



Comptroller of the Currency
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SURVEY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND ATTITUDES

SURVEY DOCUMENTATION

To interpret accurately the data in the public use file, users are strongly advised to refer to both the survey questionnaire (including its introduction) and the codebook.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

The survey questionnaire contains all the questions that were posed to respondents, either in English or Spanish. The introduction to the questionnaire also provides information on how the interviewers asked the survey questions. It provides detailed information on the questionnaire's conventions, many of which are not included in the codebook, but must be understood in order to interpret accurately the data in the public use file. These conventions include:

- Branching instructions, which indicate questions that were posed to specific groups of respondents.
- Format conventions, which distinguish the words that were read to respondents from the text provided to interviewers or readers of the printed questionnaire.

CODEBOOK

The codebook provides users of the public use data file with information on the names, value codes, and definitions of all variables contained in the file. Variables that were modified for disclosure limitation purposes and/or edited for accuracy are not available in the public use data file in their original form. The codebook defines both the original variable and any modified variable that is publicly available.

The introduction to the codebook provides the context for the main part of the document. It describes the codebook's contents and conventions, recommends how the codebook should be used in conjunction with the survey questionnaire, and briefly discusses methods for correctly estimating population parameters and sampling errors.