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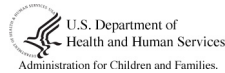
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Variable Name: HHID

Label: Household identification number

Type: C

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This is a unique number assigned to each household during survey processing. We included it as a convenience to researchers wishing to bring together interview records for the same household.

Variable Name: U_FB

Label: Num of family mmbrrs born outside the US

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This constructed variable indicates the number of family members born outside the U.S. The foreign-born population includes all persons who are not U.S. citizens at birth. Foreign-born persons include both naturalized citizens and non-citizens (see UIMMSTAT).

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	14	0.20

Variable Name: U_USB

Label: Num of family members born in the U.S.

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This constructed variable indicates the number of family members born in the U.S. The U.S.-born population includes all persons who are U.S. citizens at birth. Most U.S.-born are born in the United States, but the U.S.-born population also includes persons born in Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory or outlying area (for instance, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Northern Marianas Islands, and the Marshall Islands). In addition, some persons born in foreign countries are considered part of the U.S.-born population because they were born to U.S. citizens residing outside the United States.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	15	2.74

NSAF CPS FAMILY FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: UADLT1ID

Label: PERSID of respondent B1

Type: C

Length: 10

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable provides the person identifier of the option B respondent 1 in the family. Option B interviews were conducted with adults under 65 who were not MKAs or spouses of MKAs. One or two option B interviews were conducted in each household, depending on the number eligible adults in the household. If no option B interview was carried out, this variable is coded inapplicable. The first option B respondent was labeled respondent B1; the second, B2. Shorter than option A interviews, option B interviews contained only questions were relevant to adults.

Variable Name: UADLT2ID

Label: PERSID of respondent B2

Type: C

Length: 10

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable provides the person identifier of the option B respondent 2 in the family. Option B interviews were conducted with adults under 65 who were not MKAs or spouses of MKAs. One or two option B interviews were conducted in each household, depending on the number of eligible adults in the Household. If no option B interview was carried out, this variable is coded inapplicable. The first option B respondent was labeled respondent B1; the second, B2. Shorter than option A interviews, option B interviews contained only questions were relevant to adults.

Variable Name: UAGE1

Label: Num family members aged 0-5

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable documents the number of family members younger than six years old at the time of the interview.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	8	0.36

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Variable Name: UAGE2

Label: Num family members aged 6-17

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable documents the number of family between the ages of 6 and 17 years old (inclusive) at the time of the interview.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	9	0.78

Variable Name: UAGE3

Label: Num family members aged 18-24

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable documents the number of family members between the ages of 18 and 24 years old (inclusive) at the time of the interview.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	6	0.27

Variable Name: UAGE4

Label: Num family members aged 25-34

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable documents the number of family members between the ages of 25 and 34 years old (inclusive) at the time of the interview.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	5	0.44

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Variable Name: UAGE5

Label: Num family members aged 35-44

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable documents the number of family members between the ages of 35 and 44 years old (inclusive) at the time of the interview.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	5	0.51

Variable Name: UAGE6

Label: Num family members aged 45-54

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable documents the number of family members between the ages of 45 and 54 years old (inclusive) at the time of the interview.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	4	0.32

Variable Name: UAGE7

Label: Num family members aged 55-64

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable documents the number of family members between the ages of 55 and 64 years old (inclusive) at the time of the interview.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	3	0.18

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Variable Name: UAGE8

Label: Num family members aged 65+

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable documents the number of family members 65 years old and older at the time of the interview.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	4	0.07

Variable Name: UAGE9

Label: Num family members w/unknown ages

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable documents the number of family members whose ages could not be determined. Because questions regarding age occurred early in the interview, imputation was rarely needed.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	6	0.01

Variable Name: UCPSID

Label: CPS family ID

Type: C

Length: 10

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: CPS family ID is a unique number assigned to each family during survey processing. We included it as a convenience to researchers wishing to bring together interview records for the same CPS family. The number assigned will be the same on all files for the same family and, therefore, may be used to match records from one NSAF public use file to another. CPS family definition considers members of a family to be the householder, spouse of family householder, children in the family, and other relatives of the family householder.

NSAF CPS FAMILY FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: UEMID

Label: PERSID of emancipated minor

Type: C

Length: 10

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable provides the person identifier for any emancipated minors in the family. In the NSAF documentation, "children" under 18 living on their own are referred to as "emancipated minors."

Variable Name: UFC1ID

Label: PERSID of focal child 1

Type: C

Length: 10

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable gives the person identifier for a family's focal child 1, the sampled child younger than six (if the family included such a child). Families with no children younger than six have no focal child 1, and were coded inapplicable.

Variable Name: UFC2ID

Label: PERSID of focal child 2

Type: C

Length: 10

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable gives the person identifier for family's focal child 2, the sampled child between the ages of 6 and 17 (if the family included such a child). Families with no children between 6 and 17 have no focal child 2, and were coded inapplicable.

NSAF CPS FAMILY FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: UGENDUNK

Label: Num family members w/unknown sex

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable documents the number of family members whose gender could not be determined. Gender was obtained essentially as part of the question that asked for the age and name of each person in the household. In some cases, gender was determined during the editing process, when a respondent gave a family member's first name.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	2	0.00

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Variable Name: UINCRPOV

Label: CPS family income as % of poverty

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This constructed variable compares family income received during the year preceding the survey (e.g. 1996 family income for the 1997 NSAF) to the Census Bureau's Federal poverty thresholds for that year, given family size and numbers of children in the family. The family is composed of all household residents related by blood, marriage, or adoption. Information about the Census Bureau's poverty thresholds is available online at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/poverty/povdef.html>.

To determine family income, questions are asked about the amount of money income received in the preceding calendar year by each person in the sampled family, 15 years old and over. Sources of income include:

- (a) Money wages or salary;
- (b) Net income from self-employment;
- (c) Social Security;
- (d) Supplemental Security Income;
- (e) Public assistance or welfare payments;
- (f) Interest (on savings or bonds);
- (g) Dividends, income from estates or trusts, or net rental income;
- (h) Veterans' payment or unemployment and workmen's compensation;
- (i) Private pensions or government employee pensions; and
- (j) Alimony or child support, regular contributions from persons not living in the household, and other periodic income.

For earnings, this variable uses information reported in Section I: Employment and Earnings. Specifically, this included items on earnings from the year preceding the survey (items I49A - I76). For other sources of income (unearned income) received during the previous year, the variable uses information gathered in Section J: Family Income. Amounts that are reported from the receipt of vouchers or coupons from the welfare office to pay for special expenses (item J5) and food stamps (item J6) are not included in the calculation of family income.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
0.5		Family income < 50% (last yr)	6,144	12.38
1		50%<=family inc<100% of pov line (last yr	5,370	10.82
1.5		100%<=family inc<150% of pov line (last yr	5,660	11.40
2		150%<=family inc<200% of pov line (last yr	5,893	11.87
3		200%<=family inc<300% of pov line (last yr	8,476	17.08
4		Family income >= 300% of poverty (last yr)	18,089	36.45

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Variable Name: UMKA1ID

Label: PERSID of MKA1

Type: C

Length: 10

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This particular variable gives the unique person identifier for the MKA 1, the individual most knowledgeable about the focal child 1 (younger than six). Families with no children younger than six have no focal child 1 and no MKA 1, and were coded inapplicable.

Variable Name: UMKA2ID

Label: PERSID of MKA2

Type: C

Length: 10

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This particular variable gives the unique person identifier for the MKA 2, the individual most knowledgeable about the focal child 2 (between 6 and 17 years old). Families with no children between 6 and 17 have no focal child 2 and no MKA 2, and were coded inapplicable.

Variable Name: UNFAMILY

Label: Num of family members

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable provides the number of people in the social/CPS family. The social family includes not only married partners and their children, but also unmarried partners, all of their children, and members of the extended family (anyone related by blood to the MKA, the spouse/partner, or their children). The CPS family is limited to persons living together in the same household related by blood, marriage, or adoption.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	1	15	2.93

NSAF CPS FAMILY FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: UNFEMALE

Label: Num female family members

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable gives the number of female family members in the social family. Gender was obtained essentially as part of the question that asked for the age and name of each person in the household. In some cases, gender was determined during the editing process, when a respondent gave a family member's first name.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	10	1.52

Variable Name: UNMALE

Label: Num male family members

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable gives the number of male family members in the social family. Gender was obtained essentially as part of the question that asked for the age and name of each person in the household. In some cases, gender was determined during the editing process, when a respondent gave a family member's first name.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	9	1.41

Variable Name: USADT1ID

Label: PERSID of respond B1 spouse

Type: C

Length: 10

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable provides the person identifier of the spouse of the option B respondent in the family. Option B interviews were conducted with adults under 65 who were not MKAs or spouses of MKAs. One or two option B interviews were conducted in each household, depending on the number of eligible adults in the household. If no option B interview was carried out, this variable is coded inapplicable. The first option B respondent was labeled respondent B1; the second, B2. Shorter than option A interviews, option B interviews contained only questions were relevant to adults.

NSAF CPS FAMILY FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: USADT2ID

Label: PERSID of respond B2 spouse

Type: C

Length: 10

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable provides the person identifier of the spouse of the option B respondent 2 in the family. Option B interviews were conducted with adults under 65 who were not MKAs or spouses of MKAs. One or two option B interviews were conducted in each household, depending on the number of eligible adults in the Household. If no option B interview was carried out, this variable is coded inapplicable. The first option B respondent was labeled respondent B1; the second, B2. Shorter than option A interviews, option B interviews contained only questions were relevant to adults.

Variable Name: USMKA1ID

Label: PERSID of MKA 1 spouse/partner

Type: C

Length: 10

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: The unique personal identifier in this category corresponds to the spouse of MKA 1. In cases where there was no focal child 1 and therefore no MKA 1, there could be no MKA 1 spouse; such cases were coded inapplicable.

Variable Name: USMKA2ID

Label: PERSID of MKA 2 spouse/partner

Type: C

Length: 10

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: The unique personal identifier in this category corresponds to the spouse of the MKA 2. In cases where there was no focal child 2 and therefore no MKA 2, there could be no MKA 2 spouse; such cases were coded inapplicable.

NSAF CPS FAMILY FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: USPEMID

Label: PERSID of emancipated minor spouse

Type: C

Length: 10

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: The unique personal identifier in this category corresponds to the spouse of any emancipated minor.

Variable Name: UWRK

Label: Num of workers in family (past-year)

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable gives the number of workers in the family. A worker was defined as a family member who had worked either full-time or part-time 50 weeks out of the last year.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	49,632	0	10	1.43

Variable Name: WCPSNA0

Label: Natl lvl CPS family full smpl wgt

Type: N

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This is the national level survey weight. The weight reflects the original probability of selection of the household, the subsampling done in NSAF to reduce respondent burden, and adjustments made for nonresponse. The weight was further modified, as is customary in household surveys, to correct for net undercoverage. The specific population totals used in the coverage adjustment were obtained from the Census Bureau and are consistent with the concepts employed in the 2000 decennial census.

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Variable Name: WCPSNA1-WCPSNA60

Label: Natl lvl CPS family replicate wgts

Type: N

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This entry consists of 60 weights provided for researchers who wish to obtain sampling variance estimates using WesVar or other statistical software packages that use replicate weights. These are the replicate versions of the full sample weight and should be employed when variances are required for estimates. Issues of variance estimation are discussed in more detail in the NSAF methodology report series.

Variable Name: WCPSST0

Label: Site lvl CPS family full smpl wgt

Type: N

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This is the site level survey weight. The weight reflects the original probability of selection of the household, the subsampling done in NSAF to reduce respondent burden, and adjustments made for nonresponse. The weight was further modified, as is customary in household surveys, to correct for net undercoverage. The specific population totals used in the coverage adjustment were obtained from the Census Bureau and are consistent with the concepts employed in the 2000 decennial census.

Variable Name: WCPSST1-WCPSST60

Label: Site lvl CPS family replicate wgts

Type: N

Length: 8

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This entry consists of 60 weights provided for researchers who wish to obtain sampling variance estimates using WesVar or other statistical software packages that use replicate weights. These are the replicate versions of the full sample weight and should be employed when variances are required for estimates. Issues of variance estimation are discussed in more detail in the NSAF methodology report series.
