Codebook for NCbirths

Usage

This data is available in the openintro package as the data frame ncbirths.

Description

In 2004, the state of North Carolina released to the public a large data set containing information on births recorded in this state. This data set has been of interest to medical researchers who are studying the relation between habits and practices of expectant mothers and the birth of their children. This is a random sample of 1,000 cases from this data set.

Format

A data frame with 1000 observations on the following 13 variables.

variable	description
fage	father's age in years.
mage	mother's age in years.
mature	maturity status of mother.
weeks	length of pregnancy in weeks.
premie	whether the birth was classified as premature (premie) or full-term.
visits	number of hospital visits during pregnancy.
marital	whether mother is married or not married at birth.
gained	weight gained by mother during pregnancy in pounds.
weight	weight of the baby at birth in pounds.
lowbirthweight	whether baby was classified as low birthweight (low) or not (not low).
gender	gender of the baby, female or male.
habit	status of the mother as a nonsmoker or a smoker.
whitemom	whether mom is white or not white.

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