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## Consumer Finance Monthly

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### CFM Updates

We have updated the Consumer Finance Monthly data. Updates include cases collected during the field period of January–March 2009 and additional created variables. You should now have access to **Consumer Finance Monthly 1-9** dataset.

Please log on to the [Investigator](#) to select and extract your variables.

We have recently made some significant changes. Please note the following new sample weights which include **home ownership**:

CV\_SAMPLE\_WEIGHT\_2005  
CV\_SAMPLE\_WEIGHT\_2006  
CV\_SAMPLE\_WEIGHT\_2007  
CV\_SAMPLE\_WEIGHT\_2008

**Note:** Weights are based on post-stratification on income and race categories, age categories, and home ownership. When applying these weights please use the following survey year variable CV\_WEIGHT\_YEAR. Weights are based on generalized raking and all valid weights are non-negative (negative values denote missing values). Valid weights are normed to sum to the number of observations with a positive weight.

You may also download the following weight variable, which is a compilation of the four weight variables listed above by year.

**CV\_SAMPLE\_WEIGHT\_2005-2008**

We recently added questions on foreclosure experiences. We will include an update on these questions in our next newsletter.

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### Investigator News

As a reminder, please sign up new staff members for a remote 30-minute courtesy demonstration of the Investigator software and its features. If you have any questions regarding the Investigator or the data, please send these to [mlowden@chrr.osu.edu](mailto:mlowden@chrr.osu.edu) ahead of time and we will focus on these during the demonstration or address them via email.

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### We Appreciate Your Input

Are you satisfied with the Consumer Finance Monthly data from the Center for Human Resource Research at The Ohio State University? Please let us know if you have any questions or comments. We welcome your suggestions and value your opinion.

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