The PSID Data
Custom Codebook

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N. of Variables: 25

ER13001   "RELEASE NUMBER"

Release Number

May 2008: Variables ER16467 to ER16517, formerly available separately, have now been incorportated into this file, with new variable names. Variable ER16518 has been recalculated. Variable ER16519, a family cross-sectional weight, has been added.

November 2013: Added generated variables such as Family Composition Change (ER13008A), Births to HD/WF/OFUM (ER16517A-ER16517H), Region where HD grew up (ER16431A), HD Geographic Mobility (ER16431B), Interview length (ER13005B), mode of interview (ER13005C), and calls for interview (ER13005D). Also we have brought forward the background section for old Heads and Wives in section KL. Corrected data for Beale Rural-Urban Code (ER16431) although this variable will now be suppressed on the public release file.

February 2014: For Release 6 we have added one new variable Collapsed Beale (ER16431C). Additionally we have completed contingency corrections for a handful of cases for the family level T-2 variables ER16221-ER16223 ER16230-ER16245 after further cleaning of corresponding individual level T-2 variables.

January 2016: For Release 7 we have added one new variable Splitoff Indicator (ER13005E). Additionally we have corrected the top code values for A20 and A21 (ER13041 and ER13042) to match the codebook description. We have corrected the bottom code for H14/H38 (ER15544/ER15652) and H17/H41 (ER15547/ER15655) for both Head and Wife/"Wife" where 1 means one cigarette or fewer per day.

November 2017: For Release 8, we have added 25 generated food security variables (ER14331A-ER14331Y). The food security variables were put through the same imputation and calculation process as was completed on the 2015 data to produce food security scale score and category. We have also added the aggregated consumption variables (ER16515A1-ER16515D6). These variables were previously released on a supplemental file.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1	Release number 1 - August 2001
2	Release number 2 - October 2001
3	Release number 3 - January 2002
4	Release number 4 - May 2008
5	Release number 5 - November 2013
6	Release number 6 - February 2014
7	Release number 7 - January 2016
8	Release number 8 - November 2017

ER13002   "1999 FAMILY INTERVIEW (ID) NUMBER"

1999 Interview Number

The values for this variable represent the 1999 interview number. The case count for 1999 is 6997, with 6927 core and 1997 Immigrant families, and 70 Immigrant recontact families. Values for this variable may not be contiguous.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1 - 6,985	Interview number for core and 1997 Immigrant samples
10,001 - 10,071	Interview number for Immigrant recontact sample

ER13008A   "FAMILY COMPOSITION CHANGE"

Family Composition Change between the 1997 and 1999 Waves

All recontact cases, including splitoffs from recontacts, are coded 8 for this variable.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
0	No change; no movers-in or movers-out of the family
1	Change in members other than Head or Wife/"Wife" only
2	Head is the same person as in 1997 but Wife/"Wife" left or died; Head has new Wife/"Wife"; used also when cohabiting, nonrelative female becomes "wife"
3	Wife/"Wife" from 1997 is now Head
4	1997 female Head got married--husband (usually a nonsample member) is now Head. Used also when cohabiting nonrelative male becomes Head
5	Some sample individual other than 1997 Head or Wife/"Wife" has become Head of this FU. (Used primarily for male and unmarried female splitoffs.)
6	Some sample female other than 1997 Head got married and her husband is now Head. (Used primarily for married female splitoffs.)
7	Female Head in 1997 with husband in institution--husband in FU in 1999 and is now Head
8	Other (used for recontacts and recombined families--these latter are usually Heads and wives who have parted for a wave or more, been interviewed separately, and who have reconciled at some time since the 1997 interview but prior to the 1999 interview).
9	Neither Head nor Wife/"Wife" (if there is one) is a sample member and neither of them was a Head or Wife/"Wife" last year. (Used primarily for underage splitoff children.)

ER13009   "# IN FU"

Number of Persons in FU at the Time of the 1999 Interview

This variable represents the actual number of persons currently in the FU.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1 - 20	Actual number

ER13010   "AGE OF HEAD"

Age of 1999 Head

This variable represents the actual age of the 1999 Head of the FU. The minimum age is usually 18, although in rare cases a person under 18 might become Head.

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

ER13021   **"HEAD MARITAL STATUS"**

A3. Are you (HEAD) married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Value/Range Code	Value/Range Text
1	Married
2	Never married
3	Widowed
4	Divorced, annulled
5	Separated
8	DK

ER13040   **"A19 OWN/RENT OR WHAT"**

A19. Do you (or anyone else in your family living there) own the (home/apartment), pay rent, or what?

Value/Range Code	Value/Range Text
1	Owns or is buying home, either fully or jointly; mobile home owners who rent lots are included here
5	Pays rent
8	Neither owns nor rents

ER13205   **"B1 1ST MENTION"**

B1. We would like to know about what you do--are you (HEAD) working now, looking for work, retired, keeping house, a student, or what?--FIRST MENTION

Value/Range Code	Value/Range Text
1	Working now
2	Only temporarily laid off, sick leave or maternity leave
3	Looking for work, unemployed
4	Retired
5	Permanently disabled; temporarily disabled
6	Keeping house
7	Student
8	Other; "workfare"; in prison or jail
98	DK
99	NA; refused

ER15020   "W28 AMT ALL ACCOUNTS"

W28. If you added up all such accounts (for all of your family) about how much would they amount to right now?

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1 - 999,999,996	Actual amount
999,999,997	$999,999,997 or more
999,999,998	DK
999,999,999	NA; refused
0	Inap.: does not have cash assets

ER15928   "L40/95 RACE OF HEAD 1"

L40. In order to get an idea of the different races and ethnic groups that participate in the study, I would like to ask you about your background. Are you white, black, American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo, Asian, Pacific Islander, or another race?--FIRST MENTION

See the note at ER15890.

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Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1	White
2	Black
3	American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo
4	Asian, Pacific Islander
5	Mentions Latino origin or descent
6	Mentions color other than black or white
7	Other
8	DK
9	NA; refused

ER15982   "L73 INDUSTRY 1ST FULL-TIME JOB"

L73. What kind of business or industry was that in?

See the note at ER15890.

The 3-digit industry code from 1970 Census of Population; Alphabetical Index of Industries and Occupations issued June 1971 by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Bureau of Census was used for this variable. Please refer to Appendix V2, Wave XIV (1981) documentation, for complete listings.

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Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
17 - 28	Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries

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 47 -  57 Mining

 67 -  77 Construction

107 - 398 Manufacturing

407 - 479 Transportation, Communications, and Other Public Utilities

507 - 698 Wholesale and Retail Trade

707 - 718 Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate

727 - 759 Business and Repair Services

769 - 798 Personal Services

807 - 809 Entertainment and Recreation Services

828 - 897 Professional and Related Services

907 - 937 Public Administration

      999 DK; NA; refused

        0 Inap.:  head was under age 18 when this question was asked;
          never worked; never worked full time
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ER16463   "LABOR INCOME-HEAD"

1999 Head's 1998 Labor Income, Excluding Farm and Unincorporated Business Income

The income reported here is the sum of several labor income components from the raw data, including, in addition to wages and salaries (ER16493), any separate reports of bonuses (ER16495), overtime (ER16497), tips (ER16499), commissions (ER16501), professional practice or trade (ER16503), market gardening (ER16505), miscellaneous labor income (ER16507), and extra job income (ER16509).

Note that farm income (ER16448) and the labor portion of business income (ER16490) are NOT included here.

All missing data were assigned.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
0	No labor income in 1998
1 - 9,999,998	Actual amount
9,999,999	$9,999,999 or more

ER16465   "LABOR INCOME-WIFE"

1999 Wife/"Wife's" 1998 Labor Income, Excluding Farm and Unincorporated Business Income

Note that farm income (ER16448) and the labor portion of business income (ER16511) are NOT included here.

All missing data were assigned.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1 - 9,999,996	Actual amount of gain
9,999,997	$9,999,997 or more
0	Inap.: no wife/"wife" in FU; no labor income in 1998

ER16515A1   "FOOD EXPENDITURE 1999"

Total Family Food Expenditure: Generated variable combining expenditures for food at home, delivered, and eaten away from home.

Missing values are imputed. Imputation may result in negative values due to linear regression model. These negative values are kept in order to preserve population mean consistent with the estimation.

Value/Range Code	Value/Range Text
.00 - 40,040.00	Total Family Food Expenditure

ER16515A5   "HOUSING EXPENDITURE 1999"

Total Family Housing Expenditure: Generated variable combining expenditures for mortgage and loan payments, rent, property tax, insurance, and utilities.

Missing values are imputed. Imputation may result in negative values due to linear regression model. These negative values are kept in order to preserve population mean consistent with the estimation.

Value/Range Code	Value/Range Text
-1,973.48 - 422,194.79	Total Family Housing Expenditure

ER16515B6   "TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE 1999"

Total Family Transportation Expenditure: Generated variable combining expenditures for vehicle loan, lease, and down payments, insurance, other vehicle expenditures, repairs and maintenance, gasoline, parking and car pool, bus fares and train fares, taxicabs and other transportation.

Missing values are imputed. Imputation may result in negative values due to linear regression model. These negative values are kept in order to preserve population mean consistent with the estimation.

Value/Range Code	Value/Range Text
-18.01 - 307,920.00	Total Family Transportation Expenditure

ER16515C9   "EDUCATION EXPENDITURE 1998"

X7. How much in total were these (school-related) expenses ?

Missing values are imputed. Imputation may result in negative values due to linear regression model. These negative values are kept in order to preserve population mean consistent with the estimation.

Value/Range Code	Value/Range Text
.00 - 80,000.00	Total Family Education Expenditure

ER16515D1   "CHILDCARE EXPENDITURE 1998"

F7. How much did you (and your family living there) pay for child care in 1998?

Missing values are imputed. Imputation may result in negative values due to linear regression model. These negative values are kept in order to preserve population mean consistent with the estimation.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
.00 - 41,160.00	Total Family Childcare Expenditure

ER16515D2   "HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURE 1999"

Total Family Health Care Expenditure: Generated variable combining expenditures for hospital and nursing home, doctor, prescription drugs and insurance.

Missing values are imputed. Imputation may result in negative values due to linear regression model. These negative values are kept in order to preserve population mean consistent with the estimation.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
-65.97 - 93,500.00	Total Family Health Care Expenditure

ER16516   "COMPLETED ED-HD"

Head'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 Head completed the eighth grade. A code value of 17 indicates that the Head completed at least some postgraduate work.

Education is asked only when the FU acquires a new Head. In cases where the Head has remained the same person from the previous interview (ER15890=5), this variable has been carried forward from previous years' data with no updating or other change. Education was asked of all Heads in 1985.

This variable differs from the individual level variable ER33516 in the treatment of Heads who received a GED but did not attend college. The family-level variable value for such Heads is the highest grade completed; for the individual-level variable, the value is 12.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
0	Completed no grades of school
1 - 16	Actual number
17	At least some post-graduate work
99	NA; DK

S410   "IMP WTR STOCKS (W15) 99"

W15. Do [you/you or anyone in your family] have any shares of stock in publicly held corporations, mutual funds, or investment trusts -- not including stocks in employer-based pensions or IRAs?

This is an imputed version of a variable used in the creation of the 1999 Wealth summary variables.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text

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                              0  No

                              1  Yes
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S411   "IMP VALUE STOCKS (W16) 99"

W16. If you sold all that and paid off anything you owed on it, how much would you have?

This is an imputed version of a variable used in the creation of the 1999 Wealth summary variables.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
-99,999,999	Balance of - $99,999,999 or less
-99,999,998 - -1	Actual amount of negative balance
1 - 999,999,998	Actual amount of positive balance
999,999,999	Balance of $999,999,999 or more
0	Inap.: does not own stocks; would break even

S419   "IMP VALUE ANNUITY/IRA (W22) 99"

W22. How much would they be worth?

This is an imputed version of a variable used in the creation of the 1999 Wealth summary variables.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1 - 999,999,998	Actual amount
999,999,999	$999,999,999 or more
0	Inap.: does not have money in private annuities or IRAs;

S416   "IMP WEALTH W/O EQUITY (WEALTH1) 99"

This variable is constructed as sum of values of seven asset types (S403, S405, S409, S411, S413, S415, S419) net of debt value (S407).

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
-99,999,999	Balance of - $99,999,999 or less
-99,999,998 - -1	Actual amount of negative balance
0	Does not own any asset, or their net value is zero;
1 - 999,999,998	Actual amount of positive balance
999,999,999	Balance of $999,999,999 or more

S417   "IMP WEALTH W/ EQUITY (WEALTH2) 99"

This variable is constructed as sum of values of seven asset types (S403, S405, S409, S411, S413, S415, S419) net of debt value (S407) plus value of home equity.

Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
-99,999,999	Balance of - $99,999,999 or less

-99,999,998 - -1 Actual amount of negative balance

0 Does not own any asset or home, or their net value is zero;

1 - 999,999,998 Actual amount of positive balance

999,999,999 Balance of $999,999,999 or more

Non-comparability Notes Appendix

F-jj Background section variable, asked only of new Heads/Wives/"Wives". Data values
for cases with same Heads/Wives/"Wives" as in the previous wave have been carried
forward from the time when these persons most recently became new
Heads/Wives/"Wives" or when the questions were reasked of all Heads/Wives/"Wives".
Some of these variables may require updating. See the User Guide or the specific
variable descriptions in the codebook. Note that for 1994-1996, 1999 and 2001,
data have not been brought forward for same Heads and Wives/"Wives". In 1997, the
background sections were rewritten to include a number of new questions; these and
many familiar items were reasked of everyone. Education, sibling information, and
years worked were, however, NOT reasked. Information was not brought forward from
prior waves for these variables. However, from 2003 forward, the data are complete
for everyone.