DATA ERRORS

The following is a description of known errors in the PSID release files.

CENSUS EXTRACT FILES

Incorrect calculations for nine variables from 1990 Census Extract Files

YEARS: 1990

VARIABLES: Census extract:

V1511 WHT YNGADLT DROPOUT
V1512 WHT YNGADLT NOT SCHOOL
V1513 WHT YNGADLT W/ED STATUS
V1521 BLK YNGADLT DROPOUT
V1522 BLK YNGADLT NOT SCHOOL
V1523 BLK YNGADLT W/ED STATUS
V1531 LAT YNGADLT DROPOUTS
V1532 LAT YNGADLT NOT SCHOOL
V1533 LAT YNGADLT W/ED STATUS

DESCRIPTION: We have reason to believe the above variables from the 1990 Census Extract files were calculated incorrectly and advise that they not be used. In addition, while V411-V416 are not obviously wrong, the numbers on which they are based (V1511, etc.) are clearly incorrect, so we can't trust V411-V416.

V411 % WHT YNGADLT DROPOUTS
V412 % WHT YNGADLT NOT SCHOOL
V413 % BLK YNGADLT DROPOUTS
V414 % BLK YNGADLT NOT SCHOOL
V415 % LAT YNGADLT DROPOUTS
V416 % LAT YNGADLT NOT SCHOOL

We do not, at this time, have plans to reissue the files.