

Documentation for Fertility and Fertility_Small Data Sets

These data are taken from the 1980 Census. These data were provided by Professor William Evans of the University of Maryland and were used in his paper with Joshua Angrist “Children and Thier Parents’ Labor Supply: Evidence from Exogenous Variation in Family Size,” American Economic Review, June 1998, Vol. 88, No. 3, 450-477. The file **Fertility.dta** (in STATA format) contains data on 254,654 women between the age of 21 and 35. The data in **Fertility** are a subset of the data used in the Angrist-Evans paper. (The file **Fertility_Small** contains data on a 30,000 randomly selected women from the **Fertility** data set. This smaller dataset is provided for students with memory limitations on their computer software.)

Series in Data Set

Variable	Description
morekids	=1 if mom had more than 2 children
boy1st	=1 if 1st child was a boy
boy2nd	=1 if 2nd child was a boy
samesex	=1 if 1st two children same sex
agem1	age of mom at census
black	=1 if mom is black
hispan	=1 if mom is Hispanic
othrace	=1 if mom is not black, Hispanic or white
weeksm1	mom's weeks worked in 1979