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Panel Survey of Income Dynamics

Incarceration
Variable Notes

- 1 The unweighted frequencies in this measures snapshot represent those for the most recent round of data available for each respective variable.
- 2 Created from question B9 which asks "Is (he/she) in school, working, in the army, or what?"
- 3 This variable provides partial summary of information about individuals in institutions, as coded on the individual-level dataset. Such an individual, in order to be included in the following four variables, must have the same ID number as this family and his or her sequence number must equal 51-59. The "reason for nonresponse" variable was consulted for the type of institution. The values for this variable represent the actual number of individuals (1-9) who were incarcerated in penal institutions (taken directly from the PSID Codebook).
- 4 This question can be found in Section M: Education of the 1995 PSID Main Interview questionnaire.
- This variable is generated by selecting individuals whose sequence numbers have been in the range 51-59 in any year from 1969 through the present and/or whose person numbers are in the range 020-026 (thus indicating institutionalization in 1968 if core, 1990 if Latino, or 1997/1999 if Immigrant). If such individuals had income during the portion of the year preceding their move out, this part-year income is included in the family-level data of the family whence they departed. In years following their institutionalization, no income questions were asked about them until they rejoined the family or split off (taken directly from the PSID Codebook).
- 6 This variable provides a means of identifying an individual's status with regard to the FU at the time of the 1970 interview (taken directly from the PSID Codebook).

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