

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SURVEY (RANDS) 6
PUBLIC USE DATA RELEASE

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INTRODUCTION

The Research and Development Survey (RANDS) is a series of cross-sectional surveys using probability-sampled commercial survey panels. The sixth round of RANDS (RANDS 6) was administered by NORC at

the University of Chicago using the AmeriSpeak Panel from August 10, 2022, to August 29, 2022. RAN DS 6 contained the embedded probe questions and experiments as in previous rounds of RAN DS. Specifically, RAN DS 6 explored different administrations of questions asked on the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) through split-sample experiments. RAN DS 6 has a known survey sampling design and can be used to produce nationally and sub-nationally representative estimates.

RAN DS 6 FILES AND DOCUMENTATION

The files listed below comprise the Research and Development Survey (RAN DS) 6 public use data release.

File Name	File Description	Format
RAN DS6.csv	Data file	CSV
RAN DS6.txt	Data file	TXT
RAN DS6-codebook.pdf	Codebook	PDF
RAN DS6-questionnaire.pdf	Questionnaire	PDF
RAN DS6-technical-documentation.pdf	Survey documentation	PDF

SAS, R, STATA AND SPSS INPUT STATEMENTS

A sample SAS input statement program is provided for the data file.

File Name	File Description	Format
RAN DS6-read.sas	SAS program	TXT
RAN DS6-formats.sas	SAS program	TXT

Alternatively, the CSV data file can be loaded directly into different environments such as SAS, R, Stata, SPSS, etc. Steps on how to do this are shown below.

SAS:

SAS can read CSV files directly with the import procedure (PROC IMPORT) that is part of Base SAS. The command to read the CSV data file to a dataset called RAN DS is:

```
proc import datafile="C:\RAN DS\RAN DS6.csv" out= RAN DS dbms=csv replace;
getnames=YES;
run;
```

R:

R can read data from CSV files using the user interface or by the read.csv() function.

The command to read the CSV data file into a data frame called RAN DS is:

```
RAN DS=read.csv("C:/RAN DS/RAN DS6.csv", header=TRUE)
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Stata:

Stata can import CSV data files using the Graphical User Interface (Select File-> Import->Text data created by a spreadsheet, type in the path to the file and choose comma-delimited as the delimiter). The corresponding command to read the CSV data file in Stata is:

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insheet using "C:\RAN DS\RAN DS6.csv", comma clear
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SPSS:

SPSS can import CSV data using the text input wizard. In the text input wizard, indicate that the file is delimited and that variable names are included in the top of the file.

CAUTION

The RANDS data file may contain some observations with extreme values that are likely implausible. These extreme values may represent errors in data entry. Researchers should determine how to handle these types of values when utilizing the RANDS data.

RANDS 6 requires application of the survey design information including weights, strata, and primary sampling units to the sample data in order to accurately assess national and subnational estimates and sampling errors. Researchers are advised to check the reliability of subnational estimates given small sample sizes or high variability in responses within certain subgroups.

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