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## **Codebook**

# **Childbirth and Adoption History 1985-2005**

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**CAH1 RECORD TYPE Format = 1.0**

Record Type

This variable indicates whether a record stores childbirth or adoption information.

- 1 Childbirth record
- 2 Adoption record

**CAH2 1968 INTERVIEW NUMBER OF PARENT Format = 4.0**

1968 Interview Number (1968 ID Number) of the Parent

This variable is the identification number for the 1968 Family Unit with which the parent is associated, whether or not he or she actually resided in that Family Unit. The combination of this variable and the parent's Person Number (CAH3) provides unique identification for him or her. These two variables are the same identifiers as those used throughout the PSID for individuals. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.

- 1 - 2,930 Parent is associated with a family from from the SRC cross-section sample.
- 3,001 - 3,511 Parent is associated with a family from the New Immigrant sample.
- 5,001 - 6,872 Parent is associated with a family from the Census sample.
- 7,001 - 9,308 Parent is associated with a family from the Latino sample.

**CAH3 PERSON NUMBER OF PARENT Format = 3.0**

Person Number of the Parent

This variable, in combination with 1968 Interview Number (CAH2), provides a unique identifier for the parent throughout the PSID. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.

- 1 - 19 Parent who was living in an original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample family at the time of the initial interview
- 20 Parent who was spouse of the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample Head and was living in an institution at the time of the initial interview
- 21 - 26 Parent who was a child or stepchild of the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample Head and was under 25 and in an institution at the time of the initial interview
- 30 - 169 Parent who has at least one sample parent and who was born into the sample since the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview
- 170 - 226 Parent who has no sample parent, or who moved into the study for the first time after the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview
- 227 Parent who was spouse of an original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample Head and moved out in the year prior to the initial interview
- 229 - 399 Parent who has no sample parent, or who moved into the study for the first time after the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview

**CAH4 SEX OF PARENT Format = 1.0**

Sex of Parent

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

**CAH5 MONTH PARENT BORN**

**Format = 2.0**

Parent's Month of Birth

Note that the parent's birth date on this file may be inconsistent with his or her age and birth date on the PSID main files. See Section IV: Idiosyncracies, Data Cleaning and Variable Details for more information.

- 1 January; winter
- 2 February
- 3 March
- 4 April; spring
- 5 May
- 6 June
- 7 July; summer
- 8 August
- 9 September
- 10 October; fall; autumn
- 11 November
- 12 December
- 98 NA; DK

**CAH6 YEAR PARENT BORN**

**Format = 4.0**

Parent's Year of Birth

Note that the parent's birth date on this file may be inconsistent with his or her age and birth date on the PSID main files. See Section IV: Idiosyncracies, Data Cleaning and Variable Details for more information.

- 1,884 - 1,993 Actual year parent born
- 9,998 NA; DK

**CAH7 MARITAL STATUS OF MOTHER WHEN IND BORN**

**Format = 1.0**

Marital Status of Mother at Time of Child's Birth

This variable applies only to childbirth records. It is created by comparing the mother's records from the marriage history file with the child's birth date as reported in the mother's birth history.

- 1 Married
- 2 Never married
- 3 Widowed
- 4 Divorced, marriage annulled
- 5 Separated
- 7 Other
- 8 NA, DK mother's status or marriage dates; NA, DK child's birth date; no mother listed
- 9 Inap.: adoption record (CAH1=2); no births

**CAH8 BIRTH ORDER**

**Format = 2.0**

Birth Order Ranking of The Child

This variable applies only to childbirth records. If no birth dates contained missing data, then each child was ordered by 1 for first birth, etc. If one or more birth dates of children are not known, then missing data are assigned to those children's records. This may or may not mean that other children's birth orders are also unknown. See Section IV of the front matter for details.

- 1 - 18 Actual birth order of child. Twins or other multiple births were randomly assigned consecutive codes.
- 98 NA; DK
- 99 Inap.: adoption record (CAH1=2); no births

**CAH9 1968 INTERVIEW NUMBER OF CHILD**

**Format = 4.0**

1968 Interview Number (1968 ID Number) of the Child

This variable is the identification number for the 1968 Family Unit with which the child is associated, whether or not he or she actually resided in that Family Unit. The combination of this variable and the child's Person Number (CAH10) provides unique identification for him or her. These two variables are the same identifiers as those used throughout the PSID for individuals. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.

- 1 - 2,930 Child is associated with a family from the SRC cross-section sample.
- 3,001 - 3,511 Child is associated with a family from the New Immigrant sample.
- 5,001 - 6,872 Child is associated with a family from the Census sample.
- 7,001 - 9,308 Child is associated with a family from the Latino sample.
- 9,999 NA, DK whether had or adopted any children
- 0 Inap.: no child

**CAH10 PERSON NUMBER OF CHILD****Format = 3.0**

Person Number of the Child

This variable, in combination with the child's 1968 Interview Number (CAH9), provides a unique identifier for him or her throughout the PSID. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.

- 1 - 19 Child who was living in an original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample family at the time of the initial interview
- 20 Child who was spouse of the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample Head and was living in an institution at the time of the initial interview
- 21 - 26 Child who was a child or stepchild of the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample Head and was under 25 and in an institution at the time of the initial interview
- 30 - 169 Child who has at least one sample parent and who was born into the sample since the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview
- 170 - 226 Child who has no sample parent, or who moved into the study for the first time after the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview
- 227 Child who was spouse of an original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample Head and moved out in the year prior to the initial interview
- 228 Child who was spouse of an original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample Head and died in the year prior to the initial interview
- 229 - 399 Child who has no sample parent, or who moved into the study for the first time after the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview
- 900 - 990 Child who has never been in any sample family
- 999 NA, DK whether had or adopted any children
- 0 Inap.: no child

**CAH11 SEX OF CHILD****Format = 1.0**

Sex of Child

- 1 Male
- 2 Female
- 8 NA; DK
- 9 Inap.: no child

**CAH12 MONTH CHILD BORN**

**Format = 2.0**

Child's Month of Birth

Note that the child's birth date on this file may be inconsistent with his or her age and birth date on the PSID main files. See Section IV: Idiosyncracies, Data Cleaning and Variable Details for more information.

- 1 January
- 2 February
- 3 March
- 4 April
- 5 May
- 6 June
- 7 July
- 8 August
- 9 September
- 10 October
- 11 November
- 12 December
- 21 Winter
- 22 Spring
- 23 Summer
- 24 Fall; autumn
- 98 NA; DK
- 99 Inap.: no child

**CAH13 YEAR CHILD BORN**

**Format = 4.0**

Child's Year of Birth

Note that the child's birth date on this file may be inconsistent with his or her age and birth date on the PSID main files. See Section IV: Idiosyncracies, Data Cleaning and Variable Details for more information.

- 1,910 - 2,005 Actual year the child was born
- 9,998 NA; DK
- 9,999 Inap.: no child

**CAH14 BIRTH WEIGHT OF CHILD IN OUNCES**

**Format = 3.0**

Birth Weight of the Child at Time of Birth - TOTAL OUNCES

The values for this variable indicate the birth weight in total ounces (16 ounces to the pound) for a natural child. The questions for 1985 asked only whether the birth weight was under 5.5 pounds for all children, but those for subsequent waves asked the actual birth weight for biological children born since January 1 of the prior wave.

- 15 - 224 Actual weight in ounces
- 991 Actual weight unknown, but less than 5 1/2 pounds (88 ounces)
- 995 Actual weight unknown, but 5 1/2 pounds (88 ounces) or more
- 998 NA; DK. Includes children for whom birthweight was not asked
- 999 Inap.: adoption record (CAH1=2); no child

CAH15

STATE IN WHICH CHILD BORN

Format = 2.0

State or Country in which Child was Born

Questions about the child's birthplace were added to the birth history sequence beginning in 1997. The birthplace of a biological child was asked only if the child was born since January 1 of the prior wave, but the birthplace of an adopted child was asked regardless of birth year. This variable uses the FIPS state code to indicate the state in which the child was born. The county or specific foreign country was also coded but is considered a sensitive data item by the PSID. Access to sensitive data must be obtained by special request and a confidential data use contract.

- 0 Outside the 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia
- 1 Alabama
- 2 Alaska
- 4 Arizona
- 5 Arkansas
- 6 California
- 8 Colorado
- 9 Connecticut
- 10 Delaware
- 11 District of Columbia
- 12 Florida
- 13 Georgia
- 15 Hawaii
- 16 Idaho
- 17 Illinois
- 18 Indiana
- 19 Iowa
- 20 Kansas
- 21 Kentucky
- 22 Louisiana
- 23 Maine
- 24 Maryland
- 25 Massachusetts
- 26 Michigan
- 27 Minnesota
- 28 Mississippi
- 29 Missouri
- 30 Montana
- 31 Nebraska
- 32 Nevada
- 33 New Hampshire
- 34 New Jersey
- 35 New Mexico
- 36 New York
- 37 North Carolina
- 38 North Dakota
- 39 Ohio
- 40 Oklahoma
- 41 Oregon

**CAH15 STATE IN WHICH CHILD BORN****Format = 2.0**

State or Country in which Child was Born

Questions about the child's birthplace were added to the birth history sequence beginning in 1997. The birthplace of a biological child was asked only if the child was born since January 1 of the prior wave, but the birthplace of an adopted child was asked regardless of birth year. This variable uses the FIPS state code to indicate the state in which the child was born. The county or specific foreign country was also coded but is considered a sensitive data item by the PSID. Access to sensitive data must be obtained by special request and a confidential data use contract.

- 42 Pennsylvania
- 44 Rhode Island
- 45 South Carolina
- 46 South Dakota
- 47 Tennessee
- 48 Texas
- 49 Utah
- 50 Vermont
- 51 Virginia
- 53 Washington
- 54 West Virginia
- 55 Wisconsin
- 56 Wyoming
- 98 NA; DK. Includes children for whom birth location was not asked.
- 99 Inap.: no child

**CAH16 WHERE CHILD WAS WHEN LAST REPORTED****Format = 1.0**

Where Child Was Living When Birth Information Was Most Recently Collected

This variable indicates the status of the child at the time the data were most recently collected for the child. Use CAH26 to determine how current this information is.

- 1 In a PSID family unit or household unit
- 2 With father, who is not in this PSID family unit or household unit
- 3 With mother, who is not in this PSID family unit or household unit
- 4 With another relative, who is not in this PSID family unit or household unit
- 5 In own household
- 6 Deceased
- 7 Somewhere else besides living with other parent or relatives, or in own household; institutionals are included here
- 8 NA; DK
- 9 Inap.: no child

**CAH17 MONTH CHILD MOVED OUT OR DIED**

**Format = 2.0**

Month in which the Child Set Up His or Her Own Household Unit or Died

This variable refers to the time when the child either established his or her own household or died. Note that this variable, as well as CAH18 below, refers only to the child's death date if the information was collected after the 1985 interview; the question about the date on which the child set up his or her own household was dropped.

- 1 January
- 2 February
- 3 March
- 4 April
- 5 May
- 6 June
- 7 July
- 8 August
- 9 September
- 10 October
- 11 November
- 12 December
- 21 Winter
- 22 Spring
- 23 Summer
- 24 Fall; autumn
- 98 NA; DK. Includes children who set up their own households but whose reports were obtained after the 1985 wave.
- 99 Inap.: no child; is neither deceased nor set up own household (CAH16=1-4, 7)

**CAH18 YEAR CHILD MOVED OUT OR DIED**

**Format = 4.0**

Year in which the Child Set Up His or Her Own Household Unit or Died

This variable refers to the time when the child either established his or her own household or died. Note that this variable, as well as CAH17 above, refers only to the child's death date if the information was collected after the 1985 interview; the question about the date on which the child set up his or her own household was dropped.

- 1,915 - 2,005 Year set up own household or died
- 9,998 NA; DK. Includes children who set up their own households but whose reports were obtained after the 1985 wave.
- 9,999 Inap.: no child; is neither deceased nor set up own household (CAH16=1-4, 7)

**CAH19 HISPANICITY**

**Format = 1.0**

Hispanicity of Child

Questions about Hispanicity were asked beginning in 2005. Data records collected prior to this time contain values of 8.

- 0 Is not Spanish or Hispanic
- 1 Mexican
- 2 Mexican American
- 3 Chicano
- 4 Puerto Rican
- 5 Cuban
- 7 Other
- 8 NA; DK. Includes children reported prior to 2005
- 9 Inap.: no child; child is deceased (CAH16=6)

**CAH20 RACE OF CHILD, 1ST MENTION**

**Format = 1.0**

Race of Child, 1st Mention

Questions about race were asked beginning in 1997. Data records collected prior to this time contain values of 9.

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Native American
- 4 Asian, Pacific Islander
- 5 Latino origin or descent
- 6 Color besides black or white
- 7 Other
- 8 NA; DK
- 9 Inap.: no child; child is deceased (CAH16=6); child reported prior to 1997; no second mention

**CAH21 RACE OF CHILD, 2ND MENTION**

**Format = 1.0**

Race of Child, 2nd Mention

Questions about race were asked beginning in 1997. Data records collected prior to this time contain values of 9.

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Native American
- 4 Asian, Pacific Islander
- 5 Latino origin or descent
- 6 Color besides black or white
- 7 Other
- 9 Inap.: no child; child is deceased (CAH16=6); child reported prior to 1997; no third mention

**CAH22 RACE OF CHILD, 3RD MENTION**

**Format = 1.0**

Race of Child, 3rd Mention

Questions about race were asked beginning in 1997. Data records collected prior to this time contain values of 9.

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Native American
- 4 Asian, Pacific Islander
- 5 Latino origin or descent
- 6 Color besides black or white
- 7 Other
- Other
- 9 Inap.: no child; child is deceased (CAH16=6); child reported prior to 1997; no third mention

**CAH23 PRIMARY ETHNIC GROUP OF CHILD**

**Format = 1.0**

Primary Ethnic Group of Child

Questions about ethnicity were asked beginning in 1997. Data records collected prior to this time contain values of 8.

- 1 'American'
- 2 Hyphenated American
- 3 National origin
- 4 Nonspecific Hispanic identity
- 5 Racial
- 6 Religious
- 7 Other
- 8 NA; DK. Includes children reported prior to 1997.
- 9 Inap.: no child; child is deceased (CAH16=6)

CAH24 SECONDARY ETHNIC GROUP OF CHILD, 1ST MENTION

Format = 2.0

Secondary Ethnic Group of Child, 1st Mention

Questions about ethnicity were asked beginning in 1997. Data records collected prior to this time contain values of 99.

- 1 American (meaning U.S.)
- 2 American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut
- 3 British: English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh
- 4 Western European: French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swiss, Belgian, Netherlander/Dutch, Luxembourger, Liechtensteiner, Sicilian, Corsican, Sardinian, Maltese
- 5 Eastern European: Romanian, Polish, Russian and former Soviet republics, Greek, Bulgarian, Yugoslavian, Bosnian, Hertzegovinian, Croatian, Slovenian, Slovakian, Czech, Albanian
- 6 Northern European/Scandinavian: Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish, Danish
- 7 Middle Eastern: Iranian, Turkish, Iraqi, Syrian, Lebanese, Egyptian, Afghani, Pakistani, Omani, Yemenite, Jordanian, Georgian, Armenian, Azerbaijani, Uzbekistani, Tajikistani, Turkmenistani, Saudi Arabian, Israeli
- 8 East Asian: Chinese, Japanese, Korean
- 9 South or Southeast Asian: Indian, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai
- 10 Pacific Islander: Filipino, Indonesian
- 11 Canadian
- 12 Central American: Nicaraguan, Mexican, El Salvadoran, etc.
- 13 Caribbean: Cuban, Haitian, etc.
- 14 South American: Peruvian, Chilean, etc.
- 15 African
- 16 Oceania: Australian, New Zealander, New Guinean
- 97 Other
- 98 NA; DK
- 99 Inap.; no child; child is deceased (CAH16=6); primary ethnic group is not hyphenated American or a national origin (CAH23=1, 4-8); no second mention

CAH25 SECONDARY ETHNIC GROUP OF CHILD, 2ND MENTION

Format = 2.0

Secondary Ethnic Group of Child, 2nd Mention

Questions about ethnicity were asked beginning in 1997. Data records collected prior to this time contain values of 99.

- 1 American (meaning U.S.)
- 2 American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut
- 3 British: English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh
- 4 Western European: French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swiss, Netherlander/Dutch, Belgian, Luxembourger, Liechtensteiner, Sicilian, Corsican, Sardinian, Maltese
- 5 Eastern European: Romanian, Polish, Russian and former Soviet republics, Greek, Bulgarian, Yugoslavian, Bosnian, Herzegovinian, Croatian, Slovenian, Slovakian, Czech, Albanian
- 6 Northern European/Scandinavian: Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish, Dane
- 7 Middle Eastern: Iranian, Turkish, Iraqi, Syrian, Lebanese, Egyptian, Afghani, Pakistani, Omani, Yemenite, Jordanian, Georgian, Armenian, Azerbaijani, Uzbekistani, Tajikistani, Turkmenistani, Saudi Arabian, Israeli
- 8 East Asian: Chinese, Japanese, Korean
- 9 South or Southeast Asian: Indian, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai
- 10 Pacific Islander: Filipino, Indonesian
- 11 Canadian
- 12 Central American: Nicaraguan, Mexican, etc.
- 13 Caribbean: Cuban, Haitian, etc.
- 14 South American: Peruvian, Chilean, etc.
- 15 African
- 16 Oceania: Australian, New Zealander, New Guinean
- 97 Other
- 98 DK
- 99 NA; refused
- 0 Inap.: no second mention; one-digit ethnicity=1,4-7,9

**CAH26 YR MOST RECENTLY REPORTED NUMBER OF KIDS**

**Format = 4.0**

Year of the Most Recent Report for Number of Children

The values for this variable indicate the year in which birth or adoption information was most recently collected for the parent.

1,985 Child most recently reported in 1985  
 1,986 Child most recently reported in 1986  
 1,987 Child most recently reported in 1987  
 1,988 Child most recently reported in 1988  
 1,989 Child most recently reported in 1989  
 1,990 Child most recently reported in 1990  
 1,991 Child most recently reported in 1991  
 1,992 Child most recently reported in 1992  
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 1,994 Child most recently reported in 1994  
 1,995 Child most recently reported in 1995  
 1,996 Child most recently reported in 1996  
 1,997 Child most recently reported in 1997  
 1,999 Child most recently reported in 1999  
 2,001 Child most recently reported in 2001  
 2,003 Child most recently reported in 2003  
 2,005 Child most recently reported in 2005

**CAH27 YEAR MOST RECENTLY REPORTED THIS CHILD**

**Format = 4.0**

Year of the Most Recent Report for Data Specific to This Child

The values for this variable indicate the year in which the child (CAH8-CAH24) was most recently mentioned for this parent.

1,985 Child most recently reported in 1985  
 1,986 Child most recently reported in 1986  
 1,987 Child most recently reported in 1987  
 1,988 Child most recently reported in 1988  
 1,989 Child most recently reported in 1989  
 1,990 Child most recently reported in 1990  
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 1,995 Child most recently reported in 1995  
 1,996 Child most recently reported in 1996  
 1,997 Child most recently reported in 1997  
 1,999 Child most recently reported in 1999  
 2,001 Child most recently reported in 2001  
 2,003 Child most recently reported in 2003  
 2,005 Child most recently reported in 2005  
 9,999 Inap.: no child

**CAH28                    NUMBER OF NATURAL OR ADOPTED CHILDREN                    Format = 2.0**

Number of Biological or Adopted Children of this Individual

The values for this variable indicate the total number of biological or adopted children reported for this individual through the most recent year of report (CAH26). This variable is specific to record type. Use CAH1 to determine whether values here refer to the number of biological or adopted children. The maximum number of childbirth records is 18; for adoption, 5.

- 0    None
- 1 - 18    Number of children
- 98    NA; DK; was reported to have had children but NA, DK the total number

**CAH29                    RELATIONSHIP TO ADOPTIVE PARENT                    Format = 2.0**

Relationship of Child to Adoptive Parent

This variable applies only to adoption records. It indicates the relationship of the child to the adoptive parent before the adoption took place.

- 30    Natural son or daughter, no other legal relationship mentioned
- 33    Stepson or stepdaughter (i.e., child or parent's spouse)
- 35    Son or daughter of parent's long term cohabitor
- 38    Foster son or foster daughter
- 40    Brother or sister
- 47    Brother-in-law or sister-in-law (i.e., sibling of parent's spouse)
- 48    Brother or sister of parent's long term cohabitor
- 60    Grandson or granddaughter  
      Grandson or granddaughter
- 65    Great-grandson or great-granddaughter
- 70    Nephew or niece (i.e., child of sibling); NA whether child of parent's or parent's spouse's sibling
- 71    Nephew or niece of spouse (i.e., child of sibling of parent's spouse)
- 74    Cousin of parent
- 75    Cousin of parent's spouse
- 83    Son or daughter of parent's first-year cohabitor
- 94    Other nonrelative
- 95    Other relative of parent
- 96    Other relative of parent's spouse
- 97    Other relative of parent's long term cohabitor
- 98    NA; DK
- 99    Inap.:    childbirth record (CAH1=1); no adopted children

**CAH30 NUMBER OF BIRTH OR ADOPTION RECORDS**

**Format = 2.0**

Number of Childbirth or Adoption Records for this Individual

The values for this variable indicate the total number of childbirth or adoption records on the data file for this parent. This variable is specific to record type. Use CAH1 to determine whether values here refer to number of children born or adopted. For example, if CAH1 equals 1 and this variable equals 2, then this individual has two childbirth records. A value of 1 for this variable indicates a person with one record of this type. He or she may have never had (or adopted) a child, have had (or adopted) only one child, or the childbirth (or adoption) information is not ascertained. Use values in CAH1 and CAH18 to determine which of these three possibilities is indicated.

- 1 One record for this individual; only one child, no children, or an unknown number of children
- 2 Two records for this individual
- 3 Three records for this individual
- 4 Four records for this individual
- 5 Five records for this individual
- 6 Six records for this individual
- 7 Seven records for this individual
- 8 Eight records for this individual
- 9 Nine records for this individual
- 10 Ten records for this individual
- 11 Eleven records for this individual
- 12 Twelve records for this individual
- 13 Thirteen records for this individual
- 14 Fourteen records for this individual
- 15 Fifteen records for this individual
- 16 Sixteen records for this individual
- 17 Seventeen records for this individual
- 18 Eighteen records for this individual

**CAH31 RELEASE NUMBER**

**Format = 1.0**

Release Number

- 1 Release number 1, February 2007
- 2 Release number 2, May 2007