

9. APPENDIX C: DISPOSITION CODES

	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
INTERVIEWS				
	110 Completed	The selected respondent meets the criteria for a partial complete and has completed the interview through the last question.	37,654	3.6
	120 Partial completed	Sex and three or more questions from age, race, Hispanic origin, marital status, education, employment status, county code, and "Do you have more than one telephone number in your household?" have been answered with a response other than Don't know/Not sure or Refused	707	.1
NON-INTERVIEW, HOUSEHOLD WITH ELIGIBLE RESPONDENT				
	210 Termination within questionnaire	A hang-up or termination after the first question in the core has been asked and it or a subsequent question has received a response other than Don't know/Not sure or Refused. The selected respondent has not answered enough questions for the interview to qualify as a 120 Partial Complete.	7,662	.7
	220 Refusal – respondent selection	A hang-up or termination after respondent selection but before respondent has given a response other than Don't know/Not sure or Refused to one or more questions in the core. The refusals can come from any adult in the household and the initial refusal could have come before respondent selection. An automated message to not call the number again that is not in response specifically to that call attempt does not count as a refusal. Such an outcome should receive an answering machine or technological barrier	28,501	2.6

		interim code.		
	230 Not interviewed – respondent selected	Selected respondent was never spoken to or was spoken to and asked to be called again later one or more times. Includes cases where the selected respondent was away from residence for part of the interviewing period.	10,416	1.0
	240 Unavailable – respondent selected	Selected respondent is expected to be away from residence during the entire interviewing period, for example, because of travel or a hospital stay.	1,171	.1
	250 Language barrier – respondent selected	After respondent selection, the selected or another respondent does not speak English or another language well enough to be interviewed for which an interviewer and translated questionnaire are available.	284	.0
	260 Unable to communicate – respondent selected	After respondent selection, the selected or another respondent has a physical or mental condition that prevents the completion of an interview and that condition is expected to last through the entire interviewing period. This includes a temporary condition, such as bereavement, that will last beyond the interviewing period. (For conditions not expected to last through the entire interviewing period, schedule an appointment and keep trying.)	1,138	.1
	270 Hang up or termination – before respondent selected	Respondent hangs up or terminates call attempt after answering the number of adults question but before answering the number of men and number of women questions. This differs from 280 in that the respondent explicitly	926	.1

		refuses.		
	280 Household contact – before respondent selected	Respondent answered the number of adults question and asked to be called again later one or more times but the number of men and women were never determined. On the surface, this is a postponement that was never re-started but may be an implicit refusal. This differs from 270 in that the respondent never explicitly refuses.	63	.0
NON-INTERVIEWS, ELIGIBILITY UNDETERMINED				
	305 Household away during interview period	A house sitter, house cleaner, or other non-member of a household states that all of the household members will be away from the residence during the entire interviewing period.	576	.1
	310 Hang up or termination – unknown if eligible respondent	A respondent hangs-up or terminates a call attempt before answering the number of adults question. This differs from 315 in that the respondent explicitly refuses.	9,829	.9
	315 Landline household contact – unknown if eligible respondent	A respondent verified that the telephone number reaches a private residence and asked to be called again later one or more times but the number of adults in the household was never determined. On the surface, this is a postponement that was never re-started but may be an implicit refusal. This differs from 310 in that the respondent never explicitly refuses.	577	.1
	317 Cell phone contact – unknown if eligible phone number	A respondent verified that the telephone number reaches a private residence and asked to be called again later one or more times but the number of adults in the household was never determined. On	281	.0

		the surface, this is a postponement that was never re-started but may be an implicit refusal. This differs from 310 in that the respondent never explicitly refuses.		
	319 Cell phone contact-unknown if eligible	A respondent answered the phone but no further information was obtained.	90	.0
	320 Language barrier – before respondent selected	A respondent who does not speak English or another language well enough to answer the screening questions, for which an interviewer and translated questionnaire are available, answers the telephone twice before respondent selection. Give final disposition even if other respondents who do not present a language problem have answered the telephone.	1,972	.2
	325 Unable to communicate – before respondent selected	A respondent whose physical or mental impairment prevents him or her from completing the screening questions answers the phone twice before respondent selection. Give final disposition even if other respondents without a physical or mental impairment have answered the telephone.	807	.1
	330 Hang up or termination – unknown if private residence	A respondent hangs-up or terminates a call attempt before confirming that the telephone number rings to a private residence.	116,405	10.7
	332 Contact – unknown if private residence	A respondent did not verify that the telephone number reaches a private residence but asked to be called again later one or more times. On the surface, this is a postponement that was never re-started but may be an implicit refusal. This differs from 330 in that the respondent never explicitly refuses.	38,176	3.5

	335 Telephone answering device -- is private residence	One or more call attempts reached an answering machine but no person was ever spoken to. The message confirms that the telephone number reaches a private residence by using the words, "home," "house," "family," "residence" or a family name.	11,264	1.0
	340 Technical barrier -is private residence	One or more call attempts reached a call blocking message, a message asking the caller to identify him/herself, or other automated message, but no person was ever spoken to. A message confirms that the telephone number reaches a private residence by using the words, "home," "house," "family," "residence" or a family name.	12	.0
	345 Telephone answering device -not sure if private residence	One or more call attempts reached an answering machine but no person was ever spoken to. The message leaves open the possibility that the telephone number is reaching a private residence but it does not explicitly state so.	34,439	3.2
	350 Technical barrier – not sure if private residence	One or more call attempts reached a call blocking message, a message asking the caller to identify him/herself, or other automated response, but no person was ever spoken to. There is no message or a message leaves open the possibility that the telephone number is reaching a private residence but it does not explicitly state so.	437	.0
	355 Phone no longer in service or changed	On the second or subsequent call attempt, a	22,481	2.1

		telephone number is responding with a message indicating that the telephone number called is a non-working number or has been changed.		
	360 No answer	Among telephone numbers which no person or device ever answered, half or more of the call attempts resulted in a normal telephone ring that no one answered.	44,297	4.1
	365 Busy	Among telephone numbers which no person or device ever answered, more than half of the call attempts resulted in a normal busy signal.	12,193	1.1
	370 On never call list	To be assigned to (those few) telephone numbers that the survey vendor has determined, before calling begins, should not be called.	188	.0
NOT ELIGIBLE				
	405 Out of sample	The telephone number rings out-of-sample area.	1,978	.2
	410 Household – no eligible respondent (landline only)	No one 18 years of age or older uses the telephone. To be assigned when no one in the household is 18 years of age or older or the telephone number is used by a teen under the age of 18 and the parents do not use that phone.	288	.0
	415 No eligible respondent (Cell phone sample)	No one 18 years of age or older uses the telephone. The telephone number is used by a teen under the age of 18 and the parents do not use that phone.	1,014	.1
	420 Not a private residence (landline sample)	The person answering the phone or an answering machine identifies the telephone number as a business, an institution (government office, educational facility, dormitory, nursing home,	85,397	7.8

		hospital, prison), a group home (fraternity or sorority, half-way house, shelter), a timeshare or vacation home at which no one is living for 30 days or more at the time of contact, Efax service, a pager, a cellular phone, or a dedicated fax/data/modem line that s/he answered to identify as such.		
	421 Minor child cell phone	The person answering the phone is a minor child and no adults receive calls on that cell phone.	625	.1
	422 Business cell phone	The number reaches a business only cell phone which is not a residential number.	2,749	.3
	425 Rings to landline	A number in the cell phone sample rings to a landline number	670	.1
	430 Dedicated fax/data/modem	A telephone number used only as a fax, data, or modem line.	20,674	1.9
	435 Cell phone (landline phone sample)	The telephone number in the landline sample is a cell phone	7,619	.7
	437 Cell phone respondent with landline phone/ does not meet 90% criteria	The person answering the phone in the cell phone sample has a landline phone and does not receive at least 90% of all calls on their cell phone	4,765	.4
	450 Non-working/disconnected	Usually recognized by a tritone, a recording indicating that the telephone number is non-working, a number that consistently rings to an incorrect number, or a number that cannot be verified by a respondent.	583,026	53.3
	455 Wrong number in cell sample	Cell number reached is not the number called.	199	.0
	490 Miscellaneous ineligible		1,413	.0
TOTAL			1,092,963	100.0