The PSID Data
Custom Codebook

J318322

N. of Variables: 11

ER7001   **"RELEASE NUMBER"**

Release Number

March 2004: Updated ER8823 and ER8824 variables.

May 2008; Variables ER9108-ER9251, formerly available separately, have now been incorporated into this file with those variable names. Variables ER7005, ER7009-ER7010, ER8996, ER8999-ER9000, ER9057, and ER9060-ER9061 have been updated. Variable ER9251 has been recalculated.

November 2013: Added generated variables such as Family Composition Change (ER7004A), DUFU variables (ER9250F-ER9250R), Splitoff variables (ER9250D-ER9250E), Births to HD/WF/OFUM (ER9250S-ER9250V), Generated Marital Status (ER9250A), Change in Marital Status (ER9250B), Couple status of Head (ER9250C), Region where Head grew up (ER9248C), Head Geographic Mobility (ER9248D), and Current Region (ER9248E). Interview length, mode of interview, language of interview, calls for iw (ER7005B-ER7005E). Added additional KL variables that were missing; L2 State Father Grew up (ER9033A), L3 State Mother Grew up (ER9033B), and L8 State Head Grew up (ER9035A). Brought forward the background section for old Heads and Wives in section KL. Job Search variables that had been erroneously filled with zeros (ER7190-ER7192 ER7413-ER7415 ER7684-ER7686 ER7907-ER7909).

January 2016: Added generated variables splitoff indicator (ER7005F), 1968 Family Identifier (ER7005G), Collapsed Beale Code (ER9248F), Number of Individual records (ER7005H), DE1 Checkpoint (ER7656A) and F1 Checkpoint (ER8150A). In addition we corrected the top code amount for A20 (ER7032) and A21 (ER7033) to match the codebook values.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
–	–	1	Release number 1 - August 1996
–	–	2	Release number 2 - January 2003
–	–	3	Release number 3 - March 2004
–	–	4	Release number 4 - May 2008
–	–	5	Release number 5 - November 2013
8,511	100.00	6	Release number 6 - January 2016

ER7002   **"1996 INTERVIEW #"**

1996 Interview Number

The values for this variable represent the 1996 interview number. The case count for 1996 is 8511. Values for this variable may not be contiguous.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
8,511	100.00	1 - 8,538	Interview Number

ER7006   **"AGE OF HEAD"**

Age of 1996 Head

This variable represents the actual age of the 1996 Head of the FU. The range of values is usually from 18 through 98, although in rare cases a person under 18 might become Head.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
8,499	99.86	14 - 96	Actual age
1	.01	97	Ninety-seven years of age or older
7	.08	0	Wild code

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
3	.04		98 DK
1	.01		99 NA

ER7007   "SEX OF HEAD"

Sex of 1996 Head

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
5,869	68.96		1 Male
2,637	30.98		2 Female
5	.06		0 Wild code

ER7031   "A19 OWN/RENT OR WHAT"

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

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
4,808	56.49		1 Owns or is buying home, either fully or jointly; mobile home owners who rent lots are included here
3,194	37.53		5 Pays rent
509	5.98		8 Neither owns nor rents
–	–		9 DK; NA; refused

ER9040   "L14 EDUC OF FATHER HD"

L14. How much education did your (HEAD'S) father have? [ACCEPT FATHER SUBSTITUTE]

See the note at ER9033.

Non-comparability Notes

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Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
646	7.59		1 0-5 grades
2,242	26.34		2 6-8 grades; "grade school"; DK but mentions could read and write
863	10.14		3 9-11 grades (some high school); junior high
2,049	24.07		4 12 grades (completed high school); "high school"
202	2.37		5 12 grades plus nonacademic training; R.N. (no further elaboration)
514	6.04		6 Some college, no degree; Associate's degree
533	6.26		7 College BA and no advanced degree mentioned; normal school; R.N. with 3 years college; "college"
334	3.92		8 College, advanced or professional degree, some graduate work; close to receiving degree

-	-	98	DK
1,128	13.25	99	NA; refused
-	-	0	Inap.: could not read or write; NA, DK grade and could not read or write

ER9042   **"L16 EDUC OF MOTHER HD"**

L16. How much education did your (HEAD'S) mother have? [ACCEPT MOTHER SUBSTITUTE]

L17. [IF FEWER THAN 6 GRADES] Could she read and write?

See the note at ER9033.

Non-comparability Notes

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Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
497	5.84	1	0-5 grades
1,582	18.59	2	6-8 grades; "grade school"; DK but mentions could read and write
1,176	13.82	3	9-11 grades (some high school); junior high
2,837	33.33	4	12 grades (completed high school); "high school"
265	3.11	5	12 grades plus nonacademic training; R.N. (no further elaboration)
672	7.90	6	Some college, no degree; Associate's degree
478	5.62	7	College BA and no advanced degree mentioned; normal school; R.N. with 3 years college; "college"
181	2.13	8	College, advanced or professional degree, some graduate work; close to receiving degree
-	-	98	DK
823	9.67	99	NA; refused
-	-	0	Inap.: could not read or write; NA, DK grade and could not read or write

ER9060   **"L32 RACE OF HEAD   1"**

L32. And, are you white, black, American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo, Asian, Pacific Islander, or another race?--FIRST MENTION

See the note at ER9033.

Non-comparability Notes

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Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
5,113	60.08	1	White
3,011	35.38	2	Black
55	.65	3	American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo
34	.40	4	Asian, Pacific Islander

47	.55		5 Mentions Latino origin or descent
4	.05		6 Mentions color other than black or white
97	1.14		7 Other
–	–		8 DK
150	1.76		9 NA; refused

ER9079   "L44 WTR RECD COLL DEG H"

L44. Did you receive a college degree?

See the note at ER9033.

Non-comparability Notes

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Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
1,871	21.98		1 Yes
1,527	17.94		5 No
–	–		8 DK
22	.26		9 NA; refused
5,091	59.82		0 Inap.: no college; less than one year

ER9231   "LABOR INCOME OF HEAD-1995"

1996 Head's 1995 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 (ER9213), any separate reports of bonuses (ER9215), overtime (ER9217), tips (ER9219), commissions (ER9221), professional practice or trade (ER9223), market gardening (ER9225), additional job income (ER9227), and extra job income (ER9229).

Note that farm income (ER9208) and the labor portion of business income (ER9210) are NOT included here.

All missing data were assigned.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
2,131	25.04	0	No labor income in 1995
6,380	74.96	1 - 9,999,998	Actual amount

ER9250A   "MARITAL STATUS-GENERATED"

Marital Status of 1996 Head

This version of marital status is comparable to 1968-1976 data, in which no distinction was made between those legally married and those who merely cohabited.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
4,634	54.45		1 Married or permanently cohabiting; wife, "wife," or husband is present in the FU
1,460	17.15		2 Single, never legally married and no wife, "wife," or husband is present in the FU

734	8.62		3 Widowed and no wife, "wife," or husband is present in the FU
1,180	13.86		4 Divorced and no wife, "wife," or husband is present in the FU
503	5.91		5 Separated; legally married but no wife, "wife," or husband is present in the FU (the spouse may be in an institution)
-	-		9 DK; NA

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.