

The General Social Survey



2024 GSS
(Cross-section
Study)

2024 Paradata
Release 3a



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2024 GSS Paradata

Introduction

With the third release of the 2024 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 2024.

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 as of 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. All of these MODECHKs are included with the 2024 Paradata file.

Please note that some variables are only available for in-person cases, including all timings associated with [PREQUX](#) and [REMARKS](#) variables. Other variables are only available for web cases, including all device type initialization variables.

The paradata that are made available in this release are retrieved from the raw datafiles associated with the 2024 GSS. They do not receive the same level of cleaning and harmonization as the contents of the GSS 1972-2024 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 encouraged to contact the GSS (gss@norc.org).

Table 1: Variable Availability

Variable	SAS Format	Response Options	Previous Variable	Next Variable	Notes
ID	Num	1-3309	n/a	n/a	
YEAR	Num	2024	n/a	n/a	
BALLOT	Char	1 Ballot A 2 Ballot B 3 Ballot C	n/a	n/a	
FORM	Num	1 FORM X 2 FORM Y	n/a	n/a	
BTIMEA	DATETIME 20.		n/a	QUEXLANG	
BTIME_HLTHSTRT	DATETIME 20.		QUEXLANG	HLTHSTRT	
ETIME_HLTHSTRT	DATETIME 20.		HLTHSTRT		
MODECHECK		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	CONSENT	NATSPAC/Y	
TIMEA1	DATETIME 20.		MAWRKSLFFA M	MARITAL	
MODECHKA1		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	MAWRKSLFFA M	MARITAL	
TIMEA2	DATETIME 20.		SPWKSUP	UNEMP	
MODECHKA2		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	SPWKSUP	UNEMP	

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TIMEA3	DATETIME 20.		RACERANK3	PARSOL	
MODECHKA3		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	RACERANK3	PARSOL	
TIMEA72S	DATETIME 20.		HAPPY	HEALTH	
TIMEA72E	DATETIME 20.		HEALTH	CHLDIDEL	
TIMEA4	DATETIME 20.		IF20WHO	POLVIEWS	
MODECHKA4		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	IF20WHO	POLVIEWS	
TIMEA5	DATETIME 20.		RELACTIV	BORN	
MODECHKA5		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	RELACTIV	BORN	
TIMEA6	DATETIME 20.		UNION	POLHITOK/Y	
MODECHKA6		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	UNION	POLHITOK/Y	
ETIMEA1	DATETIME 20.		BROADBAND	DISRSPCT	
ETIMEA	DATETIME 20.		THREATEN	HASRELSP	
ELAPSEDTIMEA	F25.2		THREATEN	HASRELSP	

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BTIMEB	DATETIME 20.		THREATEN	HASRELSP	Only on FORM X
MODECHKB		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	RESPNUM	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Only on FORM X. Located at end of Module B.
ETIMEB	DATETIME 20.		RESPNUM	RATINCUMB	Only on FORM X
ELAPSEDTIMEB	F25.2		RESPNUM	RATINCUMB	Only on FORM X
BTIMEBB	DATETIME 20.		THREATEN	KINDSUND18	Only on FORM Y
MODECHKBB		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	RNRLTU18	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Only on FORM Y. Located at end of Module BB
ETIMEBB	DATETIME 20.		RNRLTU18	RATINCUMB	Only on FORM Y
ELAPSEDTIMEBB	F25.2		RNRLTU18	RATINCUMB	Only on FORM Y
BTIMEC	DATETIME 20.		Multiple	RATINCUMB	Previous variable depends on FORM
MODECHKC		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	VOTEPROB	INTRNETUSE	Located at end of module C.
ETIMEC	DATETIME 20.		VOTEPROB	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 2 different modules – ISSP Digital Society or ISSP National

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					Identity & Citizenship
ELAPSEDTIMEC	F25.2		VOTEPROB	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 2 different modules – ISSP Digital Society or ISSP National Identity & Citizenship
BTIMED	DATETIME 20.		VOTEPROB	INTRNETUSE	
MODECHKD		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	AIDRIVE	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Located at the end of module D.
ETIMED	DATETIME 20.		AIDRIVE	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 3 different modules next
ELAPSEDTIMED	F25.2		AIDRIVE	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 3 different modules next
BTIMEE	DATETIME 20.		VOTEPROB	AMBORNIN	
MODECHKE		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	VOTEPROB	AMBORNIN	Located at the start of module E
ETIMEE	DATETIME 20.		USMCA2	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 3 different modules next
ELAPSEDTIMEE	F25.2		USMCA2	Multiple, depending on	Respondents may proceed to

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				BALLOT & FORM	3 different modules next
BTIMEF	DATETIME 20.		Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	SERIOUSP	Respondents may arrive from either module D or E
MODECHKF		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	MHTREATD	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Located at the end of module F. Respondents may proceed to 2 different modules next
ETIMEF	DATETIME 20.		MHTREATD	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 2 different modules next
ELAPSEDTIMEF	F25.2		MHTREATD	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 2 different modules next
BTIMEG	DATETIME 20.		Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	CHILDPROB	Respondents may arrive from either module D or E
MODECHKG		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	CHLDSHOP_OT H	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 2 different modules next
ETIMEG	DATETIME 20.		CHLDSHOP_OT H	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 2 different modules next
ELAPSEDTIMEG	F25.2		CHLDSHOP_OT H	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 2 different modules next

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BTIMEH	DATETIME 20.		Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	DSNDNTPAY	Respondents may arrive from either module F or G.
MODECHKH		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	RELIGINF	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Located at end of module H. Respondents may proceed to 2 different modules next
ETIMEH	DATETIME 20.		RELIGINF	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 2 different modules next
ELAPSEDTIMEH	F25.2		RELIGINF	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 2 different modules next
BTIMEI	DATETIME 20.		Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	REFPROMO	Respondents may arrive from either module F or H
MODECHKI		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	FEOVRWRK	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 2 different modules next
ETIMEI	DATETIME 20.		FEOVRWRK	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 2 different modules next
ELAPSEDTIMEI	F25.2		FEOVRWRK	Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	Respondents may proceed to 2 different modules next

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BTIMEJ	DATETIME 20.		Multiple, depending on BALLOT & FORM	PARTNERS	Respondents may arrive from either module H or I.
MODECHKJ		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	PERLA	SPANSELF/DEVTYPE	
ETIMEJ	DATETIME 20.		PERLA	SPANSELF/DEVTYPE	
ELAPSEDTIMEJ	F25.2		PERLA	SPANSELF/DEVTYPE	
BTIMEK	DATETIME 20.			SPANSELF/DEVTYPE	
MODECHKK		1 In-person 2 Web 3 Phone	INCENTCHOICE	End of Survey	Final respondent question
ETIMEK	DATETIME 20.		INCENTCHOICE	End of Survey	Final respondent question
ELAPSEDTIMEK	F25.2		INCENTCHOICE	End of Survey	Final respondent question
ELAPSEDTIME	Num		INCENTCHOICE	End of Survey	Final respondent question
USERAGENT_DEVICE	Char	Android Chromebook Mac PC iPad iPhone Windows PC	n/a	QUEXLANG	Web cases only

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		Other			
USERAGENT_BROWSER	Char	Chrome Edge Firefox Google Search App Safari Other	n/a		
INIT_SCREENWIDTH	Num		n/a	QUEXLANG	Web cases only
INIT_SCREENHEIGHT	Num		n/a	QUEXLANG	Web cases only
INIT_DEVICE	Char	Desktop Mobile/Tablet	n/a	QUEXLANG	Web cases only
RETIMEB	DATETIME 20.		Start of this remark instrument	OTHPRES	In-person cases only
BTIME_RLOOKS	DATETIME 20.		SAQMODE3	RLOOKS	In-person cases only
BTIME_RLOOKS_D	DATETIME 20.		SAQMODE3	RLOOKS	In-person cases only
ETIME_RLOOKS	DATETIME 20.		RLOOKS	RGROOMED	In-person cases only
ETIME_RLOOKS_D	DATETIME 20.		RLOOKS	RGROOMED	In-person cases only
BTIME_RHLTHEND	DATETIME 20.		HUCLEAN	End of this remark instrument	In-person cases only
BTIME_RHLTHEND_D	DATETIME 20.		HUCLEAN	End of this remark instrument	In-person cases only

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ETIME_RHLTHEND	DATETIME 20.		RHLTHEND	PERLA	In-person cases only
ETIME_RHLTHEND_D	DATETIME 20.		RHLTHEND	PERLA	In-person cases only
RETIMEE	DATETIME 20.		PERLA	End of this instrument	In-person cases only
BTIMEPREQUX	DATETIME 20.		Start of this instrument	HUADD	In-person cases only
BTIMEPREQUX	DATETIME 20.		Start of this instrument	HUADD	In-person cases only
ETIMEPREQUX	DATETIME 20.		NEISAFE	End of this instrument	In-person cases only
ETIMEPREQUX_D	DATETIME 20.		NEISAFE	End of this instrument	In-person cases only