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Codebook

Number of Variables

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MH1 "1968 INTERVIEW NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL" NUM(4.0)

1968 Interview Number (1968 ID Number) of the Individual

This variable is the identification number for the 1968 Family Unit with which this 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 used throughout the PSID for individuals. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
22,372	43.81	1 - 2,930	Individual is associated with a family from the SRC cross-section sample.
2,233	4.37	3,001 - 3,511	Individual is associated with a family from the New Immigrant sample.
18,250	35.74	5,001 - 6,872	Individual is associated with a family from the Census sample.
8,211	16.08	7,001 - 9,308	Individual is associated with a family from the Latino sample.

MH2 "PERSON NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL" NUM(3.0)

Person Number of the Individual

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

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
22,748	44.55	1 - 19	Individual who was living in an original core, Latino, or New Immigrant sample family at the time of the initial interview
6	.01	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
364	.71	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
8,403	16.46	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
19,505	38.20	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
9	.02	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
31	.06	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

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MH6 "1968 INTERVIEW NUMBER OF SPOUSE" NUM(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. 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 used throughout the PSID for individuals. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.

<u>Count</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Value/Range</u>	<u>Code Value/Range Text</u>
17,521	34.31	0	Inap.: no spouse; never married (MH17=0)
16,417	32.15	1 - 2,930	Spouse was associated with a family from the SRC cross-section sample.
1,322	2.59	3,001 - 3,511	Spouse was associated with a family from the New Immigrant sample.
10,501	20.56	5,001 - 6,872	Spouse was associated with a family from the Census sample.
5,139	10.06	7,001 - 9,308	Spouse was associated with a family from the Latino sample.
166	.33	9,999	NA or DK whether ever married

MH7 "PERSON NUMBER OF SPOUSE" NUM(3.0)

Person Number of the Spouse

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

<u>Count</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Value/Range</u>	<u>Code Value/Range Text</u>
17,521	34.31	0	Inap.: never married (MH17=0)
13,160	25.77	1 - 19	Spouse who was living in an original core, Latino or New Immigrant sample family at the time of the initial interview
10	.02	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
209	.41	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
1,783	3.49	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
10,357	20.28	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
38	.07	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
21	.04	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

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10	.02	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
7,791	15.26	900 - 990	Spouse who has never been in any sample family
166	.33	999	NA or DK whether ever married

MH8 "ORDER OF THIS MARRIAGE"

NUM(2.0)

Order of This Marriage

Order of this marriage relative to the individual's other marriages, from earliest to most recent.

<u>Count</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Value/Range</u>	<u>Code Value/Range Text</u>
25,687	50.30	1	First marriage
5,938	11.63	2	Second marriage
1,202	2.35	3	Third marriage
191	.37	4	Fourth marriage
50	.10	5	Fifth marriage
14	.03	6	Sixth marriage
9	.02	7	Seventh marriage
1	.00	8	Eighth marriage
453	.89	98	NA; DK
17,521	34.31	99	Inap.: never married (MH17=0)

MH9 "MONTH MARRIED"

NUM(2.0)

Month in which this Marriage Occurred

Values indicate the month or season the marriage took place.

<u>Count</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Value/Range</u>	<u>Code Value/Range Text</u>
1,831	3.59	1	January
1,942	3.80	2	February
1,944	3.81	3	March
2,197	4.30	4	April
2,545	4.98	5	May
3,629	7.11	6	June
2,733	5.35	7	July
3,032	5.94	8	August
2,686	5.26	9	September
2,297	4.50	10	October
2,253	4.41	11	November
2,529	4.95	12	December
12	.02	21	Winter

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21	.04	22	Spring
52	.10	23	Summer
15	.03	24	Fall; autumn
3,827	7.49	98	NA; DK
17,521	34.31	99	Inap.: never married (MH17=0)

MH10 "YEAR MARRIED" NUM(4.0)

Year in which this Marriage Occurred

Count	%	Value/Range	Code	Value/Range	Text
31,435	61.56	1,905 - 2,007	Year		married
2,110	4.13	9,998	NA;		DK
17,521	34.31	9,999	Inap.:		never married (MH17=0)

MH11 "STATUS OF THIS MARRIAGE" NUM(1.0)

Status of This Marriage

This variable indicates the status of this marriage as of the wave indicated in MH16.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code	Value/Range	Text
18,815	36.84		1		Marriage intact
2,701	5.29		3		Marriage ended in widowhood
10,475	20.51		4		Marriage ended in divorce or annulment
1,355	2.65		5		Spouses separated
31	.06		7		Other: more recent marriage also reported, but no evidence of divorce or widowhood. Individual is probably a bigamist.
168	.33		8		NA; DK
17,521	34.31		9		Inap.: never married (MH17=0)

MH12 "MONTH WIDOWED OR DIVORCED" NUM(2.0)

Month in which This Marriage Ended in Widowhood or Divorce

Values indicate month or season marriage ended in divorce, annulment, widowhood, or some other means.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code	Value/Range	Text
874	1.71		1		January
720	1.41		2		February
893	1.75		3		March
754	1.48		4		April
805	1.58		5		May
927	1.82		6		June
795	1.56		7		July
811	1.59		8		August

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752	1.47	9	September
809	1.58	10	October
754	1.48	11	November
812	1.59	12	December
29	.06	21	Winter
46	.09	22	Spring
84	.16	23	Summer
40	.08	24	Fall; autumn
3,439	6.73	98	NA or DK month; NA or DK status of marriage (MH11=8)
37,722	73.87	99	Inap.: marriage has not ended (MH11=1,5,7); never married (MH17=0)

MH13 "YEAR WIDOWED OR DIVORCED" NUM(4.0)

Year in which This Marriage Ended in Widowhood or Divorce

<u>Count</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Value/Range</u>	<u>Code Value/Range Text</u>
11,738	22.99	1,915 - 2,007	Year marriage ended
1,606	3.14	9,998	NA or DK year; NA or DK status of marriage (MH11=8)
37,722	73.87	9,999	Inap.: marriage has not ended (MH11=1,5,7); never married (MH17=0)

MH14 "MONTH SEPARATED" NUM(2.0)

Month of Separation for This Marriage

Values indicate month or season spouses stopped living together.

<u>Count</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Value/Range</u>	<u>Code Value/Range Text</u>
888	1.74	1	January
620	1.21	2	February
624	1.22	3	March
592	1.16	4	April
627	1.23	5	May
834	1.63	6	June
645	1.26	7	July
625	1.22	8	August
656	1.28	9	September
586	1.15	10	October
565	1.11	11	November
599	1.17	12	December
35	.07	21	Winter
42	.08	22	Spring

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62	.12	23	Summer
22	.04	24	Fall; autumn
4,007	7.85	98	NA or DK month; NA or DK status of marriage (MH11=8)
39,037	76.44	99	Inap.: married or widowed (MH11=1,3); never married (MH17=0)

MH15 "YEAR SEPARATED"

NUM(4.0)

Year of Separation for This Marriage

<u>Count</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Value/Range</u>	<u>Code Value/Range Text</u>
9,748	19.09	1,915 - 2,007	Year separated
2,281	4.47	9,998	NA or DK year; NA or DK status of marriage (MH11=8)
39,037	76.44	9,999	Inap.: married or widowed (MH11=1,3); never married (MH17=0)

MH16 "YEAR MOST RECENTLY REPORTED MARRIAGE"

NUM(4.0)

Year of the Most Recent Marriage Report for This Individual

<u>Count</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Value/Range</u>	<u>Code Value/Range Text</u>
731	1.43	1,985	Most recently collected in 1985
743	1.45	1,986	Most recently collected in 1986
693	1.36	1,987	Most recently collected in 1987
690	1.35	1,988	Most recently collected in 1988
604	1.18	1,989	Most recently collected in 1989
1,110	2.17	1,990	Most recently collected in 1990
1,222	2.39	1,991	Most recently collected in 1991
2,119	4.15	1,992	Most recently collected in 1992
1,932	3.78	1,993	Most recently collected in 1993
2,134	4.18	1,994	Most recently collected in 1994
5,785	11.33	1,995	Most recently collected in 1995
5,954	11.66	1,996	Most recently collected in 1996
1,150	2.25	1,997	Most recently collected in 1997
961	1.88	1,999	Most recently collected in 1999
1,221	2.39	2,001	Most recently collected in 2001
1,920	3.76	2,003	Most recently collected in 2003
2,068	4.05	2,005	Most recently collected in 2005
20,029	39.22	2,007	Most recently collected in 2007

