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The American Housing Survey (AHS) provides a current and continuous series of data on selected housing and demographic characteristics.

From 1974-1983 the AHS was released as a series of 6 reports (1973 only had 5 reports). These reports are available at <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/h150.html>. All data were released within the series of reports; no supplemental reports were released.

From 1985-1995, the AHS began releasing a consolidated “core report” containing all the data regularly collected in the survey. Supplemental reports were also released (<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/ahs/nationaldata.html>). Attachment A shows the tables included in each supplemental report. Attachment B shows the “supplements” that were included in the questionnaires from 1985-1995.

From 1997-2005 only the core report and Internet tables of Alterations and Replacements data have been produced. If any additional items were added they are reflected in the core report (see the Major Changes in the front of the publication). For example, in 2001 several new items were introduced. One exception is that data on lead-based paint were collected in 1997 and 1999, but only released on the microdata files. The survey moved from a paper questionnaire to laptop data collection in 1997.

AHS Sample Supplements or Modifications

See Attachment C for a list of changes made to the AHS sample from 1985 to 2007.

Tables contained in the 1985 - 1995 Supplemental Reports

1985

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7. Additions to Residential Structures - Owner-occupied
8. Additions and Alterations Outside Residential Structures - Owner-occupied
9. Alterations Within Residential Structures - Owner-occupied
10. Major Replacements - Owner-occupied
11. Maintenance, Repairs, and Other Work - Owner-occupied
12. Physical Limitations and Housing Modifications
13. Units in Structure by Physical Limitations and Housing Modifications
14. Physical Limitations and Housing Modifications by Selected Characteristics
15. Household Physical Limitations by Housing Modifications
16. Persons Physical Limitations by Housing Modifications
17. Physical Limitation Reason Households Need Housing Modifications

**Supplements added to the AHS questionnaire
(1985 - 1995)**

	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993	1995
Mobility Supplement	X					
Neighborhood Quality Supplement	X	X	X	X	X	X
Energy Supplement	X	X				
Second Home Supplement	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alternate Housing Supplement				X	X	X
Housing Modification Supplement						X

**AHS-National Sample Sizes and Supplemental Information
(1985 - 2007)**

1985

The 1985 AHS-National consisted of approximately 61,000 sample addresses. Approximately 12,000 sample units were selected from the **AHS-National Neighborhood Sample**. This sample provided neighborhood information using about 1,200 urban AHS-N sample units. Interviewers determined the 10 closest units to the designated AHS-N unit and interviewed these “neighbor” units.

1987

The 1985 AHS-National consisted of approximately 53,500 sample addresses. This included about 46,100 units that were enumerated in the 1985 AHS-N survey, about 1,300 new construction units, and about 6,100 rural units which were added to provide more information about the **rural inventory**.

1989

The 1989 AHS-National consisted of approximately 56,500 sample addresses. It included approximately 9,000 sample units selected for the **AHS-N Neighbor Sample**. This sample provided neighborhood information using about 900 urban AHS-N sample units. Interviewers determined the 10 closest units to the designated AHS-N unit and interviewed these “neighbor” units.

1991

The 1991 AHS-National sample size was about 57,500. This included about 49,200 units that were enumerated in the 1989 AHS National survey, about 2,200 new construction units, and about 6,100 **Rural Sample** units.

1993

The 1993 AHS-National consisted of approximately 59,000 sample addresses. It included approximately 6,000 sample units selected for the **AHS-N Neighbor Sample**.

1995

The 1995 AHS-National consisted of approximately 59,000 sample addresses. It included approximately 6,000 additional units in **six selected metropolitan areas** (New York, Northern NJ, Chicago, LA, Detroit and Philadelphia).

1997

The 1997 AHS-National consisted of approximately 56,000 sample addresses. This included about 54,000 units that were enumerated in the 1995 AHS-N survey, about 2,000 new construction units.

1999

The 1997 AHS-National consisted of approximately 61,000 sample addresses. This included about 56,000 units that were enumerated in the 1997 AHS-N survey, **2,560 reinstated units** enumerated in the 1995 AHS-N, and about 2,000 new construction units.

2001

The 2001 AHS-National consisted of approximately 55,000 sample addresses. This included the core units that were enumerated in the 1999 AHS-N survey, about 2,000 new construction units.

2003

The 2003 AHS-National consisted of approximately 63,000 sample addresses. This included about 55,000 units that were enumerated in the 1997 AHS-N survey, 6,374 reinstated units enumerated in the 1995 AHS-N, and 1,923 new construction units. The reinstated units fall in the Chicago, Detroit, LA, Northern NJ, NY and Philadelphia metropolitan areas and were used to improve survey estimates for publications in those areas. We supplemented the sample with units from these metropolitan areas every other National survey or once every four years.

2005

This is the year action was taken to improve the representation of **manufactured houses and assisted living facilities**. The AHS-N sample size included about 55,000 sample units. This included the core units that were enumerated in the 2003 AHS-N and about 2,750 new construction units.

2007

The 2007 AHS-National consisted of approximately 54,000 sample addresses. This included the majority of units enumerated in the 2005 AHS-N survey and about 1,990 new construction units.