

## IFSS\_OTHKDRAC\_3: Race of 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

[OTHKDRAC11](#)

[OTHKDR06](#)

### Source Questions

BJ-13

BL-13

2002 NSFG

1995 NSFG

### Description

IFSS\_OTHKDRAC\_1, IFSS\_OTHKDRAC\_2, and IFSS\_OTHKDRAC\_3 give the first mention of the race of each of the first three non-biological children.

### General Comparability Notes

*Summary: This variable is reasonably comparable over time. Changes in the child universe in 2002 pose potential analytical concerns. Respondents were asked to choose a race from categories listed on a show card for each non-biological child reported.*

In both 1995 and 2002, the respondent was asked to choose one or more races that best describe the focal child from a list shown on a card. In both years we harmonized the first response only, for consistency with later years in the adopted child analog (IFSS\_ADPKDRAC). In 1995, four options were listed: Alaskan Native or American Indian, Asian or Pacific Islander, Black, and White. In 2002, "Asian" was listed alone and "Hawaiian Native or Other Pacific Islander" was provided as a choice. In harmonizing the two variables, we collapsed these two options to generate consistent information across the years.

The respondent universes were generally equivalent (the respondent reported having non-biological children that had been under her care). The differences in the applicability criteria, such as that the respondent had not yet begun her period, are unlikely to result in many women being left out of the question sample in 1995 who would have been included in 2002.

The universe of children about whom the question was asked is less comparable. In 1995, the question was asked of all non-biological children who had ever lived with the respondent. In 2002, the question was only asked of children who were previously unrelated to the respondent in any way and who are currently living with her, and children who were adopted. Concerned analysts can use IFSS\_RELOTHKD, IFSS\_STILHEROK, and IFSS\_ADPTOTKD to restrict the universe in 1995 to create a completely comparable sample.

We chose to harmonize only the first three non-biological children across the studies to keep this variable consistent with the other non-biological children variables.

### See also:

[IFSS\\_OTHERKID](#)

[IFSS\\_ADPTOTKD\\_1](#)

[IFSS\\_ADPTOTKD\\_2](#)

[IFSS\\_ADPTOTKD\\_3](#)

[IFSS\\_CMOKDCAM\\_1](#)

[IFSS\\_CMOKDCAM\\_2](#)

[IFSS\\_CMOKDCAM\\_3](#)

[IFSS\\_CMOKDDOB\\_1](#)

[IFSS\\_CMOKDDOB\\_2](#)

[IFSS\\_CMOKDDOB\\_3](#)

IFSS\_NOTHERKID  
IFSS\_OKBORNUS\_1  
IFSS\_OKBORNUS\_2  
IFSS\_OKBORNUS\_3  
IFSS\_OKDISABL  
IFSS\_OTHKDRAC\_1  
IFSS\_OTHKDRAC\_2  
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