

IFSS_ADPTOTKD_3: Did R legally adopt third non-bio child

Summary for Variable Group: Non-biological children

This variable group provides information on whether the respondent raised her husband/partner's children or other non-biological children, and how many of those children she raised. Additional information is provided for the first three non-biological children who lived with the respondent. This information includes the child's sex, relationship to the respondent, date of birth, Hispanic origin, and race, as well as whether the respondent adopted the child, when the child came to live with the respondent, whether the child still lives with the respondent, and whether the child was born in the U.S.

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Availability

[2002 NSFG](#)

[1995 NSFG](#)

Source Variables

[ADPTOTKD3](#)

[ADPTOTKD2](#)

[ADPTOTKD](#)

[ADPTOT02](#)

[ADPTOT01](#)

[ADPTOT00](#)

Source Questions

BJ-6

2002 NSFG

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2002 NSFG

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2002 NSFG

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1995 NSFG

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1995 NSFG

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1995 NSFG

Description

IFSS_ADPTOTKD_1, IFSS_ADPTOTKD_2, and IFSS_ADPTOTKD_3 indicate whether the respondent legally adopted each of the first three non-biological children she mentioned.

General Comparability Notes

Summary: The question text differed from 1995 to 2002 as described below. The universe is essentially the same - women who reported a child not born to her living under her care and responsibility.

Any respondent who mentioned having children who weren't born to her living under her care was asked several questions about those non-biological children. In 1995, women who had not started their periods and/or who were under age 18 and had never lived on their own were excluded from the universe. It is unlikely that the additional restrictions excluded many women who would have been included in 2002.

In both years, the question is asked for all non-biological children.

The questions in the two surveys differed because in 1995 women were asked whether they had legally adopted the reference child, but in 2002, they were asked whether they had legally adopted or become a legal guardian to the child and were given separate answer options for each. In order to create comparability, we determined that becoming a legal guardian was not the same as legally adopting a child so we chose to code the women who said they had become a guardian as "No" for adoption. In the resulting variable, therefore, "yes" includes women who responded "yes" in 1995 and those who said they had legally adopted in 2002, and all others are coded "no."

We chose to harmonize only the first three adopted children across the studies to keep this variable consistent with the other non-biological children variables. 1995 and 2002 allowed women to report 20 and 17 non-biological children, respectively, however the number of cases with more than three non-biological children was small.

See also:

[IFSS_OTHERKID](#)

[IFSS_NOTHERKID](#)

[IFSS_CMOKDCAM_1](#)

[IFSS_CMOKDCAM_2](#)

[IFSS_CMOKDCAM_3](#)

[IFSS_CMOKDDOB_1](#)

[IFSS_CMOKDDOB_2](#)

[IFSS_CMOKDDOB_3](#)

IFSS_OKBORNUS_1
IFSS_OKBORNUS_2
IFSS_OKBORNUS_3
IFSS_OKDISABL
IFSS_OTHKDRAC_1
IFSS_OTHKDRAC_2
IFSS_OTHKDRAC_3
IFSS_OTHKDSPN_1
IFSS_OTHKDSPN_2
IFSS_OTHKDSPN_3
IFSS_RELOTHKD_1
IFSS_RELOTHKD_2
IFSS_RELOTHKD_3
IFSS_SEXOTHKD_1
IFSS_SEXOTHKD_2
IFSS_SEXOTHKD_3
IFSS_STILHEROK_1
IFSS_STILHEROK_2
IFSS_STILHEROK_3