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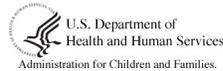
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NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: BCONMED

Label: Confident can get medical care if needed

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: B2

Question Text: How confident are you that your family members can get care if they need it? Are you...

Description: In general, the respondent should decide how to interpret "care if [they] need it." If the respondent asked for clarification, "care if [they] need it" was defined as care provided when he or she or a family member felt sick, was injured in an accident, or was told by a physician that they needed to get further medical care. This question was asked about the family as a whole.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		362	0.75
	.N		522	1.08
	.R		6	0.01
	1	Extremely confident	11,136	23.04
	2	Very confident	19,746	40.86
	3	Somewhat confident	11,667	24.14
	4	Not too confident	3,307	6.84
	5	Not confident at all	1,585	3.28

Variable Name: BSATMED

Label: Satisfied with quality of medical care

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: B1

Question Text: The (next/first) two questions are about the medical care you and your family receive from doctors and hospitals. How satisfied are you with the quality of medical care your family has received during the last 12 months? Would you say...

Description: Respondents were asked about their degree of satisfaction with the medical care they received. The interviewer was not to interpret the question for the respondent. If the question was not understood, the interviewer repeated the question and asked the respondent to answer according to what the question meant to him or her.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		2,083	4.31
	.N		522	1.08
	.R		32	0.07
	1	Very satisfied	23,976	49.61
	2	Somewhat satisfied	16,808	34.78
	3	Somewhat dissatisfied	3,289	6.81
	4	Very dissatisfied	1,621	3.35

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: EEMPCOV

Label: Any in social fam has employer coverage

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: E1

Question Text: The next questions concern the types of health insurance people in your family have at this time. At this time, is anyone in your family covered by a health plan provided through a current or former employer or union? Please remember to include plans obtained through persons not living with the family, and do not include plans provided by military employers.

Description: This question determines whether any family members are enrolled in health plans provided through a current employer, a former employer, or a union at the time of the survey. For example, if the respondent said they get insurance through their job, then the item was coded YES. Respondents were reminded to include coverage that is provided in the name of someone who is not in the family. For example, some children may be covered by employer or union plans that are in the name of a divorced parent not living with the family. If a person had a job that they left but elected to continue their employer coverage and are currently paying premiums directly to the insurance company, they were coded as having employer insurance. Note that in Round 1, the survey asked about the current health insurance coverage status of all members of the respondent's family. In general, respondents were asked if anyone in the family was covered by a certain type of insurance. In Round 2, however, the survey asked only about the current health insurance coverage of target group members (i.e., only respondents, spouse/partners of respondents, and focal children, rather than the entire family).

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		272	0.56
	.I		3,550	7.35
	.R		17	0.04
	1	Yes	29,939	61.95
	2	No	14,553	30.11

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: EMEDACOV

Label: Anyone in social fam covered by Medicaid

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: E18

Question Text: Medicaid {or STATE NAME FOR MEDICAID} is a program that pays for health care for persons in need. It is different from Medicare, which is a health insurance program for persons 65 and older and certain disabled persons under 65. At this time, is anyone in your family covered by Medicaid {or STATE NAME FOR MEDICAID}?

Description: The interviewer defined Medicaid as a national program that pays for health care for low-income families. Medicaid is run at the state level, and may have different names in different states. The question wording included the most common way of referring to the program when the respondent's state does not call the program "Medicaid." Note that in Round 1, the survey asked about the current health insurance coverage status of all members of the respondent's family. In general, respondents were asked if anyone in the family was covered by a certain type of insurance. In Round 2, however, the survey asked only about the current health insurance coverage of target group members (i.e., only respondents, spouse/partners of respondents, and focal children, rather than the entire family).

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		422	0.87
	.I		3,550	7.35
	.R		5	0.01
	1	Yes	7,460	15.44
	2	No	36,894	76.34

Variable Name: EMEDCCOV

Label: Anyone in social fam covered by Medicare

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: E13

Question Text: Medicare is a health insurance program for people 65 years and older or persons with certain disabilities. At this time, is anyone in your family covered by Medicare?

Description: The interviewer defined Medicare as a government-sponsored health insurance program for people 65 years old and older, and for younger people with certain disabilities. Note that in Round 1, the survey asked about the current health insurance coverage status of all members of the respondent's family. In general, respondents were asked if anyone in the family was covered by a certain type of insurance. In Round 2, however, the survey asked only about the current health insurance coverage of target group members (i.e., only respondents, spouse/partners of respondents, and focal children, rather than the entire family).

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		270	0.56
	.I		28,675	59.33
	.N		2	0.00
	.R		5	0.01
	1	Yes	3,441	7.12
	2	No	15,938	32.98

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: EMEDHMO

Label: Had Medicaid HMO

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: E33

Question Text: The next few questions ask about characteristics of (your/POLICYHOLDER'S) Medicaid coverage.

Under Medicaid (are you/is POLICYHOLDER) signed up with an HMO, that is a Health Maintenance Organization?

[PROBE: With an HMO, you must generally receive care from HMO doctors; otherwise, the expense is not covered unless you were referred by the HMO or there was a medical emergency.]

Description: After reading the Medicaid coverage question and the HMO probe, if the respondent was uncertain what an HMO is, the response was coded DK/REF.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		909	1.88
	.I		41,005	84.84
	.R		2	0.00
	1	Yes	2,326	4.81
	2	No	4,089	8.46

Variable Name: EMEDLST

Label: Must use Medicaid doctor list

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: E34

Question Text: Can (you/POLICYHOLDER) go to any doctor or clinic who will accept Medicaid or must (you/he/she) choose from a directory, or list of doctors?

Description: Some Medicaid plans require that enrollees choose their doctors from a directory or list of doctors. These Medicaid plans do not pay for any nonemergency care if enrollees choose to see providers who are not on the Medicaid list.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		313	0.65
	.I		43,331	89.65
	.R		1	0.00
	1	Any doctor or clinic	3,421	7.08
	2	Must choose from directory or list	1,265	2.62

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: EMEDPCD

Label: Must have Medicaid specific primary dr

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: E35

Question Text: Some plans require people to sign up with a specific primary care doctor or group of doctors to get all of their routine care. Does Medicaid require (you/POLICYHOLDER) to sign up with a specific doctor or group of doctors?

Description: This question was not interpreted for the respondent.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		243	0.50
	.I		46,752	96.73
	1	Yes	924	1.91
	2	No	412	0.85

Variable Name: EMEDREF

Label: Must have Medicaid referral

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: E36

Question Text: Some plans require people to have approval or a referral before they will pay for any of the costs of visits to doctors who are not in the plan (HMO). Does (your/POLICYHOLDER'S) plan require a referral before they will pay any of the cost?

Description: This question determines whether the respondent's HMO gives him or her the option of being treated by a doctor outside of the HMO and still have his or her insurance cover any of the costs.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		217	0.45
	.I		46,004	95.19
	1	Yes	1,558	3.22
	2	No	552	1.14

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: EOTHCOV

Label: Anyone in social fam covered by othr ins

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: E15

Question Text: At this time, is anyone in your family covered by CHAMPUS or TRICARE, CHAMP-VA, VA, military health care, or the Indian Health Service?

Description: The interviewer asked whether anyone in the family was covered by CHAMPUS or TRICARE, CHAMP-VA, VA, military health care, or the Indian Health Service. It was expected that respondents covered by these plans would be familiar with the acronyms used in this question. CHAMPUS and TRICARE are plans providing coverage for military personnel and their families. VA and CHAMPVA provide coverage for veterans with service-related disabilities; the Indian Health Service provides coverage for Native Americans. Note that in Round 1, the survey asked about the current health insurance coverage status of all members of the respondent's family. In general, respondents were asked if anyone in the family was covered by a certain type of insurance. In Round 2, however, the survey asked only about the current health insurance coverage of target group members (i.e., only respondents, spouse/partners of respondents, and focal children, rather than the entire family).

Frequencies	<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D	147	0.30
	.I	30,048	62.17
	.N	2	0.00
	.R	2	0.00
	1 Yes	1,388	2.87
	2 No	16,744	34.64

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: EPVTCOV

Label: Anyone has private insurance

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: E7

Question Text: At this time, is anyone in your family covered by a health plan that is purchased directly from an insurance company, that is, not related to a current or past employer? Please remember to include plans obtained through persons not living with the family.

Description: Respondents were reminded to include coverage that is provided through plans purchased by someone who is not in the family. For example, some children may be covered by plans purchased by a divorced parent not living with the family. Note that in Round 1, the survey asked about the current health insurance coverage status of all members of the respondent's family. In general, respondents were asked if anyone in the family was covered by a certain type of insurance. In Round 2, however, the survey asked only about the current health insurance coverage of target group members (i.e., only respondents, spouse/partners of respondents, and focal children, rather than the entire family).

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		411	0.85
	.I		26,268	54.35
	.N		1	0.00
	.R		14	0.03
	1	Yes	3,458	7.15
	2	No	18,179	37.61

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: ESTPLCOV

Label: Anyone in social fam covered by state pgm

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: E20

Question Text: At this time, are (NAMES OF TARGET GROUPS MEMBERS) covered by the state program called (STATE-SPECIFIC PROGRAM)?

Description: This question asks about state-run programs that pay for health care for low-income families. Most of these programs are separate and distinct from Medicaid. The programs in Tennessee (TennCare), Hawaii (Hawaii HealthQUEST), Rhode Island (RiteCare), and Oregon (Oregon Health Plan) are actually part of Medicaid, and some respondents may say so. However, the special Medicaid programs in these four states have their own names and may not be identified as Medicaid by some respondents. For example, if a Tennessee resident says that the family is in Medicaid and TennCare, this information was recorded. This variable should not be weighted. Note that in Round 1, the survey asked about the current health insurance coverage status of all members of the respondent's family. In general, respondents were asked if anyone in the family was covered by a certain type of insurance. In Round 2, however, the survey asked only about the current health insurance coverage of target group members (i.e., only respondents, spouse/partners of respondents, and focal children, rather than the entire family).

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		295	0.61
	.I		11,065	22.89
	.R		1	0.00
	1	Yes	1,216	2.52
	2	No	35,754	73.98

Variable Name: FNODEN

Label: Dental care postponed last year

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: F21

Question Text: During the past 12 months, did [you/(SPOUSE/PARTNER)] or (insert names of FCs) not get or postpone getting dental care when [you/(he/she/they)] needed it?

Description: In general, the respondent had to decide how to interpret "needed care." If the respondent asked for clarification, the interviewer defined "needed care" as dental care when a family member felt pain, was injured in an accident, required dental surgery, or was told by a dentist that he or she needed to see a dental specialist to get further dental care. Braces and orthodontia were counted as "needed care."

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		56	0.12
	.N		3	0.01
	.R		3	0.01
	1	Yes	8,508	17.60
	2	No	39,761	82.27

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: FNODRG

Label: Prescription drugs postponed last year

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: F27

Question Text: During the past 12 months, did [you/(SPOUSE/PARTNER)] or (insert names of FCs) not fill or postpone filling a prescription for drugs when [you/(he/she/they)] needed them?

Description: The definition provided for “filling a prescription” excluded over-the-counter drugs and prescriptions for nondrug items, such as eyeglasses.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D	51	0.11
	.N	3	0.01
	.R	6	0.01
	1 Yes	3,218	6.66
	2 No	45,053	93.22

Variable Name: FNOMED

Label: Medical care postponed last year

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: F18

Question Text: Now, I'd like to ask you some questions about experiences [you/(SPOUSE/PARTNER)] or (insert names of FCs) may have had getting care in the past 12 months.

During the past 12 months, did [you/(SPOUSE/PARTNER)] or (insert names of FCs) not get or postpone getting medical care or surgery when [you/(he/she/they)] needed it?

Description: In general, the respondent had to decide how to interpret “needed care.” If the respondent asked for clarification, then the interviewer defined “needed care” as care when a family member felt sick, was injured in an accident, required an operation, or was told by a physician that he or she needed to get further medical care.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D	63	0.13
	.N	3	0.01
	.R	5	0.01
	1 Yes	5,156	10.67
	2 No	43,104	89.18

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: FNOMEN

Label: Mental health care postponed last year

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: F24

Question Text:

Description: In general, the respondent had to decide how to interpret "needed care." If the respondent asked for clarification, the interviewer defined "needed care" as outpatient mental health care received from a psychiatrist, psychologist, nurse, social worker, other mental health counselor or therapist, doctor, or other health professional. Treatment for drug abuse or to quit smoking were not included in this item.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		59	0.12
	.N		1	0.00
	.R		19	0.04
	1	Yes	1,052	2.18
	2	No	47,200	97.66

Variable Name: GEMP

Label: Employer helps pay for child care

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: G57

Question Text: Who or what agency helps to pay for child care?

[CODE ALL THAT APPLY]

Description: This variable was coded "yes" if the respondent received child-care assistance from her or his employer or from another household member's employer. This includes employer vouchers for child care and employer-sponsored child care programs.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		14	0.03
	.I		48,229	99.79
	.R		1	0.00
	1	On	87	0.18

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: GOPAR

Label: Non-custodial parent helps pay chld care

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: G57

Question Text: Who or what agency helps to pay for child care?

[CODE ALL THAT APPLY]

Description: This variable was coded "yes" if a non-custodial parent helped the family pay for child care. This included child-care assistance for one or more children in the household from a parent who does not live with the children. Only payments specific to child care were considered valid; child support was not included if none of the child support amount was designated specifically for child care.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		14	0.03
	.I		47,924	99.16
	.R		1	0.00
	1	On	392	0.81

Variable Name: GOTHR

Label: Other agency helps pay child care

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: G57

Question Text: Who or what agency helps to pay for child care?

[CODE ALL THAT APPLY]

Description: This variable was coded "yes" if the respondent specified that another agency helped the family pay for child care.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		17	0.04
	.I		48,082	99.48
	.R		1	0.00
	1	On	231	0.48

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: GOTPAY

Label: Other pay for part of child care cost

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: G56

Question Text: Does anyone else pay for all or part of the cost of the care for [(CHILD1)/(CHILD2)/any of your children under age 13]? By this I mean a government agency, your employer or someone outside your household?

Description: Some low-income families receive child care from centers or other programs that are free of charge or of minimal cost to the parent. Often this means that some other agency (such as the government or an employer) is covering the rest of the child care costs. This question covered child-care voucher programs and situations in which someone outside the household contributed to the cost of child care, such as a divorced parent or a grandparent.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		36	0.07
	.I		35,055	72.53
	.R		3	0.01
	1	Yes	1,452	3.00
	2	No	11,785	24.38

Variable Name: GPAY

Label: Pay for all child care used last month

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: G52

Question Text: Now think about all the child care arrangements and programs you use regularly for [(CHILD1)/(CHILD2)/all your children under age 13] while you worked, were in school or looked for work. How much did you pay for all child care arrangements and programs used in the last month? [IF NECESSARY, SAY: it is easier for you, you can tell us what you paid, in a typical week of the last month?]

Description: This variable asked the respondent to estimate the total amount of money she or he paid during the last month for all child care used while she or he worked at a job for pay, looked for a job, went to school, or went to a job training program. The respondent was instructed to include child care costs for all of her or his children age 12 or younger. Many parents pay a single amount for child-care arrangements that actually cover more than one child. In other cases, it was necessary to help the respondent count up separate costs for each child in care. If the respondent had difficulty providing an estimate for the entire month, the respondent was asked to report an estimate for a typical week during the month. The variable GPAY notes only whether an amount was given or not. If an amount was given, it was recorded using the variables GPAYAMT and GPAYUNT.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		218	0.45
	.I		35,055	72.53
	.R		70	0.14
	1	Amount given	7,318	15.14
	2	No payment in last month or week	5,670	11.73

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: GSLIDE

Label: Sliding fee for child care arrangements

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: G55

Question Text: Is the amount of money you are charged for the child care of [(CHILD1)/(CHILD2)/any of your children under age 13] determined by how much money you earn?

[IF NECESSARY, PROBE: Do you pay a sliding fee amount for any of these arrangements?]

Description: Many non-profit child-care programs use graded fee systems so that parents with lower incomes pay less than other parents for child care. This question determined whether the respondent paid less for child care than other families because the respondent was low-income. This question covered child care for any of the respondent's children age 12 and younger.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		52	0.11
	.I		40,725	84.26
	.R		7	0.01
	1	Yes	1,079	2.23
	2	No	6,468	13.38

Variable Name: GWELF

Label: Welfare/soc services help pay chld care

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: G57

Question Text: Who or what agency helps to pay for child care?

[CODE ALL THAT APPLY]

Description: This variable was coded "yes" if a welfare or social services group helped the family pay for child care. A welfare or social services group includes welfare, income maintenance, social services, family services, or child care resource and referral agencies.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		14	0.03
	.I		47,554	98.39
	.R		1	0.00
	1	On	762	1.58

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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: IARRNG

Label: Work hours arranged for child care

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: I29

Question Text: During the last month, did you and (SPOUSE/PARTNER) work different hours so that the two of you could take turns caring for (your child/your children) while the other person worked?

Description: This question was not interpreted for the respondent.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		22	0.05
	.I		39,222	81.15
	.N		2	0.00
	.R		10	0.02
	1	Yes	4,313	8.92
	2	No	4,762	9.85

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KACOND

Label: Anyone required to work to get benefits

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K17

Question Text: Are you or anyone in your family required to work, attend school, or anything else in order to receive these benefits?

Description: Respondents were asked to specify whether or not anyone in the family was required to work, attend school, or do anything else in order to receive benefits. Some examples are: working for pay, participating in workfare, on-the-job training, community service, or government-sponsored job programs, attending high school or other training programs, participating in counseling, attending job search clubs, or having children immunized.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		29	0.06
	.I		46,478	96.17
	1	Yes	770	1.59
	2	No	1,054	2.18

Variable Name: KAFDC

Label: Ever received AFDC

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K1

Question Text: I would like to ask you more about any experience you and your children might have had with government programs. Have you ever received AFDC in your name or in that of any of your children?

[PROBE: AFDC is the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program, sometimes referred to as ADC]

[INCLUDE ANY CHILD R HAS EVER BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR, EVEN IF CHILD IS NOT CURRENTLY LIVING IN HH.]

Description: This question asked whether the respondent had ever received benefits from Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) since becoming a parent. The interviewer included benefits received from a state program that has replaced AFDC but did not include AFDC benefits received by the respondent when she or he was a child.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		59	0.12
	.I		22,656	46.88
	.R		32	0.07
	1	Yes	4,415	9.13
	2	No	21,169	43.80

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Variable Name: KAFDCAPP

Label: Applied for AFDC in last two years

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K19

Question Text: Have you ever applied for AFDC during the last 2 years?

Description: This variable recorded whether or not the respondent had applied for AFDC (i.e., went to the welfare office to file or submit an application) during the previous two years.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		49	0.10
	.I		35,833	74.14
	.N		196	0.41
	.R		24	0.05
	1	Yes	589	1.22
	2	No	11,640	24.08

Variable Name: KAFDCNOW

Label: MKA/children receiving AFDC benefits now

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K16

Question Text: Are you or your children receiving AFDC benefits right now?

[ONLY INCLUDE CHILDREN CURRENTLY LIVING WITH R]

Description: This variable recorded whether the respondent or his/her children (those currently living with the respondent) were receiving AFDC benefits at the time of the interview (i.e., had received a check that month or had received one the previous month and were expecting to receive one that month).

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		7	0.01
	.I		45,174	93.47
	.R		1	0.00
	1	Yes	1,853	3.83
	2	No	1,296	2.68

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Variable Name: KALCHKM

Label: Month last received AFDC

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K20

Question Text: When did you or your children last receive an AFDC check?

[INCLUDE ANY CHILD R HAS EVER BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR, EVEN IF CHILD IS NOT CURRENTLY LIVING IN HH]

Description: This variable recorded the month that the respondent or his/her children last received an AFDC check. This question was asked of those respondents who had reported receiving AFDC since January, two years preceding the survey, but who were not on the program at the time of the survey.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		136	0.28
	.I		47,027	97.30
	.N		53	0.11
	.R		2	0.00
	1	January	125	0.26
	2	February	111	0.23
	3	March	124	0.26
	4	April	81	0.17
	5	May	77	0.16
	6	June	98	0.20
	7	July	64	0.13
	8	August	78	0.16
	9	September	85	0.18
	10	October	83	0.17
	11	November	79	0.16
	12	December	108	0.22

Variable Name: KALCHKY

Label: Year last received AFDC

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K20

Question Text: When did you or your children last receive an AFDC check?

[INCLUDE ANY CHILD R HAS EVER BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR, EVEN IF CHILD IS NOT CURRENTLY LIVING IN HH]

Description: This variable recorded the year that the respondent or his/her children last received an AFDC check. This question was asked of those respondents who had reported receiving AFDC since January, two years preceding the survey, but who were not on the program at the time of the survey.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	1,221	82	97	95.94

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Variable Name: KARISTYR

Label: Year first received AFDC

Type: C

Length: 2

Question Num: K2

Question Text: {I would like to ask you more about any experience you and your children have had with government programs.} In which year did you first ever receive an AFDC check for yourself or any of you children?

[INCLUDE ANY CHILD R HAS EVER BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR, EVEN IF CHILD IS NOT CURRENTLY LIVING IN HH.]

Description: This variable records the year in which the respondent first received TANF or AFDC benefits, either for the respondent or his/her children.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		431	0.89
	.I		41,428	85.72
	.R		9	0.02
	50		1	0.00
	56		1	0.00
	59		1	0.00
	60		10	0.02
	62		5	0.01
	63		3	0.01
	64		4	0.01
	65		6	0.01
	66		8	0.02
	67		12	0.02
	68		13	0.03
	69		22	0.05
	70		47	0.10
	71		31	0.06
	72		50	0.10
	73		64	0.13
	74		61	0.13
	75		83	0.17
	76		78	0.16
	77		101	0.21
	78		116	0.24
	79		177	0.37
	80		214	0.44
	81		212	0.44
	82		222	0.46
	83		237	0.49
	84		243	0.50
	85		305	0.63
	86		295	0.61
	87		279	0.58
	88		291	0.60
	89		381	0.79
	90		387	0.80

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91	419	0.87
92	428	0.89
93	417	0.86
94	392	0.81
95	409	0.85
96	363	0.75
97	75	0.16

Variable Name: KAREAPP

Label: Ever reapplied for AFDC

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K21

Question Text:

Description: This variable recorded whether or not the respondent reapplied for AFDC (i.e., went to the welfare office and filed an application, even if the respondent was turned down or offered a different type of help) since his or her last AFDC check was received.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D	1	0.00
	.I	47,027	97.30
	.N	53	0.11
	1 Yes	126	0.26
	2 No	1,124	2.33

Variable Name: KAREDUCE

Label: AFDC ever reduced since Jan 2 yrs prior

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K13

Question Text: Since January 1995, was your AFDC check ever reduced by the welfare department?

Description: This variable recorded whether or not the respondent's AFDC check was ever reduced by the welfare department since January, two years preceding the survey.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D	46	0.10
	.I	46,559	96.33
	.R	1	0.00
	1 Yes	752	1.56
	2 No	973	2.01

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Variable Name: KAREDYA

Label: AFDC reduced reason 1

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K14

Question Text: The last time that happened, why was your check reduced?

(CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This variable recorded the first reason given for the respondent's AFDC check being reduced by the welfare department.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		54	0.11
	.I		47,579	98.44
	.R		2	0.00
	1	Earnings had increased	312	0.65
	2	Assets were too high	53	0.11
	3	Did not follow program rules	98	0.20
	4	Reached end of time limit allowed	8	0.02
	6	Receiving money from other source	69	0.14
	7	Administrative problems/mix up	11	0.02
	8	Change in family situation	16	0.03
	9	Didnt want or need/too much hassle	129	0.27

Variable Name: KAREDYB

Label: AFDC reduced reason 2

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K14

Question Text: The last time that happened, why was your check reduced?

(CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This variable recorded the second reason given for the respondent's AFDC check being reduced by the welfare department.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		48,292	99.92
	1	Earnings had increased	9	0.02
	2	Assets were too high	5	0.01
	3	Did not follow program rules	8	0.02
	4	Reached end of time limit allowed	1	0.00
	6	Receiving money from other source	11	0.02
	7	Administrative problems/mix up	2	0.00
	9	Didnt want or need/too much hassle	3	0.01

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KAREDYC

Label: AFDC reduced reason 3

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K14

Question Text: The last time that happened, why was your check reduced?

(CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This variable recorded the third reason given for the respondent's AFDC check being reduced by the welfare department.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I	48,330	100.00
	1 Earnings had increased	1	0.00

Variable Name: KARGT5YR

Label: First received AFDC more than 5 yrs ago

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K3

Question Text: Was that more than 5 years ago?

Description: This variable recorded whether or not respondents first received an AFDC check for themselves or any of their children more than 5 years ago.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D	32	0.07
	.I	47,890	99.09
	.R	2	0.00
	1 Yes	324	0.67
	2 No	83	0.17

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Variable Name: KARJAN95

Label: Any AFDC since Jan 2 yrs prior

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K4

Question Text: Did you or your children receive any AFDC check since January 1995?

[INCLUDE ANY MINOR CHILD WHO MAY HAVE LIVED WITH R SINCE 1/95, EVEN IF CHILD IS NOT CURRENTLY LIVING IN HH.]

Description: This variable recorded whether or not respondents received an AFDC check for themselves or any of their children since January, two years preceding the survey. The response to this question determined whether or not the respondent was asked further questions about her or his experiences with AFDC during the previous two years.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		66	0.14
	.I		42,275	87.47
	.R		2	0.00
	1	Yes	2,310	4.78
	2	No	3,678	7.61

Variable Name: KASCUTA

Label: Welfare office cut off reason 1

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K8

Question Text: Why did the welfare office cut you off? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This question recorded the first reason given by the respondent for being cut off by the welfare office.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		18	0.04
	.I		47,689	98.67
	.R		1	0.00
	1	Earnings had increased	368	0.76
	2	Assets were too high	21	0.04
	3	Did not follow program rules	115	0.24
	4	Reached end of time limit allowed	15	0.03
	5	Not a US citizen	2	0.00
	6	Receiving money from other source	28	0.06
	7	Administrative problems/mix up	32	0.07
	8	Change in family situation	20	0.04
	9	Didnt want or need/too much hassle	22	0.05

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Variable Name: KASCUTB

Label: Welfare office cut off reason 2

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K8

Question Text: Why did the welfare office cut you off? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This question recorded the second reason given by the respondent for being cut off by the welfare office.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		48,303	99.94
	1	Earnings had increased	6	0.01
	2	Assets were too high	5	0.01
	3	Did not follow program rules	4	0.01
	4	Reached end of time limit allowed	3	0.01
	6	Receiving money from other source	2	0.00
	7	Administrative problems/mix up	3	0.01
	8	Change in family situation	5	0.01

Variable Name: KASCUTC

Label: Welfare office cut off reason 3

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K8

Question Text: Why did the welfare office cut you off? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This question recorded the third reason given by the respondent for being cut off by the welfare office.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		48,331	100.00

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Variable Name: KASHLP1A

Label: After welfare child care needs

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K10

Question Text: In the first 3 months after leaving welfare, did you get help from government programs with the following needs for your family?

Description: The respondent was asked whether, in the first 3 months after leaving welfare, she or he received help from government programs for child care needs (either provided directly to the family as a check or voucher or to a child care provider on the family's behalf).

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		2	0.00
	.I		46,946	97.13
	1	Yes	261	0.54
	2	No	1,122	2.32

Variable Name: KASHLP1B

Label: After welfare health insurance needs

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K10

Question Text: In the first 3 months after leaving welfare, did you get help from government programs with the following needs for your family?

Description: The respondent was asked whether, in the first 3 months after leaving welfare, she or he had Medicaid or some other State-sponsored health insurance (such as MediCal in California) to pay for health care services.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		3	0.01
	.I		46,946	97.13
	1	Yes	821	1.70
	2	No	561	1.16

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Variable Name: KASHLPIC

Label: After welfare helps with expenses

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K10

Question Text: In the first 3 months after leaving welfare, did you get help from government programs with the following needs for your family?

Description: The respondent was asked whether, in the first 3 months after leaving welfare, she or he received vouchers, coupons, or some other type of help from government programs to pay for expenses like rent or costs for transportation to work. Food stamps were not considered eligible.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		3	0.01
	.I		46,946	97.13
	1	Yes	113	0.23
	2	No	1,269	2.63

Variable Name: KASHLP2A

Label: After welfare other help 1

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K12

Question Text: Did you get help from anyone else such as through a church, family, or a community center?

(CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: The respondent was asked whether, in the first 3 months after leaving welfare, she or he received assistance from any other source, such as through a church, family, or community center. This variable recorded the first source of such additional assistance.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		8	0.02
	.I		46,946	97.13
	.R		2	0.00
	1	Church	120	0.25
	2	Family	173	0.36
	3	Community center	49	0.10
	4	Government-based	21	0.04
	90	No other help received	1,012	2.09

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Variable Name: KASHLP2B

Label: After welfare other help 2

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K12

Question Text: Did you get help from anyone else such as through a church, family, or a community center?

(CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: The respondent was asked whether, in the first 3 months after leaving welfare, she or he received assistance from any other source, such as through a church, family, or community center. This variable recorded the second source of such additional assistance.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.1		48,280	99.89
	1	Church	11	0.02
	2	Family	23	0.05
	3	Community center	13	0.03
	4	Government-based	4	0.01

Variable Name: KASHLP2C

Label: After welfare other help 3

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K12

Question Text: Did you get help from anyone else such as through a church, family, or a community center?

(CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: The respondent was asked whether, in the first 3 months after leaving welfare, she or he received assistance from any other source, such as through a church, family, or community center. This variable recorded the third source of such additional assistance.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.1		48,327	99.99
	3	Community center	3	0.01
	91	Other (specify)	1	0.00

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KASJAN95

Label: AFDC stop GT 1 mth since Jan 2 yrs prior

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K5

Question Text: Since January 1995, was there any time when you stopped receiving AFDC checks for more than one month?

Description: Respondents were asked whether there was any period of time since January, two years preceding the survey, when they stopped receiving an AFDC check for themselves or any of their children. "Stopped receiving" included all types of interruptions, whether voluntary or initiated by the welfare office. Interruptions of only one month were not counted.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		65	0.13
	.I		45,174	93.47
	1	Yes	1,385	2.87
	2	No	1,707	3.53

Variable Name: KASJOB

Label: Help with finding a job or training

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K11

Question Text: Did you get any help from a government program finding a job or special training for a job?

Description: Respondents were asked whether, in the first 3 months after leaving welfare, they were enrolled in a government-sponsored program designed to help people find a job or train people for a job. This definition included programs sponsored by Federal, State, or local governments, even if they were run by private agencies or non-profit organizations.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		46,946	97.13
	1	Yes	215	0.44
	2	No	1,170	2.42

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Variable Name: KASLEFTA

Label: Left welfare reason 1

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K7

Question Text: Why did you leave welfare? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This question recorded the first reason the respondent left welfare.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		2	0.00
	.I		47,603	98.49
	.R		1	0.00
1	1	Got a job	449	0.93
2	2	Same job, worked more hrs, or got a raise	27	0.06
3	3	Got a better job	30	0.06
4	4	Married/remarried	41	0.08
5	5	Moved in with family	16	0.03
6	6	Moved to another county/state	25	0.05
7	7	Did not want it or need it/uninterested	62	0.13
8	8	Received money from another source	25	0.05
9	9	System too frustrating/too much hassle	1	0.00
10	10	Earnings too high (reason unknown)	29	0.06
11	11	Income too high (type unknown)	17	0.04
12	12	Reached end of time limit	2	0.00
13	13	Assets were too high	1	0.00

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Variable Name: KASLEFTB

Label: Left welfare reason 2

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K7

Question Text: Why did you leave welfare? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This question recorded the second reason the respondent left welfare.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.1		48,262	99.86
	1	Got a job	10	0.02
	2	Same job, worked more hrs, or got a raise	5	0.01
	3	Got a better job	5	0.01
	4	Married/remarried	2	0.00
	5	Moved in with family	2	0.00
	6	Moved to another county/state	6	0.01
	7	Did not want it or need it/uninterested	21	0.04
	8	Received money from another source	3	0.01
	9	System too frustrating/too much hassle	1	0.00
	10	Earnings too high (reason unknown)	9	0.02
	11	Income too high (type unknown)	4	0.01
	12	Reached end of time limit	1	0.00

Variable Name: KASLEFTC

Label: Left welfare reason 3

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K7

Question Text: Why did you leave welfare? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This question recorded the third reason the respondent left welfare.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.1		48,330	100.00
	3	Got a better job	1	0.00

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Variable Name: KASWHY

Label: Cutoff by welfare office or self

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K6

Question Text: The last time that happened, did the welfare office cut you off, or was it your decision to leave welfare?

Description: The respondent was asked whether the most recent interruption in benefits was due to his or her being cut off by the welfare office, or whether termination of aid was the respondent's own choice.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		15	0.03
	.I		46,946	97.13
	1	Cut off by welfare office	642	1.33
	2	Own decision	728	1.51

Variable Name: KAWORKA

Label: What is required for this work 1

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K18

Question Text: What are you or anyone in your family required to do? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This variable recorded the first of any special conditions that had to be met by the respondent in order to qualify to receive benefits. An unpaid job includes participating in workfare, on-the-job training, community service work, or government-sponsored job programs. "Attending school" includes any type of training program as well as regular high school. "Anything else" includes participating in counseling, job search clubs, or getting vaccinations or shots for children.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		2	0.00
	.I		47,562	98.41
	1	Look for a job	138	0.29
	2	Work in a paid job	227	0.47
	3	Work in an unpaid job	61	0.13
	4	Attend school or training	318	0.66
	5	Work-related/multiple activities required	10	0.02
	6	Stay home w/children	3	0.01
	11	Other	2	0.00
	12		8	0.02

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Variable Name: KAWORKB

Label: What is required for this work 2

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K18

Question Text: What are you or anyone in your family required to do? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This variable recorded the second of any special conditions that had to be met by the respondent in order to qualify to receive benefits. An unpaid job includes participating in workfare, on-the-job training, community service work, or government-sponsored job programs. "Attending school" includes any type of training program as well as regular high school. "Anything else" includes participating in counseling, job search clubs, or getting vaccinations or shots for children.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.1		48,125	99.57
	1	Look for a job	29	0.06
	2	Work in a paid job	46	0.10
	3	Work in an unpaid job	34	0.07
	4	Attend school or training	89	0.18
	5	Work-related/multiple activities required	3	0.01
	6	Stay home w/children	1	0.00
	9	Counseling	1	0.00
	11	Other	1	0.00
	12		2	0.00

Variable Name: KAWORKC

Label: What is required for this work 3

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K18

Question Text: What are you or anyone in your family required to do? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This variable recorded the third of any special conditions that had to be met by the respondent in order to qualify to receive benefits. An unpaid job includes participating in workfare, on-the-job training, community service work, or government-sponsored job programs. "Attending school" includes any type of training program as well as regular high school. "Anything else" includes participating in counseling, job search clubs, or getting vaccinations or shots for children.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.1		48,307	99.95
	1	Look for a job	2	0.00
	2	Work in a paid job	3	0.01
	3	Work in an unpaid job	5	0.01
	4	Attend school or training	10	0.02
	6	Stay home w/children	1	0.00
	8	Keep children in medical care	1	0.00
	12		2	0.00

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KBREAK

Label: Free breakfasts at school last year

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K36

Question Text: {During 1996, did you or your children ever receive benefits from any of the following programs...}

Free or reduced cost breakfasts at school?

Description: This variable refers to whether or not the respondent or the respondent's children had received free or reduced cost breakfasts at school during the year prior to the survey. The National School Breakfast program provides free or reduced-price school breakfasts to children from low-income families. Children from AFDC and food stamp families are automatically eligible. Most schools are served by the School Lunch Program (see item KLUNCH). The School Breakfast Program, however, only serves about half of these schools, so some families might report their children participating in one program but not the other.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		72	0.15
	.I		35,206	72.84
	.N		159	0.33
	.R		20	0.04
	1	Yes	5,395	11.16
	2	No	7,479	15.47

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KF1STYR

Label: Year first received food stamps

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K23

Question Text: In which year did you first ever receive food stamps for yourself or any of your children?

[ENTER LAST TWO DIGITS]

[INCLUDE ANY CHILD R HAS EVER BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR, EVEN IF CHILD IS NOT CURRENTLY LIVING IN HH.]

Description: This variable concerns when the respondent first received food stamps as an adult, and not necessarily as a parent of the children now living with him or her. This does not include benefits the respondent received as a child. If the respondent did not know exactly what year he or she first received food stamps, the interviewer asked for a best estimate.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		1,164	2.41
	.I		35,261	72.96
	.R		18	0.04
	64		10	0.02
	65		23	0.05
	66		18	0.04
	67		32	0.07
	68		45	0.09
	69		71	0.15
	70		172	0.36
	71		93	0.19
	72		140	0.29
	73		156	0.32
	74		168	0.35
	75		207	0.43
	76		198	0.41
	77		202	0.42
	78		228	0.47
	79		275	0.57
	80		429	0.89
	81		309	0.64
	82		375	0.78
	83		361	0.75
	84		364	0.75
	85		491	1.02
	86		418	0.86
	87		434	0.90
	88		417	0.86
	89		588	1.22
	90		671	1.39
	91		665	1.38
	92		733	1.52
	93		781	1.62
	94		775	1.60

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

95	957	1.98
96	907	1.88
97	175	0.36

Variable Name: KFAPP2YR

Label: Ever applied for stamps in last two yrs

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K33

Question Text: Have you ever applied for food stamps during the last 2 years?

Description: The definition of applying for food stamps included respondents who were not receiving benefits and went to the food stamp or welfare office to file or submit an application. Interviewers counted all applications, even if the respondent was turned down or offered a different type of help.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D	31	0.06
	.I	30,126	62.33
	.N	340	0.70
	.R	52	0.11
	1 Yes	1,181	2.44
	2 No	16,601	34.35

Variable Name: KFCOND

Label: Anyone required to work to get stamps

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K31

Question Text: Are you or is anyone else in your family required to work, go to school, or do anything else in order to receive food stamps?

Description: This item collected data on any special conditions that must be met to receive food stamps. Some examples include working for pay, participating in workfare, on-the-job training, community service or government-sponsored job programs, attending high school or other training programs, participating in counseling, attending job search clubs, or having children immunized.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D	104	0.22
	.I	44,298	91.66
	.R	1	0.00
	1 Yes	1,237	2.56
	2 No	2,691	5.57

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KFEVER

Label: Ever received food stamps

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K22

Question Text: Have you ever received food stamps for yourself or any of your children?

[DO NOT INCLUDE FOOD STAMPS RESPONDENT RECEIVED AS A CHILD]

[INCLUDE ANY CHILD R HAS EVER BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR, EVEN IF CHILD IS NOT CURRENTLY LIVING IN HH]

Description: This question asked whether the respondent had ever received food stamps as an adult, not including food stamps received by the respondent when he or she was a child.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		22	0.05
	.I		5,301	10.97
	.N		1	0.00
	.R		72	0.15
	1	Yes	7,769	16.07
	2	No	35,166	72.76

Variable Name: KFGT5YR

Label: Received food stamps GT 5 years ago

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K24

Question Text: Was that more than 5 years ago?

Description: This question was asked only of persons who indicated they received food stamps but who did not provide a start year.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		71	0.15
	.I		47,149	97.55
	.R		6	0.01
	1	Yes	922	1.91
	2	No	183	0.38

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KFLASTM

Label: Month last received food stamps

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K34A

Question Text: When did you last receive food stamps?

Description: This question recorded the last month that the respondent received food stamps.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		300	0.62
	.I		45,935	95.04
	.N		107	0.22
	.R		1	0.00
	1	January	207	0.43
	2	February	211	0.44
	3	March	246	0.51
	4	April	142	0.29
	5	May	136	0.28
	6	June	153	0.32
	7	July	107	0.22
	8	August	153	0.32
	9	September	131	0.27
	10	October	148	0.31
	11	November	156	0.32
	12	December	198	0.41

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KFLASTY

Label: Year last received food stamps

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K34A

Question Text: When did you last receive food stamps?

Description: This question was asked of respondents who had reported receiving food stamps since January 1997, but were not on the program at the time of the interview. Thus, the interviewers were told the year reported should be 1997 or later.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		78	0.16
	.I		45,935	95.04
	.N		107	0.22
	.R		1	0.00
	70		1	0.00
	73		1	0.00
	85		1	0.00
	86		3	0.01
	87		2	0.00
	88		1	0.00
	89		3	0.01
	90		1	0.00
	92		2	0.00
	93		3	0.01
	94		5	0.01
	95		452	0.94
	96		1,093	2.26
	97		642	1.33

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KFNOW

Label: Receiving food stamp benefits now

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K30

Question Text: Are you receiving food stamp benefits right now?

Description: The interviewer defined receiving benefits right now as either receiving food stamp assistance during the month of the interview or receiving food stamps in the previous month and expecting to receive food stamps this month.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		23	0.05
	.I		41,902	86.70
	.R		1	0.00
	1	Yes	4,033	8.34
	2	No	2,372	4.91

Variable Name: KFREAPP

Label: Ever reapplied for food stamps

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K34B

Question Text:

Description: This question was asked if the family was not currently receiving food stamps, but had received food stamps since January 1995.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		10	0.02
	.I		45,935	95.04
	.N		107	0.22
	1	Yes	323	0.67
	2	No	1,956	4.05

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KFRJAN95

Label: Receive food stmps since Jan 2 yrs prior

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K25

Question Text: Did you or your children receive any food stamps since January 1995?

[INCLUDE ANY MINOR CHILD WHO MAY HAVE LIVED WITH R SINCE 1/95, EVEN IF CHILD IS NOT CURRENTLY LIVING IN HH.]

Description: This question was critical because it determined whether or not the respondent would be asked questions about her or his experiences with food stamps during the last two years. Since a DK/REF response is taken as a no, the interviewers were told that some care should be taken to avoid it.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		107	0.22
	.I		37,300	77.18
	.R		5	0.01
	1	Yes	4,390	9.08
	2	No	6,529	13.51

Variable Name: KFSJAN95

Label: Stopped rcvng stmps since Jan 2 yrs prior

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K26

Question Text: Since January 1995, was there any time when you stopped receiving food stamps for more than one month?

Description: The interviewer defined stopped receiving as covering all types of interruptions, whether voluntary or initiated by the welfare office. Interruptions of only one month were not to be counted.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		141	0.29
	.I		41,902	86.70
	.R		1	0.00
	1	Yes	2,635	5.45
	2	No	3,652	7.56

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KFWORKA

Label: What is required to get stamps 1

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K32

Question Text: What are you or anyone in your family required to do? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This item recorded the first special condition that had to be met to receive food stamps. The interviewer defined response categories as follows:

UNPAID JOB: Includes participating in workfare, on-the-job training, community service work, or government-sponsored job programs.

ATTEND SCHOOL: Includes any type of training program as well as regular high school.

ANYTHING ELSE: Includes participating in counseling, job search clubs, or getting vaccinations or shots for children.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		9	0.02
	.I		47,094	97.44
	1	Look for a job	201	0.42
	2	Work in a paid job	563	1.16
	3	Work in an unpaid job	60	0.12
	4	Attend school or training	362	0.75
	5	Work-related/multiple activities required	6	0.01
	6	Stay home w/children	6	0.01
	7	Keep children in school	1	0.00
	8	Keep children in medical care	4	0.01
	11	Other	7	0.01
	12		18	0.04

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KFWORKB

Label: What is required to get stamps 2

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K32

Question Text: What are you or anyone in your family required to do? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This item recorded the second special condition that had to be met to receive food stamps. The interviewer defined response categories as follows:

UNPAID JOB: Includes participating in workfare, on-the-job training, community service work, or government-sponsored job programs.

ATTEND SCHOOL: Includes any type of training program as well as regular high school.

ANYTHING ELSE: Includes participating in counseling, job search clubs, or getting vaccinations or shots for children.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		48,052	99.42
	1	Look for a job	33	0.07
	2	Work in a paid job	68	0.14
	3	Work in an unpaid job	41	0.08
	4	Attend school or training	121	0.25
	6	Stay home w/children	1	0.00
	8	Keep children in medical care	8	0.02
	9	Counseling	1	0.00
	10	Required to work, but paid unpaid unspec	1	0.00
	11	Other	3	0.01
	12		2	0.00

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KFWORKC

Label: What is required to get stamps 3

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K32

Question Text: What are you or anyone in your family required to do? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This item recorded the third special condition that had to be met to receive food stamps. The interviewer defined response categories as follows:
 UNPAID JOB: Includes participating in workfare, on-the-job training, community service work, or government-sponsored job programs.
 ATTEND SCHOOL: Includes any type of training program as well as regular high school.
 ANYTHING ELSE: Includes participating in counseling, job search clubs, or getting vaccinations or shots for children.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		48,300	99.94
	1	Look for a job	2	0.00
	2	Work in a paid job	3	0.01
	3	Work in an unpaid job	5	0.01
	4	Attend school or training	17	0.04
	5	Work-related/multiple activities required	1	0.00
	6	Stay home w/children	1	0.00
	8	Keep children in medical care	1	0.00
	12		1	0.00

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KFYCUTA

Label: Food stamp office cut off reason 1

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K29

Question Text: Why did the food stamp office cut you off? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: Interviewers were instructed to listen to the respondent's answer and then read for confirmation one or more of the precoded answers that seemed to match the substance of what the respondent said. If the respondent did not agree with the wording of the precoded answers or if the precoded choices did not match the substance of the respondent's answer, the interviewer used "other specify" and recorded his or her answer verbatim.

Interviewers were instructed to code all response categories that applied and were verified by the respondent.

The interviewer defined response options as follows:

ASSETS: Property you own that has value, such as money in checking or savings accounts, cash on hand, a car, or a house.

PROGRAM RULES: Special conditions you have to meet to receive food stamps, such as participating in a work program or taking classes.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u> <u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D	43	0.09
	.I	47,000	97.25
	.R	1	0.00
1	Earnings had increased	719	1.49
2	Assets were too high	72	0.15
3	Did not follow program rules	287	0.59
4	Reached end of time limit allowed	39	0.08
5	Not a US citizen	3	0.01
6	Receiving money from other source	32	0.07
7	Administrative problems/mix up	44	0.09
8	Change in family situation	52	0.11
9	Didnt want or need/too much hassle	39	0.08

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KFYCUTB

Label: Food stamp office cut off reason 2

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K29

Question Text: Why did the food stamp office cut you off? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: Interviewers were instructed to listen to the respondent's answer and then read for confirmation one or more of the precoded answers that seemed to match the substance of what the respondent said. If the respondent did not agree with the wording of the precoded answers or if the precoded choices did not match the substance of the respondent's answer, the interviewer used "other specify" and recorded his or her answer verbatim. Interviewers were instructed to code all response categories that applied and were verified by the respondent. The interviewer defined response options as follows:
 ASSETS: Property you own that has value, such as money in checking or savings accounts, cash on hand, a car, or a house.
 PROGRAM RULES: Special conditions you have to meet to receive food stamps, such as participating in a work program or taking classes.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.1		48,279	99.89
	1	Earnings had increased	19	0.04
	2	Assets were too high	8	0.02
	3	Did not follow program rules	9	0.02
	4	Reached end of time limit allowed	6	0.01
	6	Receiving money from other source	3	0.01
	7	Administrative problems/mix up	2	0.00
	8	Change in family situation	4	0.01
	9	Didnt want or need/too much hassle	1	0.00

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KFYCUTC

Label: Food stamp office cut off reason 3

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K29

Question Text: Why did the food stamp office cut you off? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: Interviewers were instructed to listen to the respondent's answer and then read for confirmation one or more of the precoded answers that seemed to match the substance of what the respondent said. If the respondent did not agree with the wording of the precoded answers or if the precoded choices did not match the substance of the respondent's answer, the interviewer used "other specify" and recorded his or her answer verbatim. Interviewers were instructed to code all response categories that applied and were verified by the respondent. The interviewer defined response options as follows:
ASSETS: Property you own that has value, such as money in checking or savings accounts, cash on hand, a car, or a house.
PROGRAM RULES: Special conditions you have to meet to receive food stamps, such as participating in a work program or taking classes.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.1		48,330	100.00
	3	Did not follow program rules	1	0.00

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KFYLFYA

Label: Left food stamp program reason 1

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K28

Question Text: Why did you leave the food stamp program? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This question asked respondents why they left the food stamp program. Interviewers were instructed to listen to the respondent's answer and then read for confirmation one or more of the precoded answers that seemed to match the substance of what the respondent said. If the respondent did not agree with the wording of the precoded answers or if the precoded choices did not match the substance of the respondent's answer, the interviewer used "other specify" and recorded his or her answer verbatim. Interviewers were instructed to code all response categories that applied and were verified by the respondent.

Frequencies	Value	Label	Unwgt Cnt	Unwgt %
	.D		6	0.01
	.I		47,060	97.37
	.R		1	0.00
	1	Got a job	538	1.11
	2	Same job, worked more hrs, or got a raise	89	0.18
	3	Got a better job	66	0.14
	4	Married/remarried	67	0.14
	5	Moved in with family	30	0.06
	6	Moved to another county/state	68	0.14
	7	Did not want it or need it/uninterested	146	0.30
	8	Received money from another source	34	0.07
	9	System too frustrating/too much hassle	7	0.01
	10	Earnings too high (reason unknown)	112	0.23
	11	Income too high (type unknown)	72	0.15
	12	Reached end of time limit	18	0.04
	13	Assets were too high	16	0.03
	14	Did not follow program rules	1	0.00

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KFYLFTB

Label: Left food stamp program reason 2

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K28

Question Text: Why did you leave the food stamp program? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This question asked respondents why they left the food stamp program. Interviewers were instructed to listen to the respondent's answer and then read for confirmation one or more of the precoded answers that seemed to match the substance of what the respondent said. If the respondent did not agree with the wording of the precoded answers or if the precoded choices did not match the substance of the respondent's answer, the interviewer used "other specify" and recorded his or her answer verbatim. Interviewers were instructed to code all response categories that applied and were verified by the respondent.

Frequencies	Value	Label	Unwgt Cnt	Unwgt %
	.1		48,269	99.87
	1	Got a job	14	0.03
	2	Same job, worked more hrs, or got a raise	10	0.02
	3	Got a better job	8	0.02
	4	Married/remarried	3	0.01
	5	Moved in with family	4	0.01
	6	Moved to another county/state	6	0.01
	7	Did not want it or need it/uninterested	9	0.02
	8	Received money from another source	1	0.00
	10	Earnings too high (reason unknown)	2	0.00
	11	Income too high (type unknown)	1	0.00
	13	Assets were too high	2	0.00
	15	Unclassifiable	1	0.00
	91	Other (specify)	1	0.00

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KFYLFTC

Label: Left food stamp program reason 3

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K28

Question Text: Why did you leave the food stamp program? (CODE ALL THAT APPLY)

Description: This question asked respondents why they left the food stamp program. Interviewers were instructed to listen to the respondent's answer and then read for confirmation one or more of the precoded answers that seemed to match the substance of what the respondent said. If the respondent did not agree with the wording of the precoded answers or if the precoded choices did not match the substance of the respondent's answer, the interviewer used "other specify" and recorded his or her answer verbatim. Interviewers were instructed to code all response categories that applied and were verified by the respondent.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		48,328	99.99
	3	Got a better job	1	0.00
	6	Moved to another county/state	1	0.00
	7	Did not want it or need it/uninterested	1	0.00

Variable Name: KFYSTOP

Label: Cut off by stamp office or self

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K27

Question Text: The last time that happened, did the food stamp office cut you off, or was it your decision to stop getting food stamps?

Description: The interviewer asked the respondent to indicate whether he or she decided to stop getting food stamps, or if the food stamp office cut him/her off.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		31	0.06
	.I		45,696	94.55
	1	Cut off by food stamp office	1,331	2.75
	2	Own decision	1,273	2.63

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: KLUNCH

Label: Free lunches at school last year

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K37

Question Text: What about free or reduced-cost lunches at school?

Description: This variable refers to whether or not the respondent or the respondent's children had received free or reduced cost lunches at school during the year prior to the survey. The National School Lunch Program provides free or reduced-price school lunches to children from low-income families. Children from AFDC and food stamp families are automatically eligible. Most schools are served by the School Lunch Program. The School Breakfast Program, however, only serves about half of these schools, so some families might report their children participating in one program but not the other (see item KBREAK).

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		72	0.15
	.I		35,206	72.84
	.N		159	0.33
	.R		18	0.04
	1	Yes	7,505	15.53
	2	No	5,371	11.11

Variable Name: KWIC

Label: Received WIC vouchers last year

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: K35

Question Text: During 1996, did you or your children ever receive benefits from any of the following programs...

WIC vouchers (the special supplemental food program for Women, Infants, and Children)?

Description: The interviewer asked whether the respondent or his/her children had received benefits from the WIC vouchers program. The WIC vouchers program is a special supplemental food program for women, infants, and children.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		16	0.03
	.I		40,130	83.03
	.N		88	0.18
	.R		15	0.03
	1	Yes	3,947	8.17
	2	No	4,135	8.56

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: LCREDIT

Label: Anyone take college courses

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: L18

Question Text: During 1996, did [you/or (SPOUSE/PARTNER)] take college courses or programs for credit toward a college degree, such as an AA, BA, or advanced degree?

Description: This variable records whether the respondent or spouse/partner took any college courses last year toward either a two-year college degree (A.A.), a four-year college degree (B.A. or B.S.), or another advanced degree (graduate or professional degree). This variable refers to a target group and cannot be analyzed correctly with any of the provided weights. As a result, frequencies run on this variable are unweighted.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		43	0.09
	.I		4,736	9.80
	.N		134	0.28
	.R		24	0.05
	1	Yes	6,992	14.47
	2	No	36,402	75.32

Variable Name: LHSCLS

Label: Taken GED classes last year

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: L16

Question Text: In 1996, did [you/or (SPOUSE/PARTNER)] take classes to earn a regular high school diploma or GED?

Description: The interviewer recorded whether the respondent or spouse/partner took classes toward a high school diploma or GED during the previous year, even if they did not successfully complete the classes. This variable refers to a target group and cannot be analyzed correctly with any of the provided weights

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		33	0.07
	.I		39,568	81.87
	.N		135	0.28
	.R		3	0.01
	1	Yes	804	1.66
	2	No	7,788	16.11

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: LJBCLAS

Label: Received help looking for work last year

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: L12

Question Text: During 1996, did [you/or (SPOUSE/PARTNER)/or CHILD2 WHO IS 15 YEARS OLD OR OLDER] take classes or workshops to help look for work, like job search assistance, job clubs, or world-of-work orientations?

Description: This variable records any participation in classes or workshops that helped the MKA and his or her family members look for work, whether these classes were completed or not.

Classes or workshops to help look for work were defined as any activities in which the individual was given advice or instruction on how to look for a job, or trained in skills needed to get a job or in general skills needed to keep a job (for example, how to prepare a resume, how to find job openings, how to fill out an application, job interview practice, and how to meet employers' expectations). The respondent was instructed to include one-on-one help sessions with instructors or counselors and group events such as workshops, classes, and peer support gatherings. This variable refers to a target group and cannot be analyzed correctly with any of the provided weights. As a result, frequencies run on this variable are unweighted.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		55	0.11
	.N		132	0.27
	.R		21	0.04
	1	Yes	3,146	6.51
	2	No	44,977	93.06

Variable Name: LTRAIN

Label: Taken job training courses

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: L14

Question Text: During 1996, did [you/or (SPOUSE/PARTNER)/or CHILD2 WHO IS 15 YEARS OR OLDER] take courses or apprentice programs that trained (you/you or him/you or her/you or him or her/you or them) for a specific job, trade, or occupation, excluding AA or BA degree programs, GED classes, or on-the-job training?

Description: This variable records whether or not the respondent or spouse/partner took courses or participated in an apprentice program the previous year. This variable refers to a target group and cannot be analyzed correctly with any of the provided weights. As a result, frequencies run on this variable are unweighted.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		63	0.13
	.I		8,228	17.02
	.N		132	0.27
	.R		31	0.06
	1	Yes	3,629	7.51
	2	No	36,248	75.00

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: LUNPJB

Label: Participate in unpaid job

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: L5

Question Text: Now, I'd like to talk to you about training and other activities last year. During 1996, did any government program give [you/or (SPOUSE/PARTNER)/or CHILD2 WHO IS 15 YEARS OLD OR OLDER] work in an unpaid job provided by the government?

Description: This question asked whether anyone in the family had participated in an unpaid job provided by the government last year. The respondent was asked to include all jobs without pay that were provided by a government program. The job did not have to have been new the previous year, as long as unpaid work occurred at any point during the previous calendar year. The respondent was to report actual work at an unpaid job, not just program requirements to work at an unpaid job. This variable refers to a target group and cannot be analyzed correctly with any of the provided weights. As a result, frequencies run on this variable are unweighted.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		25	0.05
	.I		24,146	49.96
	.N		462	0.96
	.R		27	0.06
	1	Yes	326	0.67
	2	No	23,345	48.30

Variable Name: LVOUCHR

Label: Given vouchers for education

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: L9

Question Text: During 1996, were [you/or (SPOUSE/PARTNER)/or CHILD2 WHO IS 15 YEARS OLD OR OLDER] given any vouchers to pay for education or training?

Description: The interviewer was to record whether or not the respondent or spouse/partner received a coupon or voucher for education or training last year. This variable refers to a target group and cannot be analyzed correctly with any of the provided weights. As a result, frequencies run on this variable are unweighted.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		48	0.10
	.I		24,146	49.96
	.N		462	0.96
	.R		24	0.05
	1	Yes	553	1.14
	2	No	23,098	47.79

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: MAINRSLT

Label: First extended interview result code

Type: C

Length: 2

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable indicates the final result of the extended interview and other details about the interview process.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	CO	Complete	47,754	98.81
	CP	Partial complete - section k done	577	1.19

Variable Name: MINSTATE

Label: In-state or out-of-state move

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M4

Question Text: Did you move here from another place in this state, or from out of state?

Description: Response categories to this question were defined as follows:

IN-STATE: Moved within the state boundaries.

OUT-OF-STATE: Moved from another state or country, even if was a short move, such as across a river that is a state boundary.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		1	0.00
	.I		37,032	76.62
	.N		394	0.82
	.R		2	0.00
	1	In state	9,155	18.94
	2	Out of state	1,747	3.61

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: MLIVETM

Label: Time lived at this home

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M3

Question Text: How long have you lived in this home?

Description: The respondent was to report how long he or she personally had lived in this dwelling unit. The interviewer instructed the respondent to ignore brief stays elsewhere as long as this address was "home" throughout. However, if the respondent moved away and then returned to this address, only the length of the most recent residence was recorded.

Means:	<u>Non-miss n</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	47,767	1	74	8.66

Variable Name: MLIVEUN

Label: Time lived at this home - unit of time

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M3

Question Text: How long have you lived in this home?

Description: The interviewer recorded whether the amount of time the respondent had lived at his or her current residence (from item MLIVETM) was recorded in months or years.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		214	0.44
	.N		350	0.72
	1	Months	6,857	14.19
	2	Years	40,910	84.65

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: MPAYFRMA

Label: Where got help to pay housing bills-1

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M10B

Question Text: Who did you get help from?

[CODE ALL THAT APPLY.]

Description: The interviewer defined help as including help finding money to pay the bills as well as help finding someone to co-sign or guarantee payment or to negotiate a payment plan, including a bank or loan company. This variable collected the first source of such assistance.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		8	0.02
	.I		45,481	94.10
	.N		339	0.70
	.R		4	0.01
	1	Family or friends	1,237	2.56
	2	Clergy (minister, priest, rabbi)	95	0.20
	3	Bank, loan company, other commercial src	99	0.20
	4	Community program	271	0.56
	5	Government program	459	0.95
	6	Employer/more hours/second job/overtime	35	0.07
	7	Made plan with utility/creditor/landlord	283	0.59
	8	Sold possession/used savings/insurance	10	0.02
	91	Other (specify)	10	0.02

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: MPAYFRMB

Label: Where got help to pay housing bills-2

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M10B

Question Text: Who did you get help from?

[CODE ALL THAT APPLY.]

Description: The interviewer defined help as including help finding money to pay the bills as well as help finding someone to co-sign or guarantee payment or to negotiate a payment plan, including a bank or loan company. This variable collected the second source of such assistance.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		47,830	98.96
	.N		339	0.70
	1	Family or friends	32	0.07
	2	Clergy (minister, priest, rabbi)	29	0.06
	3	Bank, loan company, other commercial src	11	0.02
	4	Community program	32	0.07
	5	Government program	46	0.10
	6	Employer/more hours/second job/overtime	2	0.00
	7	Made plan with utility/creditor/landlord	5	0.01
	8	Sold possession/used savings/insurance	4	0.01
	91	Other (specify)	1	0.00

Variable Name: MPAYFRMC

Label: Where got help to pay housing bills-3

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M10B

Question Text: Who did you get help from?

[CODE ALL THAT APPLY.]

Description: The interviewer defined help as including help finding money to pay the bills as well as help finding someone to co-sign or guarantee payment or to negotiate a payment plan, including a bank or loan company. This variable collected the third source of such assistance.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		47,982	99.28
	.N		339	0.70
	2	Clergy (minister, priest, rabbi)	4	0.01
	4	Community program	4	0.01
	5	Government program	2	0.00

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: MPAYHELP

Label: Try to get help when unable to pay bills

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M10A

Question Text: Did you get any help when you were not able to pay the mortgage, rent or utility bills?

Description: This variable indicates whether the respondent had tried to get help paying the rent. The interviewer was to define getting help as including money gotten from relatives or friends. It was not to include getting the landlord to wait.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		9	0.02
	.I		40,942	84.71
	.N		339	0.70
	.R		2	0.00
	1	Yes	2,514	5.20
	2	No	4,525	9.36

Variable Name: MPAYNHLA

Label: Why no help to pay housing bills

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M10C

Question Text: Why didn't you get any help?

[CODE ALL THAT APPLY.]

Description: The interviewer recorded the main reason that the respondent did not get help.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		51	0.11
	.I		43,477	89.96
	.N		340	0.70
	.R		4	0.01
	1	Didn't want to, didn't need to	1,721	3.56
	2	Didn't know where to go for help	1,217	2.52
	3	No services available in community	429	0.89
	4	Family/friends did not have resources	82	0.17
	5	Program/serv didn't have resources/waiting li	166	0.34
	6	Program/serv did something, but it didn't hel	90	0.19
	7	Agency said didnt qualify	616	1.27
	8	Assumed would not qualify	75	0.16
	91	Other (specify)	63	0.13

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: MPAYNHLB

Label: Why no help to pay housing bills-2

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M10C

Question Text: Why didn't you get any help?

[CODE ALL THAT APPLY.]

Description: The interviewer recorded the secondary reason that the respondent did not get help.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		47,655	98.60
	.N		339	0.70
	1	Didn't want to, didn't need to	58	0.12
	2	Didn't know where to go for help	82	0.17
	3	No services available in community	54	0.11
	4	Family/friends did not have resources	45	0.09
	5	Program/serv didn't have resources/waiting li	36	0.07
	6	Program/serv did something, but it didn't hel	12	0.02
	7	Agency said didnt qualify	26	0.05
	8	Assumed would not qualify	15	0.03
	91	Other (specify)	9	0.02

Variable Name: MPAYNHLC

Label: Why no help to pay housing bills-3

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M10C

Question Text: Why didn't you get any help?

[CODE ALL THAT APPLY.]

Description: The interviewer recorded the tertiary reason that the respondent did not get help

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.I		47,963	99.24
	.N		339	0.70
	1	Didn't want to, didn't need to	3	0.01
	2	Didn't know where to go for help	4	0.01
	3	No services available in community	3	0.01
	4	Family/friends did not have resources	4	0.01
	5	Program/serv didn't have resources/waiting li	7	0.01
	6	Program/serv did something, but it didn't hel	3	0.01
	7	Agency said didnt qualify	4	0.01
	8	Assumed would not qualify	1	0.00

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: MPAYRENT

Label: Unable to pay rent in last year

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: M10

Question Text: During the last 12 months, was there a time when (you/you and your family) were not able to pay your mortgage, rent or utility bills?

Description: The respondent was to report yes if there was a time when he or she was unable to pay the mortgage, rent, or utility bill in full because of lack of money. The interviewer did not include occasional cases where the respondent forgot to pay the mortgage, rent, or utility bills. Also, the interviewer instructed the respondent not to include late payments that were paid in full within the usual 10- to 15-day grace period. This question was asked of all respondents.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	.D		1	0.00
	1	Yes	7,803	16.14
	2	No	40,527	83.85

Variable Name: RESPID

Label: Respondent identification number

Type: C

Length: 10

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This is a unique number assigned to each respondent during survey processing. We included it as a convenience to researchers wishing to bring together interview records for the same respondent. The number is unique. However, one respondent may answer for two focal children. In this case, both focal children will share the same RESPID. Similarly, each respondent provided information on his or her spouse/partner as well as him or herself.

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: TYPEINT

Label: Extended interview type

Type: C

Length: 2

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: Option A1: First MKA interview in a household.

Option A2: Second MKA interview. The second MKA is related to the first MKA. The Option A2 respondent is in the same family as the Option A1 respondent.

Option A3: Second MKA interview in a household. The second MKA is not related to the first MKA. The Option A3 interview is not in the same family as the Option A1 respondent.

Option B1: First adult interview in a household without children. Note: a B1 interview is not possible with an A1 interview.

Option B2: Additional adult interview in a household with or without children. The additional adult is related to the first adult or the MKA.

Option B3: Additional adult interview in a household with or without children. The additional adult is not related to the first adult or the MKA. In other words, the Option B3 respondent is not in the same family as the Option A1 or the Option B1 respondent.

Option B4: Interviews with emancipated minors who are related to another interviewee in the household.

Option B5: Interviews with emancipated minors who are not related to another interviewee in the household.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	A1	Option A with first MKA	27,783	57.48
	A2	Option A with secnd MKA-both same famil	369	0.76
	A3	Option A with secnd MKA-not same family	11	0.02
	B1	Option B with first adult	16,653	34.46
	B2	Option B with secnd adult-both same faml	3,180	6.58
	B3	Option B with secnd adult-not same family	308	0.64
	B4	Option B with emancipated minor	26	0.05
	B5	Option B with emancipated minor diff fam	1	0.00

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

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.

Variable Name: UEXTLANG

Label: Language of extended interview

Type: N

Length: 3

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: This variable indicates whether the extended interview was conducted in English or Spanish.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	1	English	46,020	95.22
	2	Spanish	2,311	4.78

Variable Name: UFAMID

Label: Social family ID

Type: C

Length: 21

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: In addition to grouping respondents using CPS definition of a family, NSAF respondents were grouped according to a second family definition. This "social family" definition included 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, marriage, or adoption to the MKA, the spouse/partner, or their children).

This unique number was assigned to each such "family" during survey processing. We included it as a convenience to researchers wishing to bring together interview records for the same social 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.

NSAF FAMILY RESPONDENT FILE CODEBOOK

Variable Name: UREGION

Label: Region

Type: C

Length: 1

Question Num: N/A

Question Text: N/A

Description: In NSAF, we use the regional partitioning of the United States that was set up by the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau divides the United States into four regions, and within each region into divisions, nine in all. The regions are the Northeast, Midwest (formerly North Central), West, and South. The nine geographic divisions have been largely unchanged for the presentation of summary statistics since the 1910 Census:

NORTHEAST REGION. This region consists of two divisions: New England and the Middle Atlantic. New England has six states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The Middle Atlantic Division has three states: New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

MIDWEST REGION. This region also consists of two divisions: East North Central and West North Central. East North Central has five states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The West North Central Division has seven states: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

WEST REGION. This region consists of the Mountain and Pacific Divisions. The Mountain Division has eight states: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. The Pacific Division has five states: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington.

SOUTH REGION. The South Census Region has three divisions: East South Central, West South Central, and South Atlantic. The states are Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee for the East South Central Division and Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas for the West South Central Division. The South Atlantic Division includes the District of Columbia and the remaining states: Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.

For the telephone sample, the regions were derived from the area code of the telephone number. From the in-person component, the regions were obtained from the actual sample addresses. Divisions have been defined here, even though the public use files show only census region.

Frequencies	<u>Value</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Unwgt Cnt</u>	<u>Unwgt %</u>
	1	Northeast	11,064	22.89
	2	Midwest	14,001	28.97
	3	South	12,631	26.13
	4	West	10,635	22.00
