concepts from the Michael Project.</p> <p>The HHHIS* variables are designed to establish a history of homelessness before the Journeys Home project. The values in the Wave 1 cross sectional data file are copied into the Waves 2, 3 and 4 data files for convenience.</p>
HHHIS2	<p>Stayed at a friend's house temporarily before Journeys Home (because did not have a place to live)</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes on HHHIS1.</p>
HHHIS3	<p>Stayed in a caravan, mobile home, cabin, houseboat before Journeys Home (because did not have a place to live)</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes on HHHIS1.</p>
HHHIS4	<p>Stayed at a boarding house or hostel before Journeys Home (because did not have a place to live)</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes on HHHIS1.</p>
HHHIS5	<p>Stayed in a hotel or motel before Journeys Home (because did not have a place to live)</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes on HHHIS1.</p>
HHHIS6	<p>Stayed in crisis accommodation or a refuge before Journeys Home (because did not have a place to live)</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes on HHHIS1.</p>
HHHIS7	<p>Squatted in an abandoned building before Journeys Home (because did not have a place to live)</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes on HHHIS1.</p>

Variable	Documentation
HHHIS8	Slept rough before Journeys Home (because did not have a place to live) 0 = No 1 = Yes See notes on HHHIS1.
HHHISOT	Ever stayed somewhere else before Journeys Home (because did not have a place to live) 0 = No 1 = Yes See notes on HHHIS1.
HHHISDUR	Total time spent without place to live before Journeys Home 0 = Never spent time without a place to live 1 = Less than 6 months 2 = 6 to 11 months 3 = 12 to 23 months 4 = 2 to 3 years 5 = 4 to 5 years 6 = 6 to 20 years 7 = More than 20 years Constructed for the Journeys Home survey (but influenced by GSS ABS (2006)).
HFHLAGE	Age first time without place to live before Journeys Home
HFHLDUR	Duration for first episode without a place to live before Journeys Home 0 = Never spent time without a place to live 1 = Less than one week 2 = 1 to 4 weeks 3 = 1 to 3 months 4 = 4 to 6 months 5 = More than 6 months

Based on question from GSS. ABS (2006).

Variable	Documentation
HFHLR	Reason for first homeless episode: Any 0 = No 1 = Yes
	Multiple choice, specific reasons include: HFHLR1: Financial difficulties HFHLR2: Relationship breakdown or conflict HFHLR3: Domestic and family violence or abuse HFHLR4: Non-family violence HFHLR5: Employment problems/unemployment HFHLR6: Mental health issues HFHLR7: Other health/medical issues HFHLR8: Problematic drug or substance use HFHLR9: Problematic gambling HFHLR10: Transition from State Care HFHLR11: Was evicted/asked to leave by landlord HFHLR12: Natural disaster or fire HFHLR13: End of lease HFHLR97: Other

The HFHLR variables are for homelessness episodes before Journeys Home. For Wave 2 onwards these variables have been coded as -9 "not available".

NOTE: State care for HFHLR10 means foster care, residential care or kin care.

The HFHLR* questions are based on a question from GSS. ABS (2006).

HHLMORE	Multiple episodes without place to live before Journeys Home 0 = No 1 = Yes
HHLSTILL	Without own place to live at Wave 1 interview 0 = No, currently have my own place to live 1 = Yes, currently without my own place to live
HLHLAGO	Time since last without place to live before Journeys Home (MONTHS)
HLHLDUR	Duration for last episode without a place to live before Journeys Home 0 = Never spent time without a place to live 1 = Less than one week 2 = 1 to 4 weeks 3 = 1 to 3 months 4 = 4 to 6 months 5 = More than 6 months

Based on question from GSS. ABS (2006).

Variable	Documentation
HLHLR	<p>Reason for most recent homeless episode: Any</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple choice, specific reasons include:</p> <p>HLHLR1: Financial difficulties HLHLR2: Relationship breakdown or conflict HLHLR3: Domestic and family violence or abuse HLHLR4: Non-family violence HLHLR5: Employment problems/unemployment HLHLR6: Mental health issues HLHLR7: Other health/medical issues HLHLR8: Problematic drug or substance use HLHLR9: Problematic gambling HLHLR10: Transition from State Care HLHLR11: Was evicted/asked to leave by landlord HLHLR12: Natural disaster or fire HLHLR13: End of lease HLHLR97: Other</p> <p>The HLHLR variables are for homelessness episodes before Journeys Home. For Wave 2 onwards these variables have been coded as -9 “not available”. Where the respondent has only had one episode of homelessness this set of indicators is coded to the first episode reasons (HFHLR*).</p> <p><i>NOTE: State care for HLHLR10 means foster care, residential care or kin care.</i></p> <p>The HLHLR* questions are based on a question from GSS. ABS (2006).</p>
HSP3MDUR	<p>Total time since lived in same place for 3 months or more (MONTHS)</p> <p>0 = At current place for 3 months or more</p> <p><i>NOTE: The HSP3 variables are for accommodation spells before Journeys Home. They are not updated from the calendar data or otherwise. The values have been coded as -9 “not available” for Wave 2 onwards.</i></p>
HSP3MTYP	<p>Type of place last lived for 3 months or more</p> <p>1 = A house or townhouse 2 = An apartment, flat or unit 3 = A caravan, mobile home or cabin 4 = A boarding or rooming house or hostel 5 = Some other type of accommodation</p> <p>See notes on HSP3MDUR.</p>
HSP3WEEK	<p>DV: Total weekly housing costs for place last lived for 3 months or more</p> <p>If was renting this place indicates the weekly rent; if had a mortgage for this place indicates the weekly mortgage repayments. Values have been rescaled to a weekly figure from reported weekly or monthly values.</p> <p>See notes on HSP3MDUR.</p>

Variable	Documentation
HSP3MP	<p>Lived with: Any</p> <p>0 = No one 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple response, specific items include:</p> <p>HSP3MP1: Partner/Spouse/Boyfriend/Girlfriend HSP3MP2: Children under 18 years HSP3MP3: Parents/Parents in-law HSP3MP4: Foster family HSP3MP5: Sisters and/or brothers (incl. in-laws) HSP3MP6: Your adult children HSP3MP7: Grandparents HSP3MP8: Other relatives HSP3MP9: Paid carer HSP3MP10: Friends HSP3MP11: Other residents HSP3MP97: Other persons</p> <p>These questions relate to who the respondent was living with the last time they lived in a place for 3 months or more (HSP3MTYP).</p> <p>See notes on HSP3MDUR.</p>
HSP3MOWN	<p>Owned place last lived for 3 months or more</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes on HSP3MDUR.</p>
HSP3MMI	<p>Had mortgage for place last lived for 3 months or more</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes on HSP3MDUR.</p>
HSP3MTG	<p>Total weekly mortgage payments at place last lived for 3 months or more</p> <p>See notes on HSP3MDUR.</p>
HSP3MMN	<p>Still paying off mortgage for place last lived for 3 months or more</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes on HSP3MDUR.</p>
HSP3MRI	<p>Paid rent/board at place last lived for 3 months or more</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes on HSP3MDUR.</p>
HSP3RENT	<p>Total weekly rent/board at place last lived for 3 months or more</p> <p>See notes on HSP3MDUR.</p>

Variable	Documentation
HSP3MRN	Still paying rent/board for place last lived for 3 months or more 0 = No 1 = Yes
	See notes on HSP3MDUR.
HSP3ML	Reasons left last place 3 months or more: Any 0 = No 1 = Yes
	Multiple choice, specific reasons include: HSP3ML1: Financial difficulties HSP3ML2: Relationship/family breakdown/conflict HSP3ML3: Domestic and family violence or abuse HSP3ML4: Non-family violence HSP3ML5: Employment problems/unemployment HSP3ML6: Mental health issues HSP3ML7: Other health/medical issues HSP3ML8: Problematic drug or substance use HSP3ML9: Problematic gambling HSP3ML10: Transition from State Care HSP3ML11: Was evicted/asked to leave by landlord HSP3ML12: Natural disaster or fire HSP3ML13: End of lease HSP3ML97: Other
	<i>NOTE: State care for HSP3ML10 means foster care, residential care or kin care.</i>
	See notes on HSP3MDUR.
HNUM6MV	Number of places lived over last 6 months
	This is a reported measure in Wave 1; where possible an equivalent measure has been derived from the housing calendar for Wave 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. For those who did not complete the calendar this has been coded as "unknown".
HNUMRPV	Number of places lived in reference period
	This is derived from the housing calendar for Waves 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. For those who did not complete the calendar this is a reported value (see the questionnaire).
HNUM6MI	Indicator of number places lived over last 6 months 1 = 1 to 5 2 = 6 to 10 3 = 11 to 15 4 = 16 to 20 5 = More than 20
	Derived from HNUM6MV or coded as reported if the number of moves is unknown.
HNUMRPI	Indicator of number places lived in reference period 1 = 1 to 5 2 = 6 to 10 3 = 11 to 15 4 = 16 to 20 5 = More than 20
	Derived from HNUMRPV or coded as reported if the number of moves is unknown.

Variable	Documentation
HPROPALL	DV: Proportion of time variables add to 100% 0 = No 1 = Yes
	Indicates if the HTH* or HXTH* “Proportion of time spent in X” sum to 100% (note this also includes HTOTH and HXTOTH variables). This variable corresponds to the MCALL variables (in the housing calendar dataset). The proportion of time can be less than 100% where the respondent answered the housing calendar with some known and some unknown accommodation spell start dates. Where the respondent did not complete the calendar (or in Wave 1) if any range of time is unknown then the proportions are unknown.
HTHUP	DV: Proportion of last 6 months spent: In a house / unit
	The Wave 1 Journeys Home survey instrument collected proportion of time in a range of accommodation situations mixing both tenure arrangements in houses and units (HTH1-HTH4), and accommodation types (HTH5-HTH13 and HTOTHP). In subsequent waves some respondents do not change accommodation but their tenure arrangements do change. In order to prevent inconsistencies when calculating aggregate proportions and because the date of change is unknown, both proportions of time – the variable for the preceding wave tenure and the variable for tenure reported at the current wave – are coded as -1 (unknown).
	However, the HTH1-HTH4 tenures relate specifically to time spent living in a house, unit, apartment, etc. (HACCTYP=1 or HACCTYP=2). This variable aggregates these proportions (before the above recoding), allowing analysis of accommodation type proportions when combined with the other accommodation types (HTH5-HTH13 and HTOTHP).
	<i>NOTE: This variable and HTH1, HTH2, HTH3 and HTH4 are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time.</i>
HTH1	Proportion of last 6 months spent: In your own place (renting, owned or buying)
	The HTH* variables are derived from the respondent nominating a range of time spent in each accommodation. The proportion of time is the mid-point for the range as a percentage of the sum of the mid-point values for each reported range. Where the respondent did not know or refused to specify the time spent in any one accommodation, all the proportions of time have been coded as unknown.
	The HTH* variables are for Wave 1 only, see HXTH* for Wave 2 onwards.
	If calculating combined proportions see HPROPALL and HTOTHP.
	<i>NOTE: This variable and HTHUP are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>
HTH2	Proportion of last 6 months spent: In your parent's home
	<i>NOTE: This variable and HTHUP are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>

Variable	Documentation
HTH3	Proportion of last 6 months spent: In the homes of other relatives <i>NOTE: This variable and HTHUP are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>
HTH4	Proportion of last 6 months spent: In the homes of friends <i>NOTE: This variable and HTHUP are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>
HTH5	Proportion of last 6 months spent: In a caravan, cabin or mobile home
HTH6	Proportion of last 6 months spent: In a boarding house or hostel
HTH7	Proportion of last 6 months spent: In a hotel or motel
HTH8	Proportion of last 6 months spent: In foster care, residential care or kin care
HTH9	Proportion of last 6 months spent: Squatting in an abandoned building
HTH10	Proportion of last 6 months spent: Sleeping rough
HTH11	Proportion of last 6 months spent: In emergency or crisis accommodation
HTH12	Proportion of last 6 months spent: In a hospital, nursing home, health or other treatment facility
HTH13	Proportion of last 6 months spent: In a juvenile or youth detention centre, an adult prison, or a remand centre
HXTHUP	DV: Proportion of reference period spent: In a house / unit See HTHUP, and note this should be combined with HXTH5-HXTH13 and HXTOTP. <i>NOTE: This variable and HXTH1, HXTH2, HXTH3 and HXTH4 are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time.</i>
HXTH1	Proportion of reference period spent: In your own place (renting, owned or buying) For Wave 2 onwards accommodation changes were collected using the calendar – unless the respondent did not know their accommodation history. The calendar is used to derive the proportion of time between interviews for each type of accommodation. Where the respondent did not know their accommodation history a similar method to HTH* is used - the only difference to the method described above is that the more than 24 weeks category is assumed to be equal to the reference period (JHBTWN). The calendar collects accommodation spell start dates in 10-day blocks. This means consecutive accommodation spells can begin on the same date. When this happens the 10-day block has been divided into equal parts for each spell when calculating these proportions. The HXTH* variables are only available for Wave 2 onwards. <i>NOTE: This variable and HXTHUP are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>
HXTH2	Proportion of reference period spent: In your parent's home <i>NOTE: This variable and HXTHUP are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>

Variable	Documentation
HXTH3	Proportion of reference period spent: In the homes of other relatives <i>NOTE: This variable and HXTHUP are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>
HXTH4	Proportion of reference period spent: In the homes of friends <i>NOTE: This variable and HXTHUP are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>
HXTH5	Proportion of reference period spent: In a caravan, cabin or mobile home
HXTH6	Proportion of reference period spent: In a boarding house or hostel
HXTH7	Proportion of reference period spent: In a hotel or motel
HXTH8	Proportion of reference period spent: In foster care, residential care or kin care
HXTH9	Proportion of reference period spent: Squatting in an abandoned building
HXTH10	Proportion of reference period spent: Sleeping rough
HXTH11	Proportion of reference period spent: In emergency or crisis accommodation
HXTH12	Proportion of reference period spent: In a hospital, nursing home, health or other treatment facility
HXTH13	Proportion of reference period spent: In a juvenile or youth detention centre, an adult prison, or a remand centre
HTHUR	DV: Weeks in the last 6 months spent: In a house / unit 0 = None 1 = Less than 1 week 2 = 1 to 3 weeks 3 = 4 to 8 weeks 4 = 9 to 12 weeks 5 = 13 to 16 weeks 6 = 17 to 20 weeks 7 = 21 to 24 weeks 8 = More than 24 weeks HTH1R-HTH13R and HTOTHR are reported measures in the Wave 1 questionnaire. HTHUR is derived from HTHUP by multiplying the proportion with 6 months. As with HTH* above the HTH*R variables are only available for Wave 1. <i>NOTE: This variable and HTH1R, HTH2R, HTH3R and HTH4R are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time.</i>
HTH1R	Weeks in last 6 months spent: In your own place (renting, owned or buying) <i>NOTE: This variable and HTHUR are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>
HTH2R	Weeks in last 6 months spent: In your parent's home <i>NOTE: This variable and HTHUR are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>
HTH3R	Weeks in last 6 months spent: In the homes of other relatives <i>NOTE: This variable and HTHUR are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>

Variable	Documentation
HTH4R	Weeks in last 6 months spent: In the homes of friends <i>NOTE: This variable and HTHUR are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>
HTH5R	Weeks in last 6 months spent: In a caravan, cabin or mobile home
HTH6R	Weeks in last 6 months spent: In a boarding house or hostel
HTH7R	Weeks in last 6 months spent: In a hotel or motel
HTH8R	Weeks in last 6 months spent: In foster care, residential care or kin care
HTH9R	Weeks in last 6 months spent: Squatting in an abandoned building
HTH10R	Weeks in last 6 months spent: Sleeping rough
HTH11R	Weeks in last 6 months spent: In emergency or crisis accommodation
HTH12R	Weeks in last 6 months spent: In a hospital, nursing home, health or other treatment facility
HTH13R	Weeks in last 6 months spent: In a juvenile or youth detention centre, an adult prison, or a remand centre
HXTHUR	DV: Weeks in reference period spent: In a house / unit 0 = None 1 = Less than 1 week 2 = 1 to 3 weeks 3 = 4 to 8 weeks 4 = 9 to 12 weeks 5 = 13 to 16 weeks 6 = 17 to 20 weeks 7 = 21 to 24 weeks 8 = More than 24 weeks

HXTH1R-HXTH13R and HXTOTHR are derived from the corresponding HXTH* proportion of time variable. The HXTHUR measure is derived from HXTHUP. There are some cases where the accommodation calendar was incomplete, in these cases it is possible the HXTH*R variables will not match the type, and the length of accommodation spell reported at HACCTYP and HACCDUR.

As with HXTH* above this set of variables are only available for Wave 2 onwards.

NOTE: This variable and HXTH1R, HXTH2R, HXTH3R and HXTH4R are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time.

HXTH1R	Weeks in reference period spent: In your own place (renting, owned or buying) <i>NOTE: This variable and HXTHUR are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>
HXTH2R	Weeks in reference period spent: In your parent's home <i>NOTE: This variable and HXTHUR are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>
HXTH3R	Weeks in reference period spent: In the homes of other relatives <i>NOTE: This variable and HXTHUR are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>

Variable	Documentation
HXTH4R	Weeks in reference period spent: In the homes of friends <i>NOTE: This variable and HXTHUR are mutually exclusive – do NOT use both when calculating aggregate proportions of time. See HTHUP for further information.</i>
HXTH5R	Weeks in reference period spent: In a caravan, cabin or mobile home
HXTH6R	Weeks in reference period spent: In a boarding house or hostel
HXTH7R	Weeks in reference period spent: In a hotel or motel
HXTH8R	Weeks in reference period spent: In foster care, residential care or kin care
HXTH9R	Weeks in reference period spent: Squatting in an abandoned building
HXTH10R	Weeks in reference period spent: Sleeping rough
HXTH11R	Weeks in reference period spent: In emergency or crisis accommodation
HXTH12R	Weeks in reference period spent: In a hospital, nursing home, health or other treatment facility
HXTH13R	Weeks in reference period spent: In a juvenile or youth detention centre, an adult prison, or a remand centre
HTOTH	Lived any other places in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes Only available for Wave 1.
HXTOTH	Lived any other places in reference period 0 = No 1 = Yes Only available for Waves 2, 3 and 4.
HTOTHP	Proportion of last 6 months spent in other places Only available for Wave 1.
HTOTHR	Weeks in last 6 months spent in other places Only available for Wave 1.
HXTOTHP	Proportion of reference period spent in other places Only available for Waves 2, 3 and 4.
HXTOTHR	Weeks in reference period spent in other places Only available for Waves 2, 3 and 4.
HACCSIT	Self assessed housing situation 1 = Secure in your accommodation 2 = At risk of being homeless 3 = Homeless

Variable	Documentation
HXLVR	<p>Reason left place of previous interview: Any given</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple choice, specific reasons include:</p> <p>HXLVR1: Relationship/family breakdown or conflict HXLVR2: Domestic and family violence or abuse HXLVR3: Non-family violence HXLVR4: Employment problems/unemployment HXLVR5: Mental health issues HXLVR6: Other health/medical issues HXLVR7: Problematic drug or substance use HXLVR8: Problematic gambling HXLVR9: Transition from State Care HXLVR10: Was evicted/asked to leave by landlord HXLVR11: Natural disaster or fire HXLVR12: End of lease HXLVR13: Rent too expensive HXLVR14: To be with family/friends HXLVR15: Was temporary accommodation HXLVR16: Moved to better accommodation HXLVR17: Wanted to relocate HXLVR97: Other</p> <p>HXLVR14 – HXLVR17 are subjective measures coded from verbatim responses to the HXLV97. Better accommodation (HXLVR16) includes specifically stating accommodation was better, accommodation size reasons, overcrowding and safety reasons; and wanting to relocate (HXLV17) is only coded to 1 “Yes” if respondent specifically stated their move was because they wanted to relocate.</p> <p><i>NOTE: State care for HXLVR9 means foster care, residential care or kin care.</i></p>
HXJSANY	<p>Any time in prison, remand or juvenile detention not reported in calendar</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HXJSDUR	<p>Total time in prison, remand or juvenile detention not in calendar (MONTHS)</p>

17.3.5 SECTION S: SUPPORT SERVICES AND NETWORKS

Variable	Documentation
SFAMCON	Contact with family in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes
SFAMFR	Frequency of family contact 1 = A few times a day 2 = Once a day 3 = A few times a week 4 = Once a week 5 = At least once a month 6 = Less often than that
SFRIENDS	Number of friends
SFRIENDI	Indicator for number of friends 0 = None 1 = 5 or less 2 = 6 to 10 3 = 11 to 20 4 = 21 to 50 5 = More than 50
<p><i>NOTE: Where the number of friends (SFRIENDS) is reported this variable is derived from the reported total; where the respondent did not report an exact figure (i.e. unknown or refused) this indicator is self reported via the questionnaire.</i></p>	
SFRCDAYS	Number of days in contact with friends in last week
SFRFTE	Number of friends with fulltime job
SFRFTEA	Approximated number of friends with fulltime job 0 = None 1 = All or most 2 = Few or some

Where the number of friends with a fulltime job (SFRFTE) is reported this variable is derived from the reported total using the algorithm below. Where number of friends with a fulltime job (SFRFTE) is not reported (i.e. unknown or refused) this approximation is self reported via the questionnaire.

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NUMFRIENDS = SFRIENDS
IF NUMFRIENDS < 0 THEN
    IF SFRIENDI = 1 THEN NUMFRIENDS = 3
    IF SFRIENDI = 2 THEN NUMFRIENDS = 8
    IF SFRIENDI = 3 THEN NUMFRIENDS = 15
    IF SFRIENDI = 4 THEN NUMFRIENDS = 35
    IF SFRIENDI = 5 THEN NUMFRIENDS = 50
ENDIF
IF NUMFRIENDS < 0 THEN SFRFTEA = -1
ELSE IF SFRFTE == 0 THEN SFRFTEA = 0
ELSE IF SFRFTE > 0 THEN
    IF SFRFTE <= NUMFRIENDS/2 THEN SFRFTEA = 2
    IF SFRFTE > NUMFRIENDS/2 THEN SFRFTEA = 1
ENDIF
    
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SFRSTAY	Do any friends have nowhere else to stay 0 = No 1 = Yes
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Variable	Documentation
SFRSTAYV	How many friends have nowhere else to stay Coded as zero if SFRSTAY is No.
SFRSTAYA	Approximated number of friends with nowhere else to stay 0 = None 1 = All or most 2 = Few or some See notes on variable SFRFTEA – the same derivation process applies here.
SFRDRUG	Do any friends use drugs 0 = No 1 = Yes
SFRDRUGV	How many friends use drugs Coded as zero if SFRDRUG is No.
SFRDRUGA	Approximated number of friends who use drugs 0 = None 1 = All or most 2 = Few or some See notes on variable SFRFTEA – the same derivation process applies here.
SFRPRIS	Are any friends in Juvenile Detention or Prison 0 = No 1 = Yes
SFRPRISV	How many friends in Juvenile Detention or Prison Coded as zero if SFRPRIS is No.
SFRPRISA	Approximated number of friends in Juvenile Detention or Prison 0 = None 1 = All or most 2 = Few or some See notes on variable SFRFTEA – the same derivation process applies here.
SFRARST	Have any friends been arrested or held overnight 0 = No 1 = Yes
SFRARSTV	How many friends arrested or held overnight Coded as zero if SFRARST is No.
SFRARSTA	Approximated number of friends arrested or held overnight 0 = None 1 = All or most 2 = Few or some See notes on variable SFRFTEA – the same derivation process applies here.
SXMEINJ	Major event: Serious personal injury or illness to a close relative/family member 0 = No 1 = Yes

This and the following three other major event variables are for the last 6 months.

Variable	Documentation
SXMEDT1	Major event: Death of a spouse or child 0 = No 1 = Yes
SXMEDT2	Major event: Death of other close relative/family member 0 = No 1 = Yes
SXMEDT3	Major event: Death of a close friend 0 = No 1 = Yes
SPSFF	How helpful are Family / Friends to talk about personal problems 1 = Very helpful 2 = Somewhat helpful 3 = Neither helpful nor unhelpful 4 = Somewhat unhelpful 5 = Very unhelpful
SWELFARE	Ever talk to welfare services 0 = No 1 = Yes
SPSWELF	How helpful are welfare services to talk about personal problems 1 = Very helpful 2 = Somewhat helpful 3 = Neither helpful nor unhelpful 4 = Somewhat unhelpful 5 = Very unhelpful
SPSOT	Any other people to talk to about personal problems 0 = No 1 = Yes
SPSOTHP	How helpful are other people to talk to about personal problems 1 = Very helpful 2 = Somewhat helpful 3 = Neither helpful nor unhelpful 4 = Somewhat unhelpful 5 = Very unhelpful
SFSFF	How helpful are Family / Friends when need financial assistance 1 = Very helpful 2 = Somewhat helpful 3 = Neither helpful nor unhelpful 4 = Somewhat unhelpful 5 = Very unhelpful
SFSWELF	How helpful are welfare services when need financial assistance 1 = Very helpful 2 = Somewhat helpful 3 = Neither helpful nor unhelpful 4 = Somewhat unhelpful 5 = Very unhelpful
SNEED	Often need help from others but can't get any 1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree

HILDA and Henderson et al. (1978).

Variable	Documentation
SLEAN	Have someone to lean on in times of trouble 1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree HILDA and Henderson et al. (1978).
SCHEER	Have someone who can always cheer you up 1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree HILDA and Henderson et al. (1978).
SLOVELY	Often feel lonely 1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree HILDA and Henderson et al. (1978).
STLKGOD	Talking with people can make you feel better 1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree HILDA and Henderson et al. (1978).
SHOUSR	Used housing services 0 = No 1 = Yes
SHOUCNT	Number of times used housing services Coded as zero if SHOUSR is No.
STENSRV	Used tenancy services 0 = No 1 = Yes
STENCNT	Number of times used tenancy services Coded as zero if STENSRV is No.
SEMSRV	Used emergency relief services 0 = No 1 = Yes
SEMCNT	Number of times used emergency relief services Coded as zero if SEMSRV is No.
SLEGSRV	Used legal aid 0 = No 1 = Yes

Variable	Documentation
SLEGCNT	Number of times used legal aid Coded as zero SLEGSRV is No.
SFINSRV	Used financial support services 0 = No 1 = Yes
SFINCNT	Number of times used financial support services Coded as zero if SFINSRV is No.
SGAMSRV	Used gambling support services 0 = No 1 = Yes
SGAMCNT	Number of times used gambling support services Coded as zero if SGAMSRV is No.
SMLSRV	Used a meals program 0 = No 1 = Yes
SMLCNT	Number of times used a meals program Coded as zero if SMLSRV is No.
SFVISRV	Used family violence services 0 = No 1 = Yes
SFVICNT	Number of times used family violence services Coded as zero if SFVISRV is No.
SDIFF	Experienced difficulty accessing welfare services 0 = No 1 = Yes
SDIFFR	Difficulty accessing welfare services: Any 0 = No 1 = Yes

Multiple choice, specific reasons include:

- SDIFFR1: Don't trust them
- SDIFFR2: Disability restricts access to service
- SDIFFR3: Waiting too long / Appointment not available at time required
- SDIFFR4: Language difficulties
- SDIFFR5: No service in area
- SDIFFR6: Inadequate services in area
- SDIFFR7: Transport / Distance
- SDIFFR8: Poor customer service
- SDIFFR9: Discrimination because of ethnic or cultural background
- SDIFFR10: Other

17.3.6 SECTION MP: MOBILE PHONE USAGE

Variable	Documentation
MPACTIVE	Active mobile phone 0 = No 1 = Yes
MPSMS	Mobile phone used for SMS 0 = No 1 = Yes
MPEMAIL	Mobile phone used for e-mail 0 = No 1 = Yes
MPINET	Mobile phone used for internet 0 = No 1 = Yes
MPCOST	Monthly spend on mobile phone
MPDCANY	Spell without active mobile phone in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes
	<i>NOTE: This only applies to respondents with an active phone (MPACTIVE=YES).</i>
MPDCDUR	Proportion of last 6 months without active mobile phone
	<i>NOTE: This only applies to respondents with an active phone (MPACTIVE=YES).</i>
MPDCR	Any reason why had spell without active mobile phone 0 = No 1 = Yes
	Multiple choice, specific reasons include: MPDCR1: No credit / disconnected MPDCR2: Could not charge MPDCR3: Damaged phone MPDCR4: Lost / stolen MPDCR5: Not needed MPDCR6: Other MPDCR7: Did not own a phone
MPACANY	Spell with active mobile phone in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes
	<i>NOTE: This only applies to respondents without an active phone (MPACTIVE=NO).</i>
MPACR	Any reason why no longer have an active mobile phone 0 = No 1 = Yes
	Multiple choice, specific reasons include: MPACR1: No credit / disconnected MPACR2: Could not charge MPACR3: Damaged phone MPACR4: Lost / stolen MPACR5: Not needed MPACR6: Other MPACR7: Did not own a phone
MPACFEE	Monthly spend on previous mobile phone

17.3.7 SECTION WU: WWW AND INTERNET USAGE

NOTE: For brevity, value labels have not been included in this section. All variables except WUFREQ are standard yes/no questions (1=Yes, 0=No). Codes for WUFREQ have been included below.

Variable	Documentation
WUACCESS	Internet used in last 6 months
WUFREQ	Frequency of Internet use in last 6 months 0 = Not at all 1 = Every day 2 = Several days a week 3 = About once a week 4 = At least once a month 5 = Less than once a month
WUDEV1	Accessed internet with desktop Computer
WUDEV2	Accessed internet with laptop or tablet
WUDEV3	Accessed internet with handheld device
	This includes smart phones, portable music players and other wireless devices.
WUDEV4	Accessed internet with other devices <i>After coding verbatim responses, this category consists of gaming consoles, internet enabled televisions or internet enabled set-top boxes connected to a television.</i>
WUPORTBL	Accessed internet while travelling around
WULOC1	Internet access location: Home or place living/staying
WULOC2	Internet access location: Neighbours, friends or relatives home
WULOC3	Internet access location: Workplace
WULOC4	Internet access location: Educational institution
WULOC5	Internet access location: Public library
WULOC6	Internet access location: Government agency (e.g. Centrelink)
WULOC7	Internet access location: Welfare agency or community organisation
WULOC8	Internet access location: Internet cafe
WULOC9	Internet access location: Other
WUUSE1	Internet usage: Pay bills / electronic banking
WUUSE2	Internet usage: Part of paid employment
WUUSE3	Internet usage: Part of education/training
WUUSE4	Internet usage: Find accommodation
WUUSE5	Internet usage: Look for work
WUUSE6	Internet usage: Centrelink claims/contact
WUUSE7	Internet usage: Other government services
WUUSE8	Internet usage: Community or welfare services
WUOFFLN1	No Internet: No computer/phone
WUOFFLN2	No Internet: Cost
WUOFFLN3	No Internet: No service in area
WUOFFLN4	No Internet: Lack skills
WUOFFLN5	No Internet: Not interested
WUOFFLN6	No Internet: Other

17.3.8 SECTION HW: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Variable	Documentation
HWSEXPRF	Sexual preference at start of Journeys Home 1 = Heterosexual 2 = Homosexual 3 = Bisexual
HWRATING	Self assessed health status 1 = Excellent 2 = Very good 3 = Good 4 = Fair 5 = Poor
Q1 from the SF-36 Health Survey. Ware et al. (2000).	
HW4WINT	Amount of time where physical/emotional health has interfered 1 = All of the time 2 = Most of the time 3 = Some of the time 4 = A little of the time 5 = None of the time
Format is very similar to Q23 from SF-36 Health Survey. Ware et al. (2000).	
HW1YCOMP	Self assessed health change from 1 year ago 1 = Much better 2 = Somewhat better 3 = About the same 4 = Somewhat worse 5 = Much worse
Q2 from the SF-36 Health Survey. Ware et al. (2000).	
HWLNGTRM	Any long term health/disability condition causing restrictions 0 = No 1 = Yes
HILDA / ABS 2002 General Social Survey.	
HWXMDIA1	Diagnosed with: Bipolar Affective Disorder (in reference period) 0 = No 1 = Yes
See HWCOND15 for history of Bipolar Affective Disorder.	
HWXMDIA2	Diagnosed with: Schizophrenia (in reference period) 0 = No 1 = Yes
See HWCOND16 for history of Schizophrenia.	
HWXMDIA3	Diagnosed with: Depression (in reference period) 0 = No 1 = Yes
See HWCOND17 for history of Depression.	

Variable	Documentation
HWXMDIA4	Diagnosed with: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (in reference period) 0 = No 1 = Yes
	See HWCOND18 for history of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.
HWXMDIA5	Diagnosed with: Anxiety Disorder (in reference period) 0 = No 1 = Yes
	See HWCOND19 for history of Anxiety Disorder.
HWXDAGE1	Age first diagnosed with Bipolar Affective Disorder
HWXDAGE2	Age first diagnosed with Schizophrenia
HWXDAGE3	Age first diagnosed with Depression
HWXDAGE4	Age first diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.
HWXDAGE5	Age first diagnosed with Anxiety Disorder
HWXPDI A	Diagnosed with: Physical health condition (in reference period)
HWCOND*	Ever diagnosed with: 0 = No 1 = Yes

Multiple response, specific items include:

- HWCOND1: Stroke
- HWCOND2: Any other heart or circulatory condition, like a heart attack, angina or high blood pressure
- HWCOND3: Diabetes
- HWCOND4: Asthma
- HWCOND5: Chronic bronchitis or emphysema
- HWCOND6: Cancer
- HWCOND7: Problems with your liver
- HWCOND8: Arthritis, gout or rheumatism
- HWCOND9: Epilepsy
- HWCOND10: Kidney disease
- HWCOND11: Hepatitis C
- HWCOND12: Chronic neck or back problems
- HWCOND13: Intellectual disability
- HWCOND14: Acquired brain injury
- HWCOND15: Bipolar affective disorder (manic depression)
- HWCOND16: Schizophrenia
- HWCOND17: Depression
- HWCOND18: Post traumatic stress disorder
- HWCOND19: Anxiety disorder

The HWCOND* variables are loosely based on an item in HILDA.

NOTE: The HWCOND variables are updated at each wave. If respondent reports diagnosis in a previous wave then coding remains Yes; if respondent has not previously reported diagnosis and reports a diagnosis between interviews the variable is coded as Yes.*

Variable	Documentation
HWXCOND*	<p>Diagnosed in reference period:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple response, specific items include:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">HWXCOND1: Stroke HWXCOND2: Any other heart or circulatory condition, like a heart attack, angina or high blood pressure HWXCOND3: Diabetes HWXCOND4: Asthma HWXCOND5: Chronic bronchitis or emphysema HWXCOND6: Cancer HWXCOND7: Problems with your liver HWXCOND8: Arthritis, gout or rheumatism HWXCOND9: Epilepsy HWXCOND10: Kidney disease HWXCOND11: Hepatitis C HWXCOND12: Chronic neck or back problems HWXCOND13: Intellectual disability HWXCOND14: Acquired brain injury HWXCOND15: Bipolar affective disorder (manic depression) HWXCOND16: Schizophrenia HWXCOND17: Depression HWXCOND18: Post traumatic stress disorder HWXCOND19: Anxiety disorder</p> <p>The HWXCOND* variables are loosely based on an item in HILDA.</p> <p><i>NOTE: The HWXCOND* variables are diagnosis' since previous responding interview. See HWCCOND* (above) for life history of diagnosis.</i></p>
HWPROB*	<p>Health problems in last 6 months</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple response, specific items include:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">HWPROB1: Sight problems, not corrected by glasses or contact lens HWPROB2: Hearing problems HWPROB3: Migraines HWPROB4: Stomach ulcers HWPROB5: Eye infections HWPROB6: Ear infections HWPROB7: Skin infections HWPROB8: Pneumonia HWPROB9: Gastro problems</p>
HWXACCD	<p>Accidental injury in the last 6 months</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">0 = No 1 = Yes</p>

Variable	Documentation
HWK6SCR	<p>DV: Kessler 6 (0-24)</p> <p>Kessler 6 score on 0-24 scale calculated as sum of hwk6XXX less 6 to convert from a 6-30 scale and then inverted (over the 0-24 range). If any of the items were answered with Don't Know or Refused then this score will also be Don't Know or Refused.</p> <p>Each item was asked with a low score indicating higher levels of distress. However a higher K6 score should indicate higher levels of distress so the summed score is inverted over the 0-24 range.</p> <p>Kessler et al. (2002).</p>
HWK6NRV	<p>Kessler 6: Nervous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = All of the time 2 = Most of the time 3 = Some of the time 4 = A little of the time 5 = None of the time <p>Kessler et al. (2002).</p>
HWK6HOPE	<p>Kessler 6: Without hope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = All of the time 2 = Most of the time 3 = Some of the time 4 = A little of the time 5 = None of the time <p>Kessler et al. (2002).</p>
HWK6REST	<p>Kessler 6: Restless</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = All of the time 2 = Most of the time 3 = Some of the time 4 = A little of the time 5 = None of the time <p>Kessler et al. (2002).</p>
HWK6EFRT	<p>Kessler 6: Everything an effort</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = All of the time 2 = Most of the time 3 = Some of the time 4 = A little of the time 5 = None of the time <p>Kessler et al. (2002).</p>
HWK6CHR	<p>Kessler 6: Nothing could cheer up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = All of the time 2 = Most of the time 3 = Some of the time 4 = A little of the time 5 = None of the time <p>Kessler et al. (2002).</p>

Variable	Documentation
HWK6WRTH	<p>Kessler 6: Worthless</p> <p>1 = All of the time 2 = Most of the time 3 = Some of the time 4 = A little of the time 5 = None of the time</p> <p>Kessler et al. (2002).</p>
HW6MDR	<p>Seen doctor in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HW6MDRMP	<p>Saw doctor for physical/emotional reasons</p> <p>1 = Mental or emotional 2 = Physical 3 = Both</p>
HW6MDT1	<p>Seen GENERAL PRACTITIONER in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HW6MDT2	<p>Seen HOSPITAL DOCTOR in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HW6MDT3	<p>Seen MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HW6MDT4	<p>Seen SPECIALIST but not in a hospital in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HW6MDT5	<p>Seen DENTIST in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HW6MDT6	<p>Seen some other type of health professional in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HWZ6MNOT	<p>Didn't go to doctor but needed to in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HWZ6MDT1	<p>Needed but didn't see GENERAL PRACTITIONER in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HWZ6MDT2	<p>Needed but didn't see HOSPITAL DOCTOR in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HWZ6MDT3	<p>Needed but didn't see MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HWZ6MDT4	<p>Needed but didn't see SPECIALIST but not in a hospital in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HWZ6MDT5	<p>Needed but didn't see DENTIST in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HWZ6MDT6	<p>Needed but didn't see some other type of health professional in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>

Variable	Documentation
HWZ6MGP	<p>Didn't see GENERAL PRACTITIONER: Any reason given</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple choice, specific reasons include:</p> <p>HWZ6MGP1: Cost HWZ6MGP2: Too far away HWZ6MGP3: No suitable time HWZ6MGP4: To avoid discussing medical history HWZ6MGP5: To avoid discussing housing situation HWZ6MGP6: No Medicare card HWZ6MGP7: Could not be bothered HWZ6MGP8: Other</p>
HWZ6MHD	<p>Didn't see HOSPITAL DOCTOR: Any reason given</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple choice, specific reasons include:</p> <p>HWZ6MHD1: Cost HWZ6MHD2: Too far away HWZ6MHD3: No suitable time HWZ6MHD4: To avoid discussing medical history HWZ6MHD5: To avoid discussing housing situation HWZ6MHD6: No Medicare card HWZ6MHD7: Could not be bothered HWZ6MHD8: Other</p>
HWZ6MMH	<p>Didn't see MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL: Any reason given</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple choice, specific reasons include:</p> <p>HWZ6MMH1: Cost HWZ6MMH2: Too far away HWZ6MMH3: No suitable time HWZ6MMH4: To avoid discussing medical history HWZ6MMH5: To avoid discussing housing situation HWZ6MMH6: No Medicare card HWZ6MMH7: Could not be bothered HWZ6MMH8: Other</p>
HWZ6MSD	<p>Didn't see SEPECIALIST: Any reason given</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple choice, specific reasons include:</p> <p>HWZ6MSD1: Cost HWZ6MSD2: Too far away HWZ6MSD3: No suitable time HWZ6MSD4: To avoid discussing medical history HWZ6MSD5: To avoid discussing housing situation HWZ6MSD6: No Medicare card HWZ6MSD7: Could not be bothered HWZ6MSD8: Other</p>

Variable	Documentation
HWZ6MDN	<p>Didn't see DENTIST: Any reason given</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple choice, specific reasons include:</p> <p>HWZ6MDN1: Cost HWZ6MDN2: Too far away HWZ6MDN3: No suitable time HWZ6MDN4: To avoid discussing medical history HWZ6MDN5: To avoid discussing housing situation HWZ6MDN6: No Medicare card HWZ6MDN7: Could not be bothered HWZ6MDN8: Other</p>
HWZ6MOT	<p>Didn't see other type of health professional: Any reason given</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple choice, specific reasons include:</p> <p>HWZ6MOT1: Cost HWZ6MOT2: Too far away HWZ6MOT3: No suitable time HWZ6MOT4: To avoid discussing medical history HWZ6MOT5: To avoid discussing housing situation HWZ6MOT6: No Medicare card HWZ6MOT7: Could not be bothered HWZ6MOT8: Other</p>
HWZ6MMED	<p>Gone without prescribed medicine in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HWZ6MMR	<p>Reason went without prescribed medicine: Any reason given</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple choice, specific reasons include:</p> <p>HWZ6MMR1: Cost HWZ6MMR2: Pharmacy too far away HWZ6MMR3: Could not be bothered HWZ6MMR4: Didn't agree it was necessary HWZ6MOT5: Other</p>
HWZ6MHOS	<p>Admitted to hospital in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HWZ6MHCNT	<p>Number of times admitted to hospital in last 6 months</p> <p>Coded as zero if hw6mhos is No.</p>
HWZ6MDRUG	<p>Attended drug/alcohol service in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
HWZ6MNDA	<p>Didn't attend drug/alcohol service but needed to in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>

Variable	Documentation
HWZ6MDA	Reason didn't attend drug/alcohol service: Any reason given 0 = No 1 = Yes Multiple choice, specific reasons include: HWZ6MDA1: Cost HWZ6MDA2: Service too far away HWZ6MDA3: No suitable time HWZ6MDA4: Avoid discussing personal history HWZ6MDA5: Avoid discussing housing situation HWZ6MMR6: Could not be bothered HWZ6MOT7: Other
HW6MALC	Drunk alcohol in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes Based on items in HILDA (SCQ).
HWALCFR	Frequency of drinking at least one standard drink 1 = Every day 2 = 5 or 6 days per week 3 = 3 or 4 days per week 4 = 1 or 2 days per week 5 = 1 to 3 days per month 6 = Less than once a month Based on items in HILDA (SCQ).
HWALCDAY	Estimated standard drinks per day Based on items in HILDA (SCQ).
HW1M5STD	Number of occasions consumed 5+ standard drinks in last month Based on items in HILDA (SCQ).
HCWIGTOB	Smoked or used Tobacco in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes Based on items in HILDA (SCQ).
HCWIGFR	Frequency of smoking/tobacco use 1 = Every day 2 = At least weekly 3 = 1 to 3 days per month 4 = Less than once a month Based on items in HILDA (SCQ).
HCWIGDAY	Average cigarettes smoked on a day in which respondent smoked

NOTE: This variable is a reported measure of average cigarettes smoked on a day in which the respondent smokes. It is not the intensity of smoking. A rough approximation of intensity could be derived taking this figure and dividing it over the number of days represented by the frequency of smoking (HCWIGFR).

Influenced by items in HILDA (SCQ).

Variable	Documentation
HWXCIGT	Ever tried smoking cigarettes or tobacco 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWXCIGF	Ever smoked a full cigarette 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWXCIGD	Ever smoked on a daily basis 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWXCAGE1	Age first smoked on a daily basis
HWXCAGE2	Age last stopped smoking on a daily basis
HWXCAGE0	Age smoked first full cigarette
HWXC100	Smoked at least 100 cigarettes in life 0 = No 1 = Yes
<i>NOTE: This is coded as YES if the respondent has ever smoked on a daily basis.</i>	
HWMARCAN	Marijuana or cannabis used in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWMARFR	Frequency of marijuana/cannabis use 1 = Every day 2 = 5 or 6 days per week 3 = 3 or 4 days per week 4 = 1 or 2 days per week 5 = 1 to 3 days per month 6 = Less than once a month
HWXMARE	Ever tried marijuana or cannabis 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWXMARD	Ever used marijuana or cannabis on a daily basis 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWXMAGE1	Age first used marijuana or cannabis on a daily basis
HWXMAGE2	Age last used marijuana or cannabis on a daily basis
HWXMAGE0	Age first tried marijuana or cannabis
HWILGL	Illegal (street) drugs used in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWILGLFR	Frequency of illegal/street drug use 1 = Every day 2 = 5 or 6 days per week 3 = 3 or 4 days per week 4 = 1 or 2 days per week 5 = 1 to 3 days per month 6 = Less than once a month
HWXILGLE	Ever tried illegal/street drugs 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWXILGLW	Ever used illegal/street drugs on a weekly basis 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWXIAGE1	Age first used illegal/street drugs on a weekly basis

Variable	Documentation
HWXIAGE2	Age last stopped using illegal/street drugs on a weekly basis
HWXIAGE0	Age first tried illegal/street drugs
HWXINJ6M	Injected illegal/street drugs in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWINJECT	Ever injected illegal/street drugs 0 = No 1 = Yes
	This variable is coded as reported in Wave 1; for Wave 2 onwards this variable is updated using the HWXINJ6M value (i.e. If previously coded as Yes then leave as Yes; if not previously coded as Yes but HWXINJ6M=Yes then code as Yes).
HWXJAGE1	Age first injected illegal/street drugs
HWXJAGE2	Age last stopped injecting illegal/street drugs
HWEXDRGI	DV: Indicator of average spend on cannabis/illegal drugs per week 0 = None 1 = \$1 - \$49 per week 2 = \$50 - \$99 per week 3 = \$100 - \$149 per week 4 = \$150 or more per week
	Coded from question that asks for a verbatim dollar figure. Value ranges were created from a distribution analysis of the verbatim values. The verbatim value is available in the limited release files (HWEXDRV).
HWSNIFF	Sniffed glue/petrol in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWSNFR	Frequency of glue/petrol sniffing 1 = Every day 2 = 5 or 6 days per week 3 = 3 or 4 days per week 4 = 1 or 2 days per week 5 = 1 to 3 days per month 6 = Less than once a month
HWPRM	Taken prescription medication in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWPRMWHO	Was medication prescribed for respondent 0 = No 1 = Yes 2 = Yes, but not all
HWPRMOV	Ever take more than daily prescribed amount 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWDAPROB	Self assessed indicator if have a problem with drugs/alcohol 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWDATRT	Ever treated for drug/alcohol problems 0 = No 1 = Yes
HWDAT6M	Treated for drug/alcohol problems in the last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes

Variable	Documentation
HWDATDUR	When last treated for drug/alcohol problems 1 = Currently receiving treatment 2 = Within the last 3 months 3 = In the last 4 to 12 months 4 = Over 12 months ago
HWLSAT1	Life satisfaction: Your health Likert scale where 0 is Totally Dissatisfied through to 10 being Totally Satisfied. HILDA Survey. However one item from the HILDA survey ("The amount of free time you have") has been omitted, another ("The home in which you live") has been replaced (by "Your housing situation"), and another has been modified ("Your employment opportunities" has become "Your opportunities for paid employment").
HWLSAT2	Life satisfaction: Your housing situation
HWLSAT3	Life satisfaction: The neighbourhood in which you live
HWLSAT4	Life satisfaction: Your opportunities for paid employment
HWLSAT5	Life satisfaction: Your financial situation
HWLSAT6	Life satisfaction: How safe you feel
HWLSAT7	Life satisfaction: Your close relationships with family or friends
HWSATALL	Life satisfaction overall Likert scale where 0 is Totally Dissatisfied through to 10 being Totally Satisfied.
HWSATFUT	Satisfaction with future prospects Likert scale where 0 is Totally Dissatisfied through to 10 being Totally Satisfied.

17.3.8.1 QS. QUALITY OF SLEEP

This sub-section of Section HW is only available for Wave 6.

Variable	Documentation
QSWDAYHR	Hours of sleep per weekday night
QSWENDHR	Hours of sleep per weekend night
QSNAPS	Any sleep from napping 0 = No 1 = Yes
QSNAPSHR	Average hours sleep per day from napping
QSRATE	Self-assessed sleep quality rating 1 = Very good 2 = Fairly good 3 = Fairly bad 4 = Very bad

17.3.9 SECTION PR: PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Variable	Documentation
CINOCTRL	Little control over things that happen 1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree
CINOSOLN	No way to solve some problems 1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree
CISTUCK	Little can be done to change important things 1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree
CIHPLSS	Often feel helpless dealing with problems 1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree
CIPUSHED	Feels like is being pushed around 1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree
CIOWNFUT	Future mostly depends on self 1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree
CIDOANY	Can do anything if really set mind to it 1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree
CIGUT	Makes decisions based on gut feeling 1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree
CILIVNOW	Lives life without much thought for the future 1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree

Variable	Documentation
RTRATE	Risk taking attitude (self-rated) 0 = Unwilling to take risks 10 = Very willing to take risks
RTCRTN1	Choice between \$100 today or \$140 next year 1 = \$100 today 2 = \$140 next year 3 = Could not decide 4 = Did not understand <i>NOTE: In both cases this payment is guaranteed.</i>
RTCRTN2	Choice between \$3000 today or \$3300 next month 1 = \$3000 today 2 = \$3300 next month 3 = Could not decide 4 = Did not understand <i>NOTE: In both cases this payment is guaranteed.</i>
RTPROB1	Choice between \$100 for sure or 90% chance of \$500 1 = \$100 for sure 2 = Take 90% chance for \$500 3 = Could not decide 4 = Did not understand <i>NOTE: Code 2 specified 90% chance of receiving \$500 and 10% chance of nothing.</i>
RTPROB2	Choice between \$100 for sure or 75% chance of \$200 1 = \$100 for sure 2 = Take 75% chance for \$200 3 = Could not decide 4 = Did not understand <i>NOTE: Code 2 specified 75% chance of receiving \$200 and 25% chance of nothing.</i>

17.3.10 SECTION CA: COGNITIVE ABILITY

The cognitive ability test was only administered in Wave 6.

The test asked respondents to repeat a sequence of numbers, in reverse order to which they were read to the respondent. Each “level” of the test consisted of two different sequences: where the first sequence was repeated correctly (i.e. in reverse) the test moved to the next level; where the first sequence was not repeated correctly (i.e. not in reverse, out of order or some incorrect or missing digits), the second sequence was tested. If the second sequence was repeated correctly (i.e. in reverse) the test moved to the next level; where both the first and second sequence were not repeated correctly (i.e. not in reverse, out of order or some incorrect or missing digits) the test was stopped. Each level increased the number of digits in the sequence by one.

The test consisted of 7 levels. The sequences of digits are presented alongside the level variables below. They are listed in the order that the digits were read to the respondent. The correct answer is not provided.

NOTE: Where respondent did not understand the test instructions, all scores have been coded to -1 (Unknown); where respondent refused to participate, all scores have been coded to -4 (Opt out); for cases of non-response, all scores have been coded to -2 (Not answered). Scores for levels following the level where the test was terminated, are coded as -3 (Not applicable).

Variable	Documentation
CASTART	Cognitive ability test attempted 1 = Yes 2 = Did not understand instructions 3 = Refused to participate
CASCORE	DV: Number of successfully completed levels 0 = None 7 = All
CALVL1	Cognitive ability level 1 0 = Incorrect 1 = Correct first test 2 = Correct second test Test 1: 2, 4 Test 2: 5, 7
CALVL2	Cognitive ability level 2 0 = Incorrect 1 = Correct first test 2 = Correct second test Test 1: 6, 2, 9 Test 2: 4, 1, 5
CALVL3	Cognitive ability level 3 0 = Incorrect 1 = Correct first test 2 = Correct second test Test 1: 3, 2, 7, 9 Test 2: 4, 9, 6, 8

Variable	Documentation
CALVL4	<p>Cognitive ability level 4</p> <p>0 = Incorrect 1 = Correct first test 2 = Correct second test</p> <p>Test 1: 1, 5, 2, 8, 6 Test 2: 6, 1, 8, 4, 3</p>
CALVL5	<p>Cognitive ability level 5</p> <p>0 = Incorrect 1 = Correct first test 2 = Correct second test</p> <p>Test 1: 5, 3, 9, 4, 1, 8 Test 2: 7, 2, 4, 8, 5, 6</p>
CALVL6	<p>Cognitive ability level 6</p> <p>0 = Incorrect 1 = Correct first test 2 = Correct second test</p> <p>Test 1: 8, 1, 2, 9, 3, 6, 5 Test 2: 4, 7, 3, 9, 1, 2, 8</p>
CALVL7	<p>Cognitive ability level 7</p> <p>0 = Incorrect 1 = Correct first test 2 = Correct second test</p> <p>Test 1: 9, 4, 3, 7, 6, 2, 5, 8 Test 2: 7, 2, 8, 1, 9, 6, 5, 3</p>
CAHELPED	<p>Cognitive ability test assisted by someone else</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p><i>NOTE: This was assessed by the interviewer during the interview.</i></p>
CADSTRBD	<p>Cognitive ability test affected by distraction or disturbance</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p><i>NOTE: This was assessed by the interviewer during the interview.</i></p>

17.3.11 SECTION DF: DIET AND FOOD SECURITY

Variable	Documentation
DFVEGFRQ	Frequency eating vegetables 0 = Not usually eaten 1 = 1 day/week 2 = 2 days/week 3 = 3 days/week 4 = 4 days/week 5 = 5 days/week 6 = 6 days/week 7 = Every day
DFVEGSRV	Serves of vegetables eaten 0 = Not usually eaten 1 2 3 4 5 6 = 6+ serves
DFFRFRQ	Frequency eating fruit 0 = Not usually eaten 1 = 1 day/week 2 = 2 days/week 3 = 3 days/week 4 = 4 days/week 5 = 5 days/week 6 = 6 days/week 7 = Every day
DFFRSRV	Serves of fruit eaten 0 = Not usually eaten 1 2 3 4 5 6 = 6+ serves
DFSEAFRQ	Frequency eating fish and seafood 0 = Not usually eaten 1 = 1 day/week 2 = 2 days/week 3 = 3 days/week 4 = 4 days/week 5 = 5 days/week 6 = 6 days/week 7 = Every day
DFRWFRQ	Frequency eating red and white meat 0 = Not usually eaten 1 = 1 day/week 2 = 2 days/week 3 = 3 days/week 4 = 4 days/week 5 = 5 days/week 6 = 6 days/week 7 = Every day

Includes red and white meat as well as tinned and processed meat.

Variable	Documentation
DFLEGFRQ	Frequency eating legumes and pulses 0 = Not usually eaten 1 = 1 day/week 2 = 2 days/week 3 = 3 days/week 4 = 4 days/week 5 = 5 days/week 6 = 6 days/week 7 = Every day
DFBRKFRQ	Frequency eating breakfast 0 = Not usually eaten 1 = 1 day/week 2 = 2 days/week 3 = 3 days/week 4 = 4 days/week 5 = 5 days/week 6 = 6 days/week 7 = Every day
DFLCHFRQ	Frequency eating lunch 0 = Not usually eaten 1 = 1 day/week 2 = 2 days/week 3 = 3 days/week 4 = 4 days/week 5 = 5 days/week 6 = 6 days/week 7 = Every day
DFDNRFRQ	Frequency eating dinner 0 = Not usually eaten 1 = 1 day/week 2 = 2 days/week 3 = 3 days/week 4 = 4 days/week 5 = 5 days/week 6 = 6 days/week 7 = Every day
DFBUYBRK	Frequency buying breakfast 0 = Not usually eaten 1 = 1 day/week 2 = 2 days/week 3 = 3 days/week 4 = 4 days/week 5 = 5 days/week 6 = 6 days/week 7 = Every day
DFBUYLCH	Frequency buying lunch 0 = Not usually eaten 1 = 1 day/week 2 = 2 days/week 3 = 3 days/week 4 = 4 days/week 5 = 5 days/week 6 = 6 days/week 7 = Every day

Variable	Documentation
DFBUYDNR	Frequency buying dinner 0 = Not usually eaten 1 = 1 day/week 2 = 2 days/week 3 = 3 days/week 4 = 4 days/week 5 = 5 days/week 6 = 6 days/week 7 = Every day
DFWELFARE	Eat meals provided by welfare organisations 0 = No 1 = Yes
DF4FREE	Number of meals per week provided for free by welfare organisations
DFSPEND	Weekly spend on food and drink
DFPEOPLE	Number of people covered by weekly food and drink spend
DFUNDR15	Buys food and drink for people under 15 years of age 0 = No 1 = Yes
	<i>NOTE: Where number of people covered by weekly spending is 1 this is coded to NO.</i>
DFCHLDRN	Number of children under 15 covered by weekly food and drink spend
	<i>NOTE: If does not buy for people under 15 (DFUNDR15=NO) this is coded as zero.</i>
DF4WENGI	Worried would not have enough food [LAST 4 WEEKS] 0 = No 1 = Yes
DF4WENGF	Frequency of worry over not enough food [LAST 4 WEEKS] 0 = Never 1 = Rarely [once or twice] 2 = Sometimes [3 to 10 times] 3 = Often [more than 10 times]
DF4WLIMI	Eaten limited variety of food because of a lack of money [LAST 4 WEEKS] 0 = No 1 = Yes
DF4WLIMF	Frequency of eating limited variety of foods [LAST 4 WEEKS] 0 = Never 1 = Rarely [once or twice] 2 = Sometimes [3 to 10 times] 3 = Often [more than 10 times]
DF4WCHCI	Eaten foods which did not want to eat because of a lack of money [LAST 4 WEEKS] 0 = No 1 = Yes
DF4WCHCF	Frequency of eating foods which did not want to eat [LAST 4 WEEKS] 0 = Never 1 = Rarely [once or twice] 2 = Sometimes [3 to 10 times] 3 = Often [more than 10 times]
DF4WSMLI	Eaten smaller meals because there was not enough food [LAST 4 WEEKS] 0 = No 1 = Yes

Variable	Documentation
DF4WSMLF	Frequency eaten smaller meals [LAST 4 WEEKS] 0 = Never 1 = Rarely [once or twice] 2 = Sometimes [3 to 10 times] 3 = Often [more than 10 times]
DF4WSKPI	Skipped a meal because of a lack of money [LAST 4 WEEKS] 0 = No 1 = Yes
DF4WSKPF	Frequency of skipping meals [LAST 4 WEEKS] 0 = Never 1 = Rarely [once or twice] 2 = Sometimes [3 to 10 times] 3 = Often [more than 10 times]
DF4W24HI	Went 24 hours without eating because there was not enough food [LAST 4 WEEKS] 0 = No 1 = Yes
DF4W24HF	Frequency of not eating for 24 hours [LAST 4 WEEKS] 0 = Never 1 = Rarely [once or twice] 2 = Sometimes [3 to 10 times] 3 = Often [more than 10 times]

17.3.12 SECTION F: FAMILY HISTORY

This section was only administered in Wave 1 to establish base line data for the respondents’ family history. All variables have been merged into each cross sectional file, for convenience, but are as reported in Wave 1.

Variable	Documentation
FCARER14	Principal caregiver(s) at 14 years old 1 = Father and stepmother 2 = Mother and stepfather 3 = Father only 4 = Mother only 5 = Other relatives (but not parents) 6 = Foster parents 7 = Other 8 = Had no principal caregivers at that time Includes: - Living alone - Living in State based residential care 9 = Both parents
FRNNOP	Reasons not with both parents: Any 0 = No 1 = Yes Multiple choice, specific reasons include: FRNNOP1: Parent(s) died FRNNOP2: Parents separated or divorced FRNNOP3: Parents were never married or never lived together FRNNOP4: Parent(s) were unable to provide care due to poor health FRNNOP5: Parent(s) were unable to provide care due to other reason FRNNOP6: Conflict / relationship problems with parents FRNNOP97: Other reason
FPCEMP	Principal caregiver(s) in paid employment at 14 years old 0 = No / neither 1 = Yes, both 2 = Yes, but only one 97 = Other
FHEPROT	Growing up: You knew there was someone to take care of you and protect you 1 = Never true 2 = Hardly ever true 3 = Sometimes true 4 = Often true 5 = Very often true Selected items from Adverse Childhood Adversity Study.
FHELOVE	Growing up: You felt loved 1 = Never true 2 = Hardly ever true 3 = Sometimes true 4 = Often true 5 = Very often true Selected items from Adverse Childhood Adversity Study.

Variable	Documentation
FHELOOK	<p>Growing up: People in your family looked out for each other</p> <p>1 = Never true 2 = Hardly ever true 3 = Sometimes true 4 = Often true 5 = Very often true</p>
Selected items from Adverse Childhood Adversity Study.	
FHEHATE	<p>Growing up: You felt that someone in your family hated you</p> <p>1 = Never true 2 = Hardly ever true 3 = Sometimes true 4 = Often true 5 = Very often true</p>
Selected items from Adverse Childhood Adversity Study.	
FHEHURT	<p>Growing up: People in your family said hurtful or insulting things to you</p> <p>1 = Never true 2 = Hardly ever true 3 = Sometimes true 4 = Often true 5 = Very often true</p>
Selected items from Adverse Childhood Adversity Study	
FHESUPP	<p>Growing up: Your family was a source of strength and support</p> <p>1 = Never true 2 = Hardly ever true 3 = Sometimes true 4 = Often true 5 = Very often true</p>
Selected items from Adverse Childhood Adversity Study.	
FHEBOOK	<p>Not have enough money to: Buy your school books</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
FHEXCUR	<p>Not have enough money to: Pay for school excursions</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
FHEUNIF	<p>Not have enough money to: Pay for school uniforms</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
FHEUTIL	<p>Utilities disconnected for not paying</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
FCARERSF	<p>Number of different female care givers growing up</p>

Based on AHURI Intergenerational Homelessness Survey 2009.

Variable	Documentation
FCARFWHO	Primary female carer 1 = Birth mother 2 = Adoptive mother 3 = Step mother 4 = Foster mother 5 = Aunt 6 = Grandmother 97 = Other
Based on AHURI Intergenerational Homelessness Survey 2009.	
FCARFEDU	Highest education level of primary female carer 1 = No schooling 2 = Primary school 3 = Some secondary, but no more than year 10 4 = Year 11 or equivalent 5 = Year 12 or equivalent 6 = Technical College/TAFE 7 = University
Based on HILDA.	
FCARFUNE	Primary female carer unemployed 0 = No 1 = Yes
Adapted for Journeys Home from HILDA.	
FCARFU6M	Primary female carer unemployed for 6 months or more 0 = No 1 = Yes
FCARFJL1	Primary female carer spent time in jail 0 = No 1 = Yes
Based on AHURI Intergenerational Homelessness Survey 2009.	
FCARFJL2	Primary female carer in jail more than once 0 = No 1 = Yes
FCARFMH1	Primary female carer overnight in hospital for mental health problem 0 = No 1 = Yes
Based on AHURI Intergenerational Homelessness Survey 2009.	
FCARFMH2	Primary female carer overnight in hospital more than once 0 = No 1 = Yes
FCARFMH3	Primary female carer longest stay in hospital 1 = 1 month or less 2 = 2 to 6 months 3 = 7 to 12 months 4 = More than 12 months

Variable	Documentation
FCARFDA	Did primary female carer have a: Have a drinking problem or a drug problem 0 = No 1 = Yes
Based on AHURI Intergenerational Homelessness Survey 2009.	
FCARFGAM	Did primary female carer have a: Have a gambling problem 0 = No 1 = Yes
FCARERSM	Number of different male care givers growing up
Based on AHURI Intergenerational Homelessness Survey 2009.	
FCARMWHO	Primary male carer 1 = Birth father 2 = Adoptive father 3 = Step father 4 = Foster father 5 = Uncle 6 = Grandfather 97 = Other
Based on AHURI Intergenerational Homelessness Survey 2009.	
FCARMEDU	Highest education level of primary male carer 1 = No schooling 2 = Primary school 3 = Some secondary, but no more than year 10 4 = Year 11 or equivalent 5 = Year 12 or equivalent 6 = Technical College/TAFE 7 = University
Based on HILDA.	
FCARMUNE	Primary male carer unemployed 0 = No 1 = Yes
Adapted for Journeys Home from HILDA.	
FCARMU6M	Primary male carer unemployed for 6 months or more 0 = No 1 = Yes
FCARMJL1	Primary male carer spent time in jail 0 = No 1 = Yes
Based on AHURI Intergenerational Homelessness Survey 2009.	
FCARMJL2	Primary male carer in jail more than once 0 = No 1 = Yes
FCARMMH1	Primary male carer overnight in hospital for mental health problem 0 = No 1 = Yes
Based on AHURI Intergenerational Homelessness Survey 2009.	

Variable	Documentation
FCARMMH2	Primary male carer overnight in hospital more than once 0 = No 1 = Yes
FCARMMH3	Primary male carer longest stay in hospital 1 = 1 month or less 2 = 2 to 6 months 3 = 7 to 12 months 4 = More than 12 months
FCARMDA	Did primary male carer have a: Have a drinking problem or a drug problem 0 = No 1 = Yes
Based on AHURI Intergenerational Homelessness Survey 2009.	
FCARMGAM	Did primary male carer have a: Have a gambling problem 0 = No 1 = Yes
FFOSTER	Ever placed into foster home 0 = No 1 = Yes
FRESI	Ever placed into residential care 0 = No 1 = Yes
FKINCARE	Ever placed into kin care 0 = No 1 = Yes
FINCARE	DV: Ever placed into foster, residential or kin care 0 = No 1 = Yes
Coded as yes if spent time in any form of care: foster, residential or kin care.	
FCARENUM	Number of placements in foster, residential or kin care Coded as 0 if never been in care.
<i>NOTE: This is a point in time measure at the Wave 1 interview it is not updated.</i>	
FCAREDUR	Total time spent in foster, residential or kin care (MONTHS) Coded as 0 if never spent time in care.
<i>NOTE: This is a point in time measure at the Wave 1 interview it is not updated.</i>	

17.3.13 SECTION JS: CONTACT WITH JUSTICE SYSTEM

For W2 onwards the questionnaire does not specifically ask questions on time spent in juvenile detention, prison or remand. Instead this time is captured by the accommodation calendar. However please note that in the accommodation calendar juvenile detention, prison and remand are grouped together into one form of accommodation. This means that the JSJUV, JSPRS and JSREM variables are only available for W1, in all other waves they have been coded as -9 (Not available). For time spent in detention see JSINDUR and HXTH13.

Variable	Documentation
JSJUV	Ever in juvenile detention or youth detention before Journeys Home 0 = No 1 = Yes
Juvenile detention questions are modified from questions in the Michael Project.	
JSJUUAGE	Age first went to juvenile detention before Journeys Home
JSJUVNUM	Number of times in juvenile detention before Journeys Home
JSJUVDUR	Total time spent in juvenile detention before Journeys Home (MONTHS)
JSJUV6M	In juvenile detention in the 6 months before Journeys Home 0 = No 1 = Yes
If respondent age is 21 or over has been coded as No.	
JSPRS	Ever in adult prison before Journeys Home 0 = No 1 = Yes
Prison questions are modified from questions in the Michael Project.	
JSPRSAGE	Age first went to adult prison before Journeys Home
JSPRSNUM	Number of times in adult prison before Journeys Home
JSPRSDUR	Total time spent in adult prison before Journeys Home (MONTHS)
JSPRS6M	In adult prison in the 6 months before Journeys Home 0 = No 1 = Yes
JSREM	Ever in remand before Journeys Home 0 = No 1 = Yes
Remand questions are modified from questions in the Michael Project.	
JSREIMAGE	Age first went to remand before Journeys Home
JSREMNUM	Number of times in remand before Journeys Home
JSREMDUR	Total time spent in remand before Journeys Home (MONTHS)
JSREM6M	In remand in the 6 months before Journeys Home 0 = No 1 = Yes
JSINDUR	DV: Total time in juvenile detention, adult prison and remand (MONTHS)
JSIN6M	DV: Juvenile detention, prison or remand in the 6 months before Journeys Home 0 = No 1 = Yes

NOTE: This variable is only available for Wave 1. For Wave 2+ use HXTH13R>0 as this incorporates all possible reported detention episodes.

Variable	Documentation
JSIN6DUR	DV: Proportion of 6 months spent in juvenile detention, prison or remand
	<i>NOTE: See notes for JSIN6M – use HXTH13R for Wave 2 onwards.</i>
JSVICTIM	Justice Contact: Been the victim of an assault or robbery which resulted in police contact or investigation 0 = No 1 = Yes
	Experiences with the justice system are modified from the Michael Project.
JSPOLSTR	Justice Contact: Been stopped by the police on the street 0 = No 1 = Yes
JSPOLCAR	Justice Contact: Been stopped in a vehicle by police 0 = No 1 = Yes
JSPOLAPP	Justice Contact: Been apprehended by the police 0 = No 1 = Yes
JSPOLHLD	Justice Contact: Been held overnight by the police (other than in remand, detention, prison) 0 = No 1 = Yes
JSCOURT	Justice Contact: Been to Court over an incident 0 = No 1 = Yes
JSJOFFS	Justice Contact: Made visits to, or received visits from, Justice Officers 0 = No 1 = Yes
JSNCUST	Justice Contact: Been given a non-custodial sentence or community based order 0 = No 1 = Yes

17.3.14 SECTION V: EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE

The Exposure to Violence section has several questions that explicitly ask the respondent for consent to ask questions about physical violence, threats of violence and sexual assault. Where the respondent did not wish to answer the questions they have been coded as -4 (opt out).

NOTE: The questions on threats of violence were removed after W1.

Variable	Documentation
VCONSENT	<p>Consent to answer violence questions</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>If the respondent did not consent to violence questions the remainder of questions in Section V will be coded as -4 (respondent opt out).</p> <p>This question was developed by Melbourne Institute in consultation with Roy Morgan Research, the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Journeys Home Technical Reference Group.</p>
VPARFGHT	<p>Frequency observed parents/carers physically fighting</p> <p>1 = Never 2 = Rarely 3 = Occasionally 4 = Often 5 = Very often</p> <p>Based on AHURI Intergenerational Homelessness Survey 2009.</p>
VALW1	<p>As a child someone living with you left you without adequate food or shelter</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Influenced by questions in Adverse Childhood Adversity Study and ABS Personal Safety Survey, ABS (2005).</p>
VALW2	<p>As a child someone living with you threatened to harm you (but without physically hurting you)</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
VALW3	<p>As a child someone living with you used physical violence or force against you</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
VALW4	<p>As a child someone living with you threatened to harm family or friends</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
VALW5	<p>As a child someone living with you harmed (or threatened to) any of your pets</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
VOTP1	<p>As a child someone else threatened to harm you (but without physically hurting)</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Influenced by questions in Adverse Childhood Adversity Study and ABS Personal Safety Survey, ABS (2005).</p>

Variable	Documentation
VOTP2	As a child someone else used physical violence or force 0 = No 1 = Yes
VPV	Experienced physical violence as an adult 0 = No 1 = Yes <i>NOTE: This variable is coded as -3 (not applicable) for those aged 18 or younger.</i> Influenced by questions in Adverse Childhood Adversity Study and ABS Personal Safety Survey, ABS (2005).
VPV6M	Experienced physical violence in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes Coded as no if haven't experienced physical violence. Influenced by questions in Adverse Childhood Adversity Study and ABS Personal Safety Survey, ABS (2005).
VPV6M2	More than one episode of physical violence in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes Coded as no if haven't experienced physical violence in the last 6 months. Influenced by questions in Adverse Childhood Adversity Study and ABS Personal Safety Survey, ABS (2005).
VPVREL	Relationship to person who physically assaulted respondent 1 = Stranger 2 = Boyfriend / girlfriend / Partner (never lived with) 3 = A partner you are living with now 4 = A partner you were living with at the time 5 = A previous partner you were no longer living with at the time 6 = Some other person who you knew Based on ABS Personal Safety Survey (however unlike ABS series of questions does not ask about male and female assaulters separately), ABS (2005).
VPVHARM	Harmed because of recent episode of physical violence 0 = No 1 = Yes Based on ABS Personal Safety Survey (however unlike ABS series of questions does not ask about male and female assaulters separately), ABS (2005).

Variable	Documentation
VPVSUPP	<p>Sought physical violence support from</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple response, specific items include:</p> <p>VPVSUPP1: A doctor VPVSUPP2: A counsellor VPVSUPP3: Crisis help VPVSUPP4: Legal help VPVSUPP5: Family or friends VPVSUPP6: The police VPVSUPP7: Any other support, including a telephone help line</p> <p>Based on ABS Personal Safety Survey (however unlike ABS series of questions does not ask about male and female assaulters separately), ABS (2005).</p>
VPVFEAR1	<p>Experienced anxiety or fear because of physical violence</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Based on ABS Personal Safety Survey (however unlike ABS series of questions does not ask about male and female assaulters separately), ABS (2005).</p>
VPVFEAR2	<p>Frequency of anxiety/fear because of physical violence</p> <p>1 = Every day 2 = At least once a week 3 = At least once a month 4 = Less than once a month</p> <p>Based on ABS Personal Safety Survey (however unlike ABS series of questions does not ask about male and female assaulters separately), ABS (2005).</p>
VSEXCONS	<p>Consent to answer sexual violence questions</p> <p>0 = Not OK 1 = OK</p> <p>If the respondent did not want to answer questions on sexual violence all VSA* variables will be coded as -4 (respondent opt out).</p> <p>This question was developed by Melbourne Institute in consultation with Roy Morgan Research, the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Journeys Home Technical Reference Group.</p>
VSAALW	<p>Experienced sexual assault as a child from someone living with</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Influenced by questions in Adverse Childhood Adversity Study and ABS Personal Safety Survey, ABS (2005).</p>
VSAOT	<p>Experienced sexual assault as a child from someone not living with</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Influenced by questions in Adverse Childhood Adversity Study and ABS Personal Safety Survey, ABS (2005).</p>

Variable	Documentation
VSA	<p>Experienced sexual assault as an adult</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Influenced by questions in Adverse Childhood Adversity Study and ABS Personal Safety Survey, ABS (2005).</p>
VSA6M	<p>Experienced sexual assault in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>If never experienced sexual assault this is coded as no.</p>
VSA6M2	<p>More than one episode of sexual assault in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Coded as no if haven't experienced sexual assault in the last 6 months.</p>
VSAREL	<p>Relationship to person who sexually assaulted respondent</p> <p>1 = Stranger 2 = Boyfriend / girlfriend / Partner (never lived with) 3 = A partner you are living with now 4 = A partner you were living with at the time 5 = A previous partner you were no longer living with at the time 6 = Some other person who you knew</p> <p>Based on ABS Personal Safety Survey (however unlike ABS series of questions does not ask about male and female assaulters separately), ABS (2005).</p>
VSASUPP	<p>Sought sexual assault support from</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Multiple response, specific items include:</p> <p>VSASUPP1: A doctor VSASUPP2: A counsellor VSASUPP3: Crisis help VSASUPP4: Legal help VSASUPP5: Family or friends VSASUPP6: The police VSASUPP7: Any other support, including a telephone help line</p> <p>Based on ABS Personal Safety Survey (however unlike ABS series of questions does not ask about male and female assaulters separately), ABS (2005).</p>
VSAFEAR1	<p>Experienced anxiety/fear because of sexual assault</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Based on ABS Personal Safety Survey (however unlike ABS series of questions does not ask about male and female assaulters separately), ABS (2005).</p>

Variable	Documentation
VSAFEAR2	<p>Frequency of anxiety/fear because of sexual assault</p> <p>1 = Every day 2 = At least once a week 3 = At least once a month 4 = Less than once a month</p> <p>Based on ABS Personal Safety Survey (however unlike ABS series of questions does not ask about male and female assaulters separately), ABS (2005).</p>
VTHREAT	<p>Experienced threats of violence</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p><i>NOTE: Threats of violence variables are only available in the wave 1 dataset.</i></p> <p>Based on ABS Personal Safety Survey (however unlike ABS series of questions does not ask about male and female assaulters separately), ABS (2005).</p>
VTH6M	<p>Experienced threats of violence in last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>If never experienced threats of violence this is coded as no.</p>
VTH6M2	<p>More than one threat in the last 6 months</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Coded as no if haven't experienced threats of violence in the last 6 months.</p>
VTHREL	<p>Relationship to person who made threats</p> <p>1 = Stranger 2 = Boyfriend / girlfriend / Partner (never lived with) 3 = A partner you are living with now 4 = A partner you were living with at the time 5 = A previous partner you were no longer living with at the time 6 = Some other person who you knew</p> <p>Based on ABS Personal Safety Survey (however unlike ABS series of questions does not ask about male and female assaulters separately), ABS (2005).</p>
VTHFEAR1	<p>Experienced anxiety/fear because of threats</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Based on ABS Personal Safety Survey (however unlike ABS series of questions does not ask about male and female assaulters separately), ABS (2005).</p>
VTHFEAR2	<p>Frequency of anxiety/fear because of threats</p> <p>1 = Every day 2 = At least once a week 3 = At least once a month 4 = Less than once a month</p> <p>Based on ABS Personal Safety Survey (however unlike ABS series of questions does not ask about male and female assaulters separately), ABS (2005).</p>

17.3.15 SECTION I: INCOME AND FINANCIAL STRESS

Section I contains a question seeking the respondents approval to use information from their Centrelink (RED) data. This includes information about how much and what type of benefits they receive. If the respondent does not consent to usage of this data they are asked several questions to collect similar data. For W5 onwards consent is no longer requested: it is assumed those who did not previously consent will not in the future.

Variable	Documentation
IFS	Financial stressors – because of a shortage of money 0 = No 1 = Yes
	Multiple response, specific items include: IFS1: Had to go without food when you were hungry IFS2: Had to pawn or sell something IFS3: Asked a welfare agency for food, clothes, accommodation or money IFS4: Asked for financial help from friends or family IFS5: Could not go out with friends because could not pay your way IFS6: Could not pay electricity, gas or telephone bills on time
	<i>NOTE: The IFS1 – IFS6 variables come from question I1 which included an option for the respondent to indicate: Not Applicable. Where the respondent has indicated N/A the variable has been coded with the global not applicable code.</i>
	Question modified from financial stress indicators in ABS Household Expenditure Survey, ABS (2009).
IGAM6M	Participated in gambling or betting in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes
	Thomas et al. (unpublished).
IGAM6MPB	Has gambling ever been a problem in last 6 months 0 = No 1 = Yes
IGAMPB	Gambling is currently a problem 0 = No 1 = Yes
IZGAMEV	Ever participated in gambling or betting 0 = No 1 = Yes
	<i>NOTE: This has been coded to YES if IGAM6M=YES.</i>
IZGAMAGE	Age first participated in gambling
IZGAMDBT	Ever been in debt because of gambling 0 = No 1 = Yes
IZDBTAGE	Age first went into debt because of gambling

Variable	Documentation
ICONSENT	<p>Consent to link with Centrelink records</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>If the respondent does not consent to usage of their Centrelink records a series of questions are asked to generate the following variables related to income support access and usage. Whereas if the respondent provides consent these variables are calculated from their Centrelink records (using the RED data).</p> <p>This question was developed by Melbourne Institute in consultation with Roy Morgan Research and the Department of Social Services (DSS).</p> <p><i>NOTE: This question was dropped from the survey at W5 under the assumption that those who had not yet granted consent would not give consent in future interviews.</i></p>
IINCSUP	<p>Currently receiving Centrelink payments</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>This variable is coded from RED for those who gave consent to link with Centrelink data (ICONSENT=Yes), in these cases a respondent is receiving Centrelink payments (IINCSUP=Yes) if the respondent was receiving a benefit at interview date.</p>
ICPTYP	<p>Type of Centrelink payment</p> <p>0 = None 1 = Newstart Allowance 2 = Youth Allowance 3 = Disability Support Pension 4 = Parenting Payment (single) 5 = Parenting Payment (partnered) 6 = Age Pension 7 = Special Benefit 8 = Other</p> <p>This variable is coded from RED for those who gave consent to link with Centrelink data (ICONSENT=Yes). Coding is based on the benefit type respondent was receiving at interview date.</p>
IYGOV	<p>DV: Total weekly government payments</p> <p>Constructed as total of all government payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Centrelink payments; and • Rent assistance; and • Family tax benefits (FTB) <p>These calculations make the assumption that the relationship statuses reported in the survey data are accurate. For those who gave consent to link with Centrelink data (ICONSENT=Yes) the government payment amounts will come from RED data.</p> <p><i>NOTE: It is possible to have IYGOV > 0 and IINCSUP = NO. This occurs when the respondent is receiving rent assistance and/or the family tax benefit but does not receive an income support payment from Centrelink.</i></p>

Variable	Documentation
ITCCPDUR	Total length of current Centrelink payment spell (MONTHS) [TOPCODED]
	Top coded where greater than 120 months (see Section 21.1). The variable ICPDUR in the Limited and Limited+RED Release file contains non-top-coded values.
	This is the continuous length, at the interview date, of the current Centrelink payment spell. The continuous length is the time since the last point in time the respondent was not receiving Centrelink payments.
	This variable is coded from RED for those who gave consent to link with Centrelink data (ICONSENT=Yes) in these cases this is coded by summing episodes together as one spell where the gap between consecutive episodes is not more than 1 day.
ICP5YR	DV: Proportion of the 5 years before Journeys Home receiving Centrelink payments
	For those who gave consent to link with Centrelink data (ICONSENT=Yes) this is coded by taking the length of all benefit episodes in the last 5 years as a proportion of the 5 years up to the wave 1 interview date.
	For those who did not give consent 5 years is considered to be 260 weeks.
	<i>NOTE: Is a proportion of the 5 years immediately preceding the wave 1 interview.</i>
IXCPRPP	Proportion of reference period receiving Centrelink payments
	This variable is coded from RED for those who gave consent to link with Centrelink data (ICONSENT=Yes). This is coded by taking the total number of days on Centrelink between interviews as a proportion of the time between interviews.
IXCPALL	Received Centrelink payments continuously through reference period
	0 = No 1 = Yes
	For those who gave consent to link with Centrelink data (ICONSENT=Yes) this is coded as Yes if respondent has IXCPRPP=1 (i.e. proportion of time receiving Centrelink payments between interviews is 100% of time).
ICPSUSP	Centrelink payments ever suspended
	0 = No 1 = Yes
	See IXCPALL for payment and suspensions in the reference period.
	This variable is coded from RED for those who gave consent to link with Centrelink data (ICONSENT=Yes). This is coded as yes if there are any suspensions in the Centrelink data.

Variable	Documentation
INCPDUR	<p>Total time since last receiving Centrelink payments (MONTHS)</p> <p>This variable is coded from RED for those who gave consent to link with Centrelink data (ICONSENT=Yes). The total time is coded as the difference between the interview date and end of the most recent benefit episode.</p> <p>The Wave 1 questionnaire did not ask about history of time not receiving Centrelink payments. Therefore for those who did not give consent to link with Centrelink data (ICONSENT=No) this value is unknown. Wave 2 onwards included a question for those who did not give consent.</p>
IFTB	<p>Currently receive the Family Tax Benefit</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>This variable is coded from RED for those who gave consent to link with Centrelink data (ICONSENT=Yes), where the respondent was receiving some form of income support (IINCSUP=Yes) at interview date, in which case this is coded as yes if respondent was a recipient of any FTB payment at interview date. For those who did not consent to link with Centrelink data or who did consent but were not receiving income support at interview date this is a reported measure.</p> <p>In Wave 2 an error in the questionnaire dynamic text generator meant respondents in a De-facto relationship were only asked if they received the Family Tax Benefit instead of them or their partner. This only applies to respondents who did not give consent to link (ICONSENT=No) and who are in a De-facto relationship.</p> <p>Modified from questions in HILDA.</p>
IOTH	<p>Income from any other sources (not employment/Centrelink)</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p>
IYOTH	<p>DV: Average weekly income from other sources</p> <p>Other sources of income should not include any payments from the Government or paid employment; but may include cash from family members, rent, bank interest, begging or any business activity not reported as employment.</p> <p>Where weekly income from other sources in the week before the interview (IYOTHLW) is a regular income (IYOTHNM) this value is the amount received in the week before interview. Where this is irregular income this value is coded as the reported average weekly income from other sources.</p>
IYOTHLW	<p>Weekly income from other sources received in reference week</p> <p>This is reported income from other sources received in the week before the interview. This does not include income received from the Government or from paid employment. Other sources of income may include cash from family members, rent, bank interest, begging or any business activity not reported as employment.</p>

Variable	Documentation
IYOTHNM	<p>Weekly income from other sources received in reference week was normal amount</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Indicates if the reported weekly income (IYOTHLW) received in the week before the interview was a regular source of income.</p>
IYPARJ	<p>Does partner earn money from job/business/farm</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>In Wave 2 an error in the questionnaire filtering meant that this question and the subsequent partner income questions (IYPARJWK, IYPARO, and IYPAROWK) were not asked if the respondent was in the same De-facto relationship as Wave 1. In these cases partner income has been coded to -9 (Not available).</p>
IYPARJWK	<p>Partners average weekly income from job/business/farm</p> <p>See IYPARJ notes on De-facto relationships in Wave 2.</p>
IYPARO	<p>Partner receives income from Government payments or other sources</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>An error in the Wave 1 and Wave 2 questionnaire meant this question was not asked of respondents whose partner did not earn money from a job/business/farm (i.e. IYPARJ=NO). For respondents who a) gave consent to link with Centrelink data; and b) had a partner on income support in the Centrelink data: this has been coded as Yes. <i>The amount of the payment has not been included in IYPAROWK because the income support payment is not equivalent to government payments and any other sources of income – see below for more details.</i></p> <p>See IYPARJ for notes on De-facto relationships in Wave 2. This coding does not override the coding from Centrelink data described above.</p>
IYPAROWK	<p>Partners average weekly income from Government payments and other sources</p> <p>Where a partner is known to be on income support from Centrelink data and this value was not collected by the survey (see IYPARO above) the value has been coded as -1 (Unable to determine value).</p> <p>See IYPARJ for notes on De-facto relationships in Wave 2.</p>
IYWVKV	<p>DV: Estimated total gross individual income per week</p> <p>Estimated gross amount is sum of earnings from work, other income sources, income support and family tax benefits. The estimation assumes all these values are given in gross amounts.</p>

Variable	Documentation
IYWKI	DV: Indicator for estimated gross individual income per week 0 = Zero 1 = \$1 - \$199 / week 2 = \$200 - \$399 / week 3 = \$400 - \$599 / week 4 = \$600 - \$799 / week 5 = \$800 - \$999 / week 6 = \$1000 - \$1249 / week 7 = \$1250 - \$1499 / week 8 = \$1500 - \$1999 / week 9 = \$2000 or more / week

ICYWKV DV: Estimated total combined gross income per week

Where respondent does not have a partner will match IYWKI.

Estimated gross amount is sum of estimated individual gross earnings (including other sources, income support and family tax benefit) plus partner earnings from work and other partner income. The estimation assumes all these values are given in gross amounts.

ICYWKI	DV: Indicator for estimated combined gross income per week 0 = Zero 1 = \$1 - \$199 / week 2 = \$200 - \$399 / week 3 = \$400 - \$599 / week 4 = \$600 - \$799 / week 5 = \$800 - \$999 / week 6 = \$1000 - \$1249 / week 7 = \$1250 - \$1499 / week 8 = \$1500 - \$1999 / week 9 = \$2000 or more / week
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Where respondent does not have a partner will match IYWKI.

IHAVDEBT	DV: Have loans or debts 0 = No 1 = Yes
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Indicator if the respondent has any form of debt. Coded as yes if respondent has a credit card and has not paid it off or has overdue bills, or loans from hire purchase companies, banks, welfare organisations, pawnbrokers or pay day companies, family or friends, or has student loans.

Coded as no if respondent does not have any of these.

If doesn't know or refused debt values this is coded as -1 (unable to determine).

Variable	Documentation
ITCDEBT	<p>DV: Total outstanding debt [TOPCODED]</p> <p>Top coded where greater than \$50,000 (see Section 21.1). The variable ITOTDEBT in the Limited and Limited+RED Release files contains non-top-coded values.</p> <p>Coded as the sum of all the debt values reported in Questionnaire Section I (IBILL, IHIRE, IBANK, IWELF, ILOAN, IFAM and IEDU) or zero if respondent has no debt. Where the respondent gave values for some loans and did not know values for other loans or did not know values for any loans this is coded as -1 (unknown). Where respondent refused to provide a value this is coded as -2 (refused).</p>
IPRIDEBT	<p>DV: Primary source of reported debt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No debt 1 = Credit card 2 = Unpaid overdue bills 3 = Hire purchase 4 = Bank/finance company loan 5 = Welfare organisation loan 6 = Other lenders (e.g. pawnbroker / pay day) 7 = Family and friends 8 = Student loans 9 = Multiple loans <p>Coded based on highest value of debt from the range of debt questions. Where two debts were equal is coded as 9 (Multiple loans). Where some debt values were known and others unknown this is coded as the largest known debt. If all reported debt amounts are unknown this is coded as -1 (unable to determine value), similarly if all reported debt amounts were refused this is coded as -2 (refused).</p>
IHAVECC	<p>Have credit cards or store cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No 1 = Yes <p>Modified from questions in HILDA.</p>
ICCPYOFF	<p>Paid full credit card balance at last statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No 1 = Yes
IBILL	<p>Have any unpaid overdue bills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No 1 = Yes <p>Based on questions in HILDA.</p>
IDBTCOL	<p>Been contacted by a debt collector in last 6 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No 1 = Yes
IHIRE	<p>Have a hire purchase loan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No 1 = Yes <p>Based on questions in HILDA.</p>

Variable	Documentation
IBANK	Have personal loan from bank/finance company 0 = No 1 = Yes Based on questions in HILDA.
IWELF	Have loan from welfare organisation 0 = No 1 = Yes Based on questions in HILDA.
ILOAN	Have loans from other lenders (pawnbroker, pay day, etc) 0 = No 1 = Yes Based on questions in HILDA.
IFAM	Have loan from family or friends 0 = No 1 = Yes Based on questions in HILDA.
IEDU	Have any outstanding student loans or debts 0 = No 1 = Yes Based on questions in HILDA.

17.3.16 SECTION T: FUTURE CONTACT DETAILS

Section T is primarily concerned with the contact details of respondents for follow-up waves.

Variable	Documentation
TNUMANCH	DV: Number of contact anchor points
	<p>Constructed by counting the number of contact points a respondent provided. This measure varies between each wave. It is dependent on the number of contact points that were collected for tracking respondent in the next wave. IN W1 it includes up-to 3 places the respondent commonly visits, not included in any other wave; for waves 2, 3, 4, 5 it includes several alternative addresses, these are not included in W6. Measures included in all waves are: if current residential and postal addresses are correct and if phone numbers and email addresses are provided.</p>
TMOVEF	DV: Distance moved between fieldwork periods
	<p>Calculated using the great-circle distance method based on geo-coded points in the previous and current waves. This is between consecutive waves: 1&2, 2&3, 3&4, and so on. For cases of non-response the geo-coded address is best known location discovered during fieldwork. <i>Note for wave 1 the value will be -9 (not available).</i></p>
	<p>Some respondents have HCHANGE=YES and TMOVEF=0, this occurs when a wave was skipped, and respondent moved before skipped wave and is still at this new location in at following interview. In these cases TMOVEF will be calculated for the preceding wave, and will be zero for this wave. The HCHANGE value indicates the respondent has moved from previous responding wave address, not the skipped wave address. The inverse is also possible; this is where respondents have returned to their previous address after the skipped wave address.</p>
	<p>The variable TMOVER provides distance between responding waves.</p>
	<p><i>This variable replaces TMOVEK which has been coded to TMOVEF.</i></p>
TMOVER	DV: Distance moved from previous responding wave
	<p>Calculated using the great-circle distance method based on geo-coded points in the current wave and previous responding wave. Terminated interviews are counted as response for the purposes of calculating this distance. Geo-coded addresses are those referred to by HGEOADDR. For cases of non-response is coded as -3 (N/A). <i>Note for wave 1 value will be -9 (not available in this dataset).</i></p>
	<p>Some respondents have HCHANGE=NO and TMOVER>0, this occurs when this or the preceding wave had an incomplete address (see HGEOADDR) and the other has a more complete address. Unlike TMOVEF, the inverse is not possible, where the respondent has moved (HCHANGE=YES), TMOVER must be greater than zero.</p>

17.3.17 SECTION Z: INTERVIEWER FIELD NOTES

Section Z collects feedback from the interviewer on the interview process.

Variable	Documentation
ZINTLOC	Location and method of interview 1 = Face-to-face at respondent's main residence (inside) 2 = Face-to-face at respondent's main residence (outside / on doorstep) 3 = Face-to-face some other place - indoors 4 = Face-to-face some other place - outdoors 5 = Face-to-face service provider facilities 6 = By telephone 7 = Other venue/location Interviewer assessed location
ZUNDERST	Understanding of questions 1 = Excellent 2 = Good 3 = Fair 4 = Poor 5 = Very poor Interviewer assessed
ZSUSPIC	Suspicious of survey 1 = No, not at all suspicious 2 = Yes, somewhat suspicious 3 = Yes, very suspicious Interviewer assessed
ZCOOP	Co-operation during interview 1 = Excellent 2 = Good 3 = Fair 4 = Poor 5 = Very poor Interviewer assessed
ZENGLISH	Ability to speak English 1 = Excellent 2 = Good 3 = Fair 4 = Poor 5 = Very poor Interviewer assessed
Z3RDPER	Completed with assistance of 3rd party 0 = No 1 = Yes, family member assisted 2 = Yes, friend assisted
ZADULTS	Any other adults present during interview 0 = No 1 = Yes

Variable	Documentation
ZADINFL	Level of influence other adults had on responses [INTERVIEWER ASSESSED] 1 = Not at all 2 = A little 3 = A fair amount 4 = A great deal
ZPLACE	Current place in good condition [INTERVIEWER ASSESSED] 0 = No 1 = Yes

17.3.18 CENTRELINK DERIVED VARIABLES (RED)

These variables are only available where the respondent consented to linking with their Centrelink data (ICONSENT=Yes); where the respondent did not consent all variables in this section have been coded to -4 “Respondent opt out” in line with the global missing values. For non-response cases we use the midpoint of the fieldwork period (see Section 16) as the interview date when deriving these variables.

There are extra Centrelink derived variables available in the limited release file (see Section 17.5.2).

NOTE: These variables are not included in the Limited Release or Overseas Release data files.

Variable	Documentation
APROP6M	Proportion of time on income support in 6 months before Journeys Home
APROP12M	Proportion of time on income support in 12 months before Journeys Home
APROP18M	Proportion of time on income support in 18 months before Journeys Home
APROP24M	Proportion of time on income support in 24 months before Journeys Home
ABENO6M	Number of benefit episodes in 6 months before Journeys Home
ABENO12M	Number of benefit episodes in 12 months before Journeys Home
ABENO18M	Number of benefit episodes in 18 months before Journeys Home
ABENO24M	Number of benefit episodes in 24 months before Journeys Home
AXBENEP	Number of benefit episodes in reference period

17.4 HOUSING CALENDAR VARIABLES

These variables can be found in the JH_ACCCAL dataset.

The housing calendar is spell based; each accommodation spell consists of the variables listed below. There is a single record in the dataset for each respondent and variables are suffixed with a numeric index representing the spell, this index is represented by the letter X in the variable names below. The Wave 1 accommodation has been coded as spell zero (#=0) and if possible a spell start date derived.

The calendar accommodation type (MCACC#), for the current spell on the interview day (MCINT#=Yes), is coded to match accommodation tenure for that wave. In cases where the respondent remains in the same accommodation it is possible that the accommodation tenure and housing status variables (HTENURE1, HLANDLRD, HSTATUS2, etc.) will NOT match the calendar accommodation type which was coded in a previous wave. This occurs where the respondent remains living in, or staying at, at the same place but their tenure (e.g. paying rent vs. living rent free) changes. For more details see the discussion on proportion of time in accommodation types vs. tenure for variables HTHUP/HXTHUP, HTH1-HTH4 and HXTH1-HXTH4.

Variable	Documentation
XWAVEID	The Journeys Home Cross Wave Identifier
MCALL#	Consecutive spells [WAVE #] 0 = No 1 = Yes

Indicates if ALL of the accommodation spells between responding interviews are included in the calendar. This variable is coded as “not available” for W1 (#=1) because the housing calendar was not asked in Wave 1. Note that where respondent skips a wave this relates to all spells from the previous response to the current response. For example MCALL3 may indicate the calendar is complete from Wave 1 through to Wave 3 (in cases on Wave 2 non-response) or Wave 2 through to Wave 3 (in cases of Wave 2 response).

There are two cases where this variable will be coded as No:

1. If a respondent refused to answer or did not know, for a single spell, both when they moved and the type of accommodation they moved to. When this occurs the respondent did not continue answering questions in the housing loop. In the data this will appear as an accommodation spell with an unknown/refused code for both MCWHENX and MCACCX, which will be directly followed by an accommodation spell for their current accommodation (i.e. reported at question H1, coded in HACCTYP); and
2. The questionnaire had a fixed upper limit for accommodation changes. Where the respondent reached this upper limit without indicating the accommodation spell was their current accommodation they will have all of their reported accommodation spells followed by one final spell describing their current accommodation (i.e. reported at question H1, coded in HACCTYP).

MCIDT#	Interview date (YYMMDD) [WAVE #]
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NOTE: All date variables in the Journeys Home data are numeric values. You should convert the value to a date type in your statistics package before use. See Section 21.2 for example algorithms to use when converting to date variables.

Variable	Documentation
MCORD#	<p>Spells reported in chronological order [WAVE #]</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">0 = No 1 = Yes 2 = Probably</p> <p>Indicates if the reported accommodation spells between responding interviews were reported in chronological order. Where spells were reported out of order they have been re-ordered chronologically. Coded as “not available” for W1.</p> <p><i>The code PROBABLY means dates appeared to be in chronological order, however, at least one MCWHEN# value had to be recoded according to the MCDTR# rules (below). Where the dates were known to be out of order this variable will be coded as NO – the probably code only overwrites YES cases.</i></p>
MCWAVE#	Wave spell reported [#]
MCINT#	<p>Accommodation spell coincides with interview [#]</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>Indicates if this accommodation spell was the current accommodation at the date of interview for the wave given in MCWAVE#. This does not indicate the spell ends in the MCWAVE# wave; the spell may be the current accommodation of following waves. For spells spanning multiple interview dates, the calendar will only contain one spell, and MCINT# indicates the wave the spell was first reported in.</p>
MCWHEN#	<p>Start date of spell (YYYYMMDD) [#]</p> <p>For Wave 1 the start date is derived from the interview date and the HACCDUR variable; where either is unknown the start date has been coded as Unknown (-1). For Wave 2 onwards the housing calendar questions ask for the period (beginning, middle, and end) of a month in which the spell began. These periods are meant to loosely represent 10 day blocks the day component of the date is coded as:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">01 = Beginning 11 = Middle 21 = End</p> <p>For example if a spell was reported in W2 for the end of November: 20111121</p> <p>Due to the 10-day blocks it is possible for the reported start date of a spell to precede the previous interview date. In these cases the spell start date has been adjusted to the date of the previous interview.</p> <p><i>NOTE: All date variables in the Journeys Home data are numeric values. You should convert the value to a date type in your statistics package before use. See Section 21.2 for example algorithms to use when converting to date variables.</i></p>

Variable	Documentation
MCDTR#	<p>Recoding performed on spell start date [#]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = None 1 = Moved to day before interview date 2 = Moved to previous interview date 3 = Injected spell due to missing data 4 = Implausible (before previous interview) 5 = Implausible (future date)

Several inconsistencies were identified in the accommodation questionnaire loop exit conditions. This meant that under certain situations, accommodation spells were missing or had dates reported that were outside plausible date dates. Where possible these dates have been corrected.

This variable indicates the type of correction performed:

1. Spells reported starting earlier than previous interview have been
 - o Marked as implausible if more than one, and not last reported
 - o Marked as previous interview date if last reported
2. Spells reported starting on the interview date or in the future, where accommodation type matches HACCTYP, HACCR*, HTENURE* and HLANDLRD, have been marked as starting the day before the interview – this is because HACCTYP is place they stayed the night before.
3. All other spells starting on the interview date or in the future have been marked as implausible (i.e. unless coded according to rule #2 above).
4. Where a spell was missed due to ambiguous interpretation of the survey questionnaire, an artificial spell has been inserted with an unknown start.

NOTE: MCDTR0 is coded N/A because the W1 spell start is derived from HACCDUR.

MCACC#	<p>Accommodation type for spell [#]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = Own place (renting, owned or buying) 2 = Parent's home 3 = Home of other relatives 4 = Home of friends 5 = Caravan, cabin or mobile home 6 = Boarding house or rooming house or hostel 7 = Hotel or motel room 8 = Foster care or residential care or kin care 9 = Squatting in an abandoned building 10 = Emergency or crisis accommodation 11 = Sleeping rough (the street, a park, a car, tent, train station or improvised shelter) 12 = Hospital, nursing home, health or other treatment facility 13 = Juvenile or youth detention centre, an adult prison, or a remand centre 97 = Other
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It is possible for the respondent to report the accommodation type as 'my current place'. In these cases this is derived from the reported accommodation and tenure arrangements. See Section 20.2 for details on the derivation.

17.5 LIMITED RELEASE VARIABLES

In addition to the variables in the General Release file, the following variables are available in the Limited Release and Limited+RED Release files. These variables can be found in the JHLIM_LONG, JHLIM_WX, JHLRD_LONG and JHLRD_WX datasets where WX is W1, W2, etc...

NOTE: The Limited Release file only includes variables listed in section 17.5.1 (but does not contain ICPDUR). The intent here is to remove all variables related to receipt of income support. See section 7.1 for details. All variables included in the Limited+RED Release.

17.5.1 SURVEY VARIABLES

These variables are provided in addition to those in the general release data file as, during the process of confidentialising the data, these variables have been either withheld, top-coded or are subject to aggregation in the General Release file. Note the limited release data file also includes all of the variables in the general release data file – there are no variable name conflicts so you can safely merge using the XWAVEID.

Variable	Documentation
XWAVEID	The Journeys Home Cross Wave Identifier
MHNMGOT	Number of times married (if more than 4)
MHNDFOT	Number of de facto relationship (if more than 4)
PYC#AGE	Other child # age
	Other children are those who are not reported in the above children variables. That means a child reported here is not the respondent’s biological child, has not been adopted by the respondent and is not a step-child in the respondents’ care.
PYC#SEX	Other child # gender
PYC#RES	Other child # lives with respondent
PCOB	DV: Country of Birth [ABS SACC SE2011R1]
	Coded as per the ABS SACC however codes are not listed here for brevity.
	<i>NOTE: Only a subset of the countries from the ABS SACC was presented in the questionnaire, see the marked up questionnaire for the list. This subset was designed to include countries which are common among Australian immigrants.</i>

PCOBMG	DV: Country of Birth – Minor Group [ABS SACC SE2011R1]
	Coded as per the ABS SACC however codes are not listed here for brevity.
	<i>NOTE: Only a subset of the countries from the ABS SACC was presented in the questionnaire, see the marked up questionnaire for the list. This subset was designed to include countries which are common among Australian immigrants.</i>

Variable	Documentation
PBESTLNG	<p>Best spoken language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = English 2 = Australian Aboriginal languages 3 = Greek 4 = Italian 5 = French 6 = German 7 = Dutch 8 = Spanish 9 = Portuguese <p>... See the marked up questionnaire for the complete list of language categorical values. They are not listed here for brevity.</p> <p>97 = Other</p> <p>In the general release data file this variable aggregated in the variable PTCLANG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = English 2 = Australian Aboriginal Languages 97 = Other
EMOCC4D	<p>DV: Occupation (main job) [ABS ANZSCO R1 2009 4-digit]</p> <p>Based on standard item. Coded per ANZSCO First Edition, Revision 1. ABS (2009).</p>
EMIND4D	<p>DV: Industry (main job) [ABS ANZSIC R1 2006 4-digit]</p> <p>Based closely on standard ABS question (but as in HILDA unlike the ABS we do not precede this question with one asking respondents to nominate the name of the business that employs them). Coded per ANZSIC 2006 Revision 1.0. ABS (2006).</p>
ELOCC4D	<p>DV: Occupation (last job) [ABS ANZSCO R1 2009 4-digit]</p> <p>Based on standard item. Coded per ANZSCO First Edition, Revision 1. ABS (2009).</p>
HGEOSA1	<p>ASGS Statistical Area 1 (ABS) [RESTRICTED]</p> <p>This is derived from the geo-coded address of the HACCTYP accommodation.</p> <p><i>NOTE: This variable is provided for convenience only. Publication at this geographic level is restricted; see the Deed of License for further details.</i></p> <p>Constructed from ASGS 2011 release data. ABS (2011).</p>
HGEOSA2	<p>ASGS Statistical Area 2 (ABS) [RESTRICTED]</p> <p>This is derived from the geo-coded address of the HACCTYP accommodation.</p> <p><i>NOTE: This variable is provided for convenience only. Publication at this geographic level is restricted; see the Deed of License for further details.</i></p> <p>Constructed from ASGS 2011 release data. ABS (2011).</p>

Variable	Documentation
HGEOSA3	<p>ASGS Statistical Area 3 (ABS) [RESTRICTED]</p> <p>This is derived from the geo-coded address of the HACCTYP accommodation.</p> <p><i>NOTE: This variable is provided for convenience only. Publication at this geographic level is restricted; see the Deed of License for further details.</i></p> <p>Constructed from ASGS 2011 release data. ABS (2011).</p>
HGEORA	<p>ASGS Remoteness Areas (ABS) [RESTRICTED]</p> <p>0 = Major Cities of Australia 1 = Inner Regional Australia 2 = Outer Regional Australia 3 = Remote Australia 4 = Very Remote Australia 5 = Migratory – Offshore – Shipping 9 = No usual address</p> <p>This is derived from the geo-coded address of the HACCTYP accommodation.</p> <p>The categories listed above have been collapsed from the respective state based categories in the ASGS 2011 release.</p> <p><i>NOTE: This variable is provided for convenience only. Publication at this geographic level is restricted; see the Deed of License for further details.</i></p> <p>Constructed from ASGS 2011 release data. ABS (2011).</p>
HGEOIREG	<p>ASGS Indigenous Regions (ABS) [RESTRICTED]</p> <p>This is derived from the geo-coded address of the HACCTYP accommodation.</p> <p><i>NOTE: This variable is provided for convenience only. Publication at this geographic level is restricted; see the Deed of License for further details.</i></p> <p>Constructed from ASGS 2011 release data. ABS (2011).</p>
HGEOSUA	<p>ASGS Significant Urban Area (ABS) [RESTRICTED]</p> <p>This is derived from the geo-coded address of the HACCTYP accommodation.</p> <p><i>NOTE: This variable is provided for convenience only. Publication at this geographic level is restricted; see the Deed of License for further details.</i></p> <p>Constructed from ASGS 2011 release data. ABS (2011).</p>
HWEXDRGV	<p>Average spend on cannabis/illegal drugs per week</p> <p>The variable HWEXDRGI is derived from this value.</p>

Variable	Documentation
ICPDUR	<p>Total length of current Centrelink payment spell (MONTHS)</p> <p>This is the continuous length, at the interview date, of the current Centrelink payments spell. The continuous length is the time since the last point in time the respondent was not receiving Centrelink payments. In the general release data file this variable is top coded in the variable ITCCPDUR where spell is longer than 120 months. See Section 21.1 for details on top coding.</p> <p>This variable is coded from RED for those who gave consent to link with Centrelink data (ICONSENT=Yes) in these cases this is coded by summing episodes together as one spell where the gap between consecutive episodes is not more than 1 day.</p> <p><i>NOTE: This variable is only available in the Limited+RED Release file.</i></p>
ITOTDEBT	<p>DV: Total outstanding debt</p> <p>Coded as the sum of all the debt values or zero if respondent has no debt. This only includes debt values reported in Questionnaire Section I (i.e. the below 7 values).</p> <p>In the general release data file this variable is top coded in the variable ITCDEBT for total debt values above \$50,000. See Section 21.1 for details on top coding.</p> <p>Where the respondent gave values for some loans and did not know values for other loans or gave values for some loans and refused to give values for other loans or did not know values for any of their loans this is coded as -1 (unable to determine value). But if the respondent refused to provide a value for any loan this is coded as -2 (refused).</p>
ICCOWE	Approximate credit card balance owing after last payment
IBILLVAL	Approximate value of unpaid overdue bills
IHIREVAL	Approximate value owed for hire purchase loans
IBANKVAL	Approximate value owed to bank/finance company
IWELFVAL	Approximate value owed to welfare organisation
ILOANVAL	Approximate value owed to other lenders
IFAMVAL	Approximate value owed to family/friends
IEDUVAL	Approximate value owed for student loans/debts

17.5.2 CHILDREN VARIABLES

These variables can be found in the JH_CHILDREN dataset.

In Wave 6 an extensive extra set of measures on children’s education and care were added to the survey. To make better use of these extra measures, children details were separated into a long format data file and a child cross wave identifier added. The child cross wave identifier is constructed similarly to XWAVEID, see Section 17.1 for details.

The JH_CHILDREN dataset provides all 6 waves of children details. For W1 observations, age, gender and if they live with respondent are available (CHAGE, CHSEX, CHRESN); W2 adds whether child was born to respondent (CHBIO); all other measures are only available for W6 observations.

An indicator has been provided to allow sorting of children based on age: SORTAGE. The questionnaire specifically asked for children to be reported youngest to oldest. Based on this, SORTAGE assumes that children with an unknown age are older than the child reported directly before them – if the first child has an unknown age, their age, for sorting purposes, is assumed to be zero.

NOTE: Derived children totals (e.g. PCHU18T) only include children who are not 18+ years and not deceased.

Variable	Documentation
XWAVEID	Respondent Cross Wave Identifier
CHID	Child Cross Wave Identifier
JHWAVE	Wave this observation reported
FROMWAVE	First reported wave
SORTAGE	Age sorting index
CHAGE	Age 0 = Under 1 year old 18 = 18+ years old 97 = Deceased
<i>NOTE: Ages 1 through 17 are not labelled.</i>	
CHSEX	Gender 1 = Male 2 = Female
<i>NOTE: Gender was only queried if not apparent from name of child.</i>	
CHRESN	Lives with respondent 0 = No 1 = Yes
<i>NOTE: Question was “Does X live with you all or most of the time”.</i>	
CHBIO	Born to respondent 0 = No 1 = Yes
CHRESE	Ever lived with respondent 0 = No 1 = Yes
CHCG	Principal care giver 0 = Lives with respondent 1 = Other parent 2 = Grand parents 3 = Other relatives 4 = Foster care 5 = Residential care 6 = Juvenile or youth detention 97 = Other
<i>NOTE: Coded to living with respondent where CHRESN=YES.</i>	
CHSEE	Frequency of contact 0 = Lives with respondent 1 = Weekly 2 = Monthly 3 = No contact

NOTE: Coded to living with respondent where CHRESN=YES.

Variable	Documentation
CHAWAY	<p>Time since lived with respondent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Lives with respondent 1 = 6 months or less 2 = 7 - 12 months 3 = 1 - 2 years 4 = 2+ years 5 = Never <p><i>NOTE: Coded to living with respondent where CHRESN=YES; never for CHRESE=NO.</i></p>
CHHLTH	<p>Health rating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = Excellent 2 = Very good 3 = Good 4 = Fair 5 = Poor
CHEDUC	<p>Attends school/pre-school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Neither 1 = School 2 = Pre-school <p>Pre-school maybe known by a range of other names, notably kindergarten (except in NSW and ACT where kindergarten refers to the first year of school). Pre-school in this context means anything before the first year of school</p> <p><i>NOTE: Coded to neither if child age is known and is under 3 years old.</i></p>
CHSCHL	<p>School level completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Prep / Kindergarten / ... 20 = Has not started school 21 = Still in prep/kindergarten/... this year <p>This is coded the numeric value of the grade of school the child has completed, e.g. children completing grade 5 are coded as 5. Children who have not started school will only be recorded here if they are of school age (6-17 years inclusive or age is unknown), children too young to attend school or where age was refused are coded as N/A. Those still in prep/kindergarten/... may be completing that year of school or repeating that year of school – these cases are not differentiated.</p> <p>The first year of school has different names in different States and Territories. Including Prep, Preparatory, Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Reception or Transition. In 2014, this is the “year before Year 1” in all States/Territories.</p>
CHPSHR	Hours at pre-school [WEEK]
CHSCHAB	<p>Missed any days of school in 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No 1 = Yes 2 = Didn't go to school that year <p>Children who did not go to school in 2013 will only be recorded here if they are of school or pre-school age (3-17 years or age is unknown), children too young to attend school or pre-school or where age was refused are coded as N/A.</p>
CHSCHMD	<p>Number of days missed in 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = None 1 = 1 - 5 days 2 = 6 - 10 days 3 = 11 - 20 days 4 = 20+ days
CHNSCH	Number of different schools attended

Variable	Documentation
CHSPEC	School provides specialised services 0 = No 1 = Yes
	Where services are provided to the child because of diagnosed disability or need.
CHRPT	Ever repeated a year of school 0 = No 1 = Yes

17.5.3 CENTRELINK DERIVED VARIABLES (RED)

These variables are only available where the respondent consented to linking with their Centrelink data (ICONSENT=Yes); where the respondent did not consent all variables in this section have been coded to -4 “Respondent opt out” in line with the global missing values. Consent to link with Centrelink data is applied retrospectively to all previous waves and automatically to all future waves. For non-response cases we use the midpoint of the fieldwork period (see Section 16) as the interview date when deriving these variables.

NOTE: The variables in this section are only available in the Limited+RED Release file.

Variable	Documentation
ASUWORK	Number of suspensions/cancellations for employment related reasons (6 months before Journeys Home)
AXSUWORK	Number of suspensions/cancellations for employment related reasons (reference period)
ASUFCEd	Number of suspensions/cancellations because income support episode was force ended (6 months before Journeys Home)

NOTE: This occurs when benefit episodes are overlapping. Then episode is ended to correct the overlap.

AXSUFCEd	Number of suspensions/cancellations because income support episode was force ended (reference period)
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See notes for ASUFCEd.

ASUCCHG	Number of suspensions/cancellations for change in circumstances (6 months before Journeys Home)
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NOTE: This indicates whether benefit was cancelled because the respondent’s circumstances have changed causing the respondent to be ineligible for the benefit.

AXSUCCHG	Number of suspensions/cancellations for change in circumstances (reference period)
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See notes for ASUCCHG.

Variable	Documentation
ASUFAIL	Number of suspensions/cancellations for failure to meet Centrelink requirements (6 months before Journeys Home) This category includes cancellation reasons such as failure to lodge an unemployment form, which can be a consequence of a person returning to work – that is, the failure to meet requirements, may have been due to a person severing connections with Centrelink, on having found work, without informing Centrelink. However, the reasons for not lodging an unemployment form are unknown. We therefore are not able to separate out those who failed to lodge the unemployment form due to employment and other reasons.
AXSUFAIL	Number of suspensions/cancellations for failure to meet Centrelink requirements (reference period) See notes for ASUFAIL.
ASUIMP	Number of suspensions/cancellations because of imprisonment (6 months before Journeys Home)
AXSUIMP	Number of suspensions/cancellations because of imprisonment (reference period)
ASUWTD	Number of suspensions/cancellations because income support withheld (6 months before Journeys Home) <i>NOTE: This relates to suspensions / cancellations: a Centrelink exclusion / preclusion period or investigation.</i>
AXSUWTD	Number of suspensions/cancellations because income support withheld (reference period) See notes for ASUWTD.
ASUOVS	Number of suspensions/cancellations because income support recipient is overseas (6 months before Journeys Home)
AXSUOVS	Number of suspensions/cancellations because income support recipient is overseas (reference period)
ASUOTH	Number of suspensions/cancellations for other reasons (6 months before Journeys Home)
AXSUOTH	Number of suspensions/cancellations for other reasons (reference period)
ABENS6M	Benefit suspended or cancelled in 6 months before Journeys Home 0 = No 1 = Yes
AXBENSU	Benefit suspended or cancelled in reference period 0 = No 1 = Yes
ANUMS5YF	Number of suspensions for failure to meet Centrelink requirements (5 years before Journeys Home)
ANUMS5YI	Number of suspensions because of imprisonment (5 years before Journeys Home)
ANUMS5YW	Number of suspensions because income support withheld (5 years before Journeys Home)
ANUMS5YE	Number of suspensions for employment related reasons (5 years before Journeys Home)
ANUMS5YA	Number of suspensions because recipient is overseas (5 years before Journeys Home)

Variable	Documentation
ANUMS5YO	Number of suspensions for other reasons (5 years before Journeys Home)
AXSUSRSN	Benefit suspension reason in reference period 0 = None 1 = Failed Centrelink requirements 2 = Imprisoned 3 = Income support withheld 4 = Employment related 5 = Overseas 6 = Other
<p>The RED suspension codes used to derive the categories for this variable are the same as those used when counting suspensions/cancellations for the above variables: ASU*, AXSU* and ANUMS5Y*.</p> <p><i>NOTE: At the date of publication each respondent only requires one suspension code for the reference periods W1-W2 and W2-W3. If this changes for future reference periods this variable will be revised to allow multiple codes.</i></p>	
AMARSTAT	Marital status 1 = Single 2 = De facto 3 = Married
<p>Those Single, Widowed, Separated, Divorced, and Forced Single were considered as single. Those Married and De facto as Married and De facto respectively. Those who had marital status as Not Required or Unknown were recorded as unknown.</p> <p>If respondent has a status of Force Married because of the type of benefit they are receiving the respondent was considered as Married.</p>	
APINCSUP	Partner on income support 0 = No partner 1 = Partner NOT on IS 2 = Partner on IS 3 = Missing
<p>Those in de facto relationship and those who are married were coded as Partnered.</p>	
APIYCP	Partner fortnightly basic income support payment
<p>This excludes add-ons such as Rent Assistance</p>	
APIYFTB	Partner fortnightly Family Tax Benefit (Part A & B)
<p>This excludes add-ons such as Large Family Supplement</p>	
APRTASST	Partner fortnightly rent assistance payments
APCDEP	Partner fortnightly CDEP payment amount

Variable	Documentation
ANUMCHD	<p>Number of children</p> <p>This was calculated based on the respondent’s children administrative data (RED iss_children table) and reflects the number of children they have in their care.</p> <p>The child is defined as in the respondent’s care if a child’s shared care indicator for FTB (PTNR1_FTB_SHRC_PC or PTNR2_FTB_SHRC_PC whichever matches the respondent’s SSR) is greater than or equal to 50%; or shared care indicator for ISS (PTNR1_ISS_SHRC_PC or PTNR2_ISS_SHRC_PC whichever matches the respondent’s SSR) is greater than or equal to 50%; or if the child in care indicator (PTNR1_CID_IND or PTNR2_CID_IND whichever matches the respondent’s SSR) is equal to YES.</p> <p>The number of children recorded in this variable may be different from the number of children living with the respondent most of time as recoded in the survey data (ACHU18R, ACHU5R, ACH512R and ACHO12R). The administrative data only contain children aged up to 16 years.</p>
ACHYCAGE	Age of youngest child
ACHU5YO	Number of children under 5 years
ACH512YO	Number of children between 5 and 12 years
ACHO12YO	Number of children over 12 years
	The maximum child age in the administrative data is 16 years old.
AHLSFST	<p>First Centrelink homelessness flag</p> <p>0 = NOT 1 = TEM 2 = ONG 3 = RIS</p> <p>Centrelink defines these codes as follows: NOT: Not homeless¹² TEM: Temporarily homeless w/ expected duration of less than 6 months ONG: Ongoing homelessness w/ expected duration of more than 6 months RIS: At risk of homelessness</p>
AHLSFDTE	<p>Date of first Centrelink homelessness flag (YYYYMMDD)</p> <p><i>NOTE: All date variables in the Journeys Home data are numeric values. You should convert the value to a date type in your statistics package before use. See Section 21.2 for example algorithms to use when converting to date variables.</i></p>
AHLSINT	<p>Centrelink homelessness flag at interview date</p> <p>0 = NOT 1 = TEM 2 = ONG 3 = RIS</p> <p>See AHLSFST notes for a description of these codes.</p>

¹² For those where the data does not contain a homelessness flag we have coded AHLSFST=NOT.

Variable	Documentation
AHLSIDTE	Date of Centrelink homelessness flag at interview date (YYYYMMDD) For those who were flagged by Centrelink as homeless or were previously flagged have been un-flagged (AHLSINT=NOT), this is the date when the latest status change was recorded prior to the interview date. For those not in the RED homeless table the date is unknown. <i>NOTE: All date variables in the Journeys Home data are numeric values. You should convert the value to a date type in your statistics package before use. See Section 21.2 for example algorithms to use when converting to date variables.</i>
AHLSFLG	Centrelink homelessness flag changed in reference period 0 = No 1 = Yes
AWKRENT	Weekly rent paid
ARENTYP	Rent payment type 1 = Private 2 = Government 3 = Lodgings 4 = No rent 5 = Other 6 = Not in rent table
AHMOWNR	Home owner type 1 = Home owner 2 = Home owner in aged care facility 3 = Non home owner
ARTASST	Fortnightly rent assistance entitlement
AYCONT1M	Average daily continuous earnings whilst on income support in month before Journeys Home Calculated as total continuous earnings in the month / total number of days on income support in the month. For other periods a similar calculation is applied. Income from employment tends to be recorded as continuous when a customer is likely to be working a fixed number of hours at a given rate of pay. This can be the case for casual workers, as well as permanent employees. Conversely, employment income tends to be recorded as variable when either hours or rate of pay are likely to vary. Again, this can be the case for either casual or permanent employees (e.g. if the permanent employee commonly works overtime). There is no definition of employment conditions that determines whether a Centrelink officer will choose to record employment earnings as continuous or variable: the choice is based on which recording method is likely be most efficient for the system to pay the correct entitlement. Furthermore, the decision is based on <i>expectations</i> which may not be met. For these reasons the distinction between variable and continuous earnings should be interpreted with caution.
AYCONT6M	Average daily continuous earnings whilst on income support in 6 months before Journeys Home See note under AYCONT1M.

Variable	Documentation
AYCONT1Y	Average daily continuous earnings whilst on income support in year before Journeys Home See note under AYCONT1M.
AXYCONT	Average daily continuous earnings whilst on income support in reference period See note under AYCONT1M.
AYVARE1M	Average daily variable earnings whilst income support in month before Journeys Home See note under AYCONT1M.
AYVARE6M	Average daily variable earnings whilst on income support in 6 months before Journeys Home See note under AYCONT1M.
AYVARE1Y	Average daily variable earnings whilst on income support in year before Journeys Home See note under AYCONT1M.
AXYVARE	Average daily variable earnings whilst on income support in reference period See note under AYCONT1M.
AYBUS1M	Average daily business earnings whilst on income support in month before Journeys Home See note under AYCONT1M.
AYBUS6M	Average daily business earnings whilst on income support in 6 months before Journeys Home See note under AYCONT1M.
AYBUS1Y	Average daily business earnings whilst on income support in year before Journeys Home See note under AYCONT1M.
AXYBUS	Average daily business earnings whilst on income support in reference period See note under AYCONT1M.
AYTOT1M	Average daily total earnings whilst on income support in month before Journeys Home This is a summation of continuous, business and variable earnings.
AYTOT6M	Average daily total earnings whilst on income support in 6 months before Journeys Home This is a summation of continuous, business and variable earnings.

Variable	Documentation
AYTOT1Y	Average daily total earnings whilst on income support in year before Journeys Home This is a summation of continuous, business and variable earnings.
AXYTOT	Average daily total earnings whilst on income support in reference period This is a summation of continuous, business and variable earnings.
AVULINT	Have vulnerability at interview date 0 = No 1 = Yes A vulnerability Indicator is an operational flag added to the computer record of job seekers with <u>Activity Test</u> or participation requirements who have certain identifiable vulnerabilities that put the job seeker at greater risk of non-compliance compared to other job seekers with similar requirements. Vulnerability indicators are not acquired through a standard set of questions asked of all job seekers, rather they are recorded when the jobseeker volunteers the information or something alerts the Centrelink officer to the vulnerability (similar to the homelessness indicator). Also a vulnerability Indicator is not recorded until sufficient evidence, relevant to the vulnerability category, has been obtained to substantiate that the vulnerability puts the job seeker at greater risk of non-compliance.
ACVLCNI	Current vulnerability: cognitive or neurological impairment 0 = No 1 = Yes See notes under AVULINT.
ACVLDAD	Current vulnerability: drug/alcohol dependent 0 = No 1 = Yes See notes under AVULINT.
ACVLHML	Current vulnerability: homeless 0 = No 1 = Yes See notes under AVULINT.
ACVLIIF	Current vulnerability: illness/injury requiring frequent treatment 0 = No 1 = Yes See notes under AVULINT.
ACVLPPM	Current vulnerability: psychiatric problem or mental illness 0 = No 1 = Yes See notes under AVULINT.

Variable	Documentation
ACVLRBV	<p>Current vulnerability: recent traumatic relationship breakdown</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
ACVLRPG	<p>Current vulnerability: released prisoner</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
ACVLOTH	<p>Current vulnerability: other</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>The vulnerability types included are significant caring responsibilities, job seeker in transition, significant lack of literacy and numeracy skills, nationally approved vulnerability and served an 8 week non-payment period in previous 12 months.</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
AVUL6M	<p>Ever had vulnerability in 6 months before Journeys Home</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
A6MVLJNI	<p>Vulnerability 6 months before Journeys Home: cognitive or neurological impairment</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
A6MVLJAD	<p>Vulnerability 6 months before Journeys Home: drug/alcohol dependent</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
A6MVLHML	<p>Vulnerability 6 months before Journeys Home: homeless</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
A6MVLJIF	<p>Vulnerability 6 months before Journeys Home: illness/injury requiring frequent treatment</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>

Variable	Documentation
A6MVLPPM	<p>Vulnerability 6 months before Journeys Home: psychiatric problem or mental illness</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
A6MVLRBV	<p>Vulnerability 6 months before Journeys Home: recent traumatic relationship breakdown</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
A6MVLRPG	<p>Vulnerability 6 months before Journeys Home: released prisoner</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
A6MVLOTH	<p>Vulnerability 6 months before Journeys Home: other</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>The vulnerability types included are significant caring responsibilities, job seeker in transition, significant lack of literacy and numeracy skills, nationally approved vulnerability and served an 8 week non-payment period in previous 12 months.</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
AXVUL	<p>Ever had vulnerability in reference period</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
AXVLCNI	<p>Vulnerability in reference period: cognitive or neurological impairment</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
AXVLDAD	<p>Vulnerability in reference period: drug/alcohol dependent</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
AXVLHML	<p>Vulnerability in reference period: homeless</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>
AXVLIIF	<p>Vulnerability in reference period: illness/injury requiring frequent treatment</p> <p>0 = No 1 = Yes</p> <p>See notes under AVULINT.</p>

Variable	Documentation
AXVLPPM	Vulnerability in reference period: psychiatric problem or mental illness 0 = No 1 = Yes See notes under AVULINT.
AXVLRBV	Vulnerability in reference period: recent traumatic relationship breakdown 0 = No 1 = Yes See notes under AVULINT.
AXVLRPG	Vulnerability in reference period: released prisoner 0 = No 1 = Yes See notes under AVULINT.
AXVLOTH	Vulnerability in reference period: other 0 = No 1 = Yes The vulnerability types included are significant caring responsibilities, job seeker in transition, significant lack of literacy and numeracy skills, nationally approved vulnerability and served an 8 week non-payment period in previous 12 months. See notes under AVULINT.
AHOMYTH	Homelessness youth at interview date 0 = No 1 = Yes
AINDYTH	Independent youth at interview date 0 = No 1 = Yes

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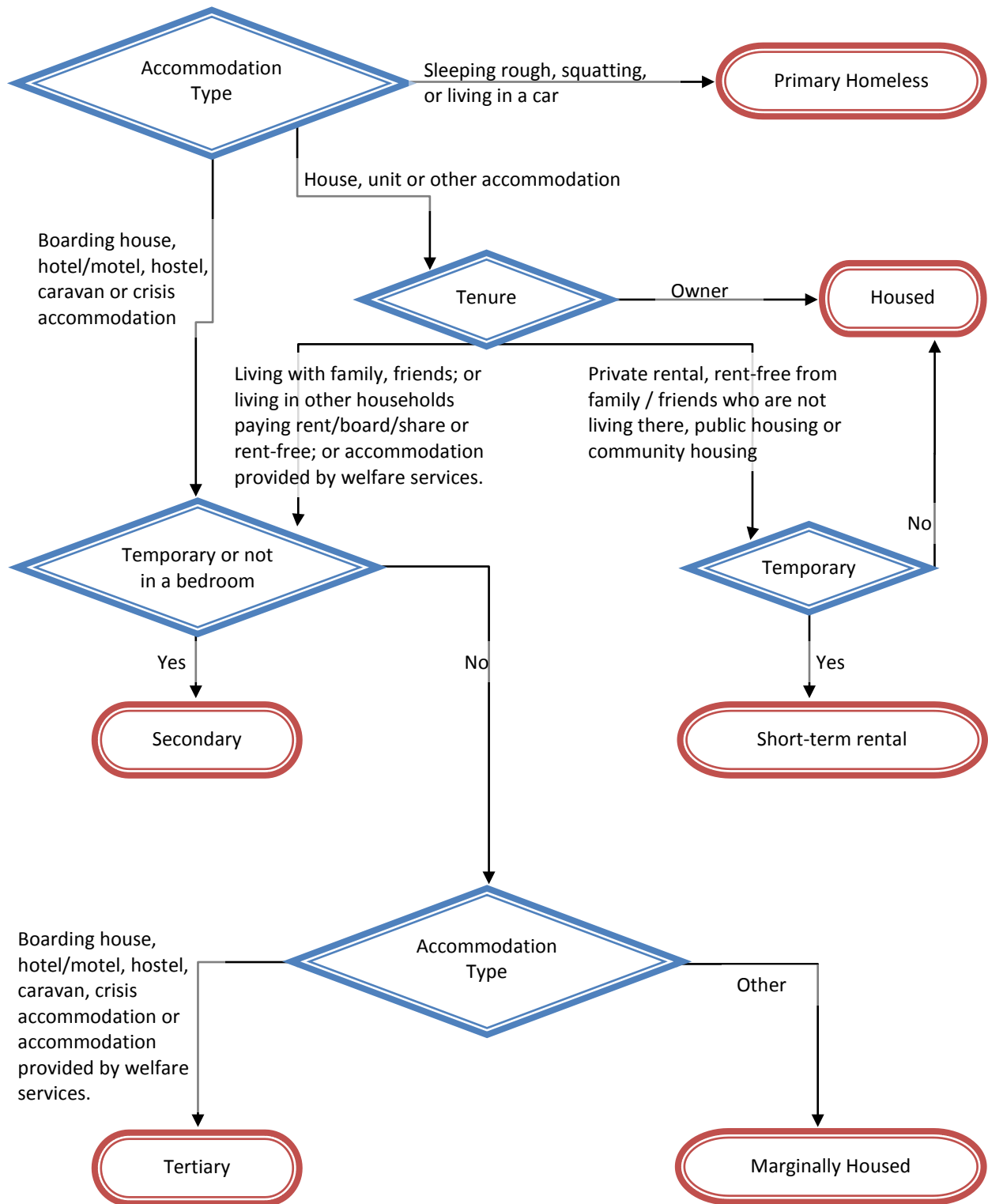
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ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AHURI	Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
ANZSCO	Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
ASGS	Australian Statistical Geography Standard
CTH	Counting the Homeless
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
DSS	Department of Social Services
FaHCSIA	Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Department of)
GCCSA	Greater Capital City Statistical Area (ASGS)
GSS	General Social Survey (ABS)
HILDA	Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia
JHID	Journeys Home Cross Wave Identifier
LFS	Labour force status
MI	Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research
NSHAPC	National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers and Clients
NPQ	New Person Questionnaire (HILDA)
SCQ	Self-Completion Questionnaire (HILDA)
SF-36	Short Form (36) Health Survey
TRG	Technical Reference Group

20 APPENDIX B: DIAGRAMS

20.1 MELBOURNE INSTITUTE CLASSIFICATION OF HOUSING STATUS¹³



¹³ Temporary: having lived in current place for 3 months or less and cannot stay for the next 3 months.

20.2 HOUSING AND TENURE TO ACCOMMODATION TYPE

The variable MCACCX is derived from HACCTYP, HACCRX, HTENURE1, HLANDLRD, and HTENURE2 for the current accommodation spell at interview date. There is a one-to-one mapping for most HACCTYP codes:

HACCTYP	MCACCX	
3	5	Caravan
4	6	Boarding house / rooming house / hostel
5	7	Hotel or motel room
6	10	Crisis Accommodation or Refuge
7	11	Sleeping rough
8	11	Sleeping rough - A car or other vehicle
9	9	A squat / abandoned building
10	12	Health, treatment, or rehabilitation facility
11	13	Prison or other form of detention
97	97	Other
-1	-1	Unknown
-2	-2	Refused

Where accommodation is a house or unit (HACCTYP codes 1 / 2 respectively) the following rules apply:

HTENURE1==1 HTENURE1==3	-> Own place (MCACCX = 1)
HTENURE1==2	
HLANDLRD==1	-> Own place (MCACCX = 1)
HLANDLRD==2	-> Caravan (MCACCX = 5)
HLANDLRD==3	-> Hotel/motel (MCACCX = 6)
HLANDLRD==4 HLANDLRD==5	-> Own place (MCACCX = 1)
HLANDLRD==6	-> Crisis (MCACCX = 10)
HLANDLRD==7	
Living with parents	-> Parent's home (MCACCX = 2)
Otherwise	-> Own place (MCACCX = 1)
HLANDLRD==8	
Living with friends	-> Home of friends (MCACCX = 4)
Living with family	-> Home of relatives (MCACCX = 3)
Otherwise	-> Own place (MCACCX = 1)
HLANDLRD==9	-> Own place (MCACCX = 1)
HLANDLRD==97	-> Own place (MCACCX = 1)
HLANDLRD<0	-> Own place (MCACCX = 1) ¹⁴
HTENURE1<0 4<=HTENURE1<=5	
HTENURE2==1	-> Parent's home (MCACCX = 2)
HTENURE2==2	
Living with friends	-> Home of friends (MCACCX = 4)
Living with family	-> Home of relatives (MCACCX = 3)
Otherwise	-> Home of friends (MCACCX = 4) ¹⁵
3<=HTENURE2<=7	-> Own place (MCACCX = 1) ¹⁶
HTENURE2==8	-> Crisis/emergency (MCACCX = 10)
HTENURE2==9	-> Own place (MCACCX = 1)
HTENURE2==97	-> Own place (MCACCX = 1)
HTENURE2<0	-> Own place (MCACCX = 1)

To be consistent with the HSTATUS2 definition of housing we have assumed that respondents paying rent to caravan parks and hotel/motels are living in accommodation of that type – even where they have reported something differently for HACCTYP. Similarly, when paying rent to a welfare service provider, accommodation type is assumed to be crisis accommodation.

¹⁴ If the land lord is unknown but is renting we are assuming accommodation is their own.

¹⁵ If living rent free with friends or family, but has not nominated any co-resident, then assume friends.

¹⁶ This is designed to be consistent with the housing status variables (HSTATUSX).

21 APPENDIX C: ALGORITHMS

21.1 TOP-CODING

The top-coding algorithm replaces all values over a given target maximum value with the mean of all values over the given target maximum value. This ensures the mean and distribution of values for the top-coded variables remain consistent.

```
CREATE TEMPORARY DATA FILE WHERE VAR > TOP_CODE_VALUE
CALCULATE MEAN OF VAR FOR ALL OBSERVATIONS IN TEMPORARY DATA FILE
ASSIGN CALCULATED MEAN TO VAR IN TEMPORARY DATA FILE
MERGE TEMPORARY DATA FILE BACK INTO MAIN FILE
```

NOTE: Due to rounding the mean and distribution of the source and top-coded variables may vary slightly. Real values are rounded to the nearest 0.01 and integers are rounded to the nearest whole integer.

21.2 DATE CONVERSION

All date variables in the Journeys Home data are numeric values of the form YYYYMMDD. You should convert these to date values in your statistics package before performing calculations. Also note that missing values have been coded using the global missing value codes. Here are codes for SAS, SPSS and STATA:

SAS:

```
idate = /* variable that you want to convert */
if (idate>0) then do;
    iyear = floor(idate / 10000);
    imonth = floor( (idate-(iyear*10000)) / 100 );
    iday = idate - (iyear*10000) - (imonth*100);
    odate = mdy(imonth, iday, iyear);
end;
```

SPSS:

```
COMMENT create 'idate' as the variable you want to convert
COMPUTE ty = idate/10000.
COMPUTE dy = rnd(ty)-1*(rnd(ty)>ty).
COMPUTE tm = idate-(dy*10000)/100
COMPUTE dm = rnd(tm)-1*(rnd(tm)>tm).
COMPUTE dd = idate - (dy*10000) - (dm*100).
IF (idate>0) odate = DATE.DMY( dd, dm, dy ).
FORMATS odate (adatell).
```

STATA:

```
gen idate = * variable you want to convert
replace idate = . if idate < 0
tostring idate, replace
gen odate = date(idate, "YMD")
format odate %td
```