

## PSID 2007 Childhood Health History Data

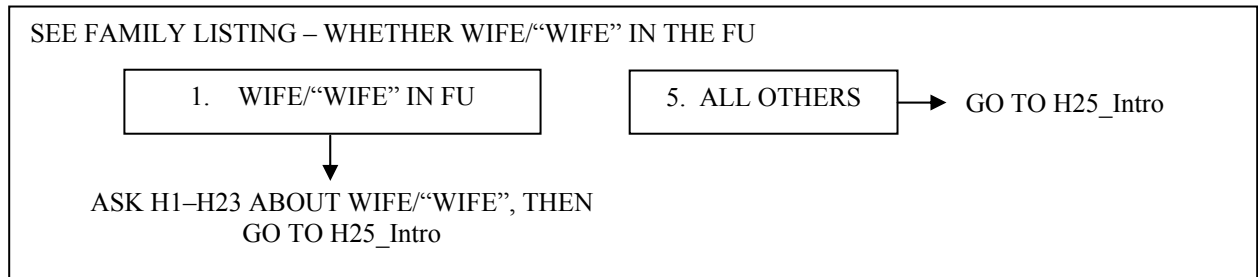
In 2007, a series of questions was added to the PSID asking for information about the occurrence of childhood health conditions and start and end ages for heads and wives. The ages that the conditions started and ended were obtained through the use of an event history calendar. This module will be continued in 2009 and 2011 for all new heads and wives.

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A central mission of this P01 was to solicit rapid feedback from the user community to the PSID investigators on data quality and future data collection needs. Thus, these data are being released for this purpose, in advance of the release of the PSID 2007 data which is scheduled for December 2008. As a result, with one exception described below, these data are completely raw and have not been processed or cleaned in any way. User support is not available for these data, but staff are interested in user feedback about their quality (psidhelp@umich.edu). Once the 2007 main PSID data are released, these data will be removed from the website.

Please note that there is a series of generated variables on the file that provide information on the start age and end age of some of the health conditions. Specifically, those respondents who indicated having at least one of certain childhood health conditions (variables H32-H45), or that their spouse had had at least one of the conditions, were asked to respond to the health calendar sequence. The calendar variables (naming convention: "[event]EHC\_nn", where 'nn' is a sequential number or 'AgeGR17') record whether they had the condition at each age, zero through 16 and 17+, and also how old they were if 17+. These variables were combined into a sequential character string (naming convention: "[event]EHC") for each health condition, with age appended at the end of the character string (separated by a dash): e.g., the first-digit in the character string is the response for age-0, the second-digit in the character string is the response for age-1, and so forth.

H24. CAI CHECKPOINT



H25–H45 & CALENDAR — *IF RESP IS HEAD OR WIFE/“WIFE”* — ASKED ABOUT RESP FIRST, THEN SPOUSE

*IF RESP IS PROXY OR OFUM* — ASKED ABOUT HEAD FIRST, THEN WIFE/“WIFE”

H25\_Intro. These next questions ask about [your/HEAD’s/WIFE’s/“WIFE’s”] health during **childhood**, that is, before age 17. [*IF R IS PROXY OR OFUM, OR R IS H/WIFE/“WIFE” & ASKING ABOUT SPOUSE*: I understand that it may be difficult for you to answer these questions, but please do your best.]

H25. Consider [your/HEAD’s/WIFE’s/“WIFE’s”] health while [you were/ he/she was] growing up, before [you were/ he/she was] 17 years old. Would you say that [your/his/her] health during that time was excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?

1. EXCELLENT

2. VERY GOOD

3. GOOD

4. FAIR

5. POOR

H26 (H1d). When [you were/he was/she was] growing up, before [you were/he was/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] miss a month or more of school because of a health problem?

1. YES

5. NO

H27. Before [you were/he was/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have Measles?

1. YES

5. NO

H28. (Before [you were/he was/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) Mumps?

1. YES

5. NO

H29. (Before [you were/he was/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) Chicken pox?

1. YES

5. NO

H30. (Before [you were/he was/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) Difficulty seeing, even with eye glasses?

1. YES

5. NO

H31. Did [your/his/her] parents or guardians smoke during [your/his/her] childhood?

1. YES, ONE OF THEM

2. YES

3. NO, NONE

H32. Before [you were/he was/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have any of the following childhood diseases: Asthma?

1. YES

5. NO

H33. (Before [you were/he was/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) Diabetes?

1. YES

5. NO

H34. (Before [you were/he was/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) A respiratory disorder such as bronchitis, wheezing, hay fever, shortness of breath, or sinus infection?

1. YES

5. NO

H35. (Before [you were/he was/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) A speech impairment?

1. YES

5. NO

H36. (Before [you were/he was/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) An allergic condition?

1. YES

5. NO

H37. (Before [you were/he was/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) Heart trouble?

1. YES

5. NO

H38. (Before [you were/he was/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) Chronic ear problems or infections?

1. YES

5. NO

H39. Before [you were/ he/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have any of the following childhood diseases: Epilepsy or seizures?

1. YES

5. NO

H40. (Before [you were/ he/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) Severe headaches or migraines?

1. YES

5. NO

H41. (Before [you were/ he/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) Stomach problems?

1. YES

5. NO

H42. (Before [you were/ he/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) High blood pressure?

1. YES

5. NO

H43. (Before [you were/ he/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) Depression?

1. YES

5. NO

H44. (Before [you were/ he/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) Drug or alcohol problems?

1. YES

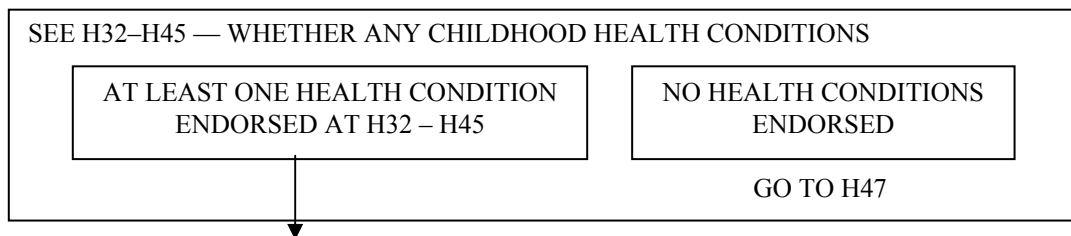
5. NO

H45. (Before [you were/ he/she was] 17 years old, did [you/he/she] have...) Any other emotional or psychological problems?

1. YES

5. NO

H46. RULE



**HEALTH CALENDAR**

List at top of screen: Person: [NAME], Respondent-[RELTOR], Age: [AGE], DOB: [DATEOFBIRTH]

CalIntro: We'd like to know more about how old [you were/ Spouse/Head/Wife/"Wife" was] when [you/he/she] had the health condition(s) we just talked about.

To help you remember, I want to first ask you about some things that may have happened in [your/his/her] childhood.

ParentSepEHC. If [your/Spouse's] parents or guardians separated during [your/his/her] childhood, please tell me how old [you were/he was/she was] at the time of each separation, starting with the first time they separated. Any other separations? (MULTIPLE MENTION, PARENTSEPEHCx)

MoveEHC. If [you/Spouse] moved during [your/his/her] childhood, please tell me how old [you were/ he/she was] at the time of each move, starting with the first move. Any other moves? (MULTIPLE MENTION, MOVEEHCx)

SchoolEHC At what age did [you/Spouse] first start going to school? If [you/he/she] changed schools during [your/his/her] childhood, please tell me how old [you were/ he/she was] each time, starting with the first time. Any other school changes? (MULTIPLE MENTION, SCHOOLEHCx)

FOR EACH CONDITION ENDORSED, ASK THE CORRESPONDING QUESTIONS BELOW.

EACH QUESTION HAS THE FOLLOWING INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTIONS:

**PROBE:** 'If you don't know the exact age, please give us your best guess'

**PROBE FOR AGE USING LANDMARKS, STARTING WITH THE EARLIEST LANDMARK**

**IF R SAYS "STILL HAVE IT" OR "OLDER THAN 16", CLICK "17+" AND ENTER AGE**

- H32BEG. At what age [were you/ was HEAD/WIFE/"WIFE"] first diagnosed with asthma?  
H32END. Until what age did [you/he/she] have it?  
(BOTH VARIABLES = 3 DIGITS, 0-120)
- H33BEG. At what age [were you/ was HEAD/WIFE/"WIFE"] first diagnosed with diabetes?  
H33END. Until what age did [you/he/she] have it?  
(BOTH VARIABLES = 3 DIGITS, 0-120)
- H34BEG. At what age [were you/ was HEAD/WIFE/"WIFE"] first diagnosed with a respiratory disorder such as bronchitis, wheezing, hay fever, shortness of breath, or sinus infection?  
H34END. Until what age did [you/he/she] have it?  
(BOTH VARIABLES = 3 DIGITS, 0-120)
- H35BEG. At what age [were you/ was HEAD/WIFE/"WIFE"] first diagnosed with a speech impairment?  
H35END. Until what age did [you/he/she] have it?  
(BOTH VARIABLES = 3 DIGITS, 0-120)
- H36BEG. At what age [were you/ was HEAD/WIFE/"WIFE"] first diagnosed with an allergic condition?  
H36END. Until what age did [you/he/she] have it?  
(BOTH VARIABLES = 3 DIGITS, 0-120)
- H37BEG. At what age [were you/ was HEAD/WIFE/"WIFE"] first diagnosed with heart trouble?  
H37END. Until what age did [you/he/she] have it?  
(BOTH VARIABLES = 3 DIGITS, 0-120)
- H38BEG. At what age [were you/ was HEAD/WIFE/"WIFE"] first diagnosed with chronic ear problems or infections?  
H38END. Until what age did [you/he/she] have it?  
(BOTH VARIABLES = 3 DIGITS, 0-120)
- H39BEG. At what age [were you/ was HEAD/WIFE/"WIFE"] first diagnosed with epilepsy or seizures?  
H39END. Until what age did [you/he/she] have it?  
(BOTH VARIABLES = 3 DIGITS, 0-120)
- H40BEG. At what age [were you/ was HEAD/WIFE/"WIFE"] first diagnosed with severe headaches or migraines?  
H40END. Until what age did [you/he/she] have it?  
(BOTH VARIABLES = 3 DIGITS, 0-120)
- H41BEG. At what age [were you/ was HEAD/WIFE/"WIFE"] first diagnosed with stomach problems?  
H41END. Until what age did [you/he/she] have it?  
(BOTH VARIABLES = 3 DIGITS, 0-120)
- H42BEG. At what age [were you/ was HEAD/WIFE/"WIFE"] first diagnosed with high blood pressure?

H42END. Until what age did [you/he/she] have it?  
(BOTH VARIABLES = 3 DIGITS, 0–120)

H43BEG. At what age [were you/ was HEAD/WIFE/“WIFE”] first diagnosed with depression?

H43END. Until what age did [you/he/she] have it?  
(BOTH VARIABLES = 3 DIGITS, 0–120)

H44BEG. At what age [were you/ was HEAD/WIFE/“WIFE”] first diagnosed with drug or alcohol problems?

H44END. Until what age did [you/he/she] have it?  
(BOTH VARIABLES = 3 DIGITS, 0–120)

H45BEG. At what age [were you/ was HEAD/WIFE/“WIFE”] first diagnosed with any other emotional or psychological problems?

H45END. Until what age did [you/he/she] have it?  
(BOTH VARIABLES = 3 DIGITS, 0–120)

H47. RULE

SEE FAMILY LISTING — WHETHER SPOUSE OF RESP IN FU

SPOUSE OF RESPONDENT IN FU  
[ONE PERSON OTHER THAN R HAS  
CYFUHU = 1, 4 AND CYRTH ≤ 222]

ALL OTHERS

GO TO H48

ASK H25 – H45 & CALENDAR FOR SPOUSE,  
THEN GO TO H48