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ER60001   **"RELEASE NUMBER**   **"**

Release Number

> **Codes**

>> 1 Release number 1, May 2017

ER60002   **"2015 FAMILY INTERVIEW (ID) NUMBER   "**

2015 Interview Number

The values for this variable represent the 2015 interview number. The case count for 2015 is 9048. Values for this variable may not be contiguous.

> **Codes**

>> 1 - 9,107 Interview number

ER60007   **"FAMILY COMPOSITION CHANGE   "**

Family Composition Change between the 2013 and 2015 Waves

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

Codes 2-8 have priority over codes 0 and 1 and code 8 has priority over everything else.

> **Codes**

>> 0 No change; no movers-in or movers-out of the family

>> 1 Change in members other than Head or Spouse/Partner only

>> 2 Head is the same person as in 2013 but Spouse/Partner left or died; Head has new Spouse/Partner; used also when cohabiting, nonrelative female becomes Partner

>> 3 Spouse/Partner from 2013 is now Head

>> 4 2013 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 2013 Head or Spouse/Partner has become Head of this FU. (Used primarily for male and unmarried female splitoffs.)

>> 6 Some sample female other than 2013 Head got married and her husband is now Head. (Used primarily for married female splitoffs.)

>> 7 Female Head in 2013 with husband in institution--husband in FU in 2015 and is now Head

>> 8 Other (used for recontacts and recombined families--these latter are usually Heads and spouses/partners who have parted for a wave or more, been interviewed separately, and who have reconciled at some time since the 2013 interview but prior to the 2015 interview).

>> 9 Neither Head nor Spouse/Partner (if there is one) is a sample member and neither of them was a Head or Spouse/Partner last year. (Used primarily for underage splitoff children.)

ER60016   **"# IN FU**   **"**

Number of Persons in FU at the Time of the 2015 Interview

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

> **Codes**

>> 1 - 20 Actual number

ER60017   **"AGE OF HEAD**   **"**

Age of 2015 Head

This variable represents the actual age of the 2015 Head of the FU. The minimum value is usually 18, although in rare cases a person under 18 might become Head.

> **Codes**

                14 - 120 Actual age
                   999 DK; NA

ER60024   "HEAD MARITAL STATUS   "

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

   Codes

                   1 Married
                   2 Never married
                   3 Widowed
                   4 Divorced, annulled
                   5 Separated
                   8 DK
                   9 NA; refused

ER60163   "BC1 EMPLOYMENT STATUS-1ST MENTION   "

BC1. We would like to know about what (you/HEAD) (do/does) -- (are/is) (you/HEAD) working now, looking for work, retired, keeping house, a student, or what?--FIRST MENTION

   Codes

                   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
                  99 DK; NA; refused

ER61772   "W28 AMT ALL ACCOUNTS   "

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

   Codes

     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 (ER61771=5); DK, NA, or RF whether has cash assets (ER61771=8 or 9)

ER64810   "L40 RACE OF HEAD-MENTION 1   "

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

   Codes

                   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

ER64874   "L73 INDUSTRY 1ST FULL TIME JOB-HD   "

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

The 3-digit industry code from 2000 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING: ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF INDUSTRIES AND OCCUPATIONS issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Bureau of the Census was used for this variable. Please refer to http://www.census.gov/people/io/methodology/indexes.html for complete listings.

    Codes

       17 - 29 Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting

       37 - 49 Mining

       57 - 69 Utilities

          77 Construction

     107 - 399 Manufacturing

     407 - 459 Wholesale Trade

     467 - 579 Retail Trade

     607 - 639 Transportation and Warehousing

     647 - 679 Information

     687 - 699 Finance and Insurance

     707 - 719 Real Estate and Rental and Leasing

     727 - 749 Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services

     757 - 779 Management, Administrative and Support, and Waste Management Services

     786 - 789 Educational Services

     797 - 847 Health Care and Social Assistance

     856 - 859 Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation

     866 - 869 Accommodations and Food Services

     877 - 929 Other Services (Except Public Administration)

     937 - 987 Public Administration and Active Duty Military

        999 DK; NA; refused

         0 Inap.: Head was under age 18 when this question was asked; never worked (ER64871=0); never worked full-time for most or all of the year (ER64872=0)

ER65216   "LABOR INCOME OF HEAD-2014   "

Head's 2014 Labor Income, Excluding Farm and Unincorporated Business Income

The income reported here was collected in 2015 about tax year 2014. It is the sum of several labor income components from the raw data, including, in addition to wages and salaries (ER65200), any separate reports of bonuses (ER65202), overtime (ER65204), tips (ER65206), commissions (ER65208), professional practice or trade (ER65210), additional job income (ER65212), and miscellaneous labor income (ER65214).

Note that farm income (ER65195) and the labor portion of business income (ER65197) are NOT included here. All missing data were assigned.

    Codes

   1 - 9,999,997 Actual amount

         0 Inap.: no labor income in 2014

ER65244 **"LABOR INCOME OF SPOUSE-2014** **"**

Spouse's/Partner's 2014 Labor Income, Excluding Farm and Unincorporated Business Income

The income reported here was collected in 2015 about tax year 2014. It is the sum of several labor income components from the raw data, including, in addition to wages and salaries (ER65228), any separate reports of bonuses (ER65230), overtime (ER65232), tips (ER65234), commissions (ER65236), professional practice or trade (ER65238), additional job income (ER65240), and miscellaneous labor income (ER65242).

Note that farm income (ER65195) and the labor portion of business income (ER65225) are NOT included here. All missing data were assigned.

Codes

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    1 - 9,999,997 Actual amount

              0 Inap.:  no labor income in 2014; no Spouse/Partner in FU (ER61347=5)
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ER65366 **"IMP WTR STOCKS (W15) 2015** **"**

W15. Do you (or anyone in your family living here) have any shares of stock in publicly-held corporations, stock 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 2015 Wealth summary variables. All missing data were assigned.

Codes

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              0 No

              1 Yes
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ER65368 **"IMP VALUE STOCKS (W16) 2015** **"**

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 2015 Wealth summary variables. All missing data were assigned.

Codes

```
  -99,999,997 - -1 Actual amount of negative balance

    1 - 999,999,997 Actual amount of positive balance

              0 Inap.:  would break even; does not have any shares of stock in publicly-held
                 corporations, stock mutual funds, or investment trusts
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ER65378 **"IMP VALUE ANNUITY/IRA (W22) 2015** **"**

W22. How much would they be worth?

This is an imputed version of a variable used in the creation of the 2015 Wealth summary variables. All missing data were assigned.

Codes

```
    1 - 999,999,997 Actual amount

              0 Inap.:  does not have any money in private annuities or IRAs
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ER65406 **"IMP WEALTH W/O EQUITY (WEALTH1) 2015** **"**

Constructed Wealth Variable, Excluding Equity

Constructed wealth variable, excluding equity. This imputed variable is constructed as the sum of values of seven asset types (ER65352, ER65358, ER65362, ER65368, ER65370, ER65374, ER65378) net of debt value (ER65354, ER65364, ER65382, ER65386, ER65390, ER65394, ER65398, ER65402). All missing data were assigned.

Codes

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  -99,999,997 - -1 Actual amount of negative net worth

    1 - 999,999,997 Actual amount of positive net worth

              0 Inap.:  net value is zero; does not have any assets
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ER65408   "IMP WEALTH W/ EQUITY (WEALTH2) 2015   "

Constructed Wealth Variable, Including Equity.

Constructed wealth variable, including equity. This imputed variable is constructed as the sum of values of seven asset types (ER65352, ER65358, ER65362, ER65368, ER65370, ER65374, ER65378) net of debt value (ER65354, ER65364, ER65382, ER65386, ER65390, ER65394, ER65398, ER65402) plus value of home equity (ER65404). All missing data were assigned.

Codes

-99,999,997 - -1 Actual amount of negative net worth

1 - 999,999,997 Actual amount of positive net worth

0 Inap.: net value is zero; does not have any assets or home equity

ER65410   "FOOD EXPENDITURE 2015   "

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

Total Family Food Expenditure, including 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.

Codes

0.00 - 82,680.00 Total Family Food Expenditure

ER65414   "HOUSING EXPENDITURE 2015   "

Total Family Housing Expenditure: Generated variable combining expenditures for mortgage and loan payments, rent, property tax, insurance, utilities, cable TV, telephone, internet charges, home repairs, and home furnishings.

Total Family Housing Expenditure, including mortgage and loan payments, rent, property tax, insurance, utilities, cable TV, telephone, internet charges, home repairs, and home furnishings. 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.

Codes

-62.28 - 370,882.60 Total Family Housing Expenditure

ER65425   "TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE 2015   "

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.

Total Family Transportation Expenditure, including vehicle loan payment, vehicle down payment, vehicle lease payment, insurance, other vehicle expenditures, repairs and maintenance, gasoline, parking and carpool, bus and train fares, taxicabs, and other transportation costs. 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.

NOTE TO USER: A programming error at at ER60878 (F77) caused ER60881 (F80D) to be skipped if a valid response (in the range $1-$999,997) was given at ER60878 (F77).

Codes

-28.91 - 245,000.00 Total Family Transportation Expenditure

ER65437   "EDUCATION EXPENDITURE 2014   "

F83. How much in total were these (school-related) expenses ?
F86. Altogether, how much were these other (school) 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.

Codes

-1,613.22 - Total Family Education Expenditure
125,000.00

ER65438   **"CHILDCARE EXPENDITURE 2014**   **"**

F7. How much did you (and your family living there) pay for child care in 2014?

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.

Codes

-352.04 - 49,362.00 Total Family Childcare Expenditure

ER65439   **"HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURE 2015**   **"**

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

Total Family Health Care Expenditure, including hospital and nursing home, doctor, prescriptions, in-home medical care, and special facilities expenditures. 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.

Codes

-995.34 - 224,098.00 Total Family Health Care Expenditure

ER65453   **"BEALE RURAL-URBAN CODE**   **"**

2013 Beale-Ross Rural-Urban Continuum Code for 2015 Residence

This variable is suppressed (filled with zeroes) in the public release file to protect the anonymity of respondents. The data are available in a separate file: FAM19YEAR_rst where Year is the corresponding Family File year (i.e. FAM1968_rst contains data for suppressed variables from the 1968 file). This file is available to qualified users under special contractual arrangements with the PSID. For more information, contact us at PSIDhelp@umich.edu and request County Level Identifiers restricted file.

These codes are based on matches to the FIPS state and county codes against the 2013 Rural-Urban Continuum Codes published by USDA downloaded from https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-continuum-codes/.aspx

The 2013 Rural-Urban Continuum Codes form a classification scheme that distinguishes metropolitan counties by the population size of their metro area, and nonmetropolitan counties by degree of urbanization and adjacency to a metro area. The official Office of Management and Budget (OMB) metro and nonmetro categories have been subdivided into three metro and six nonmetro categories. Each county in the U.S. is assigned one of the 9 codes. This scheme allows researchers to break county data into finer residential groups, beyond metro and nonmetro, particularly for the analysis of trends in nonmetro areas that are related to population density and metro influence. The Rural-Urban Continuum Codes were originally developed in 1974. They have been updated each decennial since (1983, 1993, 2003, 2013), and slightly revised in 1988. Note that the 2013 Rural-Urban Continuum Codes are not directly comparable with the codes prior to 2000 because of the new methodology used in developing the 2000 metropolitan areas.

Codes

  1 Metro - Counties in metro areas of 1 million population or more

  2 Metro - Counties in metro areas of 250,000 to 1 million population

  3 Metro - Counties in metro areas of fewer than 250,000 population

  4 Nonmetro - Urban population of 20,000 or more, adjacent to a metro area

  5 Nonmetro - Urban population of 20,000 or more, not adjacent to a metro area

  6 Nonmetro - Urban population of 2,500 to 19,999, adjacent to a metro area

  7 Nonmetro - Urban population of 2,500 to 19,999, not adjacent to a metro area

  8 Nonmetro - Completely rural or less than 2,500 urban population, adjacent to a metro area

  9 Nonmetro - Completely rural or less than 2,500 urban population, not adjacent to a metro area

 99 NA

  0 Inap.: foreign country

ER65459   "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.

Values were computed as follows: If it is not known whether Head attended college (ER64832=8 or 9) or the number of years of college is unknown (ER64835=8 or 9), then the value is 99. Otherwise, if Head attended college (ER64832=1), then the value is 12 plus the number of years of college attended (ER64835). Otherwise, if Head did not attend college, (ER64832=5), the values are as follows:

(a) if Head is a high school graduate (ER64821=1), the value is 12;

(b) if Head received a GED (ER64821=2), the value is the last grade finished (ER64824);

(c) if Head neither graduated from high school nor got a GED (ER64821=3), the value is the last grade finished (ER64829);

(d) if it is not known whether Head graduated from high school, got a GED, or neither (ER64821=8 or 9), then the value is 99.

Education is asked only when the FU acquires a new Head/Spouse/Partner. In cases where the Head has retained the same designation of Head/Spouse/Partner from the previous interview (ER64769=5), this variable has been carried forward from previous years' data. If Head/Spouse/Partner reports updated education and it is higher than previously reported, then this variable is updated. Education was reasked of all Heads in 1985 and 2009 and, as of 2013, all returning Heads/Spouses/Partners are asked for an updated education report every wave. Please refer to variable Year Highest Education was Updated-Head (ER64819) for recency of updated education information.

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

Codes

                 0 Completed no grades of school

           1 - 17 Actual number

                99 DK; NA