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Codebook

Number of Variables

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MH1 "RELEASE NUMBER" NUM(1.0)

Release Number

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
62,036	100.00	1	Release number 1, March 2021

MH2 "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
27,948	45.05	1 - 2,930	Individual is associated with a family from the SRC cross-section sample.
3,028	4.88	3,001 - 3,511	Individual is associated with a family from the 1997 New Immigrant sample.
1,338	2.16	4,001 - 4,851	Individual is associated with a family from the 2017 New Immigrant sample.
21,510	34.67	5,001 - 6,872	Individual is associated with a family from the Census sample.
8,212	13.24	7,001 - 9,308	Individual is associated with a family from the Latino sample.

MH3 "PERSON NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL" NUM(3.0)

Person Number of the Individual

This variable, in combination with 1968 Interview Number (MH2), 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
24,399	39.33	1 - 19	Individual who was living in an original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample family at the time of the initial interview
7	.01	20	Individual who was spouse of the original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample Reference Person and was living in an institution at the time of the initial interview
373	.60	21 - 26	Individual who was a child or stepchild of the original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample Reference Person and was under 25 and in an institution at the time of the initial interview
11,295	18.21	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

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25,609	41.28	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
10	.02	227	Individual who was spouse of an original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample Reference Person and who moved out in the year prior to the initial interview
343	.55	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

MH4 "SEX OF INDIVIDUAL" NUM(1.0)
Sex of Individual

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
30,518	49.19	1	Male
31,518	50.81	2	Female

MH5 "MONTH INDIVIDUAL BORN" NUM(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.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
5,337	8.60	1	January; winter
4,698	7.57	2	February
5,198	8.38	3	March
4,743	7.65	4	April; spring
4,910	7.91	5	May
4,890	7.88	6	June
5,274	8.50	7	July; summer
5,426	8.75	8	August
5,396	8.70	9	September
5,227	8.43	10	October; fall; autumn
4,988	8.04	11	November
5,214	8.40	12	December
735	1.18	98	NA; DK

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MH6 "YEAR INDIVIDUAL BORN" NUM(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.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
61,265	98.76	1,884 - 2,004	Year born
771	1.24	9,998	NA; DK

MH7 "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 (MH8) 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
20,491	33.03	1 - 2,930	Spouse was associated with a family from the SRC cross-section sample.
1,864	3.00	3,001 - 3,511	Spouse was associated with a family from the 1997 New Immigrant sample.
872	1.41	4,001 - 4,851	Spouse was associated with a family from the 2017 New Immigrant sample.
12,301	19.83	5,001 - 6,872	Spouse was associated with a family from the Census sample.
5,138	8.28	7,001 - 9,308	Spouse was associated with a family from the Latino sample.
220	.35	9,999	NA or DK whether ever married
21,150	34.09	0	Inap.: no spouse; never married (MH18=0)

MH8 "PERSON NUMBER OF SPOUSE" NUM(3.0)

Person Number of the Spouse

This variable, in combination with 1968 Interview Number (MH7), provides a unique identifier for the spouse throughout the PSID. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
14,256	22.98	1 - 19	Spouse who was living in an original core, Latino or New Immigrant sample family at the time of the initial interview
11	.02	20	Spouse who was spouse of the original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample Reference Person and was living in an institution at the time of the initial interview

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214	.34	21 - 26	Spouse who was a child or stepchild of the original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample Reference Person and was under age 25 and in an institution at the time of initial interview
3,387	5.46	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
13,135	21.17	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
49	.08	227	Spouse who was spouse of an original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample Reference Person and who moved out in the year prior to the initial interview
21	.03	228	Spouse who was spouse of original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample Reference Person and who died in the year prior to the initial interview
112	.18	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
9,481	15.28	800 - 995	Spouse who has never been in any sample family
220	.35	999	NA or DK whether ever married
21,150	34.09	0	Inap.: never married (MH18=0)

MH9 "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.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code	Value/Range	Text
31,290	50.44	1	1	First marriage	
7,203	11.61	2	2	Second marriage	
1,508	2.43	3	3	Third marriage	
252	.41	4	4	Fourth marriage	
62	.10	5	5	Fifth marriage	
14	.02	6	6	Sixth marriage	
9	.01	7	7	Seventh marriage	
1	.00	8	8	Eighth marriage	
1	.00	9	9	Ninth marriage	
-	-	10	10	Tenth marriage	
-	-	11	11	Eleventh marriage	
1	.00	12	12	Twelfth marriage	

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1	.00	13 Thirteenth marriage
564	.91	98 NA; DK
21,130	34.06	99 Inap.: never married (MH18=0)

MH10 "MONTH MARRIED" NUM(2.0)

Month in which this Marriage Occurred
 Values indicate the month or season the marriage took place.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
2,135	3.44	1	January
2,345	3.78	2	February
2,394	3.86	3	March
2,681	4.32	4	April
3,144	5.07	5	May
4,365	7.04	6	June
3,367	5.43	7	July
3,708	5.98	8	August
3,374	5.44	9	September
2,939	4.74	10	October
2,696	4.35	11	November
2,964	4.78	12	December
28	.05	21	Winter
50	.08	22	Spring
88	.14	23	Summer
34	.05	24	Fall; autumn
4,594	7.41	98	NA; DK
21,130	34.06	99	Inap.: never married (MH18=0)

MH11 "YEAR MARRIED" NUM(4.0)

Year in which this Marriage Occurred

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
38,222	61.61	1,905 - 2,019	Year married
2,684	4.33	9,998	NA; DK
21,130	34.06	9,999	Inap.: never married (MH18=0)

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MH12 "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 MH17.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
22,625	36.47	1	Marriage intact
3,214	5.18	3	Marriage ended in widowhood
13,192	21.27	4	Marriage ended in divorce or annulment
1,606	2.59	5	Spouses separated
31	.05	7	Other: more recent marriage also reported, but no evidence of divorce or widowhood. Individual is probably a bigamist.
238	.38	8	NA; DK
21,130	34.06	9	Inap.: never married (MH18=0)

MH13 "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
1,101	1.77	1	January
929	1.50	2	February
1,131	1.82	3	March
964	1.55	4	April
1,025	1.65	5	May
1,169	1.88	6	June
999	1.61	7	July
1,041	1.68	8	August
951	1.53	9	September
1,006	1.62	10	October
955	1.54	11	November
1,014	1.63	12	December
48	.08	21	Winter
79	.13	22	Spring
127	.20	23	Summer
74	.12	24	Fall; autumn
4,030	6.50	98	NA or DK month; NA or DK status of marriage (MH12=8)
45,393	73.17	99	Inap.: marriage has not ended (MH12=1,5,7); never married (MH18=0)

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MH14 "YEAR WIDOWED OR DIVORCED" NUM(4.0)

Year in which This Marriage Ended in Widowhood or Divorce

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
14,631	23.58	1,915 - 2,019	Year marriage ended
2,013	3.24	9,998	NA or DK year; NA or DK status of marriage (MH12=8)
45,392	73.17	9,999	Inap.: marriage has not ended (MH12=1,5,7); never married (MH18=0)

MH15 "MONTH SEPARATED" NUM(2.0)

Month of Separation for This Marriage

Values indicate month or season spouses stopped living together.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1,124	1.81	1	January
785	1.27	2	February
793	1.28	3	March
747	1.20	4	April
782	1.26	5	May
1,045	1.68	6	June
824	1.33	7	July
814	1.31	8	August
809	1.30	9	September
759	1.22	10	October
744	1.20	11	November
786	1.27	12	December
60	.10	21	Winter
74	.12	22	Spring
94	.15	23	Summer
49	.08	24	Fall; autumn
4,778	7.70	98	NA or DK month; NA or DK status of marriage (MH12=8)
46,969	75.71	99	Inap.: married or widowed (MH12=1,3); never married (MH18=0)

MH16 "YEAR SEPARATED" NUM(4.0)

Year of Separation for This Marriage

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
12,240	19.73	1,915 - 2,019	Year separated
2,827	4.56	9,998	NA or DK year; NA or DK status of marriage (MH12=8)

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46,969 75.71 9,999 Inap.: married or widowed (MH12=1,3); never married
(MH18=0)

MH17 "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</u>	<u>Value/Range</u>	<u>Text</u>
729	1.18	1,985			Most recently collected in 1985
741	1.19	1,986			Most recently collected in 1986
691	1.11	1,987			Most recently collected in 1987
680	1.10	1,988			Most recently collected in 1988
601	.97	1,989			Most recently collected in 1989
1,108	1.79	1,990			Most recently collected in 1990
1,218	1.96	1,991			Most recently collected in 1991
2,103	3.39	1,992			Most recently collected in 1992
1,912	3.08	1,993			Most recently collected in 1993
2,103	3.39	1,994			Most recently collected in 1994
5,777	9.31	1,995			Most recently collected in 1995
5,887	9.49	1,996			Most recently collected in 1996
1,128	1.82	1,997			Most recently collected in 1997
927	1.49	1,999			Most recently collected in 1999
1,134	1.83	2,001			Most recently collected in 2001
1,708	2.75	2,003			Most recently collected in 2003
1,405	2.26	2,005			Most recently collected in 2005
1,394	2.25	2,007			Most recently collected in 2007
1,603	2.58	2,009			Most recently collected in 2009
1,646	2.65	2,011			Most recently collected in 2011
2,132	3.44	2,013			Most recently collected in 2013
1,846	2.98	2,015			Most recently collected in 2015
2,736	4.41	2,017			Most recently collected in 2017
20,827	33.57	2,019			Most recently collected in 2019

MH18 "NUMBER OF MARRIAGES OF THIS INDIVIDUAL" NUM(2.0)
Number of Marriages of This Individual

Values indicate the total number of marriages reported for this individual as of the most recent year of report indicated in MH17.

<u>Count</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Value/Range</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Value/Range</u>	<u>Text</u>
21,130	34.06	0			None
23,408	37.73	1			One

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12,492	20.14	2	Two
3,484	5.62	3	Three
680	1.10	4	Four
177	.29	5	Five
43	.07	6	Six
31	.05	7	Seven
8	.01	8	Eight
2	.00	9	Nine
-	-	10	Ten
-	-	11	Eleven
2	.00	12	Twelve
2	.00	13	Thirteen
577	.93	98	NA; DK

MH19 "LAST KNOWN MARITAL STATUS" NUM(1.0)

Most Recently Reported Marital Status of This Individual

This variable indicates the marital status reported for this individual as of the wave indicated in MH17.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
29,164	47.01	1	Married
21,130	34.06	2	Never married
3,098	4.99	3	Widowed
6,432	10.37	4	Divorced, annulment
1,979	3.19	5	Separated
233	.38	8	NA; DK

MH20 "NUMBER OF MARRIAGE RECORDS" NUM(2.0)

Number of Records for This Individual

Values indicate the total number of records that this individual has on this file. For example, a value of 2 indicates that this individual has 2 records (2 marriages) on this file. A single record for an individual is used to record either one marriage, zero marriages, or entirely missing data about marital history. Use values in MH18 (# of marriages) to determine which kind of record a value of 1 in this variable indicates.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
45,094	72.69	1	One record for this individual: one marriage, no marriages, or an unknown number of marriages
13,775	22.20	2	Two records for this individual
2,553	4.12	3	Three records for this individual
452	.73	4	Four records for this individual

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110	.18	5	Five records for this individual
23	.04	6	Six records for this individual
21	.03	7	Seven records for this individual
8	.01	8	Eight records for this individual