

## **2016 Changes**

### **INTERVIEW SURVEY AND DIARY SURVEY CONSUMER EXPENDITURE PUBLIC USE MICRODATA**

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## Changes in the 2016 Microdata Files from the 2015 Files

This document summarizes the changes in the 2016 files from the 2015 files for the Interview Survey and Diary Survey. Generally, there are three types of variable changes: Additions, deletions, and changes.

### I. Variable Changes

#### Interview Survey

##### A. Variable Deletions in LSD file

Beginning in 2016Q1 the following variable will be deleted from the LSD files.

Variable	Description	Flag	Type
MKMDEL	Vehicle make  CAPI Section 10	MKMDEL_	CHAR(5)

##### B. Variable Deletions in FPAR file

Beginning in 2016Q1 the following variables will be deleted to the FPAR files.

Variable	Description	Flag	Type
RECSEC01	Sections the respondent(s) used bills, receipts, or other resources to answer expenditure questions Section 3 Housing - rent, mortgage, home equity loans		CHAR(2)
RECSEC02	Section 4 Utilities/Communications (electricity, heating, telephone, cable, internet)		CHAR(2)

RECSEC03	Section 6 Appliances		CHAR(2)
RECSEC04	Section 8 Home Furnishings		CHAR(2)
RECSEC05	Section 9 Clothing		CHAR(2)
RECSEC06	Section 10, 11, and 12 Vehicle Expenses		CHAR(2)
RECSEC07	Section 13 and 14 Insurance		CHAR(2)
RECSEC08	Section 15 Medical/Health Expenses		CHAR(2)
RECSEC09	Section 18 Trips and Vacations		CHAR(2)
RECSEC10	Section 22 Work Experience and Income		CHAR(2)

### C. Variable Additions in FMLI file

Beginning in 2016Q1 (VEHICTAX) and 2016Q2 (REFGEN) the following variables will be added to the FMLI files.

Variable	Description	Flag	Type
VEHICTAX	Personal property taxes for vehicles		NUM(8)
REFGEN	<p>Generation of the reference person:</p> <p>Create five values for generation based on the birth year of the reference person</p> <p>1 Birth year of 1928 or earlier - Greatest generation (G.I. Generation).</p> <p>2 Birth year from 1929 to 1945 - Silent generation.</p> <p>3 Birth year from 1946 to 1964 - Baby boomers.</p> <p>4 Birth year from 1965 to 1980 - also known as Generation X.</p> <p>5 Birth year of 1981 or later. Sometimes referred to as the Millennials.</p>		CHAR(1)

### D. Variable Additions in APB file

Beginning in 2016Q2 the following variable will be added to the APB files.

Variable	Description	Flag	Type
TVPURCH	<p>Was this purchased online or in-person</p> <p>1 Online</p> <p>2 In-Person</p>		CHAR(1)

### E. Variable Additions in CLA file

Beginning in 2016Q2 the following variable will be added to the CLA files.

Variable	Description	Flag	Type
CLAPURCH	<p>Was this purchased online or in-person</p> <p>1 Online</p> <p>2 In-Person</p>		CHAR(1)

#### F. Variable Additions in SUB file

Beginning in 2016Q2 the following variable will be added to the SUB files.

Variable	Description	Flag	Type
TICPURCH	Was this purchased online or in-person 1 Online 2 In-Person		CHAR(1)

#### G. Variable Additions in LSD file

Beginning in 2016Q1 the following variable will be added to the LSD files.

Variable	Description	Flag	Type
LSD_MAKE	Vehicle make  CAPI Section 10	LSD__AKE	CHAR(3)

### Diary Survey

#### A. Variable Additions in FMLD file

Beginning in 2016Q1 the following variables will be added from the FMLD files.

Variable	Description	Flag	Type
BIRTHYR	Birth Year of the Reference Person		NUM(4)
REFGEN	Generation of the reference person:  Create five values for generation based on the birth year of the reference person 1 Birth year of 1928 or earlier - Greatest generation (G.I. Generation). 2 Birth year from 1929 to 1945 - Silent generation. 3 Birth year from 1946 to 1964 - Baby boomers. 4 Birth year from 1965 to 1980 - also known as Generation X. 5 Birth year of 1981 or later. Sometimes referred to as the Millennials.		CHAR(1)