

**1985-2023: Childbirth and  
Adoption History - County Child  
Born**

**Codebook**

**Number of Variables**

8

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CAH1 "RELEASE NUMBER"

NUM(1.0)

Release Number

Count	%	Value/Range	Code	Value/Range	Text
148,739	100.00	1	Release	number 1,	May 2025

CAH2 "RECORD TYPE"

NUM(1.0)

Record Type

*This variable indicates whether a record stores childbirth or adoption information.*

Count	%	Value/Range	Code	Value/Range	Text
109,038	73.31	1	Childbirth	record	
39,701	26.69	2	Adoption	record	

CAH3                    "1968 INTERVIEW NUMBER OF PARENT"

NUM( 4.0 )

1968 Interview Number (1968 ID Number) of the Parent

This variable is the identification number for the 1968 Family Unit with which the parent is associated, whether or not he or she actually resided in that Family Unit. The combination of this variable and the parent's Person Number (CAH4) provides unique identification for him or her. These two variables are the same identifiers as those used throughout the PSID for individuals. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
63,487	42.68	1 - 2,930	Parent is associated with a family from the SRC cross-section sample.
7,742	5.21	3,001 - 3,511	Parent is associated with a family from the 1997 New Immigrant sample.
3,885	2.61	4,001 - 4,851	Parent is associated with a family from the 2017 New Immigrant sample.
52,910	35.57	5,001 - 6,872	Parent is associated with a family from the Census sample.
20,715	13.93	7,001 - 9,308	Parent is associated with a family from the Latino sample.

CAH4 "PERSON NUMBER OF PARENT"

NUM( 3.0 )

Person Number of the Parent

This variable, in combination with 1968 Interview Number (CAH3), provides a unique identifier for the parent throughout the PSID. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
66,651	44.81	1 - 19	Parent who was living in an original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample family at the time of the initial interview

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23	.02	20	Parent who was spouse of the original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample Reference Person and was living in an institution at the time of the initial interview
824	.55	21 - 26	Parent who was a child or stepchild of the original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample Reference Person and was under 25 and in an institution at the time of the initial interview
23,666	15.91	30 - 169	Parent who has at least one sample parent and who was born into the sample since the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview
56,622	38.07	170 - 226	Parent who has no sample parent, or who moved into the study for the first time after the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview
43	.03	227	Parent who was spouse of an original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample Reference Person and moved out in the year prior to the initial interview
910	.61	229 - 399	Parent who has no sample parent, or who moved into the study for the first time after the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview

**CAH9 "BIRTH ORDER"**  
Birth Order Ranking of The Child

**NUM(2.0)**

*This variable applies only to childbirth records. If no birth dates contained missing data, then each child was ordered by 1 for first birth, etc. If one or more birth dates of children are not known, then missing data are assigned to those children's records. This may or may not mean that other children's birth orders are also unknown. See CAH85\_17 Introduction: Section IV for details.*

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
81,067	54.50	1 - 18	Actual birth order of child. Twins or other multiple births were randomly assigned consecutive codes.
6,875	4.62	98	NA; DK; RF
60,797	40.87	99	Inap.: adoption record (CAH2=2); no births

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## CAH10 "1968 INTERVIEW NUMBER OF CHILD"

NUM(4.0)

1968 Interview Number (1968 ID Number) of the Child

*This variable is the identification number for the 1968 Family Unit with which the child is associated, whether or not he or she actually resided in that Family Unit. The combination of this variable and the child's Person Number (CAH11) provides unique identification for him or her. These two variables are the same identifiers as those used throughout the PSID for individuals. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.*

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
36,052	24.24	1 - 2,930	Child is associated with a family from the SRC cross-section sample.
4,475	3.01	3,001 - 3,511	Child is associated with a family from the 1997 New Immigrant sample.
2,341	1.57	4,001 - 4,851	Child is associated with a family from the 2017 New Immigrant sample.
31,907	21.45	5,001 - 6,872	Child is associated with a family from the Census sample.
13,159	8.85	7,001 - 9,308	Child is associated with a family from the Latino sample.
2,132	1.43	9,999	NA, DK whether had or adopted any children
58,673	39.45	0	Inap.: no child

## CAH11 "PERSON NUMBER OF CHILD"

NUM(3.0)

Person Number of the Child

*This variable, in combination with the child's 1968 Interview Number (CAH10), provides a unique identifier for him or her throughout the PSID. Ranges of values are also meaningful, as indicated below.*

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
19,174	12.89	1 - 19	Child who was living in an original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample family at the time of the initial interview
-	-	20	Child who was spouse of the original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample Reference Person and was living in an institution at the time of the initial interview
492	.33	21 - 26	Child who was a child or stepchild of the original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample Reference Person and was under 25 and in an institution at the time of the initial interview
36,265	24.38	30 - 169	Child who has at least one sample parent and who was born into the sample since the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview

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11,623	7.81	170 - 226	Child who has no sample parent, or who moved into the study for the first time after the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview
-	-	227	Child who was spouse of an original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample Reference Person and moved out in the year prior to the initial interview
-	-	228	Child who was spouse of an original core, Latino, New Immigrant 97/99, or New Immigrant 17/19 sample Reference Person and died in the year prior to the initial interview
266	.18	229 - 399	Child who has no sample parent, or who moved into the study for the first time after the original core, Latino, or New Immigrant interview
20,114	13.52	800 - 995	Child who has never been in any sample family
2,132	1.43	999	NA, DK whether had or adopted any children
58,673	39.45	0	Inap.: no child

## CAH23 "OS4. COUNTY WHERE CHILD BORN"

NUM(3.0)

OS4. County (of the state reported at CAH22) (or foreign country code) in which child was born.

*This variable is suppressed (filled with zeroes) in the public release file to protect the anonymity of respondents. The data are available in a separate file. This file is available to qualified users under special contractual arrangements with the PSID. For more information, contact us at [PSIDhelp@umich.edu](mailto:PSIDhelp@umich.edu) and request the 1985-2019: Childbirth and Adoption History - County Child Born file.*

A list of PSID foreign country codes may be found on our website here:  
<http://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/data/Documentation/PSIDForeignCountrycodes.pdf>

Count	%	Value/Range	Code Value/Range Text
29,847	20.07	1 - 945	County in which child was born; or foreign country if CAH22='00'
60,219	40.49	998	NA; DK; RF; child for whom birth location was not asked
58,673	39.45	999	Inap.: no child