

DATA DICTIONARY

Section 1 – Identifying Variables

msgid: Unique numeric identifier for each observation in the analysis, created by the Study Team. This enabled more effective tracking of each row of data and can be used as an additional means to add/merge additional variables and/or datasets as needed.

Coding: Numeric string

geoid: Numeric identifier for a U.S. county or American Indian reservation, taken from the raw U.S. Census data file.

Coding: Numeric string

countyname: Name of the U.S. county.

Coding: String

statename: Name of the U.S. State in which the county is located.

Coding: String

reg1midatl: Indicator for whether a State and its local areas are part of FNS's Mid-Atlantic Region.

Coding: 1 – Part of Mid-Atlantic Region; 0 – Not Part of Mid-Atlantic Region

reg2midwest: Indicator for whether a State and its local areas are part of FNS's Midwest Region.

Coding: 1 – Part of Midwest Region; 0 – Not Part of Midwest Region

reg3mountain: Indicator for whether a State and its local areas are part of FNS's Mountain Plains Region.

Coding: 1 – Part of Mountain Plains Region; 0 – Not Part of Mountain Plains Region

reg4northeast: Indicator for whether a State and its local areas are part of FNS's Northeast Region.

Coding: 1 – Part of Northeast Region; 0 – Not Part of Northeast Region

reg5southeast: Indicator for whether a State and its local areas are part of FNS's Southeast Region.

Coding: 1 – Part of Southeast Region; 0 – Not Part of Southeast Region

reg6southwest: Indicator for whether a State and its local areas are part of FNS's Southwest Region.

Coding: 1 – Part of Southwest Region; 0 – Not Part of Southwest Region

reg7western: Indicator for whether a State and its local areas are part of FNS's Western Region.

Coding: 1 – Part of Western Region; 0 – Not Part of Western Region

msg_res_flag: Indicator for whether a local area is an American Indian reservation.

Coding: 1 – Local area is entirely an American Indian reservation; 0 – Local area is not entirely an American Indian reservation (i.e., a county or county-equivalent)

name_res_assoc_county: Name(s) of the county/counties where a reservation's area is located.

Coding: String

msg_rescounty: Indicator for whether a county contains part(s) of one or more American Indian reservations.

Coding: 1 – County does contain part(s) of one or more American Indian reservations; 0 – County does not contain part(s) of one or more American Indian reservations.

fyear: Fiscal year (FY) of the observation.

Coding: 1–5, with each integer representing a fiscal year (e.g., 1=FY2016; 2=FY2017)

quarter Fiscal quarter of the observation.

Coding: 1–17, with each integer representing a quarter (e.g., 1=October 2015–December 2015; 2=January 2016–March 2016)

month: Month of the observation.

Coding: 1–51, with each integer representing a month (e.g., 1=October 2015; 2=November 2015)

Section 2 – Waiver Status and Eligibility Variables

waiver_requested: Indicator for whether the county’s State agency requested an ABAWD waiver for it in a particular month.

Coding: 1 – Yes, the county’s State agency requested an ABAWD waiver for it; 0 – No, the county’s State agency did not request an ABAWD waiver for it

waiver_status: Indicator for whether a county had an ABAWD time limit waiver in place in a particular month.

Coding: 1 – Yes, the county had an ABAWD time limit waiver in place; 0 – No, the county did not have an ABAWD time limit waiver in place

statewidewaiv: Indicator for whether a county was covered by a Statewide waiver request in a given month.

Coding: 1 – County under Statewide waiver request; 0 – County not under Statewide waiver.

w_ue_over_10: Indicator for whether a county’s State requested a waiver for it on the basis of an unemployment rate above 10% for a recent period of time (3 months or 12 months).

Coding: 1 – Yes, a county’s State requested a waiver for the county on the basis of an unemployment rate above 10% for a recent period of time (3 months or 12 months); 0 – No, a county’s State requested a waiver for this county on the basis of a different criterion; N/A – this county was not under a waiver request in a given month.

w_ue_20__over_natl_avg: Indicator for whether a county’s State requested a waiver for it on the basis of an unemployment rate at least 20% above the U.S. nationwide average unemployment rate for a recent 24-month period.

Coding: 1 – Yes, a county’s State requested a waiver for the county on the basis of the county having an unemployment rate at least 20% above the U.S. nationwide average unemployment rate for a recent 24-month period; 0 – No, a county’s State requested a waiver for the county on the basis of a different criterion; N/A – this county was not under a waiver request in a given month.

w_labor_surplus_area: Indicator for whether a county’s State requested a waiver for it on the basis of the county being designated as a “Labor Surplus Area” (LSA) in U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) data in a given month.

Coding: 1 – Yes, a county’s State requested a waiver for the county on the basis of the county being designated as an LSA; 0 – No, a county’s State requested a waiver for the county on the basis of a different criterion; N/A – this county was not under a waiver request in a given month.

w_extended_ue_benefits: Indicator for whether a county’s State requested a waiver for it on the basis of qualifying for “extended unemployment benefits” in DOL data in a given month.

Coding: 1 – Yes, a county’s State requested a waiver for the county on the basis of the county qualifying for extended unemployment benefits; 0 – No, a county’s State requested a waiver for the county on the basis of a different criterion; N/A – this county was not under a waiver request in a given month.

w_other: Indicator for whether a county’s State requested a waiver for it on the basis of a criterion distinct from any of the preceding four criteria above.

Coding: 1 – Yes, a county’s State requested a waiver for the county on the basis of a criterion distinct from any of the preceding four criteria above; 0 – No, a county’s State requested a waiver for the county on the basis of one of the preceding four criteria above; N/A – this county was not under a waiver request in a given month.

eligibility_unemp_over_10_pct: Indicator for whether a county was eligible for a waiver in a particular month based on a recent 3-month or 12-month unemployment rate over 10%.

Coding: 1 – Yes, the county was eligible for a waiver based on a recent unemployment rate above 10%; 0 – No, the county was not eligible for a waiver on this basis

eligibility_20_pct_above_natnl: Indicator for whether a county was eligible for a waiver in a particular month based on an average unemployment rate 20% above the U.S. national average unemployment rate for a recent 24-month period.

Coding: 1 – Yes, the county was eligible for a waiver based on a 24-month unemployment rate 20% greater than the nationwide average unemployment rate in a recent 24-month period; 0 – No, the county was not eligible for a waiver on this basis

eligibility_reserv_unemp_over_10: Indicator for whether an American Indian reservation was eligible for a waiver on its own (i.e., independently of the county in which it was located) in a particular month based on a recent 3-month or 12-month unemployment rate over 10%.

Coding: 1 – Yes, an American Indian reservation was eligible for a waiver based on a recent unemployment rate above 10%; 0 – No, an American Indian reservation was not eligible for a waiver on this basis

eligibility_reserve_20_pct_above: Indicator for whether an American Indian reservation was eligible for a waiver on its own in a particular month based on a 24-month average unemployment rate 20% above the U.S. national average unemployment rate for a recent 24-month period.

Coding: 1 – Yes, an American Indian reservation was eligible for a waiver based on a 24-month unemployment rate 20% greater than the nationwide average unemployment rate in a recent 24-month period; 0 – No, an American Indian reservation was not eligible for a waiver on this basis

eligibility_labor_surplus_area: Indicator for whether a county was eligible for a waiver in a particular month because it was designated as an LSA.

Coding: 1 – Yes, the county was eligible for a waiver based on an LSA designation; 0 – No, the county was not eligible for a waiver based on this criterion

eligibility_extended_ue_benefits: Indicator for whether a county was eligible for a waiver in a particular month because it was eligible for extended unemployment benefits (EB).

Coding: 1 – Yes, the county was eligible for a waiver based on the EB eligibility criterion; 0 – No, the county was not eligible for a waiver based on the EB eligibility criterion

elig_statewide: Indicator for whether all of a State’s counties were individually eligible for an ABAWD waiver in a given month.

Coding: 1 – A county’s entire State met one or more of the eligibility criteria to receive a waiver; 0 – Not all of this county’s State was eligible for a waiver.

msg_categ1: Indicator for whether a county or reservation was individually eligible for a waiver and its State agency also requested a waiver for it.

Coding: 1 – Yes, the county or reservation was individually eligible for an ABAWD waiver and its State agency also included the area in a waiver request; 0 – The county or reservation was either individually ineligible for a waiver or the State agency did not include the area in a waiver request or both.

msg_categ2: Indicator for whether a county or reservation was individually eligible for a waiver and its State agency did not request a waiver for it.

Coding: 1 – Yes, the county or reservation was individually eligible for an ABAWD waiver and its State agency did not include the area in a waiver request; 0 – The county or reservation was

either individually ineligible for a waiver or the State agency did include the area in a waiver request or both.

msg_categ3: Indicator for whether a county or reservation was not individually eligible for a waiver, but its State agency grouped it with other areas as part of a waiver request for an eligible combined area.

Coding: 1 – Yes, the county or reservation was individually ineligible for an ABAWD waiver but its State agency grouped it with other areas as part of a waiver request for an eligible combined area; 0 – The county or reservation was either individually eligible for a waiver or the State agency did not include the area in a waiver request or both.

msg_categ4: Indicator for whether a county or reservation was not individually eligible for a waiver and its State agency did not include it in a waiver request.

Coding: 1 – Yes, the county or reservation was individually ineligible for an ABAWD waiver and its State agency did not include the area in a waiver request; 0 – The county or reservation was either individually eligible for a waiver or the State agency did include the area in a waiver request or both.

Section 3 – Demographic Characteristics

demo_aian: Percentage of a county’s population that identified as American Indian and Alaska Native on the U.S. Census.

Coding: Percentage

demo_asian: Percentage of a county’s population that identified as Asian.

Coding: Percentage

demo_black: Percentage of a county’s population that identified as Black.

Coding: Percentage

demo_hispanic: Percentage of a county’s population that identified as Hispanic.

Coding: Percentage

demo_nhpi: Percentage of a county’s population that identified as Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.

Coding: Percentage

demo_inl: Percentage of a county’s population that identified as “Other Race,” i.e., individuals who selected the “Other” category for race on the Census form because their actual racial identity was not listed as an option on the form.

Coding: Percentage

demo_multi: Percentage of a county’s population that identified as Multi-Racial/More Than One Race.

Coding: Percentage

demo_white: Percentage of a county’s population that identified as White.

Coding: Percentage

demo_lep: Percentage of a county’s population that reported on the U.S. Census that they spoke another language in addition to English and also did not speak English very well.

Coding: Percentage

demo_disability: Percentage of a county's population that reported having a disability.

Coding: Percentage

demo_urban: Indicator for whether a county was considered to be urban or rural according to the USDA's Rural-Urban Continuum Codes.

Coding: 1 – Urban; 0 – Rural

demo_perpov1519: Indicator for whether the ERS deemed a county to have “persistent poverty” for the following periods: 1990 Census, 2000 Census, 2007–11 ACS, and 2015–19 ACS. Persistent poverty is defined as a poverty rate greater than or equal to 20% for each one of these Census periods. This measure applies only to counties.

Coding: 1 – Poverty rate greater than or equal to 20% in each of: 1990, 2000, 2007–11, and 2015–19; 0 – Poverty rate not greater than or equal to 20% in all of: 1990, 2000, 2007–11, and 2015–19.

totpop: A county's total population.

Coding: Whole number

totaian: Number of individuals within a county that identified as American Indian and Alaska Native on the U.S. Census.

Coding: Whole Number

totasian: Number of individuals within a county that identified as Asian on the U.S. Census.

Coding: Whole Number

totblack: Number of individuals within a county that identified as Black on the U.S. Census.

Coding: Whole Number

tothisp: Number of individuals within a county that identified as Hispanic on the U.S. Census.

Coding: Whole Number

totnhpi: Number of individuals within a county that identified as Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander on the U.S. Census.

Coding: Whole Number

totinl: Number of individuals within a county that identified as “Other Race,” i.e., individuals who selected the “Other” category for race on the Census form because their actual racial identity was not listed as an option on the form.

Coding: Whole Number

totmulti: Number of individuals within a county that identified as Multi-Racial/More Than One Race.

Coding: Whole Number

totwhite: Number of individuals within a county that identified as White.

Coding: Whole Number

totlep: Number of individuals within a county that that reported on the U.S. Census that they spoke another language in addition to English and also did not speak English very well.

Coding: Whole Number

totdisab: Number of individuals within a county that reported having a disability.

Coding: Whole Number

Section 4 – Governance Characteristics

poli_statelegrestric: Indicator for whether a State’s government had a State law or policy in effect in a given month of the study period that prohibited or limited the State agency from requesting ABAWD waivers.

Coding: 1 – Yes, the State’s government had such a law or policy in place in a given month; 0 – No, the State’s government did not have such a law or policy in place in a given month

poli_et_mv: Indicator for whether a county had a mandatory or voluntary SNAP E&T program in place during a given month. SNAP E&T program plans are produced annually, so every month within the fiscal year period takes the same code value.

Coding: 1 – The county’s State agency indicated that it operated a mandatory E&T program during the fiscal year in which the month occurred; 0 – The county’s State agency indicated that it operated a voluntary E&T program during the fiscal year in which the month occurred.

poli_et_pledge: Indicator for whether a county was part of a State whose State agency pledged to offer E&T services to all at-risk people subject to ABAWD work requirements during a fiscal year. State agencies’ SNAP E&T program plans are produced annually, so every month within the fiscal year period takes the same code value for each county in one State.

Coding: 1 – The county’s State agency pledged to offer E&T services to all at-risk people subject to ABAWD work requirements during a fiscal year; 0 – The county’s State agency did not pledge to offer E&T services to all at-risk people subject to ABAWD work requirements during a fiscal year.