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ER30000 "RELEASE NUMBER

Release Number

For Release 2 we have updated Relation to Head/Reference Person and Marital indicators for several waves for a small fraction of individuals.

For Release 3 the CORE/IMM INDIVIDUAL CROSS-SECTION WT (ER34651) has been updated for all individuals in 2017 including the Immigrant 2017 sample. Additionally we have updated the Family History Summary Variables based on our most recent releases of the Marriage History, Birth History and Parent Identification Files.

For Release 4, we have updated information for the Immigrant 17 cohort for Sampling Error Stratum (ER31996) and Sampling Error Cluster (ER31997).

Codes

- 1 Release number 1, February 2019
- 2 Release number 2, May 2019
- 3 Release number 3, August 2019
- 4 Release number 4, February 2020

ER30001 "1968 INTERVIEW NUMBER

1968 Interview Number (1968 ID Number)

This variable is the 1968 family ID number. The combination of this variable and Person Number (ER30002) provides unique identification for each individual on the data file. Individuals associated with families from the Latino and Immigrant samples, added to the PSID in 1990/1992 and 1997/1999, and 2017 respectively, were assigned 1968 IDs so that they, too, have unique identifiers compatible with the PSID structure for the core (SRC and Census) sample.

Non-comparability Notes

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Codes

- 1 2,930 Member of, or moved into, a family from the 1968 SRC cross-section sample
- 3,001 3,511 Member of, or moved into, a family from the Immigrant sample added in 1997 and 1999. Values of 3001-3441 indicate families first interviewed in 1997; values of 3442-3511 indicate families not interviewed until 1999.
- 4,001 4,462 Member of, or moved into, a family from the Immigrant sample added in 2017. Values of 4001-4462 indicate families first interviewed in 2017.
- 5,001 6,872 Member of, or moved into, a family from the 1968 Census sample
- 7,001 9,308 Member of, or moved into, a family from the Latino sample added in 1990 and 1992.

 Values of 7001-9043 indicate families first interviewed in 1990; values of 9044-9308 indicate families not interviewed until 1992.

ER30002 "PERSON NUMBER

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Person Number

- 1 19 Individuals living in core sample families at the time of the 1968 interview; individuals living in Latino sample families at the time of the 1990 (or 1992) interview; individuals living in Immigrant sample families at the time of the 1997 (or 1999) or 2017 interview
 - 20 Husband of a core sample 1968 Head living in an institution at the time of the 1968 interview; spouse of a Latino sample 1990 Head living in an institution at the time of the 1990 interview; spouse of an Immigrant sample 1997/1999 or 2017 Head living in an institution at the time of the 1997/1999 or 2017 interview
- 21 26 Children or stepchildren of a 1968 core sample Head who were under 25 and living in institutions at the time of the 1968 interview; children of a Latino sample 1990 (or 1992) Head who were under 25 and living in institutions at the time of the 1990 (or 1992) interview; children of an Immigrant sample 1997 (or 1999) or 2017 Head who were under 25 and living in institutions at the time of the 1997 (or 1999) or 2017 interview

- 30 169 Individuals born into the core sample since the 1968 interview, the Latino sample since the 1990 (or 1992) interview, or the Immigrant sample since the 1997 (or 1999) or 2017 interview and who have at least one sample parent; these persons are sample members
- 170 226 Individuals who moved into a core family for the first time after the 1968 interview or who have no sample parent; individuals from the Latino sample, other than the spouse of a 1990 (or 1992) Head, who moved out in the year preceding the 1990 (or 1992) interview or who moved in for the first time after the 1990 (or 1992) interview; individuals from the Immigrant sample, other than the spouse of a 1997 (or 1999) Head, who moved out in the year preceding the 1997 (or 1999) interview or who moved in for the first time after the 1997 (or 1999) interview. These individuals are nonsample unless they were born after the initial wave and have at least one sample parent.
 - 227 Spouse of a core sample 1968 Head who moved out in the year prior to the 1968 interview; spouse of a Latino sample 1990 Head who moved out in the year preceding the 1990 (or 1992) interview; spouse of an Immigrant sample 1997 (or 1999) Head who moved out in the year preceding the 1997 (or 1999) interview. Spouse of an Immigrant sample 2017 Reference Person who moved out in the year preceding the 2017 interview. These individuals are nonsample.
 - 228 Spouse of a core sample 1968 Head who died in the year prior to the 1968 interview; spouse of a Latino sample 1990 (or 1992) Head in the year prior to the 1990 (or 1992) interview; spouse of an Immmigrant sample 1997 (or 1999) Head in the year prior to the 1997 (or 1999) interview; spouse of an Immmigrant sample 2017 Reference Person in the year prior to the 2017 interview. These individuals are nonsample.
- 229 399 Individuals who moved into a core family for the first time after the 1968 interview or who have no sample parent; individuals from the Latino sample, other than the spouse of a 1990 (or 1992) Head, who moved out in the year preceding the 1990 (or 1992) interview or who moved in for the first time after the 1990 (or 1992) interview; individuals from the Immigrant sample, other than the spouse of a 1997 (or 1999) Head, who moved out in the year preceding the 1997 (or 1999) interview or who moved in for the first time after the 1997 (or 1999) interview. These individuals are nonsample unless they were born after the initial wave and have at least one sample parent. This series is simply a continuation of the 170-226 group.

ER32000 "SEX OF INDIVIDUAL

Sex of Individual

Codes

1 Male

2 Female

9 NA

ER32044 "STATUS OF MOST RECENT MARRIAGE

Status of Most Recent Marriage

This variable indicates the status of this individual's most recent of two or more marriages as of the wave indicated in ER32033. For a detailed description of the types of people about whom marital history information was gathered, see the 1985-2017 Marriage History File Documentation, Section I.

- 1 Most recent of two or more marriages still intact
- 3 Most recent of two or more marriages ended in widowhood
- 4 Most recent of two or more marriages ended in divorce or annulment
- 5 Separated during most recent of two or more marriages
- 7 Other

- 8 NA; DK
- 9 No marriage history was collected for this individual in 1985-2017 (ER32033=99); never married or married only once (ER32034=00-01); number of marriages not ascertained (ER32034=98) and no last marriage identified in 1985-2017

ER34501 "2017 INTERVIEW NUMBER

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2017 Interview Number (2017 ID Number)

The values for this variable represent the 2017 interview number of the family in which this individual was included in 2017. We interviewed 9,607 families in 2017.

Codes

- 1 9,656 2017 family interview number
 - O Inap.: this individual was main family nonresponse by 2017 or mover-out nonresponse by 2015; from Latino sample (ER30001=7001-9308)

ER34502 "SEQUENCE NUMBER

17"

2017 Sequence Number

This variable provides a means of identifying an individual's status with regard to the FU at the time of the 2017 interview.

Codes

- 1 20 Individuals in the family at the time of the 2017 interview
- 51 59 Individuals in institutions at the time of the 2017 interview
- 71 80 Individuals who moved out of the FU or out of institutions and established their own households between the 2015 and 2017 interviews
- 81 89 Individuals who were living in 2015 but died by the time of the 2017 interview
 - 0 Inap.: from Latino sample (ER30001=7001-9308); main family nonresponse by 2017 or mover-out nonresponse by 2015 (ER34501=0)

ER34503 "RELATION TO REFERENCE PERSON 17"

2017 Relationship to Reference Person

Note that these relationships are those to the 2015 Reference Person for any individual whose 2017 sequence number (ER34502) is greater than 50; that is, individual has moved out of the FU. Thus, for example, if the 2015 Reference Person is no longer present at the time of the 2017 interview, his or her relationship to Reference Person is coded 10; the new 2017 Reference Person also is coded 10. Therefore, to select current Reference Persons, the user must select those coded 10 in this variable whose sequence numbers (ER34502) are coded 01.

- 10 Reference Person in 2017; 2015 Reference Person who was mover-out nonresponse by the time of the 2017 interview
- 20 Legal Spouse in 2017; 2015 Spouse who was mover-out nonresponse by the time of the 2017 interview
- 22 Partner--cohabitor who has lived with Reference Person for 12 months or more; 2015 Partner who was mover-out nonresponse by the time of the 2017 interview
- 30 Son or daughter of Reference Person (includes adopted children but not stepchildren)
- 33 Stepson or stepdaughter of Reference Person (children of legal Spouse [code 20] who are not children of Reference Person)
- 35 Son or daughter of Partner but not Reference Person (includes only those children of mothers whose relationship to Reference Person is 22 but who are not children of Reference Person)
- 37 Son-in-law or daughter-in-law of Reference Person (includes stepchildren-in-law)
- 38 Foster son or foster daughter, not legally adopted
- 40 Brother or sister of Reference Person (includes step and half sisters and brothers)

- 47 Brother-in-law or sister-in-law of Reference Person (i.e., brother or sister of legal Spouse; spouse of HD's brother or sister; spouse of legal Spouse's brother or sister)
- 48 Brother or sister of Reference Person's cohabitor (the cohabitor is coded 22 or 88)
- 50 Father or mother of Reference Person (includes stepparents)
- 57 Father-in-law or mother-in-law of Reference Person (includes parents of legal spouses [code 20] only)
- 58 Father or mother of Reference Person's cohabitor (the cohabitor is coded 22 or 88)
- 60 Grandson or granddaughter of Reference Person (includes grandchildren of legal Spouse [code 20] only; those of a cohabitor are coded 97)
- 65 Great-grandson or great-granddaughter of Reference Person (includes great-grandchildren of legal Spouse [code 20]; those of a cohabitor are coded 97)
- 66 Grandfather or grandmother of Reference Person (includes stepgrandparents)
- 67 Grandfather or grandmother of legal Spouse (code 20)
- 68 Great-grandfather or great-grandmother of Reference Person
- 69 Great-grandfather or great-grandmother of legal Spouse (code 20)
- 70 Nephew or niece of Reference Person
- 71 Nephew or niece of legal Spouse (code 20)
- 72 Uncle or Aunt of Reference Person
- 73 Uncle or Aunt of legal Spouse (code 20)
- 74 Cousin of Reference Person
- 75 Cousin of legal Spouse (code 20)
- 83 Children of first-year cohabitor but not of Reference Person (the parent of this child is coded 88)
- 88 First-year cohabitor of Reference Person
- 90 Uncooperative legal spouse of Reference Person (this individual is unable or unwilling to be designated as Reference Person or Spouse)
- 92 Uncooperative partner of Reference Person (this individual is unable or unwilling to be designated as Partner)
- 95 Other relative of Reference Person
- 96 Other relative of legal Spouse (code 20)
- 97 Other relative of cohabitor (the cohabitor is code 22 or 88)
- 98 Other nonrelatives (includes friends of children of the FU, boyfriend/girlfriend of son/daughter, et al.)
- 0 Inap.: from Latino sample (ER30001=7001-9308); main family nonresponse by 2017 or mover-out nonresponse by 2015 (ER34502=0)

ER34504 "AGE OF INDIVIDUAL

17"

Age at the Time of the 2017 Interview

The values for this variable represent the actual age of the individual reported in years on his or her most recent birthday. Consistency of ER34504 with ER34505-ER34506 was not forced unless it was clear that the interviewer made an error in recording the individual's age or birth date.

- 1 Newborn up to second birthday
- 2 125 Actual age
 - 999 DK; NA; refused
 - O Inap.: from Latino sample (ER30001=7001-9308); main family nonresponse by 2017 or mover-out nonresponse by 2015 (ER34501=0)

ER34516 "EMPLOYMENT STATUS

17"

BCDE1. We would like to know about what (you/he/she) (do/does) -- (are/is) (you/he/she) working now, looking for work, retired, keeping house, a student, or what?

G75. Next, we would like to know a little about (NAME). (Are you/is [he/she]) working now, looking for work, retired, a student, keeping house, or what?

For Reference Persons and Spouses/Partners, this variable contains a prioritized version of employment status using the first three mentions from BCDE1 on the 2017 Family File (ER66164 - ER66166 for Reference Persons; ER66439 - ER66441 for Spouses/Partners).

For OFUMs, this variable is the prioritized version of employment status using the first two mentions from G75.

Employment mentions for Reference Persons/Spouses/Partners and OFUMs were prioritized in the following order: 2,1,3,4,5,7,6,8,9.

Codes

- 1 Working now
- 2 Only temporarily laid off
- 3 Looking for work, unemployed
- 4 Retired
- 5 Permanently disabled
- 6 Keeping house
- 7 Student
- 8 Other
- 9 DK; NA; refused
- O Inap.: from Latino sample (ER30001=7001-9308); main family nonresponse by 2017 or mover-out nonresponse by 2015 (ER34501=0); individual was alive at the time of the 2015 interview but passed away by the time of the 2017 interview (ER34502=81-89); in an institution in both 2015 and 2017 (ER34502=51-59 and ER34508=0); not a person aged 16 or older (ER34504=001-015); associated with 2017 FU but moved out before 2016 (ER34508=5, 6, or 8 and ER34510 <2016)

ER34548 "YEARS COMPLETED EDUCATION

17"

What is the highest grade or year of school that (you/he/she) has completed?

This variable contains values for Reference Persons/Spouses/Partners and OFUMs aged 16 years or older who were in the Family Unit in the prior year.

The values for this variable represent the actual grade of school completed; e.g., a value of 08 indicates that this individual completed the eighth grade by the time of the 2017 interview.

The values for 2017 Reference Persons/Spouses/Partners are pulled from 2017 family-level data. Beginning in the 2013 Wave, we asked for an education update for our returning Reference Persons/Spouses/Partners. If additional educational attainment was reported, we updated their education variables in the background section and reported the year of the education update on the Family file (see variables "Year Highest Education Updated", ER70753, for Spouses/Partners, and ER70891, for Reference Persons).

The values for 2017 OFUMs are derived as follows: for new Reference Persons/Spouses/Partners/eligible OFUMS: uses variables that correspond to the main education series (KL43/G88a - KL61b/G88m); for returning Reference Persons/Spouses/Partners/eligible OFUMs: uses variables that correspond to the updated education series (KL74/G88n - KL83b/G88bb). These data are parallel as of the 2015 Wave.

This variable differs from the family-level variables ER71538 (Reference Person) and ER71539 (Spouse/Partner) in the treatment of Reference Persons and Spouses/Partners who received a GED but did not attend college. The value for the family-level variable is the grade completed; for this individual-level variable, the value is 12. Similarly, for OFUMs, this variable differs from G88c1 (ER34522) in the treatment of OFUMs who received a GED (G88b1=2) but the value derived from G88c1 is less than 12 years; that is, G88c1 retains the grade completed but the value for this variable is coded as 12.

Codes

1 - 17 Highest grade or year of school completed

- 99 DK; NA; refused
- O Inap.: from Latino sample (ER30001=7001-9308); main family nonresponse by 2017 or mover-out nonresponse by 2015 (ER34301=0); in an institution in both 2015 and 2017 (ER34302=51-59 and ER34508=0); not a person aged 16 or older (ER34504=001-015, 999); associated with 2017 FU but actually moved out before 2016 (ER34508=5, 6, or 8 and ER34510<2016) or moved in in 2017 and was not a Reference Person or Spouse/Partner (ER34508=1 and ER34510=2017 and ER34302 GE 2 and ER34303 GE 30)

ER34636 "OFUM TOTAL LABOR INCOME- IMPUTED 17"

OFUM's Total Labor Income in 2016--NOT PRORATED

The value for this variable represents sum of this OFUM's 2016 labor income data after imputations were made. Please note that one of the components of OFUM labor income includes the OFUM's share of farm income which can be negative. All missing data were assigned.

- -999,997 -1 Actual amount of negative income
- 1 9,999,997 Actual amount
 - O Inap.: zero; this person was a current Reference Person/Spouse/Partner in 2017; from Latino sample (ER30001=7001-9308); main family nonresponse by 2017 or mover-out nonresponse by 2015 (ER34501=0); OFUM in an institution in both 2015 and 2017 (ER34502=51-59 and ER34508=0); OFUM under age 16 (ER34504=001-015); OFUM associated with 2017 FU but moved out before 2016 (ER34508=5, 6, or 8 and ER34510<2016) or OFUM moved in in 2017 (ER34508=1 and ER34510=2017)

Non-comparability Notes Appendix

I-k Field width differs.