Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

It appears that this survey preceded the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES) that is now used. An earlier version of the FIES is described on pages 191 and 195 of the final report on the 2011 survey. The relevant variables are s1001 through s1005 in the IR file:

. describe s100*

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            storage   display    value
variable name  type   format    label      variable label
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s1001          byte   %8.0g     s1001      three square meals in the past 12 months
s1002          byte   %8.0g     s1002      skip entire meals in the past 12 months
s1003          byte   %8.0g     s1003      eat less food in the past 12 months
s1004          byte   %8.0g     s1004      eat wheat or rice in the past 12 months
s1005          byte   %8.0g     s1005      ask food from relatives or neighbors in the past 12 months
```

These 5 variables have the following response categories:

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      1 mostly
      2 sometimes
      3 rarely (1-6 times this year)
      4 never
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If you recode them, say as "gen s1001r=4-s1001", and then add them, the total will range from 0 to 15. The construction of the categories shown in table 11.10.1 is described on page 195.

The current FIES uses 8 questions, rather than 5. I expect there is a strong correspondence between the current version and the earlier version but you would have to be careful analyzing trends. Hope this helps.