

# **The PSID Data Custom Codebook**

**N. of Variables:** 12

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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

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

ER60018      "SEX OF HEAD      "

Sex of 2015 Head

## Codes

1 Male

2 Female

ER60167 "BC3 WTR WORK FOR MONEY "

BC3. (Are/is) (you/he/she) doing any work for money now?

## Codes

1 Yes

5 No

8 DK

9 NA; refused

0 Inap.: working now or only temporarily laid off (ER60163=01 or 02 or ER60164=01 or 02 or ER60165=01 or 02)

ER62366 "H1 HEALTH STATUS-HEAD "

H1. Now I have a few questions about (your/HEAD's) health.

Would you say (your/HEAD's) health in general is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

## Codes

1 Excellent

2 Very good

3 Good

4 Fair

5 Poor

8 DK

9 NA; refused

**ER62506 "H25H HEALTH STATUS B4 AGE 17--HD "**

H25. Consider (your/HEAD's) health while (you/he/she) (were/was) growing up, before (you/he/she) (were/was) 17 years old.

Would you say that (your/his/her) health during that time was excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

**Codes**

1 Excellent

2 Very good

3 Good

4 Fair

5 Poor

8 DK

9 NA; Refused

0 Inap.: childhood health report already collected in a prior wave

**ER64612 "H61K WTR ANY FU MEMBER W/O INSURANCE "**

H61k. Did you (or anyone else in the family living there) go without health insurance at any time during 2013 or 2014?

**Codes**

1 Yes

5 No

8 DK

9 NA; refused

**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

Total 2014 Family Money Income

This variable is the sum of these seven variables:

ER65253	Head and Spouse/Partner Taxable Income-2014
ER65314	Head and Spouse/Partner Transfer Income-2014
ER65321	Taxable Income of Other FU Members-2014
ER65342	Transfer Income of OFUMS-2014
ER65343	Head Social Security Income-2014
ER65345	Spouse/Partner Social Security Income-2014
ER65347	OFUM Social Security Income-2014

-999,997 - -1 Actual loss  
1 - 9,999,997 Actual amount  
0 Inap.: no family money income in 2014

**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 variable ER34349 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