

User Extract cps_00002.dat

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Study Notes

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| | This extract is a revision of the user's previous extract, ID 16177086. |

§ 3. File Description

File

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| File Name: | cps_00002.dat |
| Contents of Files: | Microdata records |
| Type: | rectangular |
| File Type: | ISO-8859-1 data file |
| Data Format: | fixed length fields |
| Place of File Production: | IPUMS, 50 Willey Hall, 225 - 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455 |

§ 4. Variable Description

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19. [WKSTAT](#) (Full or part time status)
20. [EDUC](#) (Educational attainment recode)
21. [SCHLCOLL](#) (School or college attendance)

Variable: "YEAR"

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| Name: | YEAR |
| Label: | Survey year |
| Variable Text: | YEAR reports the year in which the survey was conducted. YEARP is repeated on person records. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- HOUSEHOLD |
| Start Position: | 1 |
| End Position: | 4 |
| Width: | 4 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |

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| Coder Instructions: | CodesYEAR is a 4-digit numeric value. |
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Variable: "SERIAL"

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| Name: | SERIAL |
| Label: | Household serial number |
| Variable Text: | <p>SERIAL is an identifying number unique to each household in a given survey month and year. All person records are assigned the same serial number as the household record they follow. A combination of YEAR, MONTH, and SERIAL provides a within-sample unique identifier for every household in IPUMS-CPS; YEAR, MONTH, SERIAL, and PERNUM uniquely identify every person within a single sample.</p> <p>SERIAL is a new value generated for IPUMS-CPS and should not be confused with the household serial number created by the Census Bureau and included in the original CPS data.</p> |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- HOUSEHOLD |
| Start Position: | 5 |
| End Position: | 9 |
| Width: | 5 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | CodesSERIAL is a 5-digit numeric variable. |

Variable: "MONTH"

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| Name: | MONTH |
| Label: | Month |
| Variable Text: | MONTH indicates the calendar month of the CPS interview. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- HOUSEHOLD |
| Start Position: | 10 |
| End Position: | 11 |
| Width: | 2 |

| Variable Format: | numeric | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Variable: "HWTFINL"

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| Name: | HWTFINL |
| Label: | Household weight, Basic Monthly |
| Variable Text: | <p>HWTFINL is a household-level weight that should be used to generate statistics about households. The CPS uses a complex stratified sampling scheme, and HWTFINL must be used to produce unbiased household-level statistics from IPUMS-CPS basic monthly samples. For analyses of March Annual Social and Economic (ASEC) data, researchers should use HWTSUPP (This variable was renamed. Please see this renaming scheme for more information.). For individual-level analyses, researchers should use WTFINL, WTSUPP, or EARNWT.</p> <p>HWTFINL generally has the same value as WTFINL for the household head or reference person. Vacant housing units and households that could not be interviewed due to</p> |

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| | residents' absence or refusal to participate have a value of zero in HWTFINL; such sampled units were included in the public use CPS data beginning in 1988. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- HOUSEHOLD |
| Start Position: | 12 |
| End Position: | 21 |
| Width: | 10 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 4 |
| Coder Instructions: | CodesHWTFINL is a 10-digit numeric variable. |

Variable: "CPSID"

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| Name: | CPSID |
| Label: | CPSID, household record |
| Variable Text: | <p>CPSID is an IPUMS-CPS defined variable that uniquely identifies households across CPS samples. The first six digits of CPSID index the four-digit year and two-digit month that the household was first in the CPS. CPSID allows users to link a household record across samples, based on the 4-8-4 rotation pattern, by assigning a unique CPSID value based on a combination of household identifiers. CPSID will only ever appear for a maximum of 8 times, which is the number of times a household may be observed in the CPS survey (as indexed by MISH). In some cases, a household will appear fewer than 8 times due to migration, mortality, non-response, and recording errors. CPSID Extensive documentation about the creation of CPSID is available elsewhere.</p> <p>CPSID may also be used to link ASEC respondents who are in the March Basic Monthly file to other months of CPS data. This linking is made possible by IPUMS through the creation of MARBASECIDP. Users should note that ASEC oversample households (as indicated by ASECOVERH) will always have a CPSID value of 0.</p> <p>Users may also want to see CPSIDP for more information about linking individuals across time using a person-specific version of CPSID.</p> |
| Concept: | Linking Variables -- HOUSEHOLD |
| Start Position: | 22 |
| End Position: | 35 |
| Width: | 14 |

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| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | CodesCPSID is a 14-digit numeric variable. |

Variable: "ASECFLAG"

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| Name: | ASECFLAG |
| Label: | Flag for ASEC |
| Variable Text: | ASECFLAG indicates whether the respondent is part of the ASEC or the March Basic. This variable is useful for users who wish to distinguish ASEC and March Basic files in their extracts. See further information about the ASEC versus the March Basic Monthly Files. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- HOUSEHOLD |
| Start Position: | 36 |
| End Position: | 36 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |

Categories

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| 2 | March Basic |

Variable: "PERNUM"

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| Name: | PERNUM |
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| Label: | Person number in sample unit |
| Variable Text: | PERNUM numbers all persons within each household consecutively (starting with "1") in the order in which they are listed in the original CPS data. When combined with YEAR , MONTH, and SERIAL, PERNUM uniquely identifies each person within IPUMS-CPS samples, though not across IPUMS-CPS samples. |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 37 |
| End Position: | 38 |
| Width: | 2 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | CodesPERNUM is a 2-digit numeric variable. |

Variable: "WTFINL"

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| Name: | WTFINL |
| Label: | Final Basic Weight |
| Variable Text: | <p>WTFINL is the final person-level weight that should be used in analyses of basic monthly data.</p> <p>When analyzing ASEC data, researchers should use the person weight ASECWT. For analyses including the variables EARNWEEK, HOURWAGE, PAIDHOUR, and UNION, researchers should use the EARNWT variable.</p> <p>WTFINL is the second stage weight in CPS (see technical documentation). It is based on the inverse probability of selection into the sample and adjustments for the following factors: failure to obtain an interview; sampling within large sample units; adjustments to the known distribution of the entire population according to stage, age, sex, race, and Hispanic ethnicity; and allotting a weight of zero to populations not sampled in other monthly surveys (i.e., persons in the Hispanic oversample and members of the armed forces in ASEC samples).</p> |
| Concept: | Technical Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 39 |
| End Position: | 52 |

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| Width: | 14 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 4 |
| Coder Instructions: | CodesWTFINL is a 14-digit numeric variable with four implied decimals. That is, 12345678901234 should be interpreted as 1234567890.1234. The IPUMS command files automatically make the necessary adjustment, so no further adjustment is needed. |

Variable: "CPSIDV"

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| Name: | CPSIDV |
| Label: | Validated Longitudinal Identifier |
| Variable Text: | <p>CPSIDV is an IPUMS CPS-created variable that uniquely identifies individuals across CPS samples. In addition to linking records across the CPS 4-8-4 rotation pattern, CPSIDV only makes links between those records whose SEX and RACE values do not change and whose AGE values change in expected ways over time.</p> <p>CPSIDV is based on CPSIDP and so there are some structural similarities between them. The first six digits of CPSIDV are identical to CPSIDP - the four-digit year and two-digit month that the household was first in the CPS. Like CPSIDP, CPSIDV allows users to link a respondent appearing with a designated household roster line number (LINENO) across samples, based on the 4-8-4 rotation pattern.</p> <p>Only records that link using CPSIDP that also have consistent race and sex values and age values that increase at least one but not more than two years over the course of the 16-month CPS rotation are linkable using CPSIDV. As a result, linkage rates using CPSIDV are slightly lower than those achieved using CPSIDP. However, linkages created with CPSIDV do not require the recommended post-linking verification steps recommended for use with CPSIDP links. Users should note that original, unharmonized values of age, sex, and race are used in the creation of CPSIDV. The procedure and validation criteria for creating CPSIDV are described in detail in A Holistic Approach to Validating Current Population Survey Panel Data.</p> <p>CPSIDV may also be used to link ASEC respondents who are in the March Basic Monthly file to other months of CPS data. This linking is made possible by IPUMS through the creation of MARBASECIDP.</p> <p>To get started using CPSIDV, users may want to sort their data file by CPSIDV and MISH to create a person-time file.</p> <p>Users should take care when including the March Basic or ASEC as part of their linking. Respondents who are part of the ASEC oversample (as indicated by ASECOVERP) have a CPSIDV value of 0. For further information about the relationship between the March Basic and the ASEC, please see our additional documentation.</p> |
| Concept: | Linking Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 53 |

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| End Position: | 67 |
| Width: | 15 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | CodesCPSIDV is a 15-digit numeric variable. |

Variable: "CPSIDP"

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| Name: | CPSIDP |
| Label: | CPSID, person record |
| Variable Text: | <p>CPSIDP is an IPUMS CPS defined variable that uniquely identifies individuals across CPS samples. The first six digits of CPSIDP index the four-digit year and two-digit month that the household was first in the CPS. CPSIDP allows users to link a respondent appearing with a designated household roster line number (LINENO) across samples, based on the 4-8-4 rotation pattern, by assigning a unique CPSIDP value to this line number. CPSIDP will only ever appear for a maximum of 8 times, which is the number of times a household may be observed in the CPS survey (as indexed by MISH). In some cases, individuals will appear fewer than 8 times due to migration, mortality, non-response, and recording errors. Extensive documentation about the creation of CPSIDP is available elsewhere.</p> <p>Users should note that it is important to verify CPSIDP linkages with AGE, SEX, and RACE. In some cases CPSIDP will result in erroneous links, which are due to errors in the source data. Cases with the same CPSIDP value may also have inconsistent responses across samples due to errors on the part of the respondent or in recording the response. Ultimately, it is up to the individual researcher to determine the acceptability of the linkages made using CPSIDP.</p> <p>CPSIDP may also be used to link ASEC respondents who are in the March Basic Monthly file to other months of CPS data. This linking is made possible by IPUMS through the creation of MARBASECIDP.</p> <p>To get started using CPSIDP, users may want to sort their data file by CPSIDP and MISH to create a person-time file.</p> <p>Users should take care when including the March Basic or ASEC as part of their linking. Respondents who are part of the ASEC oversample (as indicated by ASECOVERP) have a CPSIDP value of 0. For further information about the relationship between the March Basic and the ASEC, please see our additional documentation.</p> |
| Concept: | Linking Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 68 |
| End Position: | 81 |

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| Width: | 14 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
| Coder Instructions: | CodesCPSIDP is a 14-digit numeric variable. |

Variable: "AGE"

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| Name: | AGE |
| Label: | Age |
| Variable Text: | Age gives each person's age at last birthday. |
| Concept: | Demographics Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 82 |
| End Position: | 83 |
| Width: | 2 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |

Categories

| Value | Label |
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| 00 | Under 1 year |
| 01 | 1 |
| 02 | 2 |
| 03 | 3 |
| 04 | 4 |
| 05 | 5 |

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| 90 | 90 (90+, 1988-2002) |
| 91 | 91 |
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| 97 | 97 |
| 98 | 98 |
| 99 | 99+ |

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| Notes | |
| Note: | Case selections: 22 22, 23 23, 24 24, 25 25, 26 26 |

Variable: "SEX"

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| Name: | SEX |
| Label: | Sex |

| Variable Text: | SEX gives each person's sex. | | | | | | | | |
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| Concept: | Demographics Variables -- PERSON | | | | | | | | |
| Start Position: | 84 | | | | | | | | |
| End Position: | 84 | | | | | | | | |
| Width: | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Variable Format: | numeric | | | | | | | | |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| Categories | | | | | | | | | |
| <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Value</th><th>Label</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Male</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>Female</td></tr> <tr> <td>9</td><td>NIU</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | | Value | Label | 1 | Male | 2 | Female | 9 | NIU |
| Value | Label | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Male | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Female | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | NIU | | | | | | | | |

Variable: "RACE"

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| Name: | RACE |
| Label: | Race |
| Variable Text: | Racial categories in the CPS have been more consistent than racial categories in the census. Up through 2002, the number of race categories ranged from 3 (white, negro, and other) to 5 (white, black, American Indian/Eskimo/Aleut, Asian or Pacific Islander, and other). Beginning in 2003, respondents could report more than one race, and the number of codes rose to 21, and then up to 26 codes in 2013. |
| Concept: | Demographics Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 85 |
| End Position: | 87 |
| Width: | 3 |
| Variable | numeric |

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Categories

| Value | Label |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| 100 | White |
| 200 | Black |
| 300 | American Indian/Aleut/Eskimo |
| 650 | Asian or Pacific Islander |
| 651 | Asian only |
| 652 | Hawaiian/Pacific Islander only |
| 700 | Other (single) race, n.e.c. |
| 801 | White-Black |
| 802 | White-American Indian |
| 803 | White-Asian |
| 804 | White-Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| 805 | Black-American Indian |
| 806 | Black-Asian |
| 807 | Black-Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| 808 | American Indian-Asian |
| 809 | Asian-Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| 810 | White-Black-American Indian |
| 811 | White-Black-Asian |
| 812 | White-American Indian-Asian |
| 813 | White-Asian-Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |

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| 814 | White-Black-American Indian-Asian |
| 815 | American Indian-Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| 816 | White-Black--Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| 817 | White-American Indian-Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| 818 | Black-American Indian-Asian |
| 819 | White-American Indian-Asian-Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| 820 | Two or three races, unspecified |
| 830 | Four or five races, unspecified |
| 999 | Blank |

Variable: "EMPSTAT"

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| Name: | EMPSTAT |
| Label: | Employment status |
| Variable Text: | <p>EMPSTAT indicates whether persons were part of the labor force--working or seeking work--and, if so, whether they were currently unemployed. The variable also provides information on the activity (e.g., doing housework, attending school,) or status (e.g., retired, unable to work) of persons not in the labor force, as well as limited additional information on those who are in the labor force (e.g. members of the Armed Forces, those with a job, but not at work last week). See LABFORCE for a dichotomous variable identifying whether a person participated in the labor force.</p> <p>In the CPS, individuals' employment status was determined on the basis of answers to a series of questions relating to their activities during the preceding week. Those who reported doing any work at all for pay or profit, or working at least fifteen hours without pay in a family business or farm, were classified as "at work." Those who did not work during the previous week but who acknowledged having a job or business from which they were temporarily absent (e.g., due to illness, vacation, bad weather, or labor dispute) were also classified as employed, under the heading "has job, not at work last week."</p> <p>Because the CPS is designed to measure unemployment in the civilian population, the original employment status variable in the survey classifies members of the armed forces as NIU (Not in universe).</p> <p>Unemployed persons make up the third element of the labor force. Individuals were coded as unemployed if they did no work for pay or profit, did not have a job from which they were briefly absent, and either reported looking for work as their major activity during the previous week (for 1962 through 1993) or answered yes to a question about whether they had been looking for work in the past four weeks. People who were temporarily laid off from a job were also classified as unemployed. A separate CPS variable specifying whether an unemployed person had worked before or was looking for a first job was used to distinguish between "experienced" and "inexperienced" unemployed persons in IPUMS CPS.</p> <p>Persons who were neither employed nor unemployed fall into the residual category, "not in labor force." Such individuals might be retired, disabled due to an illness lasting at least 6</p> |

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| | months, occupied with other activities such as attending school or keeping house, or convinced that they are unlikely to find employment (discouraged workers). |
| Concept: | Work Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 88 |
| End Position: | 89 |
| Width: | 2 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |

Categories

| Value | Label |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| 00 | NIU |
| 01 | Armed Forces |
| 10 | At work |
| 12 | Has job, not at work last week |
| 20 | Unemployed |
| 21 | Unemployed, experienced worker |
| 22 | Unemployed, new worker |
| 30 | Not in labor force |
| 31 | NILF, housework |
| 32 | NILF, unable to work |
| 33 | NILF, school |
| 34 | NILF, other |
| 35 | NILF, unpaid, lt 15 hours |

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NILF, retired

Variable: "LABFORCE"

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| Name: | LABFORCE |
| Label: | Labor force status |
| Variable Text: | <p>LABFORCE is a dichotomous variable indicating whether the respondent participated in the labor force during the preceding week. See EMPSTAT for a more detailed employment status variable. Those coded as "yes" in LABFORCE were either: were at work; held a job but were temporarily absent from work due to factors like vacation or illness; were seeking work; or were temporarily laid off from a job during the reference period.</p> <p>Because the CPS is designed to measure unemployment in the civilian population, the original dichotomous employment status variable in the survey classifies members of the armed forces as NIU (Not in universe).</p> |
| Concept: | Work Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 90 |
| End Position: | 90 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |

Categories

| Value | Label |
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| 0 | NIU |
| 1 | No, not in the labor force |
| 2 | Yes, in the labor force |

Variable: "UHRSWORKT"

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| Name: | UHRSWORKT |
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| Label: | Hours usually worked per week at all jobs |
| Variable Text: | UHRSWORKT is the usual number of hours per week the respondent reports being at all jobs, over an unspecified time period. See the Hours Worked Variables Notes for an overview of the different actual and usual hours worked variables available. |
| Concept: | Work Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 91 |
| End Position: | 93 |
| Width: | 3 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |

Categories

| Value | Label |
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| 997 | Hours vary |
| 999 | NIU |

Variable: "DURUNEM2"

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| Name: | DURUNEM2 |
| Label: | Continuous weeks unemployed, intervalled |
| Variable Text: | DURUNEM2 indicates, in intervalled form, how many consecutive weeks each currently unemployed respondent had been without a job and looking for work. Beginning in 1988, this variable also indicates the number of continuous weeks of layoff for workers who expected to be recalled to their jobs. For more detailed discussion, see DURUNEMP, which presents the same information in nonintervalled form. DURUNEM2 has the advantage of providing data for 1963-1967, and the disadvantage of giving information in intervals that are quite broad (e.g., "35-42 weeks," "over 52 weeks") for respondents with lengthy periods of unemployment. |
| Concept: | Work Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 94 |

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| End Position: | 95 |
| Width: | 2 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |

Categories

| Value | Label |
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| 00 | 0 |
| 01 | 1 |
| 02 | 2 |
| 03 | 3 |
| 04 | 4 |
| 05 | 5 |
| 06 | 6 |
| 07 | 7-10 |
| 08 | 11-14 |
| 09 | 15-18 |
| 10 | 19-22 |
| 11 | 23-26 |
| 12 | 27-34 |
| 13 | 35-42 |
| 14 | 43-50 |
| 15 | 51-52 |
| 16 | Over 52 weeks |

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Variable: "WHYUNEMP"

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| Name: | WHYUNEMP |
| Label: | Reason for unemployment |
| Variable Text: | <p>WHYUNEMP specifies why respondents were unemployed--either actively seeking work or on temporary layoff from a job--during the previous week. For discussion of the technical definition of the status "unemployed," see the EMPSTAT variable.</p> <p>Responses for WHYUNEMP distinguish between workers who had lost jobs (due to temporary layoff, involuntary job loss, or ending of a temporary job), those who had quit jobs, those who were re-entering the labor force after an extended absence from the work force, and those who were seeking their first jobs (new entrants).</p> |
| Concept: | Work Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 96 |
| End Position: | 96 |
| Width: | 1 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |

Categories

| Value | Label |
|-------|-----------------------|
| 0 | NIU |
| 1 | Job loser - on layoff |
| 2 | Other job loser |
| 3 | Temporary job ended |
| 4 | Job leaver |
| 5 | Re-entrant |

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New entrant

Variable: "WKSTAT"

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| Name: | WKSTAT |
| Label: | Full or part time status |
| Variable Text: | WKSTAT is a recode from the Census Bureau that states the part-time or full-time employment status for the respondent, and reasons. It is derived from a number of labor force questions asked in the monthly questionnaire. |
| Concept: | Work Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 97 |
| End Position: | 98 |
| Width: | 2 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |

Categories

| Value | Label |
|-------|---|
| 10 | Full-time schedules |
| 11 | Full-time hours (35+), usually full-time |
| 12 | Part-time for non-economic reasons, usually full-time |
| 13 | Not at work, usually full-time |
| 14 | Full-time hours, usually part-time for economic reasons |
| 15 | Full-time hours, usually part-time for non-economic reasons |
| 20 | Part-time for economic reasons |
| 21 | Part-time for economic reasons, usually full-time |
| 22 | Part-time hours, usually part-time for economic reasons |

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| 40 | Part-time for non-economic reasons, usually part-time |
| 41 | Part-time hours, usually part-time for non-economic reasons |
| 42 | Not at work, usually part-time |
| 50 | Unemployed, seeking full-time work |
| 60 | Unemployed, seeking part-time work |
| 99 | NIU, blank, or not in labor force |

Variable: "EDUC"

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| Name: | EDUC |
| Label: | Educational attainment recode |
| Variable Text: | <p>EDUC indicates respondents' educational attainment, as measured by the highest year of school or degree completed. Note that completion differs from the highest year of school attendance; for example, respondents who attended 10th grade but did not finish were classified in EDUC as having completed 9th grade.</p> <p>EDUC is a combination of two other variables, HIGRADE and EDUC99, which measure educational attainment in different ways. HIGRADE is available for years prior to 1992 and gives the respondent's highest grade of school or year of college completed. EDUC99 is available beginning in 1992 and classifies high school graduates according to their highest degree or diploma attained.</p> <p>General and detailed codes are not yet available for IPUMS-CPS, but one can construct the general version of EDUC by reading only the first two columns of EDUC.</p> |
| Concept: | Education Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 99 |
| End Position: | 101 |
| Width: | 3 |
| Variable Format: | numeric |
| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 |
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| Value | Label |
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| 000 | NIU or no schooling |
| 001 | NIU or blank |
| 002 | None or preschool |
| 010 | Grades 1, 2, 3, or 4 |
| 011 | Grade 1 |
| 012 | Grade 2 |
| 013 | Grade 3 |
| 014 | Grade 4 |
| 020 | Grades 5 or 6 |
| 021 | Grade 5 |
| 022 | Grade 6 |
| 030 | Grades 7 or 8 |
| 031 | Grade 7 |
| 032 | Grade 8 |
| 040 | Grade 9 |
| 050 | Grade 10 |
| 060 | Grade 11 |
| 070 | Grade 12 |
| 071 | 12th grade, no diploma |
| 072 | 12th grade, diploma unclear |
| 073 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| 080 | 1 year of college |
| 081 | Some college but no degree |
| 090 | 2 years of college |

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| 091 | Associate's degree, occupational/vocational program |
| 092 | Associate's degree, academic program |
| 100 | 3 years of college |
| 110 | 4 years of college |
| 111 | Bachelor's degree |
| 120 | 5+ years of college |
| 121 | 5 years of college |
| 122 | 6+ years of college |
| 123 | Master's degree |
| 124 | Professional school degree |
| 125 | Doctorate degree |
| 999 | Missing/Unknown |

Variable: "SCHLCOLL"

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| Name: | SCHLCOLL |
| Label: | School or college attendance |
| Variable Text: | SCHLCOLL indicates whether respondents age 16 to 24 (or 16 to 54 for ASEC 2013 onward) were enrolled in high school or college during the previous week, and, if so, whether they were enrolled full- or part-time. College or high school students who were currently on holiday or seasonal vacation were to answer yes, but those not taking classes during summer vacation were to answer no. Interviewers first asked whether the person was enrolled in school during the previous week, then determined whether the person was attending high school or attending a college or university, and finally asked whether the person was a full-time or part-time student. In IPUMS-CPS, these responses are combined into the single variable SCHLCOLL. |
| Concept: | Education Variables -- PERSON |
| Start Position: | 102 |
| End Position: | 102 |
| Width: | 1 |

| Variable Format: | numeric | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Implied Decimal Places: | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Categories | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <table><tr><th>Value</th><th>Label</th></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>NIU</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>High school full time</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>High school part time</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>College or university full time</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>College or university part time</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Does not attend school, college or university</td></tr></table> | | Value | Label | 0 | NIU | 1 | High school full time | 2 | High school part time | 3 | College or university full time | 4 | College or university part time | 5 | Does not attend school, college or university |
| Value | Label | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | NIU | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | High school full time | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | High school part time | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | College or university full time | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | College or university part time | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Does not attend school, college or university | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |