Panel Study of Income Dynamics
1968-2013 Public Release Individual File
Release 3

Contents

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. 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 also provide the data in a .zip package. If you download the data in ASCII form from the PSID website, you will receive SAS, SPSS or STATA statements, as you request. 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.

File Attributes and Variables for Data File

File name	Records	Number of variables	Variables
IND2013er.txt	73,252	1,822	ER30000-ER34269

Other Files

IND2013er.sas	SAS program file
IND2013er.sps	SPSS program file
IND2013er.do	STATA program file
IND2013er_codebook.pdf	Codebook documentation

B. Variable Names and Positions

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).

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. Documentation and Codes

1. PSID User Guide

For an overview of the 2013 questionnaire changes, a description of our generated and hand coded variables, please see the PSID Main Interview User Manual: located on our website at
http://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/Guide/documents.aspx.

2. 2013 Questionnaire

Box-and-arrow questionnaires are available for all waves in PDF format. Use the SAS, SPSS and STATA data definition statements to match variables with questions in the CAI application.

3. 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 family data items. The downloadable .zip package of the family data on our website contains a .pdf version of the entire individual codebook for 1968-2013.

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.

D. Missing Data

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

II. Additional Help

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