

2022 GSS Paradata

Introduction

With the second release of the 2022 GSS Cross-section data, NORC is making available a supplementary datafile in SAS, detailing the various mode and timing checks performed for the GSS in 2022. The third release expands upon this paradata with detailed tracking of entry into the questionnaire. New variables allow for users to see mode, device type, OS, Browser, and timestamp information for each individual entry into the questionnaire.

The timing component of the GSS is a carryover from how the survey has been tracking timing of the interview since the early 2000s. Timestamps are recorded at the beginning and end of each module in the GSS, and several times throughout the Core, given its length. Each of these timestamps occurs in both static and dynamic versions. Dynamic timestamps are updated whenever a respondent passes the location in the survey instrument and are appended _D. Static timestamps are recorded the first time a respondent passes the location in the survey instrument. Some timestamps are associated with specific variables at the request of individual sponsors of GSS modules and interested researchers from proposed methodological content.

The various ELAPSEDTIME variables track the total time that each respondent spends within the associated section, in seconds.

The mode component of the GSS is new for 2022. Historically, the GSS has only queried MODE a few times per interview. In 2022, the decision was made to provide a mode check (MODECHK[location]) associated with each timestamp within the GSS.

The new paradata components with release 3 include six distinct variables, repeated 28 times. The variables are:

Quex: Which questionnaire (HEF or baseline) is being accessed.

Time_accessed: the datestamp associated with the access.

Mode: Mode of access (In-person, phone, or web). Mode of access will match the closest MODECHK variable to the timestamp).

Browser: Which web browser was used to access the survey instrument.

os: Which operating system was used to access the survey instrument.

Device: Which device was used to access the survey instrument.

Please note that all in-person accesses will share the same browser (Chrome), OS (Android 10) and Device Type (SM-T837V Build/QP1A.190711.020; wv)

The paradata that are made available in this release are retrieved from the raw datafiles associated with the 2022 General Social Survey. They do not receive the same level of cleaning and harmonization as the contents of the GSS 1972-2022 Cumulative Datafile. As such, users should

expect potential inconsistencies with other variables in the GSS, most notable ELAPSEDTIME, with values that may result in implausible results when analyzed in concert with other variables. The GSS is releasing these data to support methodological research. Should users have specific questions on these paradata, they are encourage to contact the GSS (gss@norc.org).

Table 1: Variable Availability

Name	SAS Format	Response Options	Previous Var	Next Var
YEAR		2022		
ID				
BTIMEA	DATETIME20			HLTHSTRT
BTIMEA_D	DATETIME20			HLTHSTRT
BTIME_HLTHSTRT	DATETIME20			HLTHSTRT
BTIME_HLTHSTRT_D	DATETIME20			HLTHSTRT
ETIME_HLTHSTRT	DATETIME20		HLTHSTRT	CONSENT
ETIME_HLTHSTRT_D	DATETIME20		HLTHSTRT	CONSENT
MODECHECK	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	CONSENT	NATSPAC
TIMEA1	DATETIME20		MAWRKSLFFAM	MARITAL
MODECHKA1	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	MAWRKSLFFAM	MARITAL
TIMEA2	DATETIME20		SPWKSUP	UNEMP
MODECHKA2	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	SPWKSUP	UNEMP
TIMEA3	DATETIME20		RACERANK2	PARSOL
MODECHKA3	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	RACERANK3	PARSOL
TIMEA72S	DATETIME20		HAPPY	HEALTH
TIMEA72E	DATETIME20		HEALTH	CHLDIDEL

TIMEA4	DATETIME20		IF20WHO	POLVIEWS
MODECHKA4	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	IF20WHO	POLVIEWS
TIMEA5	DATETIME20		SAVESOUL	BORN
MODECHKA5	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	SAVESOUL	BORN
TIMEA6	DATETIME20		UNION	POLHITOK
MODECHKA6	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	UNION	POLHITOK
ETIMEA1	DATETIME20		WWWMIN	DISRSPCT
ETIMEA1_D	DATETIME20		WWWMIN	DISRSPCT
ETIMEA	DATETIME20		THREATEN	HASRELSP
ETIMEA_D	DATETIME20		THREATEN	HASRELSP
ELAPSEDTIMEA	F25.2		THREATEN	HASRELSP
BTIMEB	DATETIME20		THREATEN	HASRELSP
BTIMEB_D	DATETIME20		THREATEN	HASRELSP
ETIMEB	DATETIME20		RESPNUM	KIDSUND18
ETIMEB_D	DATETIME20		RESPNUM	KIDSUND18
ELAPSEDTIMEB	F25.2		RESPNUM	KIDSUND18
MODECHKB	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	RESPNUM	KIDSUND18
BTIMEBB	DATETIME20		RESPNUM	KIDSUND18
BTIMEBB_D	DATETIME20		RESPNUM	KIDSUND18
ETIMEBB	DATETIME20		RNRLTU18	FECHLD2
ETIMEBB_D	DATETIME20		RNRLTU18	FECHLD2
ELAPSEDTIMEBB	F25.2		RNRLTU18	FECHLD2

MODECHKBB	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	RNRLTU18	FECHLD2
BTIMEC	DATETIME20		RNRLTU18	FECHLD2
BTIMEC_D	DATETIME20		RNRLTU18	FECHLD2
MODECHKC	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	NMBRKIDS	HAPUNHAP
ETIMEC	DATETIME20		NMBRKIDS	HAPUNHAP
ETIMEC_D	DATETIME20		NMBRKIDS	HAPUNHAP
ELAPSEDTIMEC	F25.2		NMBRKIDS	HAPUNHAP
BTIMED	DATETIME20		NMBRKIDS	HAPUNHAP
BTIMED_D	DATETIME20		NMBRKIDS	HAPUNHAP
MODECHKD	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	INSTYPE04	WORKFOR1
ETIMED	DATETIME20		INSTYPE04	WORKFOR1
ETIMED_D	DATETIME20		INSTYPE04	WORKFOR1
ELAPSEDTIMED	F25.2		INSTYPE04	WORKFOR1
BTIMEEEE	DATETIME20		INSTYPE04	WORKFOR1
BTIMEEEE_D	DATETIME20		INSTYPE04	WORKFOR1
ETIMEEEE	DATETIME20		WEALTH	WRKTYPE
ETIMEEEE_D	DATETIME20		WEALTH	WRKTYPE
ELAPSEDTIMEEEE	F25.2		WEALTH	WRKTYPE
MODECHKEE	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	WEALTH	WRKTYPE
BTIMEF	DATETIME20		WEALTH	WRKTYPE
BTIMEF_D	DATETIME20		WEALTH	WRKTYPE
MODECHKF	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	LIFEIN10	PARTNER

ETIMEF	DATETIME20		LIFEIN10	PARTNER
ETIMEF_D	DATETIME20		LIFEIN10	PARTNER
ELAPSEDTIMEF	F25.2		LIFEIN10	PARTNER
BTIMEG	DATETIME20		LIFEIN10	PARTNER
BTIMEG_D	DATETIME20		LIFEIN10	PARTNER
SAQMODE2	SAQMODE2F	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	LIFEIN10	PARTNER
MODECHKG	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	PTNRSXCNFRM	SVYENJOY
ETIMEG	DATETIME20		PTNRSXCNFRM	SVYENJOY
ETIMEG_D	DATETIME20		PTNRSXCNFRM	SVYENJOY
ELAPSEDTIMEG	F25.2		PTNRSXCNFRM	SVYENJOY
BTIMEJJ	DATETIME20		PTNRSXCNFRM	SVYENJOY
BTIMEJJ_D	DATETIME20		PTNRSXCNFRM	SVYENJOY
ETIMEJJ	DATETIME20		PTNRSXCNFRM	SVYENJOY
ETIMEJJ_D	DATETIME20		PTNRSXCNFRM	SVYENJOY
ELAPSEDTIMEJJ	F25.2		PTNRSXCNFRM	SVYENJOY
BTIMEH	DATETIME20		PTNRSXCNFRM	SVYENJOY
BTIMEH_D	DATETIME20		PTNRSXCNFRM	SVYENJOY
TIMEQUEX	DATETIME20		SVYID2	
ETIMEH	DATETIME20		SVYID2	
ELAPSEDTIMEH	F25.2		SVYID2	ELAPSEDTIMEH
MODECHKH	QUEXMODEF	1 F2F, 2 WEB, 3 PHONE	SVYID2	MODECHKH
ELAPSEDTIME			SVYID2	ELAPSEDTIME
quex [_1 to _28]	CHAR \$8	N/a	N/a	N/a

time_accessed [_1 to _28]	DATETIME16.	N/a	N/a	N/a
mode [_1 to _28]	CHAR \$9	N/a	N/a	N/a
browser [_1 to _28]	CHAR \$14	N/a	N/a	N/a
device [_1 to _28]	CHAR \$16	N/a	N/a	N/a