Description:

The data are from the Muscatine Coronary Risk Factor (MCRF) study,

a longitudinal survey of school-age children in Muscatine, Iowa.

The MCRF study had the goal of examining the development and

persistence of risk factors for coronary disease in children.

In the MCRF study, weight and height measurements of five cohorts of children, initially aged 5-7, 7-9, 9-11, 11-13, and 13-15 years, were

obtained biennially from 1977 to 1981. Data were collected on 4856

boys and girls. On the basis of a comparison of their weight to

age-gender specific norms, children were classified as obese or

not obese.

Variable List:

id: participant ID

sex: sex at birth (0=Male,1=Female)

b\_age: Baseline Age

age: Current Age

visit: visit number

obesity: Obesity Status (1=Obese, 0=Non-Obese, .=Missing)

Reference: Woolson, R.F. and Clarke, W.R. (1984). Analysis of categorical

incomplete longitudinal data. Journal of the Royal Statistical Society,

Series A, 147, 87-99.