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Three-Year In-Home Activity Booklet and
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**Three-Year In-Home Longitudinal Study of Pre-school Aged Children
Notes about Data Release for Public Use in March 2008**

Files Distributed

The following public-use files are distributed for the second release of the Three-Year In-Home Longitudinal Study of Pre-School Aged Children survey (March 2008):

File Released	Filename	Note
<u>Data</u> distributed in 3 formats: STATA 10	InHome3Yr.dta	
SPSS for Windows	InHome3Yr.sav	
SAS 9.1 for Windows supplemented with:	InHome3yr.sas7bdat Read_InHome3Yr.sas InHome3Yr_SASformats.sas	the supplemental programs are used to read SAS data and attach defined labels to values of categorical variables in data
<u>Documentation</u>		
Data Release Note	InHome3Yr_ReleaseNote.pdf	a quick guide about the files distributed
User's Guide	InHome3Yr_UserGuide_March08.pdf	contains helpful information about the survey and the data released
Data Codebook	InHome3Yr_Codebook.pdf	contains frequency distribution or descriptive statistics of variables in data
<u>Survey Instruments</u> Two sets were used: <u>Pilot Cities:</u>		
Parent Survey	InHome_Parent-Pilot.pdf	Parent/caretaker questionnaire used in pilot cities
Activity	ActivityBooklet-Pilot.pdf	Activity booklet used in pilot cities
<u>18 other cities:</u>		
Parent Survey	InHome_Parent-18cities.pdf	Parent/caretaker questionnaire used in 18 cities
Activity	ActivityBooklet-18cities.pdf	Activity booklet used in 18 cities
Notes about Instruments	ReadMe_InHome_instruments.pdf	A brief note about the survey instruments

Notes to Users of the First Release of the Data

The following files have been updated since the first release in October 2005:

1. Data: the new data set, *InHome3Yr*, has three additional variables:
 - *c_c4*: a derived variable which combines the response given to item C4 in the pilot survey and item A/E8 in the activity booklet used for 18 cities. Both items C4 and A/E8 asked about the same information, which is whether or not

the parent or the caretaker responded positively when the interviewer praised the child.

- *int5*: a variable generated from an item in the Introduction section of the survey (O3 of the instrument used for pilot cities or O5 of the instrument used for 18 cities) which asked about the relationship of the respondent to the child.
- *int5_oth*: this variable contains other relationship of the respondent to the child which was not coded in item O3 of the instrument used for the pilot survey or the corresponding item O5 of the instrument used for 18 cities.

All values of the remaining 606 variables are exactly the same as in the data released in 2005. However, for this release most names of the labels defined for values of the categorical variables in the STATA and SPSS datasets have been changed (with an addition of the suffix *_w1* to the original name of the labels used in the data released in 2005). Renaming was done to make the labels unique for the survey wave, to avoid being overwritten by labels having similar name but different contents, when data across surveys will be merged.

2. The User's Guide (document: *InHome3Yr_UserGuide_March08.pdf*) has been revised substantially to (1) incorporate comments from data users; (2) improve the clarity of presentation of some sections; (3) update numbers in Table 4, 5, and 6 to exclude cases not selected for the Fragile Families study but were inadvertently included in the survey; and (4) incorporate section 3.3.3. Formats of Data (page 36, 37).
3. The data codebook (document: *InHome3yr_Codebook.pdf*) has also been updated to include the frequency distribution of the three newly added variables described in item #1.
4. Survey Instruments (in document: *InHome3Yr_Questionnaires.zip*): all instrument files are now distributed in portable document format (pdf). In addition, the Activity Booklet used for the 18 cities (*ActivityBooklet-18cities.pdf*) has been updated to exclude data of activities gathered for a separate study on Child care and Parental Employment. Specifically, questions under three sections: Walk a Line (Activity C), Q-Sort (Activity D), and Child Care and Parental Employment Calendar (Activity F), have been excluded. The title of these sections, however, was retained in the Activity Booklet to maintain continuity of presentation about the activities included during the home visit. Questions used for collecting data and data of the study on Child Care and Parental Employment are released separately.