

Description of Variables for cpsInternet.raw

For full data sets and description of variables for the years 1998, 2000 and 2001, visit <http://www.nber.org/data/current-population-survey-data.html>. This survey was conducted in December 1998, August 2000, and September 2001.

number of observations: 429,828

number of variables: 150

Variable	Description	Values
hrhhid	HOUSEHOLD IDENTIFIER	
year	YEAR OF SURVEY	
hufaminc	FAMILY INCOME	1: Less Than \$5,000 2: 5,000 to 7,499 3: 7,500 to 9,999 4: 10,000 to 12,499 5: 12,500 to 14,999 6: 15,000 to 19,999 7: 20,000 to 24,999 8: 25,000 to 29,999 9: 30,000 to 34,999 10: 35,000 to 39,999 11: 40,000 to 49,999 12: 50,000 to 59,999 13: 60,000 to 74,999 14: 75,000 or more
hwhtwt	HOUSEHOLD WEIGHT	
gereg	REGION	1: Northeast 2: Midwest 3: South 4: West
gestcen	CENSUS STATE CODE	11: ME 12: NH 13: VT 14: MA 15: RI 16: CT 21: NY 22: NJ 23: PA 31: OH 32: IN 33: IL 34: MI 35: WI 41: MN 42: IA 43: MO 44: ND 45: SD 46: NE 47: KS 51: DE 52: MD 53: DC

gestcen	CENSUS STATE CODE, continued	54: VA 55: WV 56: NC 57: SC 58: GA 59: FL 61: KY 62: TN 63: AL 64: MS 71: AR 72: LA 73: OK 74: TX 81: MT 82: ID 83: WY 84: CO 85: NM 86: AZ 87: UT 88: NV 91: WA 92: OR 93: CA 94: AK 95: HI
peage	PERSON'S AGE AS OF THE END OF SURVEY WEEK	
pemaritl	MARITAL STATUS	1: Married - Spouse Present 2: Married - Spouse Absent 3: Widowed 4: Divorced 5: Separated 6: Never Married
pesex	SEX	1: Male 2: Female
peeduca	HIGHEST LEVEL OF SCHOOL	31: Less Than 1st Grade 32: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Or 4th Grade 33: 5th Or 6th Grade 34: 7th Or 8th Grade 35: 9th Grade 36: 10th Grade 37: 11th Grade 38: 12th Grade No Diploma 39: High School Grad-Diploma 40: Some College But No Degree 41: Associate Degree 42: Associate Degree-Academic Program 43: Bachelor's Degree 44: Master's Degree 45 Professional School Deg 46 Doctorate Degree

perace	RACE	1: White 2: Black 3: American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo 4: Asian Or Pacific Islander
hescu1a	personal computer or laptop in household	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hescu1b	anyone in household used computer at home	1: Yes 2: No
hescu2	WEBTV in household	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hescu3	how many computers or laptops in household	-1: Out of universe 1: One 2: Two 3: Three or more
hescu4	is newest computer owned or leased	-1: Out of universe 1: Owned 2: Leased
hescu5	who owns/leases newest computer	-1: Out of universe 1: Someone in the household 2: Home business 3: Employer 4: Other
hescu6	what year was newest computer obtained	-1: Out of universe 1: 1998 2: 1997 3: 1996 4: 1995 5: 1994 6: 1993 7: Before 1993
hesiu1	anyone in household ever used the Internet from home	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hesiu2	use computer or WEBTV to connect to the Internet	-1: Out of universe 3: Yes/computer 4: Yes/WEBTV 5: No
hesiu3	anyone in household use Internet from home	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hesiu4	anyone in household ever used Internet from home	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No

hesiu5	main reason stopped Internet service	-1: Out of universe 1: Can use it somewhere else 2: Cost, too expensive 3: Not enough time to use it 4: Not useful 5: Not user friendly, too difficult 6: Problems with service provider 7: Concern about how children use it 8: Don't want it 9: Other
hesiu6a	Internet too expensive due to monthly charge	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hesiu6b	Internet too expensive due to toll call	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hesiu6c	Internet too expensive due to special equipment	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hesiu6d	Internet too expensive for other reason	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hesiu7	main reason don't have Internet at home	-1: Out of universe 1: Can use it somewhere else 2: Cost, too expensive 3: Not enough time to use it 4: Not useful 5: Not user friendly, too difficult 6: Problems with service provider 7: Concern about how children use it 8: Don't want it 9: Other
hesiu9	pay long distance charge to connect	-1: Out of universe 0: None
hesiu10	Internet service provider	-1: Out of universe 1: A local phone company 2: A long distance phone company 3: A cable TV system 4: A wireless company 5: Another type of Internet service provider 6: Other/Specify
hesiu20	concerned about personal information not confidential	-9: N/A -3: Ref -2: DK 1: Very concerned 2: Somewhat concerned 3: Not concerned
prs11	internet use at home recode	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No

pes11a	regularly uses Internet for e-mail	-2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes11b	regularly uses Internet for educational courses, research for school	-2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes11c	regularly uses Internet to check news, weather, sports	-2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes11d	regularly uses Internet to make phone calls	-2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes11e	regularly uses Internet to search for information	-2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes11f	regularly uses Internet to search for jobs	-2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes11g	regularly uses Internet to do job-related tasks	-2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes11h	regularly uses Internet to shop, pay bills, commercial activities	-2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes11i	regularly uses Internet for some other purpose	-2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes11j	regularly uses Internet for games, entertainment, fun	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes11ba	uses email for communication with friends and family	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes11bb	uses email for job-related purposes	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes11bc	uses email for educational purposes	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes11bd	uses email for hobbies or special interests	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes11be	uses email for commercial uses	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No

pesi11bf	uses email for some other purpose	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesiu13a	one of three most important uses for Internet	-3: Ref -2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: For Email 2: To take educational courses 3: To check news, weather, or sports 4: For making phone calls 5: To search for information 6: To search for jobs 7: To do job-related tasks 8: To shop, pay bills, or other 9: Other 10: Games/Entertainment/Fun
pesiu13b	two of three most important uses for Internet	-3: Ref -2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: For Email 2: To take educational courses 3: To check news, weather, or sports 4: For making phone calls 5: To search for information 6: To search for jobs 7: To do job-related tasks 8: To shop, pay bills, or other 9: Other 10: Games/Entertainment/Fun
pesiu13c	three of three most important uses for Internet	-3: Ref -2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: For Email 2: To take educational courses 3: To check news, weather, or sports 4: For making phone calls 5: To search for information 6: To search for jobs 7: To do job-related tasks 8: To shop, pay bills, or other 9: Other 10: Games/Entertainment/Fun
pes14	uses the Internet outside the home	1: Yes 2: No
pesiu15a	uses the Internet at work	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesiu15b	uses the Internet at school for grades K-12	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No

pesiu15c	uses the Internet at some other school	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesiu15d	uses the Internet at public library	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesiu15e	uses the Internet at community center	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesiu15f	uses the Internet at someone else's computer	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesiu15g	uses the Internet somewhere else	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesiu16	uses the Internet at what type of community center	-1: Out of universe 1: Adult education 2: Cultural center 3: Religious facility 4: Senior center 5: Social service agency 6: Youth center 7: Other
pes17a	uses the Internet outside the home for e-mail	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes17b	uses the Internet outside the home for educational courses	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes17c	uses the Internet outside the home to check news, weather, sports	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes17d	uses the Internet outside the home for making phone calls	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes17e	uses the Internet outside the home to search for information	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes17f	uses the Internet outside the home to search for jobs	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes17g	uses the Internet outside the home for job-related tasks	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes17h	uses the Internet outside the home to shop, pay bills	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pes17i	uses the Internet outside the home for other purpose	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesiu18a	uses email outside the home for communication with friends, family	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No

pesiu18b	uses email outside the home for job-related purposes	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesiu18c	uses email outside the home for educational purposes	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesiu18d	uses email outside the home for hobbies special interests	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesiu18e	uses email outside the home for commercial uses	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesiu18f	uses email outside the home for some other purpose	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesiu19a	one of three most important uses for Internet outside of home	-3: Ref -2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: For Email 2: To take educational courses 3: To check news, weather, or sports 4: For making phone calls 5: To search for information 6: To search for jobs 7: To do job-related tasks 8: To shop, pay bills, or other 9: Other
pesiu19b	two of three most important uses for Internet outside of home	-3: Ref -2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: For Email 2: To take educational courses 3: To check news, weather, or sports 4: For making phone calls 5: To search for information 6: To search for jobs 7: To do job-related tasks 8: To shop, pay bills, or other 9: Other
pesiu19c	three of three most important uses for Internet outside of home	-3: Ref -2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: For Email 2: To take educational courses 3: To check news, weather, or sports 4: For making phone calls 5: To search for information 6: To search for jobs 7: To do job-related tasks 8: To shop, pay bills, or other 9: Other

pes7	use computer at school	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hescl	computer or laptop in household	1: Yes 2: No
hescl2	how many computers or laptops in household	-1: Out of universe 1: One 2: Two 3: Three or more
hescl3	what year was newest computer obtained	-1: Out of universe 1: 2001 2: 2000 3: 1999 4: 1998 5: 1997 6: 1996 7: Before 1996
hescl4	newest computer owned or leased by someone in household	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hescl5a	who owns or leases newest computer	-1: Out of universe 1: An employer 2: A home business 3: Someone else
hesint1	anyone in household connect to Internet from home	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hesint2a	how currently access Internet	-1: Out of universe 1: A regular 'dial-up' telephone line 2: A DSL Line (Digital Subscriber Line) 3: A cable modem 4: Something else
hesint3	long distance call to connect to Internet from home	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hesint41	anyone in household has cell phone or pager that accesses Internet	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hesint42	anyone in household has pda or handheld device that accesses Internet	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hesint43	anyone in household has TV-based Internet device that accesses Internet	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hesint44	anyone in household has some other device that accesses Internet	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
hesivr	anyone in household ever connected to Internet from home	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No

hesint5a	main reason don't have Internet at home	-1: Out of universe 1: Don't want it 2: Too expensive 3: Can use it somewhere else 4: Concerned about how children use it 5: Other reason 6: Computer capability 7: No computer in household 8: Moved 9: Problem with ISP 11: No time 12: No connection 13: Lack of knowledge
hescon1	how concerned about providing personal info over Internet, as compared to over the phone	-9: N/A -3: Ref -2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: More concerned 2: Less concerned 3: About the same
hescon2	how concerned about material children exposed to on Internet, as compared to material on TV	-9: N/A -3: Ref -2: DK -1: Out of universe 1: More concerned 2: Less concerned 3: About the same
prnet2	Internet use at home recode	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
prnet3	Internet use outside home recode	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
prnet1	Internet use, anywhere recode	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesatt	attending or enrolled in regular school	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pescs	uses a computer at school	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pescs1	when uses computer at school	-1: Out of universe 1: only during school hours 2: before of after school hours 3: both
pesch	uses a computer at home	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
peschw	uses a home computer to work at home	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No

pesch1	does word processing or desktop publishing at home	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesch2	connects to the Internet at home	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesch2a	uses e-mail at home	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesch3	uses spreadsheets or databases at home	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesch4	does graphics and design at home	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesch5	uses computer at home to complete school assignments	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesch6	uses computer at home to manage household records or finances	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesch7	plays games on computer at home	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesch8a	uses the home computer for any other purpose	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
peschw	uses a computer at main job	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
peschw1	does word processing or desktop publishing at main job	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
peschw2	connects to the Internet or uses e-mail at work	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
peschw3	uses a calendar or does scheduling on computer at work	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
peschw4	uses spreadsheets or databases at work	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
peschw5	does graphics and design at work	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
peschw6	does programming at work	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
peschw7a	uses work computer for any other purpose	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnet	uses the Internet at any location	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No

pesnetsc	uses the Internet at school	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetsd	when uses the Internet at school	-1: Out of universe 1: only during school hours 2: before of after school hours 3: both
pesnetsw	uses Internet at public library	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetsx	uses Internet at community center	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetsty	uses Internet at someone else's house	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetisz	uses Internet at some other place	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetata	has used Internet to complete school assignments	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetatb	has used Internet for e-mail or instant messaging	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetatc	has used Internet for chat rooms or LISTSERVs	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetatd	has used Internet for playing games	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetate	has used Internet to take course on-line	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetatel	took on-line course mainly for what reason	-1: Out of universe 1: Work 2: Degree 3: Personal interest
pesnetatf	has used Internet to search for information about products or services	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetatg	has used Internet to purchase products or services	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetath	has used Internet to get news, weather, sports info	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetati	has used Internet for viewing TV or movies, listening to radio	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetatj	has used Internet for telephone calls	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No

pesnetk	has used Internet to search for info about health services, practices	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetl	has used Internet to search for info about government services, agencies	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetm	has used Internet to trade stocks, bonds, mutual funds	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetn	has used Internet to bank on-line	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetp	has used Internet to search for job	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetqa	has used Internet for any other purpose	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetp1	used Internet to read on-line job add or search online job listings	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetp2	used Internet to research info about potential employers	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetp3	used Internet to submit resume or application to employer on-line	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetp4	used Internet to post resume on job listing site or service on-line	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesnetp5	used Internet to post resume on own website	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No
pesntp6a	did anything else to search for a job on-line	-1: Out of universe 1: Yes 2: No