

# **IPUMS Data for Population and Policy Research**

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# Overview

- IPUMS introduction
- How do you choose the right IPUMS dataset?
- Navigating the microdata extract system
- Using the online tabulator for microdata
- Geographic data in IPUMS

# What is IPUMS?

- US & international census and survey data
- Consistent documentation and standardized data allow for easier comparisons and analyses
- Available free of charge

# Why use IPUMS?

- Harmonization and data enhancements
- Comprehensive online documentation
- Create and download custom data extracts
- Online data analysis tools
- User support

# US & International Census & Survey Data

## Census Data

**IPUMS USA\* (US)**

**IPUMS NHGIS\* (US)**

~~IPUMS International (Int'l)~~

~~IPUMS Terra (Int'l)~~

## Survey data

**IPUMS CPS (US)**

**IPUMS Time Use (US & Int'l)**

**IPUMS Health Surveys (US)**

**-NHIS**

**-MEPS**

~~IPUMS Global Health (Int'l)~~

~~-DHS~~

~~-PMA~~

~~IPUMS Higher Ed (US)~~

**US  
Data**

**International  
Data**

## US Data

Geographic  
Detail

Target  
Population

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Characteristics

Topical  
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# US Data → Geographic Detail

Limited or  
No Detail

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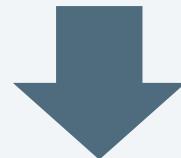
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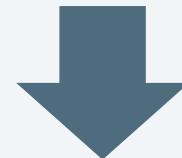
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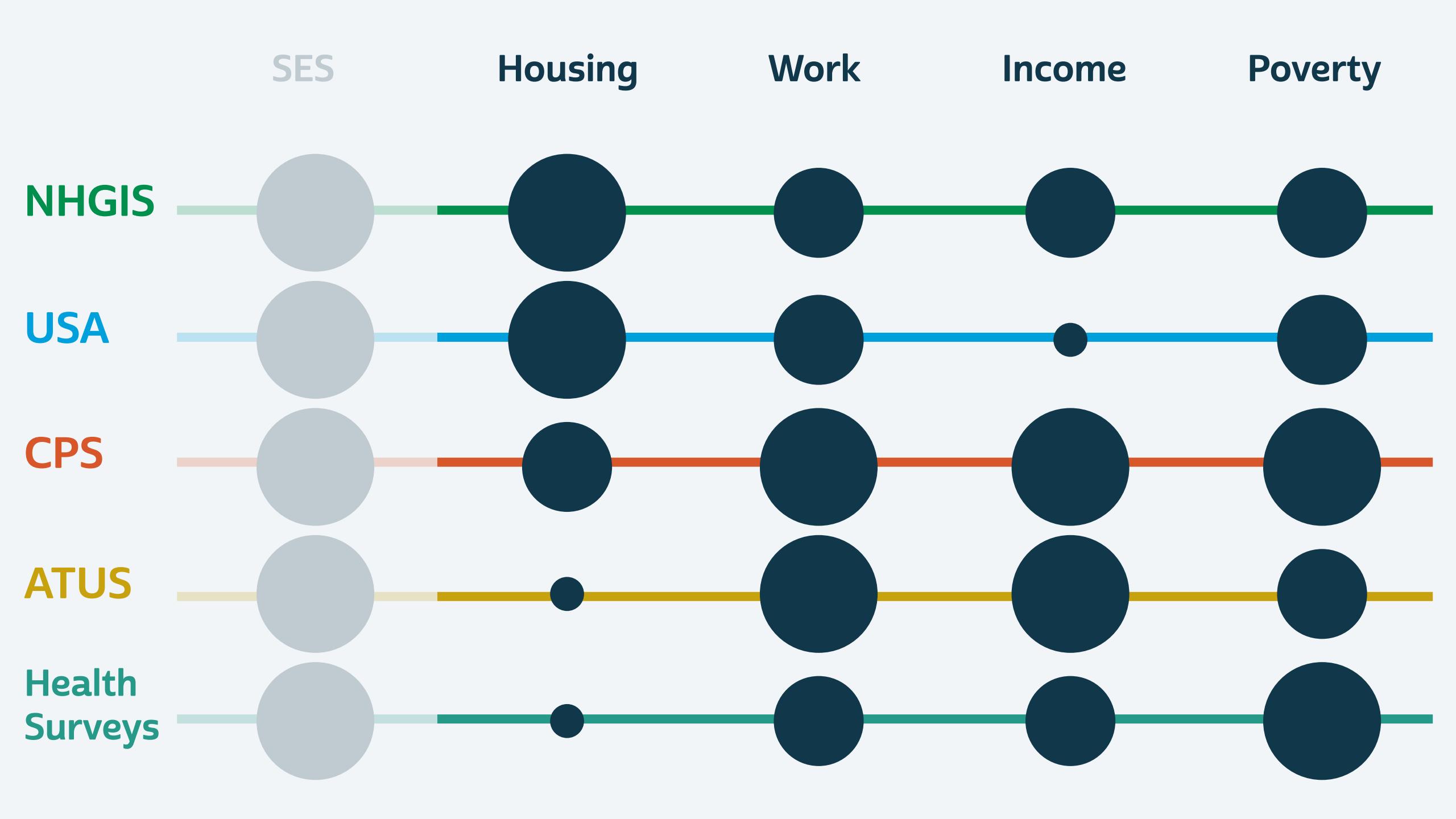
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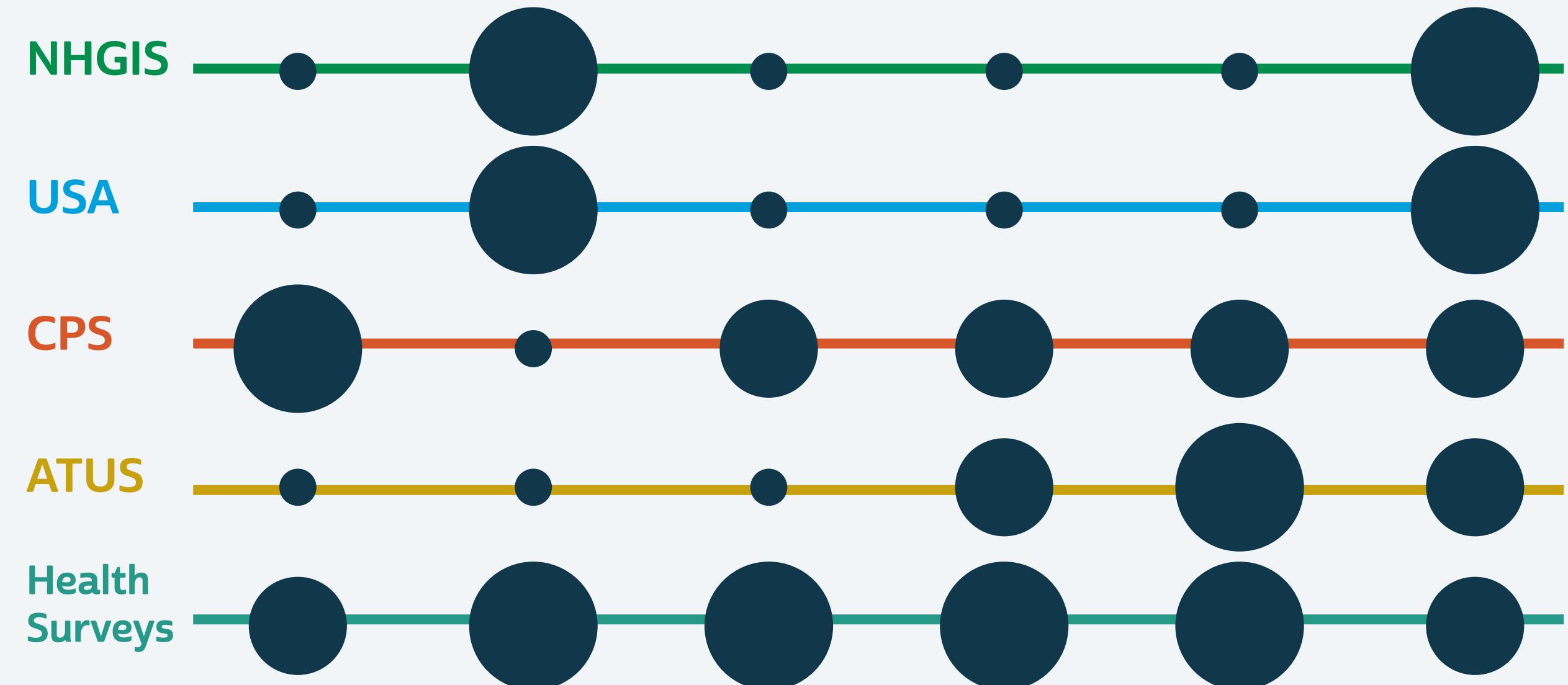
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**Fertility**      **Household/  
Family**      **Health  
Insurance**      **Health  
Behaviors**      **Disability**      **Migration**



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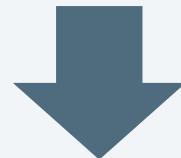
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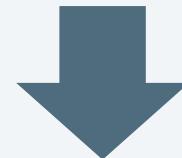
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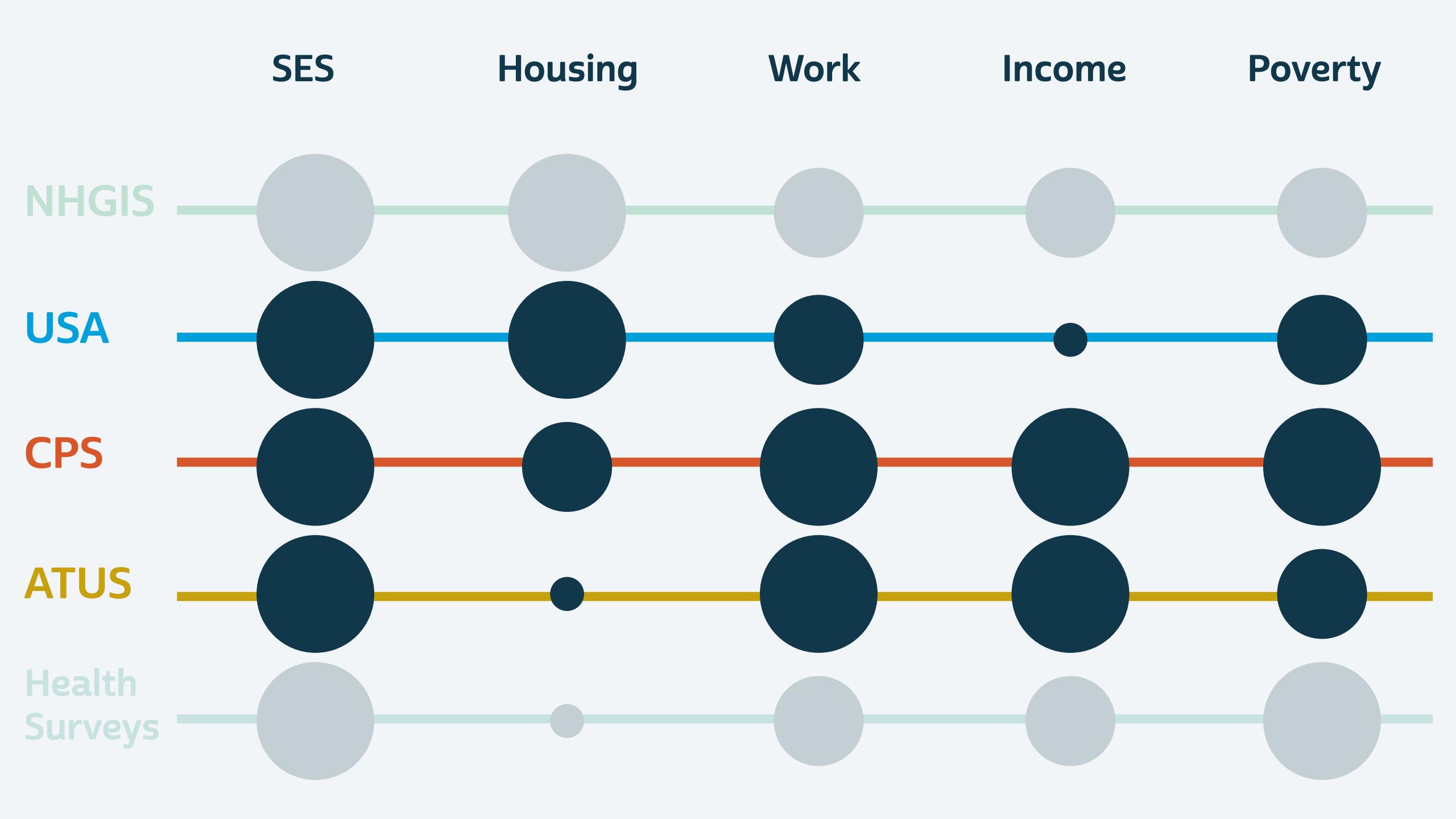
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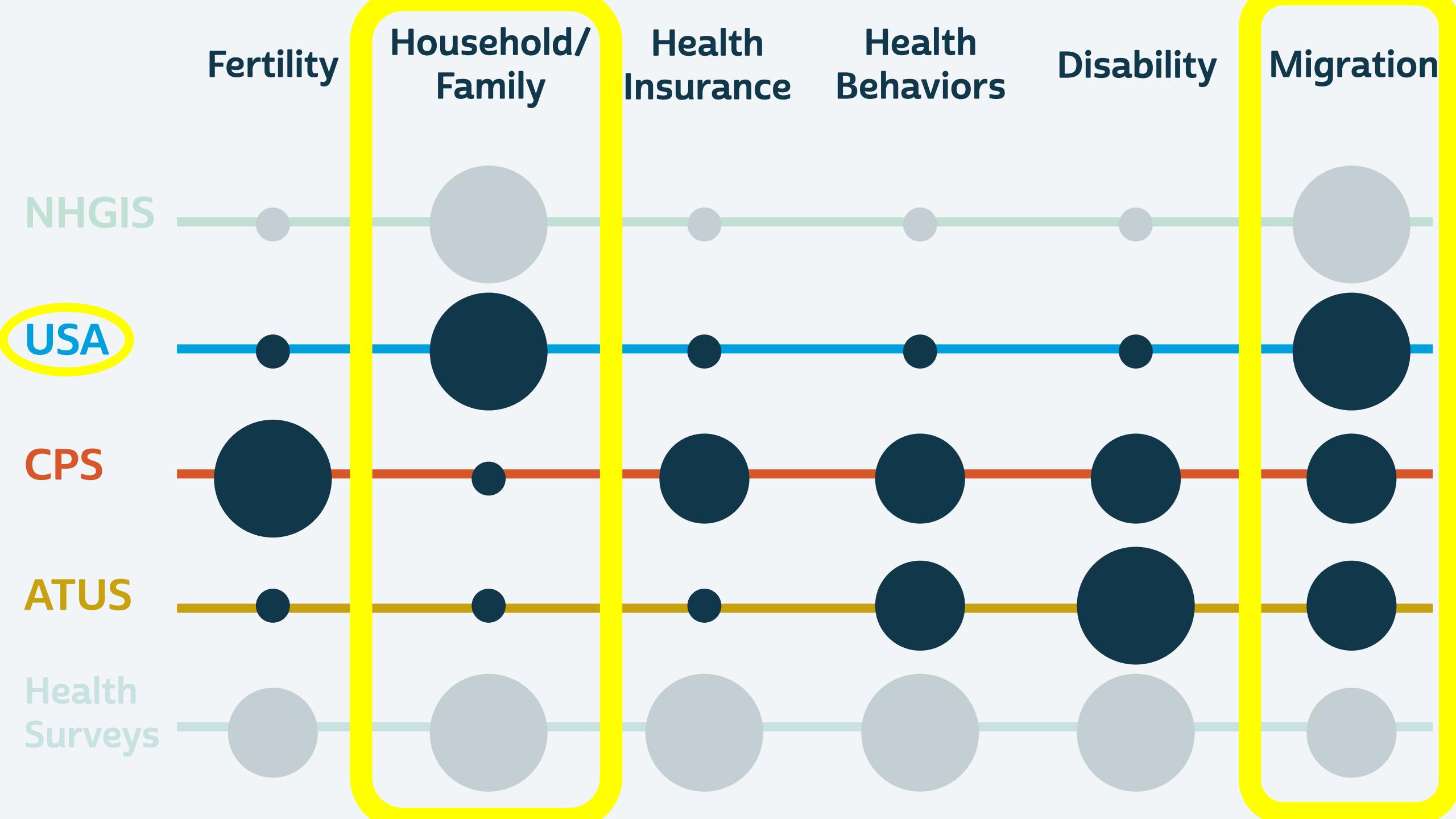
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# IPUMS

## USA

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# Variables of interest

- **MIGRATE1**: Migration status, 1 year
  - Whether a person changed residence in the past year.
- **LINGISOL**: Linguistic isolation
  - Household in which either no one aged 14+ speaks English at home or no one who speaks a language other than English at home speaks English “Very well”.

# SDA Online Analysis Tool Code

- row: migrate1(1-4)
- column: lingisol(1-2)
- selection filter(s): statefip(48), year(2015-2017)
- weight: perwt
- Table options:
  - Row percentaging
  - Display unweighted and weighted N of cases

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- row: migrate1(1-4)
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"pre-2020")
- selection filter(s): statefip(48), year(2005-2007,  
2015-2017)
- weight: perwt

# **Thank you!**

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