The PSID Data
Custom Codebook

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ER66001   **"RELEASE NUMBER"**

Release Number

Users should note that the 2017 CORE/IMMIGRANT FAM WEIGHT NUMBER 1 (ER71570) has zero values for the new Immigrant 2017 sample (ER66009=4001-4462)

For Release 2 we have added a new variable 2017 CROSS-SECTIONAL FAMILY WEIGHT (ER71571) which encompasses the Core/Immigrant 97/99 and Immigrant 17 Samples.

Value/Range Code	Value/Range Text
1	Release number 1, February 2019
2	Release number 2, August 2019

ER66002   **"2017 FAMILY INTERVIEW (ID) NUMBER"**

2017 Interview Number

The values for this variable represent the 2017 interview number. The case count for 2017 is 9607 Values for this variable may not be contiguous.

Value/Range Code	Value/Range Text
1 - 9,656	Interview number

ER66017   **"AGE OF REFERENCE PERSON"**

Age of 2017 Reference Person

This variable represents the actual age of the 2017 Reference Person of the FU. The minimum value is usually 18, although in rare cases a person under 18 might become Reference Person.

Value/Range Code	Value/Range Text
14 - 120	Actual age
999	DK; NA

ER66018   **"SEX OF REFERENCE PERSON"**

Sex of 2017 Reference Person

Value/Range Code	Value/Range Text
1	Male
2	Female

ER66195   "BC20 MAIN OCC FOR JOB 1: 2010 CODE (RP)"

BC20. In (your/his/her) work for (EMPNAME) (BEGMO/BEGYR)-(ENDMO/ENDYR) what (is/was) (your/Reference Person's) occupation? What sort of work (do/does/did) (you/he/she) do? What (are/were) (your/his/her) most important activities or duties?--CURRENT OR MOST RECENT MAIN JOB

The 4-digit 2010 Census Occupation Codes with Crosswalk issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Bureau of the Census was used for this variable.

Please refer to https://www.census.gov/topics/employment/industry-occupation/guidance/code-lists.html

2010 Census Occupation Codes with Crosswalk

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
10 - 430	Management Occupations
500 - 950	Business and Financial Operations Occupations
1,000 - 1,240	Computer and Mathematical Occupations
1,300 - 1,560	Architecture and Engineering Occupations
1,600 - 1,965	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations
2,000 - 2,060	Community and Social Services Occupations
2,100 - 2,160	Legal Occupations
2,200 - 2,550	Education, Training, and Library Occupations
2,600 - 2,960	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations
3,000 - 3,540	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations
3,600 - 3,655	Healthcare Support Occupations
3,700 - 3,955	Protective Service Occupations
4,000 - 4,160	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations
4,200 - 4,250	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations
4,300 - 4,650	Personal Care and Service Occupations
4,700 - 4,965	Sales and Related Occupations
5,000 - 5,940	Office and Administrative Support Occupations
6,005 - 6,130	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations
6,200 - 6,940	Construction and Extraction Occupations
7,000 - 7,630	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations
7,700 - 8,965	Production Occupations
9,000 - 9,750	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations
9,800 - 9,830	Military Specific Occupations
9,999	DK; NA; refused
0	Inap.: did not work for money in 2016; has not worked for money since January 1, 2015 (ER66169=5); DK, NA, or RF whether worked for money since January 1, 2015 (ER66169=8 or 9)

ER66217   "BC33 HOURLY REGULAR RATE"

BC33. What is (your/his/her) hourly wage rate for (your/his/her) regular work time?--CURRENT MAIN JOB

The values for this variable represent dollars and cents per hour.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
.01 - 996.99	Actual amount
997.00	$997 or more
998.00	DK
999.00	NA; refused
.00	Inap.: not currently employed (ER66164, ER66165, and ER66166 ne 1 or 2 and ER66168=5); DK, NA, or RF whether working for money now (ER66168=8 or 9); is not paid an hourly wage (ER66210=1, 2, or 7); DK, NA, or RF how paid on main job (ER66210=8 or 9)

ER66231   "BC41 YRS PRES EMP (RP-E)"

BC41. How many years' experience (do you/does Reference Person) have altogether with (your/his/her) present employer?--YEARS FOR CURRENT MAIN JOB

All three vars--BC41 YRS, BC41 MOS, and BC41 WKS--must be added together to calculate total experience.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1 - 65	Actual number of years
98	DK
99	NA; refused
0	Inap.: did not report in terms of years; not currently employed (ER66164, ER66165, and ER66166 ne 1 or 2 and ER66168=5); DK, NA, or RF whether working for money now (ER66168=8 or 9); works only for someone else (ER66198=2 or 3); DK, NA, or RF whether self-employed or worked for someone else (ER66198=8 or 9)

ER67046   "G13 WAGES/SALARY-REFERENCE PERSON"

G13. How much did (you/Reference Person) earn altogether from wages or salaries in 2016, that is, before anything was deducted for taxes or other things?

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1 - 9,999,996	Actual amount
9,999,997	$9,999,997 or more
9,999,998	DK

9,999,999 NA; refused

      0 Inap.: no wages or salaries in 2016 (ER67045=5); DK, NA, or RF whether had wages or salaries in 2016 (ER67045=8 or 9)

ER70882   "L40 RACE OF REFERENCE PERSON-MENTION 1"

L40. What is (your/his/her) race? (Are you/Is [he/she]) white, black, American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander?--FIRST MENTION

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1	White
2	Black, African-American, or Negro
3	American Indian or Alaska Native
4	Asian
5	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
7	Other
9	DK; NA; refused

ER70893   "L44 WTR GRADUATED HS-RP"

L44. Now I would like to talk about the education (you have/[he/she] has) received. Did (you/he/she) graduate from high school, get a GED, or neither?

ENTER [3] if R says still in school (attending grade 1-12) or working on a GED

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1	Graduated from high school
2	Got a GED
3	Neither
4	College level only
9	DK; NA; refused
0	Inap.: educated outside the U.S. only or had no education (ER70892=2 or 5); NA or RF where Reference Person received education (ER70892=9)

ER70944 **"L71 #YR WRKED FULLTIME-RP"**

L71. How many of these years did (you/he/she) work full-time for most or all of the year?

FOR none, ENTER [0]
AGE 19 OR OLDER: FOR 1 year or less, ENTER [1]
AGE 18: For less than 1 year, ENTER [95]
FOR all years since 18, ENTER [96]
FOR all years since 18, ENTER [96]

The values for this variable represent in years the actual amount of time the Reference Person had worked full time since the age of 18 until the time of the interview.

NOTE: This variable does not take account of any changes in Reference Person's employment history since the interview in which this question was actually asked.
The user may update this variable by recoding data for subsequent years.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1	One year or less for those 19 years or older
2 - 94	Actual number of years
95	Less than one year for those 18 or younger
96	All years since 18
99	DK; NA; refused
0	Inap.: Reference Person was under age 18 when this question was asked; never worked (ER70943=0); never worked full-time for most or all of the year

ER71227 **"REFERENCE PERSON WORK WEEKS-2016"**

Reference Person's Total Weeks Worked in 2016

The values for this variable represent Reference Person's total weeks worked on all jobs in 2016. All missing data were assigned.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
0 - 52	Actual number of weeks
0	Inap.: none; Reference Person did not work for money in 2016

ER71233 **"REF PERSON TOTAL HOURS OF WORK-2016"**

Reference Person's Total Work Hours in 2016

The values for this variable represent Reference Person's total annual work hours on all jobs including overtime in 2016. All missing data were assigned. This variable is the result of ER71227 * ER71229 + ER71231.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1 - 5,824	Actual number of hours
0	Inap.: none; did not work for money in 2016

ER71530   "CURRENT REGION"

Geographical Region of the 2017 Interview

States were assigned to regions as follows:

NORTHEAST: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey,
New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont

NORTH CENTRAL: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio,
South Dakota, Wisconsin

SOUTH: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana,
Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington DC,
West Virginia

WEST: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico,
Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

Value/Range Code	Value/Range Text
1	Northeast
2	North Central
3	South
4	West
5	Alaska, Hawaii
6	Foreign country
9	DK; NA

ER71538   **"COMPLETED ED-RP"**

Reference Person's Completed Education Level

Values in the range 1-16 represent the actual grade of school completed; e.g., a value of 8 indicates that the Reference Person completed the eighth grade.

Values were computed as follows: If it is not known whether Reference Person attended college (ER70904=8 or 9) or the number of years of college is unknown (ER70907=8 or 9), then the value is 99. Otherwise, if Reference Person attended college (ER70904=1), then the value is 12 plus the number of years of college attended (ER70907). Otherwise, if Reference Person did not attend college, (ER70904=5), the values are as follows:

(a) if Reference Person is a high school graduate (ER70893=1), the value is 12;

(b) if Reference Person received a GED (ER70893=2), the value is the last grade finished (ER70896);

(c) if Reference Person neither graduated from high school nor got a GED (ER70893=3), the value is the last grade finished (ER70901);

(d) if it is not known whether Reference Person graduated from high school, got a GED, or neither (ER70893=8 or 9), then the value is 99.

Education is asked only when the FU acquires a new Reference Person/Spouse/Partner. In cases where the Reference Person has retained the same designation of Reference Person/Spouse/Partner from the previous interview (ER70841=5), this variable has been carried forward from previous years' data. If Reference Person/Spouse/Partner reports updated education and it is higher than previously reported, then this variable is updated. Education was reasked of all Reference Persons in 1985 and 2009 and, as of 2015, all returning Reference Persons/Spouses/Partners are asked for an updated education report every wave. Please refer to variable Year Highest Education was Updated-Reference Person (ER70891) for recency of updated education information.

This variable differs from the individual level variableER34349 in the treatment of Reference Persons who received a GED but did not attend college. The family-level variable value for such Reference Persons is the grade completed; for the individual-level variable, the value is 12.

Value/Range Code	Value/Range Text
0	Completed no grades of school
1 - 17	Actual number
99	DK; NA

ER72001   **"RELEASE NUMBER"**

Release Number

Value/Range Code	Value/Range Text
1	Release number 1, March 2021

ER72002   **"2019 FAMILY INTERVIEW (ID) NUMBER"**

2019 Interview Number

The values for this variable represent the 2019 interview number. The case count for 2019 is 9,569. Values for this variable may not be contiguous.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1 - 9,614	Interview number

ER72017   "AGE OF REFERENCE PERSON"

Age of 2019 Reference Person

This variable represents the actual age of the 2019 Reference Person of the FU. The minimum value is usually 18, although in rare cases a person under 18 might become Reference Person.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
14 - 120	Actual age
999	DK; NA

ER72018   "SEX OF REFERENCE PERSON"

Sex of 2019 Reference Person

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1	Male
2	Female

ER72195   "BC20 MAIN OCC FOR JOB 1: 2010 CODE (RP)"

BC20. In (your/his/her) work for (EMPNAME) (BEGMO/BEGYR)-(ENDMO/ENDYR) what (is/was) (your/Reference Person's) occupation? What sort of work (do/does/did) (you/he/she) do? What (are/were) (your/his/her) most important activities or duties?--CURRENT OR MOST RECENT MAIN JOB

The 4-digit 2010 Census Occupation Codes with Crosswalk issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Bureau of the Census was used for this variable.

Please refer to https://www.census.gov/topics/employment/industry-occupation/guidance/code-lists.html

2010 Census Occupation Codes with Crosswalk

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
10 - 430	Management Occupations
500 - 950	Business and Financial Operations Occupations
1,000 - 1,240	Computer and Mathematical Occupations
1,300 - 1,560	Architecture and Engineering Occupations
1,600 - 1,965	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations
2,000 - 2,060	Community and Social Services Occupations
2,100 - 2,160	Legal Occupations
2,200 - 2,550	Education, Training, and Library Occupations
2,600 - 2,960	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations
3,000 - 3,540	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations
3,600 - 3,655	Healthcare Support Occupations

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          3,700 - 3,955 Protective Service Occupations

          4,000 - 4,160 Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations

          4,200 - 4,250 Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations

          4,300 - 4,650 Personal Care and Service Occupations

          4,700 - 4,965 Sales and Related Occupations

          5,000 - 5,940 Office and Administrative Support Occupations

          6,005 - 6,130 Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations

          6,200 - 6,940 Construction and Extraction Occupations

          7,000 - 7,630 Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations

          7,700 - 8,965 Production Occupations

          9,000 - 9,750 Transportation and Material Moving Occupations

          9,800 - 9,830 Military Specific Occupations

                9,999 DK; NA; refused

                    0 Inap.:  did not work for money in 2018; has not worked for
                      money since January 1, 2017 (ER72169=5); DK, NA, or RF
                      whether worked for money since January 1, 2017 (ER72169=8 or
                      9)
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ER72217   "BC33 HOURLY REGULAR RATE"

BC33. What is (your/his/her) hourly wage rate for (your/his/her) regular work time?--CURRENT MAIN JOB

The values for this variable represent dollars and cents per hour.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
.01 - 996.99	Actual amount
997.00	$997 or more
998.00	DK
999.00	NA; refused
.00	Inap.: not currently employed (ER72164, ER72165, and ER72166 ne 1 or 2 and ER72168=5); DK, NA, or RF whether working for money now (ER72168=8 or 9); is not paid an hourly wage (ER72210=1, 2, or 7); DK, NA, or RF how paid on main job (ER72210=8 or 9)

ER72231   "BC41 YRS PRES EMP (RP-E)"

BC41. How many years' experience (do you/does Reference Person) have altogether with (your/his/her) present employer?--YEARS FOR CURRENT MAIN JOB

All three vars--BC41 YRS, BC41 MOS, and BC41 WKS--must be added together to calculate total experience.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1 - 65	Actual number of years
98	DK

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99 NA; refused

 0 Inap.:  did not report in terms of years; not currently
   employed (ER72164, ER72165, and ER72166 ne 1 or 2 and
   ER72168=5); DK, NA, or RF whether working for money now
   (ER72168=8 or 9); works only for someone else (ER72198=2 or
   3); DK, NA, or RF whether self-employed or worked for someone
   else (ER72198=8 or 9)
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ER73069   "G13 WAGES/SALARY-REFERENCE PERSON"

G13. How much did (you/Reference Person) earn altogether from wages or salaries in 2018, that is, before anything was deducted for taxes or other things?

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1 - 9,999,996	Actual amount
9,999,997	$9,999,997 or more
9,999,998	DK
9,999,999	NA; refused
0	Inap.: no wages or salaries in 2018 (ER73068=5); DK, NA, or RF whether had wages or salaries in 2018 (ER73068=8 or 9)

ER76897   "L40 RACE OF REFERENCE PERSON-MENTION 1"

L40. What is (your/his/her) race? (Are you/Is [he/she]) white, black, American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander?--FIRST MENTION

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1	White
2	Black, African-American, or Negro
3	American Indian or Alaska Native
4	Asian
5	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
7	Other
9	DK; NA; refused

ER76908   "L44 WTR GRADUATED HS-RP"

L44. Now I would like to talk about the education (you have/[he/she] has) received. Did (you/he/she) graduate from high school, get a GED, or neither?

ENTER [3] if R says still in school (attending grade 1-12) or working on a GED

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1	Graduated from high school
2	Got a GED
3	Neither

4 College level only

9 DK; NA; refused

0 Inap.: educated outside the U.S. only or had no education
(ER76907=2 or 5); NA or RF where Reference Person received
education (ER76907=9)

ER76962   "L71 #YR WRKED FULLTIME-RP"

L71. How many of these years did (you/he/she) work full-time for most or all of the year?

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FOR none, ENTER [0]
AGE 19 OR OLDER: FOR 1 year or less, ENTER [1]
AGE 18: For less than 1 year, ENTER [95]
FOR all years since 18, ENTER [96]
FOR all years since 18, ENTER [96]
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The values for this variable represent in years the actual amount of time the Reference Person had worked full
time since the age of 18 until the time of the interview.

NOTE: This variable does not take account of any changes in Reference Person's employment history since the
interview in which this question was actually asked.
The user may update this variable by recoding data for subsequent years.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1	One year or less for those 19 years or older
2 - 94	Actual number of years
95	Less than one year for those 18 or younger
96	All years since 18
99	DK; NA; refused
0	Inap.: Reference Person was under age 18 when this question was asked; never worked (ER76961=0); never worked full-time for most or all of the year

ER77249   "REFERENCE PERSON WORK WEEKS-2018"

Reference Person's Total Weeks Worked in 2018

The values for this variable represent Reference Person's total weeks worked on all jobs in 2018. All missing
data were assigned.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
0 - 52	Actual number of weeks
0	Inap.: none; Reference Person did not work for money in 2018

ER77255   "REF PERSON TOTAL HOURS OF WORK-2018"

Reference Person's Total Work Hours in 2018

The values for this variable represent Reference Person's total annual work hours on all jobs including overtime in 2018. All missing data were assigned. This variable is the result of ER77249 * ER77251 + ER77253.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1 - 5,824	Actual number of hours
0	Inap.: none; did not work for money in 2018

ER77591   "CURRENT REGION"

Geographical Region of the 2019 Interview

States were assigned to regions as follows:

NORTHEAST: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont

NORTH CENTRAL: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin

SOUTH: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington DC, West Virginia

WEST: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1	Northeast
2	North Central
3	South
4	West
5	Alaska, Hawaii
6	Foreign country
9	DK; NA

ER77599   "COMPLETED ED-RP"

Reference Person's Completed Education Level

Values in the range 1-16 represent the actual grade of school completed; e.g., a value of 8 indicates that the Reference Person completed the eighth grade.

Values were computed as follows: If it is not known whether Reference Person attended college (ER76919=8 or 9) or the number of years of college is unknown (ER76922=8 or 9), then the value is 99. Otherwise, if Reference Person attended college (ER76919=1), then the value is 12 plus the number of years of college attended (ER76922). Otherwise, if Reference Person did not attend college, (ER76919=5), the values are as follows:

(a) if Reference Person is a high school graduate (ER76908=1), the value is 12;

(b) if Reference Person received a GED (ER76908=2), the value is the last grade finished (ER76911);

(c) if Reference Person neither graduated from high school nor got a GED (ER76908=3), the value is the last grade finished (ER76916);

(d) if it is not known whether Reference Person graduated from high school, got a GED, or neither (ER76908=8 or 9), then the value is 99.

Education is asked only when the FU acquires a new Reference Person/Spouse/Partner. In cases where the Reference Person has retained the same designation of Reference Person/Spouse/Partner from the previous interview (ER76856=5), this variable has been carried forward from previous years' data. If Reference Person/Spouse/Partner reports updated education and it is higher than previously reported, then this variable is updated. Education was reasked of all Reference Persons in 1985 and 2009 and, as of 2015, all returning Reference Persons/Spouses/Partners are asked for an updated education report every wave. Please refer to variable Year Highest Education was Updated-Reference Person (ER76906) for recency of updated education information.

This variable differs from the individual level variable ER34752 in the treatment of Reference Persons who received a GED but did not attend college. The family-level variable value for such Reference Persons is the grade completed; for the individual-level variable, the value is 12.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
0	Completed no grades of school
1 - 17	Actual number
99	DK; NA