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# **Codebook**

## **Marriage History File 1985-2005**

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**MH1**                    **1968 INTERVIEW NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL**                    **Format = 4.0**  
 1968 Interview Number (1968 ID Number) of the Individual

This variable is the identification number for the 1968 Family Unit with which the individual is associated, whether or not he or she actually resided in that Family Unit. The combination of this variable and the individual's Person Number (MH2) provides unique identification for him or her. These two variables are the same identifiers as those on the cross-year Individual File. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.

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

**MH2**                    **PERSON NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL**                    **Format = 3.0**  
 Person Number of the Individual

This variable, in combination with 1968 Interview Number (MH1), provides a unique identifier for the individual throughout the PSID. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.

1 - 19	Individual who was living in an original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample family at the time of the initial interview
20	Individual 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	Individual 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	Individual 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	Individual who has no sample parent, or who moved into the sample for the first time after the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview
227	Individual who was spouse of an original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample Head and who moved out in the year prior to the initial interview
229 - 399	Individual who has no sample parent, or who moved into the sample for the first time after the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview

**MH3**                    **SEX OF INDIVIDUAL**                    **Format = 1.0**  
 Sex of Individual

1	Male
2	Female

**MH4 MONTH INDIVIDUAL BORN Format = 2.0**

Individual's Month of Birth

Note that the individual'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

**MH5 YEAR INDIVIDUAL BORN Format = 4.0**

Individual's Year of Birth

Note that the individual'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	Year born
9,998	NA; DK

**MH6 1968 INTERVIEW NUMBER OF SPOUSE Format = 4.0**

1968 Interview Number (1968 ID Number) of the Spouse

This variable is the identification number for the 1968 Family Unit with which the spouse is associated, whether or not he or she actually resided in that Family Unit during the course of the PSID. The combination of this variable and the spouse's Person Number (MH7) provides unique identification for him or her. These two variables are the same identifiers as those on the cross-year Individual File. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.

1 - 2,930	Spouse was associated with a family from the SRC cross-section sample.
3,001 - 3,511	Spouse was associated with a family from the New Immigrant sample.
5,001 - 6,872	Spouse was associated with a family from the Census sample.
7,001 - 9,308	Spouse was associated with a family from the Latino sample.
9,999	NA or DK whether ever married
0	Inap.: no spouse; never married (MH17=0)

**MH7**                    **PERSON NUMBER OF SPOUSE**                    **Format = 3.0**  
 Person Number of the Spouse

This variable, in combination with the spouse's 1968 Interview Number (MH6), provides a unique identifier for him or her. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.

- 1 - 19 Spouse who was living in an original core, Latino or New Immigrant sample family at the time of the initial interview
- 20 Spouse 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 Spouse who was a child or stepchild of the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample Head and was under age 25 and in an institution at the time of initial interview
- 30 - 169 Spouse 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 Spouse who has no sample parent, or who moved into the sample for the first time after the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview
- 227 Spouse who was spouse of an original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample Head and who moved out in the year prior to the initial interview
- 228 Spouse who was spouse of original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample Head and who died in the year prior to the initial interview
- 229 - 399 Spouse who has no sample parent, or who moved into the sample for the first time after the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview
- 900 - 990 Spouse who has never been in any sample family
- 999 NA or DK whether ever married
- 0 Inap.: never married (MH17=0)

**MH8**                    **ORDER OF THIS MARRIAGE**                    **Format = 2.0**  
 Order of This Marriage

This variable indicates the order of this marriage relative to the individual's other marriages, from earliest to most recent. Within records for an individual, gaps in the values for this variable may exist because detailed marriage histories are incomplete for some individuals. See "Marriage Order" in Section IV of the front matter for a larger discussion.

- 1 First marriage
- 2 Second marriage
- 3 Third marriage
- 4 Fourth marriage
- 5 Fifth marriage
- 6 Sixth marriage
- 7 Seventh marriage
- 8 Eighth marriage
- 98 NA; DK
- 99 Inap.: never married (MH17=0)



**MH12 MONTH WIDOWED OR DIVORCED**

**Format = 2.0**

Month in which This Marriage Ended in Widowhood or Divorce

- 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 or DK month; NA or DK status of marriage (MH11=8)
- 99 Inap.: marriage has not ended (MH1=1,5,7); never married (MH17=0)

**MH13 YEAR WIDOWED OR DIVORCED**

**Format = 4.0**

Year in which This Marriage Ended in Widowhood or Divorce

- 1,915 - 2,005 Year marriage ended
- 9,998 NA or DK year; NA or DK status of marriage (MH11=8)
- 9,999 Inap.: marriage has not ended (MH11=1,5,7); never married (MH17=0)

**MH14 MONTH SEPARATED****Format = 2.0**

Month of Separation for This Marriage

The values for this variable indicate the month or season in which spouses stopped living together. See Section IV: Idiosyncracies, Data Cleaning and Variable Detail 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 or DK month; NA or DK status of marriage (MH11=8)
- 99 Inap.: married or widowed (MH11=1,3); never married (MH17=0)

**MH15 YEAR SEPARATED****Format = 4.0**

Year of Separation for This Marriage

The values for this variable indicate the year in which spouses stopped living together. See Section IV: Idiosyncracies, Data Cleaning and Variable Detail for more information.

- 1,915 - 2,005 Year separated
- 9,998 NA or DK year; NA or DK status of marriage (MH11=8)
- 9,999 Inap.: married or widowed (MH11=1,3); never married (MH17=0)

**MH16**                    **YEAR MOST RECENTLY REPORTED MARRIAGE**                    **Format = 4.0**

Year of the Most Recent Marriage Report for This Individual

Values for this variable indicate the interviewing year in which marriage data were most recently collected for this individual.

1,985	Most recently collected in 1985
1,986	Most recently collected in 1986
1,987	Most recently collected in 1987
1,988	Most recently collected in 1988
1,989	Most recently collected in 1989
1,990	Most recently collected in 1990
1,991	Most recently collected in 1991
1,992	Most recently collected in 1992
1,993	Most recently collected in 1993
1,994	Most recently collected in 1994
1,995	Most recently collected in 1995
1,996	Most recently collected in 1996
1,997	Most recently collected in 1997
1,999	Most recently collected in 1999
2,001	Most recently collected in 2001
2,003	Most recently collected in 2003
2,005	Most recently collected in 2005

**MH17**                    **NUMBER OF MARRIAGES OF THIS INDIVIDUAL**                    **Format = 2.0**

Number of Marriages of This Individual

The values for this variable indicate the total number of marriages reported for this individual through the wave in which his or her marriage history was most recently collected (MH16).

0	None
1	One
2	Two
3	Three
4	Four
5	Five
6	Six
7	Seven
8	Eight
98	NA; DK

**MH18                    LAST KNOWN MARITAL STATUS                    Format = 1.0**

Most Recently Reported Marital Status of This Individual

Values for this variable indicate the final status of the current or last marriage reported for the individual through the wave in which his or her marriage history was most recently collected (MH16). If an individual has multiple marriages, values here do not necessarily refer to the status of this marriage. See MH11 for a record-specific status.

- 1 Married
- 2 Never married
- 3 Widowed
- 4 Divorced, annulment
- 5 Separated
- 8 NA; DK

**MH19                    NUMBER OF MARRIAGE RECORDS                    Format = 2.0**

Number of Records for This Individual

The values for this variable indicate the total number of records on the file for this individual. For example, a value of 2 in this variable indicates that he or she has two records, that is, two marriages. A value of 1 indicates an individual with one record on the file. The single record for an individual is used to record either one marriage, no marriages, or entirely missing data about marital history. Therefore, if this variable contains a value of 1, use values in MH17, Number of Marriages, to determine which of these three possibilities is indicated.

- 1 One record for this individual: one marriage, no marriages, or an unknown number of marriages
- 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

**MH20                    RELEASE NUMBER                    Format = 1.0**

Release Number

- 1 Release number 1