Survey View: How To

Use the survey view to browse variables within a specific survey. To help the user navigate this view, we describe the following sections:

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1: Surveys

Section 1 displays all the surveys and years available in the SESTAT data tool. Select the survey and year of interest. See all the available variables in section 2.

For each survey and year the following descriptive information is displayed:

- Survey Name = abbreviated survey name (acronym) with a 2-digit survey year code suffix
- Year = survey year
- Survey Description = full name of the survey
- **Questionnaire** = link to the PDF of the associated survey questionnaire, when available

Click on any column header to sort the list by that column.

2: Variables

For the selected survey and year, section 2 displays the corresponding variables. Select the variable of interest.

The variables are listed with their Variable Name, Short Description and SAS Name.

- Variable Name* = name as it appears throughout the SESTAT Data Tool
- Short Description = descriptive variable name
- SAS Name = name on full dataset, relevant only for downloaded datasets

*The variable name is prefixed by the first letter of the Sub Topic. For example, with Main Topic "Employment" and Sub Topic "A– Job Status, Employed/Unemployed", all the associated variable names start with "A_". Sub topics are displayed in the "Variable View" tab.

Click on any column header to sort the list by that column.

For a selected variable, survey, and year, the corresponding variable metadata is displayed in sections 3 and 4.

3: Variable Tally

For the selected variable and survey, the variable tally section displays:

- **Code** = the valid values for variable
- **Description** = short description of the valid value
- **Unweighted count** = the unweighted count of the valid value in survey dataset
- Weighted count = the weighted count of the valid values in survey dataset

4: Variable detail

For the selected variable and survey, the detailed variable information section displays:

- Variable name = name as it appears throughout the SESTAT Data Tool
- SAS Name = name on full dataset, relevant only for downloaded datasets
- **Data Type** = A for alphanumeric or N for numeric
- **Question #** = question number from the survey questionnaire corresponding to the selected variable
- **Question Asked** = question wording from variable's associated question number from the survey questionnaire

Note: some variables are derived variables so they do not correspond directly to a question from the questionnaire. Instead they may have an algorithm describing how the variable is derived from other survey variables. This information is provided here, when available.