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**PANEL STUDY OF INCOME DYNAMICS
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Release 3 Summary: Contains corrected values for a subset of cases for T-2 variables (ER33724-ER33728O; ER33826A-ER33837; ER33926A-ER33938). In addition, we have corrected the formats for 3 variables (ER33727A, ER33826A and ER33926A) to match the format of the data collection instrument.

Release 2 Summary: Sampling Status for CDS-2014 (ER34260) and Result of the CDS-2014 interview attempt (ER34261) which were missing in Release 1, now have values. Minor Person Number fixes were also made based on information from Rosters and Transfers 2013 editing.

I. INTRODUCTION: WHAT'S NEW FOR 2013

A. 2013 Questionnaire Changes

In general, the majority of questionnaire changes in 2013 affected the Family data file. Few questionnaire changes affected the Individual data file. For specific information about questionnaire content, see the Introduction in the 2013 Public Release Family File documentation for details.

In the 2013 questionnaire, there are new education-related questions (please see Section G: G90A1 – G90A13 and Section KL: KL74 – KL85). Of these, eleven have been added to the Individual data file. The following variables which have been and continue to be part of the Family data files were asked of OFUMs, in 2013; as result, they have become individual-level variables and are included in the Individual data file:

“WTR REC HS DIPLOMA/GED/NEITHER” (ER34220), “TYPE OF HIGHEST DEGREE” (ER34221), “MONTH GRADUATED HIGHEST DEGREE” (ER34225), and “YEAR GRADUATED HIGHEST DEGREE” (ER34226). For those returning Heads/Wives/“Wives” who reported an education update since the last interview we have updated values for ER34220, ER34221, ER34225 and ER34226. Therefore all Heads/Wives/“Wives” whether new or returning have the most up-to-date information at these four variables.

For OFUMs, “HIGHEST GRADE OF SCHOOL COMPLETED” (ER34219) is question number G90a1 now, with an expanded code frame. Additionally, the following questions, asked about OFUMs only, are included in the Individual data file: G90a6MO, “MONTH GRADUATED BACHELOR DEGREE” (ER34222), G90a6YR, “YEAR GRADUATED BACHELOR DEGREE” (ER34223), and G90a7, “BACHELOR DEGREE MAJOR” (ER34224). Please note that this wave, all OFUM education questions were asked of those age 16 or older (as opposed to OFUMs age 16 - 49, in previous waves). Finally, there are new education questions which were asked OFUMS and for existing Heads/Wives/“Wives”, from 2011, who have updates to their education status or are still in school since the 2011 Wave which are included, as well: KL83, “HIGHEST DEGREE MAJOR” (ER34227), KL84: GRADE CURRENTLY ENROLLED” (ER34228), and KL85, “Grade Enrolled” (ER34229).

There have also been changes to the set of variables about health insurance/health care coverage. While we continue to ask current coverage (ER34235-ER34242), for 2013, we did not ask type of coverage last year and the year before last. Also, months covered last year and months covered the year before last were replaced with months uninsured (ER34234: “Months Uninsured Last Year and ER34233: “Months Uninsured In Year B4 Last, respectively).

B. New Generated Variables

In 2013, we continue to include the generated variable, ER34243: “WHETHER MEDICARE NUMBER GIVEN”. This variable provides a summary for those who were eligible to be asked for a Medicare number.

For 2013, we continue to provide both longitudinal and cross-sectional weights: ER34268: “CORE/IMM INDIVIDUAL LONGITUDINAL WT 13” and ER34269: CORE/IMM INDIVIDUAL CROSS-SECTION WT 13”.

C. Other Additions

For 2013, children were eligible for the Transition to Adulthood (TA-2013) interview if they had been part of the 1997 Child Development Supplement, met age requirements and were part of a PSID family interviewed in 2013. Variables indicating 2013 eligibility (ER34257) and the result of the interview attempt (ER34258) are part of the 1968-2013 Individual data file.

Also, for 2013, there are eligibility, selection, and result variables for the Child Development Supplement (CDS-2014): ER34259, ER34260, and ER34261, respectively.

Two other supplementary studies, DUST 2013 and Childhood Experiences 2014, a web-based survey, also have eligibility and result variables on the 2013 Individual file: Dust 2013 Eligibility: ER34262, Dust 2013 Result: ER34263, Childhood Experiences 2014 Eligibility: ER34264, and Childhood Experiences 2014 Result: ER34265.

II. DATA CHARACTERISTICS

A. Files and Format

The 1968-2013 Individual data consists of one data file with 75,252 records and 1,822 variables. The data are merged across all waves of the study; that is, they include person information collected from 1968 through 2013. Each person ever in an interviewed family, even for just one wave, has his or her own data record. Consequently, the file contains records for both 2013 response and 2013 non-response individuals.

Using the web-based Data Center is the most efficient way to obtain the data. At this time, we continue to provide the data in a .zip package. If you download the data in ASCII form from the PSID website, you can choose whether to receive SAS, SPSS or STATA statements. In the .zip package, we include the entire data file in ASCII format and SAS, SPSS and STATA data definition statements. These statements provide variable names, locations, and variable labels.

The definition statement files are not intended to represent complete and full programs for the respective statistical program packages to run extracts, analysis, etc. You must provide all other statements needed to complete a program. Missing data statements are not provided as part of the files.

B. Variable Names, Positions and Generated Variables

The 1968-2013 Individual data file consists of yearly items (e.g., Sequence Number, Relationship to Head, Family Identification Number) and a set of summary or cross-year variables with up-to-date values (ER32001-ER32051, Sex of Individual, ER32000). Summary variable ER21051: "Year Most Recent Pregnancy Intention Rec" is new, for 2013. It indicates the year of the most recent report on the Pregnancy Intentions File which is a new series of questions added in 2013 and is provided to users as a separate file. Please see our supplementary data page for more information: <http://simba.isr.umich.edu/Zips/zipSupp.aspx>

Weights for each wave of data are available through 2013 and are located at or near the end of each year's list of variables.

The order of variables is as follows:

- * RELEASE NUMBER, ER30000,
- * 1968 through 1993 Individual data arranged, as usual, by wave, ER30001-ER30866
- * the summary variables, ER31990-ER31997 and ER32001-ER32051,
- * the 1994 Public Release Individual data, ER33101-ER33150,
- * the 1995 Public Release Individual data, ER33201-ER33299B,
- * the 1996 Public Release Individual data, ER33301-ER33347,
- * the 1997 Public Release Individual data, ER33401-ER33438,
- * the 1999 Public Release Individual data, ER33501-ER33547,
- * the 2001 Public Release Individual data, ER33601-ER33639,
- * the 2003 Public Release Individual data, ER33701-ER33742,
- * the 2005 Public Release Individual data, ER33801-ER33849,
- * the 2007 Public Release Individual data, ER33901-ER33951,
- * the 2009 Public Release Individual data, ER34001-ER34046,
- * the 2011 Public Release Individual data, ER34101-ER34155, and
- * the 2013 Public Release Individual data, ER34201-ER34269

C. Hand Coded and Generated Variables

The summary variables fall into three groups. ER31990-ER31997 are used for sampling error and weights calculations; ER32001-ER32008 are true cross-year indicators derived from values in each individual's data record; and ER32009-ER32051 are summaries from the Family History files (these latter files are part of the PSID supplemental file collection and available as .zip downloads from our website).

Other generated items include variables designating the originating family and move-out date for splitoffs for every wave from 1969 to 2013 (2013: ER34252-ER34253) and income summaries from 1968 to 1993.

D. Documentation and Codes

1. 2013 Questionnaire

Our website includes box-and-arrow questionnaires for all waves 1968-2013 in PDF format. Use the SAS, SPSS and STATA data definition statements to match variables with questions in the CAI application.

2. Codebook and Code Categories

The Data Center allows users to create and download customized codebooks that provide variable-specific documentation; variable descriptions are complete for all of the 2013 Individual file data items. The downloadable .zip package of the Individual data on our website contains a .pdf version of the entire codebook for 2013 Individual file.

In general, codes follow our traditional schema, although "don't know" responses are now largely distinguished from other missing data responses. Generally, code 8 (or 98 or 998, etc.) represents "don't know" and code 9 (or 99 or 999, etc.) represents other missing data or a refusal. Inappropriate questions are padded with zeroes.

If a variable contains a code value that is neither included in the codebook nor one of the "zero", "eight" or "nine" codes just mentioned, assume missing data for that value.

E. Missing Data

Release 2 of the 2013 PSID Individual File has no missing variables.