

National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, Wave 3

Incarceration Variable Notes

- 1 The variable PRISON was constructed from interviewer comments and variables H3HR1 and H3HR27, and indicates whether or not the Wave 3 interview took place in a correctional facility. For additional information about interviews completed in prisons, see pp. 34-35, Appendix C: Add Health Prisoner Interview Protocol, Wave III Data Documentation, April 2004.
- Questions H3CJ45--H3CJ62 refer to additional juvenile convictions or guilty pleas following respondent's first juvenile conviction/ guilty plea. The skip pattern for these questions should have been determined by the total number of juvenile convictions and/or guilty pleas (H3CJ23). However, due to a programming error, the skip pattern for these questions was based on the sum of questions H3CJ26-H3CJ41, which list categories of criminal offenses and ask respondents to mark whether they have been convicted of or pled guilty to a crime in each category. As a result, respondents with two or more juvenile convictions or guilty pleas were not asked questions H3CJ45--H3CJ62 unless they had been convicted of or pled guilty to crimes in two or more categories. For instance, a respondent who had been convicted of both theft and assault would have been asked questions H3CJ45--H3CJ62; a respondent with two theft convictions would not have been asked the additional questions. These variables were coded as legitimate skips for the affected respondents.
- Although questions H3CJ43A and H3CJ43B each have three different question forms with different sets of respondents, unweighted frequencies for specific question forms are not available. The combined frequencies for questions H3CJ43A and H3CJ43B are available in the *Wave III In-Home Codebook, Section 27: Involvement with the Criminal Justice System*; researchers who wish to obtain frequencies for individual question forms will need to do a crosstab with question H3CJ42.
- 4 Questions H3CJ112--H3CJ159 refer to adult convictions or guilty pleas other than respondent's first adult conviction or guilty plea, including information about respondent's most recent crime. The skip pattern for these questions should have been determined by the total number of adult convictions and/or guilty pleas (H3CJ87). However, due to a programming error, the skip pattern for these questions was based on the sum of questions H3CJ90--H3CJ106, which list categories of criminal offenses and ask respondents to mark whether they have been convicted of or pled guilty to a crime in each category. As a result, respondents with two or more adult convictions or guilty pleas were not asked questions H3CJ112--H3CJ159 unless they had been convicted of or pled guilty to crimes in two or more categories. For instance, a respondent who had been convicted of both theft and assault would have been asked questions H3CJ112--H3CJ159; a respondent with two theft convictions would not have been asked the additional questions. These variables were coded as legitimate skips for the affected respondents.
- **5** Questions H3CJ112M--H3CJ134 were asked when the sum of responses to H3CJ90--H3CJ106 was greater than one.
- 6 Questions H3CJ135--H3CJ159 were asked when the sum of responses to H3CJ113--H3CJ129 was greater than one.
- **7** The response category "six years" was assigned a value label of 4, which is inconsistent with the labeling of other response categories for question H3CJ157B. The discrepancy is likely the result of a codebook error.
- 8 See data for frequencies.

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