

National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, Wave 4

Incarceration Variable Notes

- The variable PRISON4 controls the questions asked to prisoners. No interviews were conducted in prison during the pretest, but three pretest interviews were incorrectly flagged as prison cases. Questions controlled by this variable have been recoded correctly which resulted in some missing data for these three respondents. In the data file, PRISON4 = 0 for these pretest cases. Three main study interviews that were completed in a prison were not flagged as prison cases. As with the pretest cases, questions controlled by the PRISON4 variable have been recoded to follow the correct (prison) path. Along with the other prison interviews, these respondents have a value of 1 for PRISON4. (Direct quotation from p.5, Section A: Interview Variables, Wave IV Codebooks, 2009.)
- **2** Questions controlled by the variable PRISON4 have been recoded for consistency. As a result, one case was designated a legitimate skip for variables H4CJ1 and H4CJ17; for all other variables in Section 22, one case was labeled "missing."
- **3** The respondent was prompted to confirm his/her response if it was less than ten years.
- 4 The respondent was prompted to confirm his/her response if it was greater than twenty times.
- **5** One response was recoded as "missing" because it fell outside the range of legitimate responses.
- 6 The respondent was prompted to confirm his/her response if it was greater than ten years.
- 7 The respondent was prompted to confirm his/her response if it was greater than twenty years.

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