

Appendix 2: Demographic Variable Descriptions

| Control Variables | Source | Question Wording or Description |
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| Average Household Income | 2010 Census | Mark the "Yes" box for each income source received during 2009 to a maximum of \$999,999. |
| Median Age | 2010 Census | What is this person's age and what is this person's date of birth? |
| Percent with bachelors degree | 2010 Census | What is the highest degree or level of school this person has COMPLETED? |
| Percent non-white population | 2010 Census | What is this person's race or origin? |
| % Unemployed | Bureau of Labor Statistics (2010) | % in Labor Force without a job |
| Obesity | BRFSS 2011 (SMART) | Body mass index > 30 based on self-reported height and weight |
| Diabetes | BRFSS 2011 (SMART) | Have you ever been told by a doctor that you have diabetes? (Gestational diabetes excluded) |
| Physically Inactive | BRFSS 2011 (SMART) | No to: During the past month, other than your regular job, did you participate in any physical activities or exercises such as running, calisthenics, golf, gardening, or walking for exercise? |
| Uninsured | BRFSS 2011 (SMART) | No to: Do you currently have health insurance? |
| Fair/Poor General Health | BRFSS 2011 (SMART) | In general, would you say your health is Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair or Poor? |
| Smokes Every Day | BRFSS 2011 (SMART) | (To those who have smoked 100 cigarettes) Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all? |
| Last Checkup | BRFSS 2011 (SMART) | About how long has it been since you last visited a doctor for a routine checkup? |
| Cost Barrier to Needed Healthcare | BRFSS 2011 (SMART) | Was there a time in the past 12 months when you needed to see a doctor but could not because of cost? |
| Heart Attack | BRFSS 2011 (SMART) | Has a doctor, nurse, or other health professional ever told you that you had a heart attack, also called a myocardial infarction? |
| Stroke | BRFSS 2011 (SMART) | Has a doctor, nurse, or other health professional ever told you that you had a stroke? |