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ER66001   "RELEASE NUMBER   "

Release Number

Users should note that the 2017 CORE/IMMIGRANT FAM WEIGHT NUMBER 1 (ER71570) has zero values for the new Immigrant 2017 sample (ER66009=4001-4462) for Release 1 and will be updated for Release 2.

Codes

          1 Release number 1, February 2019

ER66002   "2017 FAMILY INTERVIEW (ID) NUMBER   "

2017 Interview Number

The values for this variable represent the 2017 interview number. The case count for 2017 is 9607 Values for this variable may not be contiguous.

Codes

          1 - 9,656 Interview number

ER66017   "AGE OF REFERENCE PERSON   "

Age of 2017 Reference Person

This variable represents the actual age of the 2017 Reference Person of the FU. The minimum value is usually 18, although in rare cases a person under 18 might become Reference Person.

Codes

           14 - 120 Actual age
               999 DK; NA

ER66018   "SEX OF REFERENCE PERSON   "

Sex of 2017 Reference Person

Codes

                1 Male
                2 Female

ER66021   "# CHILDREN IN FU   "

Number of Persons Now in the FU Under 18 Years of Age

This variable represents the actual number of persons currently in the FU who are neither Reference Person nor Spouse/Partner, from newborns through those 17 years of age, whether or not they are actually children of the Reference Person or Spouse/Partner.

Codes

                0 None
            1 - 18 Actual number

ER66024   "REFERENCE PERSON MARITAL STATUS   "

A3. Are (you/Reference Person) 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

ER66025   "A3 LIFE SATISFACTION   "

A3. Please think about your life as a whole. How satisfied are you with it? Are you completely satisfied, very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

Codes

1 Completely satisfied

2 Very satisfied

3 Somewhat satisfied

4 Not very satisfied

5 Not at all satisfied

8 DK

9 NA; refused

0 Inap.: respondent was not Reference Person or Spouse/Partner

ER66031   "A20 HOUSE VALUE   "

A20. Could you tell me what the present value of your (apartment/mobile home/home) is (including the value of the lot if you own the lot)--I mean about how much would it bring if you sold it today?

The values for this variable represent the value of the home in whole dollars, and include the value of the lot if mobile home and lot is owned.

Codes

1 - 9,999,997 Actual amount

9,999,998 DK

9,999,999 NA; refused

0 Inap.: FU pays rent or FU neither owns nor rents (ER66030=5 or 8)

ER66170   "BC14A_B WEEKS EMPLOYED LAST YEAR   "

Constructed variable using the confirmation at BC14a or the response at BC14b. This variable used the information collected in the Employment History Calendar as well as BC14a and BC14b. Editors used these responses to determine Reference Person's weeks employed last year.

Codes

1 - 52 Number of weeks employed last year

98 DK

99 NA; refused

0 Inap.: did not work for money in 2016; can't compute weeks worked in 2016

ER66722   "F1G LEISURE HRS-REF PERSON   "

F1g. (In a typical week, how many hours [do you/does [he/she]] spend) Doing leisure activities for enjoyment, for example, watching TV, doing physical activities that (you enjoy/[he/she] enjoys), going online, or spending time with friends?

The values for this variable represent the actual number of hours per week the Reference Person spends on leisure activities.

Codes

                0 None

      1 - 111 Actual number of hours per week

              112 112 hours or more

              998 DK

              999 NA; refused

ER67756   "G102 WTR ITEMIZE FOR TAX   "

G102. Some people have expenses they can itemize and deduct on their income tax. Did (you/Reference Person) (and Spouse/Partner) itemize deductions on (your/his/her/their) 2016 federal income tax, such as property taxes, interest payments, and charitable contributions?

   Codes

              1 Yes

              5 No; did/will not file

              8 DK

              9 NA; refused

ER68420   "H1 HEALTH STATUS-RP   "

H1. Now I have a few questions about (your/Reference Person's) health.
Would you say (your/Reference Person'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

ER70882   "L40 RACE OF REFERENCE PERSON-MENTION 1 "

L40. What is (your/his/her) race? (Are you/Is [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

ER70883   "L40 RACE OF REFERENCE PERSON-MENTION 2 "

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

    0 Inap.: DK, NA, or RF to first mention (ER70882=9); no second mention

ER70884   "L40 RACE OF REFERENCE PERSON-MENTION 3 "

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

    0 Inap.: DK, NA, or RF to first mention (ER70882=9); fewer than three mentions

ER70885   "L40 RACE OF REFERENCE PERSON-MENTION 4 "

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

    0 Inap.: DK, NA, or RF to first mention (ER70882=9); fewer than four mentions

ER70941   "L68 RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE-RP   "

L68. What is (your/Reference Person's) religious preference?
[IF ANSWER IS GENERIC, SUCH AS "CHRISTIAN" OR "PROTESTANT," PROBE: What denomination is that?]

Codes

    1 Catholic

    2 Jewish

    8 Protestant

    10 Non-Christian/Muslim/Buddhist/Rastafarian, etc.

    13 Greek/Russian/Eastern Orthodox

    97 Other

    99 DK; NA; refused

    0 Inap.: none; atheist; agnostic

ER70942   "L69 RELIG DENOMINATION-RP   "

L69. What denomination is that?

Codes

    3 Baptist

    4 Lutheran

    5 Methodist/African Methodist

    6 Presbyterian

    7 Episcopalian

    8 Protestant unspecified

    9 Other Protestant

    11 Latter Day Saints; Mormon

    12 Jehovah's Witnesses

    14 Christian

    15 Unitarian; Universalist

    16 Christian Science

    17 Seventh Day Adventist

    18 Pentecostal/Assembly of God

    19 Amish; Mennonite

    20 Quaker; Friends

    21 Church of God

    22 United Church of Christ; Congregational Church

    23 Reformed, Christian Reformed

    24 Disciples of Christ; United Christian; First Christian; Christian Holiness

    25 Churches of Christ

    97 Other

    99 DK; NA; refused

     0 Inap.: not Protestant (ER70941 ne 08)

ER71040   "M1 WTR DONATION>25 TO CHARITY LAST YEAR "

M1. Next, we will be talking about donations to charities that serve a variety of purposes such as religious activity, helping people in need, health care and medical research, education, arts, environment, and international aid.

Charitable organizations include religious or non-profit organizations that help those in need or that serve and support the public interest. They range in size from national organizations like the United Way and the American Red Cross down to local community organizations. Political contributions are not included.
Donations include money, assets, property or goods, whether made directly to the organization, through payroll deduction, or on the internet.

During 2016, did you (or anyone in your family) donate money, assets, property or goods, with a combined value of more than $25 to religious or charitable organizations?

Codes

    1 Yes

    5 No

    8 DK

    9 NA; refused

    0 Inap.: respondent was not Reference Person or Spouse/Partner

ER71064   "M56A FREQ ATTEND RELIGIOUS SVCS-RP   "

M56a. And finally, during the year 2016, on average, how often did (you/Reference Person) go to religious services?--NUMBER--REF PERSON

Codes

    1 - 96 Actual number of times

97 97 times or more

98 DK

99 NA; refused

 0 Inap.: never; respondent was not Reference Person or Spouse/Partner

ER71065   "M56B FREQ RELIGIOUS SERVICES PER-RP   "

M56b. And finally, during the year 2016, on average, how often did (you/Reference Person) go to religious services?--TIME UNIT--REF PERSON

Codes

2 Day

3 Week

4 Two weeks

5 Month

6 Year

7 Other

8 DK

9 NA; refused

0 Inap.: respondent was not Reference Person or Spouse/Partner; did not attend religious services (ER71064=0); DK, NA, RF whether attend religious services (ER71064=98 or 99)

ER71164   "WHO WAS RESPONDENT   "

Respondent for the 2017 Interview

Codes

1 Current Reference Person

2 Spouse or new spouse

3 Partner or new partner

4 Other FU member

7 Proxy R; not a member of this FU

9 NA

ER71330   "REF PERSN AND SPOUSE TAXABLE INCOME-2016"

Reference Person's and Spouse's/Partner's Total Taxable Income in 2016

The income reported here was collected in 2017 about tax year 2016. This variable can contain negative values, indicating a net loss from a business or farm.

This variable includes Reference Person's and Spouse's/Partner's income from assets, earnings, and net profit from farm or business, that is, G4-G25d. All missing data are assigned.

Codes

-999,997 - -1 Actual loss

1 - 9,999,997 Actual amount

0 Inap.: no taxable income in 2016

ER71426   "TOTAL FAMILY INCOME-2016   "

Total 2016 Family Money Income

The income reported here was collected in 2017 about tax year 2016. Please note that
this variable can contain negative values. Negative values indicate a net loss, which
in waves prior to 1994 were bottom-coded at $1, as were zero amounts.
These losses occur as a result of business or farm losses.

This variable is the sum of these seven variables:

ER71330   Reference Person and Spouse/Partner Taxable Income-2016
ER71391   Reference Person and Spouse/Partner Transfer Income-2016
ER71398   Taxable Income of Other FU Members-2016
ER71419   Transfer Income of OFUMS-2016
ER71420   Reference Person Social Security Income-2016
ER71422   Spouse/Partner Social Security Income-2016
ER71424   OFUM Social Security Income-2016

Codes

      -999,997 - -1 Actual loss

      1 - 9,999,997 Actual amount

                  0 Inap.: no family money income in 2016

ER71538   "COMPLETED ED-RP   "
Reference Person'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 Reference Person completed the eighth grade.

Values were computed as follows: If it is not known whether Reference Person attended college (ER70904=8 or 9) or the number of years of college is unknown (ER70907=8 or 9), then the value is 99. Otherwise, if Reference Person attended college (ER70904=1), then the value is 12 plus the number of years of college attended (ER70907). Otherwise, if Reference Person did not attend college, (ER70904=5), the values are as follows:

(a) if Reference Person is a high school graduate (ER70893=1), the value is 12;

(b) if Reference Person received a GED (ER70893=2), the value is the last grade finished (ER70896);

(c) if Reference Person neither graduated from high school nor got a GED (ER70893=3), the value is the last grade finished (ER70901);

(d) if it is not known whether Reference Person graduated from high school, got a GED, or neither (ER70893=8 or 9), then the value is 99.

Education is asked only when the FU acquires a new Reference Person/Spouse/Partner. In cases where the Reference Person has retained the same designation of Reference Person/Spouse/Partner from the previous interview (ER70841=5), this variable has been carried forward from previous years' data. If Reference Person/Spouse/Partner reports updated education and it is higher than previously reported, then this variable is updated. Education was reasked of all Reference Persons in 1985 and 2009 and, as of 2015, all returning Reference Persons/Spouses/Partners are asked for an updated education report every wave. Please refer to variable Year Highest Education was Updated-Reference Person (ER70891) for recency of updated education information.

This variable differs from the individual level variableER34349 in the treatment of Reference Persons who received a GED but did not attend college. The family-level variable value for such Reference Persons 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

ER71570   "2017 CORE/IMMIGRANT FAM WEIGHT NUMBER 1 "
2017 Core/Immigrant Family Longitudinal Weight

This weight variable is used for analysis of all 2017 families, including the immigrant sample families that were added in 1997 and 1999 as well as the PSID core families.

The weight is constructed by summing the individual-level weight values (ER34414) for all persons associated with a given PSID response family in 2017 and calculating the average.

Users should note that the new Immigrant 2017 sample (ER6609=4001-4462) has values of zeros for this variable in Release 1 and will be updated in Release 2.

Codes

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         0.000 Immigrant 2017 familiy first interviewed in 2017 (ER66009=4001-4462)
  0.001 - 200.000 Actual weight
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