

### Variable Definitions, aca\_data\_march\_cps.dta

For more information about the March CPS, see <https://cps.ipums.org/cps/>

The Current Population Survey (CPS) is a monthly survey of labor market outcomes. For example, it is the survey that generates the monthly unemployment rate. Along with the basic monthly survey, most months have special supplements where more detailed questions on particular topics are addressed. Each March, survey participants also answer the “Annual Demographic Survey” which asks questions about labor market outcomes in the previous year. This survey has two big outputs: the annual poverty estimates and the fraction of people uninsured. For this topic, you are to use March CPS data on insurance status to examine the impact of the ACA. The data is from the 2005 through 2013 surveys (they have not released the 2014 and 2015 health insurance data to the public – go figure). One key fact to keep in mind, the March 2010 survey asks questions about insurance status in 2009, so please be careful when you are defining when the ACA goes into effect.

Variable	Definition
<i>Health insurance variables</i>	
any_insurance	Dummy variable, =1 if have any health insurance, =0 otherwise
pvt_insurance	Dummy variable, =1 if have any private insurance, =0 otherwise
emp_prov_ins	Dummy variable, =1 if have any employer-provided insurance, =0 otherwise
medicaid	Dummy variable, =1 if have any Medicaid insurance, =0 otherwise
<i>Other variable</i>	
state	State FIPS code, numeric variable, 1-56, for each state. Check here <a href="http://www.columbia.edu/~sue/state-fips.html">http://www.columbia.edu/~sue/state-fips.html</a>
year	Survey year. Remember the survey measures insurance in the previous year, so year 2012 measures insurance in 2011.
age	Age in years
race_ethnic	=1 if white, non-Hispanic, =2 if black, non-Hispanic, =3 if other race, non-Hispanic, =4 if Hispanic
female	Dummy variable, =1 if female, =0 otherwise