

Fragile Families and Child Well-Being Study: Five-Year Follow-Up, Fathers

Incarceration

Question	Response	Respondent	Codebook Location	Variable Name	Variable Notes	UF
What was the main reason (he/she) stopped living with you (most of the time)?	1 Legally lost custody 2 Child protective services/other agency/court removed child 3 Financial problems 4 Own health problems 5 Child's health problems 6 Neighborhood safety 7 Other parent took child/kidnapped 8 Child deceased 9 Other (not specified) 101 Father incarcerated 102 Lives with other family 103 Father disabled 104 Lives with mother 105 Parents broke up 106 Never lived with child 107 Father moved 108 Mother/child moved 109 Parents don't get along -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who used to live with [CHILD] most of the time, but who no longer do	Section A: Family Characteristics	f4a3a1		93 5 14 5 1 1 25 0 29 150 22 31 25 232 63 32 35 44 3 7 2,342 1,739
What is the main reason (he/she) doesn't live with you all of the time?	1 Legal custody agreement 2 Child protective services/other agency/court ordered living arrangement 3 Financial problems 4 Own health problems 5 Child's health problems 6 Neighborhood safety 7 Informal agreement with other custodian 8 Other (not specified) 101 Parents broke up 102 Lives with mother 103 Father incarcerated 104 Father's work schedule 105 Distance -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who do not live with [CHILD] all or most of the time	Section A: Family Characteristics	f4a3i		60 5 9 0 0 0 83 16 46 5 3 17 9 2 4 2,900 1,739

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PLEASE TELL ME WHY YOUR (MARRIAGE/ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP) ENDED:						
Mother's incarceration?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who were involved in a romantic relationship with [MOTHER] at last interview but are not romantically involved with [MOTHER] now	Section A: Family Characteristics	f4a8b_3		0 86 2 1 3,070 1,739
Father's incarceration?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4a8b_4		2 84 2 1 3,070 1,739
What is [CHILD 1]'s mother currently doing? Is she	1 Employed full-time 2 Employed part-time 3 Attending school 4 In jail 5 Something else 101 Disability 102 Deceased 103 Unemployed 104 School and work 105 Stay at home 106 Nothing 107 On welfare -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who have an additional child with a mother other than [MOTHER]	Section A: Family Characteristics	f4a10h1		490 87 50 6 5 9 14 28 5 46 20 4 5 249 2,141 1,739

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What is [CHILD 2]'s mother currently doing? Is she	1 Employed full-time 2 Employed part-time 3 Attending school 4 In jail 5 Something else 101 Disability 102 Deceased 103 Unemployed 104 School and work 105 Stay at home 106 Nothing 107 On welfare -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who have an additional child with a mother other than [MOTHER] or mother of [CHILD 1]	Section A: Family Characteristics	f4a10h2		347 44 31 1 3 4 8 26 5 27 9 4 0 116 2,534 1,739
What is [CHILD 3]'s mother currently doing? Is she	1 Employed full-time 2 Employed part-time 3 Attending school 4 In jail 5 Something else 101 Disability 102 Deceased 103 Unemployed 104 School and work 105 Stay at home 106 Nothing 107 On welfare -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who have an additional child with a mother other than [MOTHER], mother of [CHILD 1], or mother of [CHILD 2]	Section A: Family Characteristics	f4a10h3		178 28 24 0 1 3 2 11 4 19 8 1 0 84 2,796 1,739

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Thinking about (that/the most recent) separation, why were you and [CHILD] separated?	1 Child or parent's illness 2 Court or agency removed child from home 3 Father's work schedule 4 Father in jail/prison 5 Father on vacation 6 Child visited mother 7 Child visited relatives 8 Other (not specified) 101 Family issues 102 Child on vacation 103 Spousal arguments 104 Separated 105 Financial problems 106 Distance 107 Mother prevented -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who live with [CHILD] at least half of the time and who have been separated from [CHILD] for a week or longer during the last two years	Section B: Child Well-Being and Fathering	f4b3c		4 0 213 64 112 32 132 26 11 18 33 17 10 4 2 2,458 1,739
Thinking about the second most recent separation, why were you and [CHILD] separated?	1 Child or parent's illness 2 Court or agency removed child from home 3 Father's work schedule 4 Father in jail/prison 5 Father on vacation 6 Child visited mother 7 Child visited relatives 8 Other (not specified) 101 Family issues 102 Child on vacation 103 Spousal arguments 104 Separated 105 Distance 106 Mother prevented -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who live with [CHILD] at least half of the time and who have been separated from [CHILD] for a week or longer more than once during the last two years	Section B: Child Well-Being and Fathering	f4b3f	4	7 0 135 14 34 24 50 16 3 3 14 3 10 6 2 3 2,835 1,739

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What is the main reason [MOTHER] doesn't see [CHILD] more often?	1 Father doesn't want mother to see child 2 Mother does not want to see/acknowledge child 3 Child doesn't want to see mother 4 Mother lives too far away 5 Mother doesn't have enough time or has time conflicts 6 Mother doesn't have enough money 7 Parents don't get along 8 Mother's current partner objects 9 Father's current partner objects 10 Other (specify) 101 Mother incarcerated 102 Visitation/custody agreement 103 Court order 104 Health reasons 105 Mother on alcohol/drugs 106 Mother family issues -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who report that [MOTHER] does not see [CHILD] frequently	Section C: Mother- Child Relationship	f4c5b		4 12 0 14 32 5 0 2 1 16 14 11 8 2 6 4 2 33 2,993 1,739
What is the primary reason that legal paternity has not been established?	1 Don't want the state/legal system involved/ mother prefers to receive payments directly 2 Mother doesn't want the father involved 3 Father doesn't want to be involved 4 Other (not specified) 101 In process 102 Father incarcerated 103 No need 104 Lives with child 105 Didn't get to it -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who have not established legal paternity of [CHILD]	Section C: Mother- Child Relationship	f4c10a1		10 4 0 19 8 6 25 15 19 1 94 2,958 1,739

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What is the primary reason that you do not have a child support order?	1 Don't want the state/legal system involved/ mother prefers to receive payments directly 2 Mother doesn't want the father involved 3 Father doesn't want to be involved 4 Other (not specified) 101 Living together 102 Mother not located 103 Mutual understanding 104 Incarcerated 105 Custody issues 106 In progress -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who do not have a legal agreement or child support order requiring them to provide financial support to [CHILD]	Section C: Mother- Child Relationship	f4c13a1		185 9 1 18 308 1 39 3 2 10 2 13 2,568 1,739
WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN: Sent father to prison or jail? Put father on probation?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave 1 Yes	Fathers who report that a welfare office, court, or judge has taken action to try to get them to pay the child support they owe	Section C: Mother- Child Relationship	f4c21d_7		4 37 2 3,116 1,739
	2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4c21d_8		41 2 3,116 1,739
What was [MOTHER] doing most of last week—working at a regular job, going to school, or something else?	0 Nothing 1 Working at a regular job 2 Looking for work 3 In school 4 Unable to work 5 In jail/prison 6 Stay at home parent/homemaker 7 Working and in school 8 Other (not specified) 101 On disability 102 Halfway house/rehab 103 On vacation -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who do not report that [MOTHER] is deceased	Section C: Mother- Child Relationship	f4c36		39 1,647 37 165 23 9 730 72 46 4 14 27 8 333 5 1,739

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Has [MOTHER] spent any time in jail (since [DATE OF LAST INTERVIEW]/in the past two years)?	 1 Yes 2 No 3 Mother is currently in jail 1 Refuse 2 Don't know 6 Skip 9 Not in wave 	Fathers who do not report that [MOTHER] was in jail/prison during the week prior to the interview	Section C: Mother- Child Relationship	f4c37		104 2,889 0 2 150 14 1,739	
WHAT (IS/WAS) [MOTHER] IN JAIL FOR:							
Aggravated assault/rape/murder (qn attack on a person with a weapon or hands, e.g., battery, rape, aggravated assault, manslaughter)?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave				f4c37a_1		12 79 2 3,066 1,739
Robbery/theft/larceny (taking something from someone with or without using a weapon; forgery, fraud, embezzlement, bad checks; shoplifting)?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave		[MOTHER] has spent time Section C: Mother-	f4c37a_2		22 69 2 3,066 1,739	
Possession, use, or sale of marijuana, cocaine, or other illicit drugs?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4c37a_3		17 74 2 3,066 1,739	
Major traffic offense (driving under the influence of alcohol or other drug, DWI, DUI, reckless driving, driving without a license)?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who report that [MOTHER] has spent time in jail/prison in the last two years		f4c37a_4		13 78 2 3,066 1,739	
Non-payment of child support?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4c37a_5		3 88 2 3,066 1,739	
Parole or probation violation?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4c37a_6		6 85 2 3,066 1,739	
Simple assault?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4c37a_7		13 78 2 3,066 1,739	

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What (is/was) [MOTHER] in jail for: Other?	1 Yes 2 No 101 Domestic violence 102 Traffic tickets -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who report that [MOTHER] has spent time in jail/prison in the last two years	Section C: Mother- Child Relationship	f4c37a_8		9 70 5 7 2 3,066 1,739
How long did she spend in (jail/prison)? (<i>years</i>)	1 2 4 -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who report that [MOTHER] has spent time in jail/prison in the last two years	Section C: Mother- Child Relationship	f4c37c1		6 2 2 25 3,124 1,739
How long did she spend in (jail/prison)? (<i>months</i>)	1 2 3 5 6 -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who report that [MOTHER] has spent time in jail/prison in the last two years	Section C: Mother- Child Relationship	f4c37c2		2 3 1 12 3,139 1,739
How long did she spend in (jail/prison)? (weeks)	1 2 3 7 -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who report that [MOTHER] has spent time in jail/prison in the last two years	Section C: Mother- Child Relationship	f4c37c3		4 3 1 1 3,150 1,739
How long did she spend in (jail/prison)? (days)	1 2 45 -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who report that [MOTHER] has spent time in jail/prison in the last two years	Section C: Mother- Child Relationship	f4c37c4		23 7 1 0 3,113 1,739
When did [MOTHER] go to (jail/prison)?	2002 2003 2004 -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who report that [MOTHER] has spent time in jail/prison in the last two years	Section C: Mother- Child Relationship	f4c37d2		2 3 2 0 3,152 1,739

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When will [MOTHER] be released from (jail/prison)?	2004 2005 2011 2021 -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who report that [MOTHER] has spent time in jail/prison in the last two years	Section C: Mother- Child Relationship	f4c37e2		1 4 1 1 3,152 1,739
What was [CURRENT PARTNER] doing most of last week—working at a regular job, going to school, or something else?	 0 Nothing 1 Working at a regular job 2 Looking for work 3 In school 4 Unable to work 5 In jail/prison 6 Stay at home parent/homemaker 7 Working and in school 8 Other (not specified) 1 Refuse 2 Don't know 6 Skip 9 Not in wave 	Fathers who are currently involved in a romantic relationship with someone other than [MOTHER]	Section E: Current Partner	f4e7		13 451 8 57 11 0 71 40 6 2 6 2,494 1,739
What is your current housing situation? Please stop me when I read the statement that describes your situation. Do you	 Rent your own apartment or house Live with family or friends and contribute part of the rent Live with family or friends and do not pay rent Own your own home Live in a house or condo owned by another family member Live in temporary housing or a group shelter Some other housing arrangement? (not specified) Halfway house/treatment facility Jail/prison On the street, homeless Military Skip Not in wave 	Fathers who have moved [since DATE OF LAST INTERVIEW/in the last two years]	Section I: Environment and Programs	f4i2		781 240 40 286 17 9 3 1 102 2 5 1,673 1,739

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Why did you decide to stop receiving cash aid?	1 Got a job 2 Got a different or better job 3 Worked more hours or got a raise or got more earnings 4 Married/remarried 5 Moved in with parents who helped support family 6 Moved in with family 7 Moved to another county or state 8 Wanted to save up some months on the time clock 9 Wanted to avoid the work or other participation requirements 10 Couldn't stand the hassles 11 Other (not specified) 101 Didn't want 102 Other support 103 Incarceration 104 Ineligible -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who have ever received welfare or TANF benefits and who chose to stop receiving aid	Section I: Environment and Programs	f4i14a		126 16 7 2 1 0 4 0 4 6 4 5 3 3 4 5 2,969 1,739
Why did the welfare office stop or cut off your cash aid?	 Earnings increased and made family ineligible Assets were too high Reached end of welfare time limit Did not follow program rules and was cut off/sanctioned Married/remarried/moved in with partner Moved in with family Moved to another county or state Other (not specified) Child moved out Age limit Incarcerated Other support Don't know Skip Not in wave 	Fathers who have ever received welfare or TANF benefits and whose aid was cut off by the welfare office	Section I: Environment and Programs	f4i14b		16 2 8 7 0 1 0 3 3 5 5 5 3 7 3,099 1,739

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Why didn't you apply for welfare? Was it because you didn't know how to apply, you did not want to go on welfare, or some other reason?	1 Didn't know how 2 Don't want welfare 3 Never get around to it 4 Other (not specified) 101 Did not need 102 Stigma 103 Found work 104 Trouble applying 105 Other help 106 Incarcerated 107 Ineligible -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who thought at any time during the last twelve months that they might be eligible for welfare, but did not apply	Section I: Environment and Programs	f4i18c		32 124 17 5 5 4 23 3 8 10 13 2 2,913 1,739
MY NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT SOME EXPERIENCES YOU MAY HAVE HAD (SINCE [DATE OF LAST INTERVIEW]/IN THE LAST TWO YEARS).			Section I: Environment and Programs			
(Since [DATE OF LAST INTERVIEW]/During the last two years), other than for a minor traffic violation, have you been stopped by the police, but not picked up or arrested?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -9 Not in wave	All fathers	Section I: Environment and Programs	f4i24		754 2,389 14 2 1,739
And, (Since [DATE OF LAST INTERVIEW]/During the last two years), not counting minor traffic offenses, have you ever been booked or charged with breaking a law, either by the police or by someone connected with the courts? Please include juvenile offenses.	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -9 Not in wave	All fathers	Section I: Environment and Programs	f4i25		410 2,731 15 3 1,739
Do you currently have any charges pending against you?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who have been charged with breaking a law during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	f4i26		93 316 1 2,749 1,739
How many charges do you currently have pending?	1 2 3 7 -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who currently have charges pending against them	Section I: Environment and Programs	f4i26a		54 21 9 1 3 3,066 1,739

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WHAT CHARGES DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE PENDING:									
Aggravated assault/rape/murder (An attack on a person with a weapon or hands, e.g., battery, rape, aggravated assault, manslaughter)?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who currently have charges pending against them					f4i26b_1		14 72 1 3,072 1,739
Robbery/theft/larceny (Taking something from someone with or without using a weapon; forgery, fraud, embezzlement, bad checks; shoplifting)?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4i26b_2		11 75 1 3,072 1,739			
Possession, use, or sale of marijuana, cocaine, or other illicit drugs?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4i26b_3		24 62 1 3,072 1,739			
Major traffic offense (Driving under the influence of alcohol or other drug [DWI], reckless driving, driving without a license)?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4i26b_4		17 69 1 3,072 1,739			
Non-payment of child support?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave		them 110 _b		f4i26b_5		3 83 1 3,072 1,739		
Parole or probation violation?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave				f4i26b_6		5 81 1 3,072 1,739		
Simple assault?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4i26b_7		8 78 1 3,072 1,739			
Other (not specified)?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4i26b_8		0 86 1 3,072 1,739			

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And, (Since [DATE OF LAST INTERVIEW]/during the last two years), have you been <u>convicted</u> of any charges? Do not count minor traffic violations.	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who have been charged with breaking a law during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	f4i27		209 199 1 1 1 2,749 1,739
How many times have you been convicted of something (since [DATE OF LAST INTERVIEW]/during the last two years)?	1 2 3 4 5 11 -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who have been convicted of any charges during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	f4i27a		148 39 11 7 1 2 1 2,950 1,739
PLEASE TELL ME THE CHARGES YOU WERE CONVICTED OF (SINCE [DATE OF LAST INTERVIEW]/DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS): Aggravated assault/rape/murder (An attack on a person with a weapon or hands, e.g., battery, rape, aggravated assault, manslaughter)?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who have been convicted of any charges during the last two years	of any charges Environment and	f4i28_1		28 170 11 2,950 1,739
Robbery/theft/larceny (Taking something from someone with or without using a weapon; forgery, fraud, embezzlement, bad checks; shoplifting)?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4i28_2		28 170 11 2,950 1,739
Possession, use, or sale of marijuana, cocaine, or other illicit drugs?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4i28_3		80 118 11 2,950 1,739
Major traffic offense (Driving under the influence of alcohol or other drug [DWI], reckless driving, driving without a license)?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4i28_4		31 167 11 2,950 1,739
Non-payment of child support?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4i28_5		5 193 11 2,950 1,739

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Parole or probation violation?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who have been convicted of any charges during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	f4i28_6		16 182 11 2,950 1,739
Simple assault?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4i28_7		17 181 11 2,950 1,739
Other (not specified)?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			f4i28_8		1 197 11 2,950 1,739
Were you ever required to perform community service or have you been on probation?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who have been charged with breaking a law during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	f4i29		257 152 1 2,749 1,739
CONSTRUCTED - Father report, father in jail at his five-year interview?	0 No 1 Yes . Missing	All fathers	Constructed Variable	cf4finjail		2,955 278 1,665
CONSTRUCTED - Mother and father reports, father in jail at either five-year interview?	0 No 1 Yes . Missing	All mothers and fathers	Constructed Variable	cmf4finjail		3,654 331 913
CONSTRUCTED - Father report, father has spent time in jail by his five-year interview?	0 No 1 Yes . Missing	All fathers	Constructed Variable	cf4fevjail		2,112 1,031 1,755
CONSTRUCTED - Mother and father reports, dad ever in jail by either five-year interview?	0 No 1 Yes . Missing	All mothers and fathers	Constructed Variable	cmf4fevjail		2,414 2,039 445

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Why aren't you looking for a regular job?	1 Own business 2 Already have a job (on vacation, ill, or on temporary layoff) 3 In school or training program 4 Disabled 5 Don't want/need to work 6 Personal/family reasons 7 Believe no work available 8 In jail/prison 9 Stay at home parent/homemaker 10 Other (not specified) 101 Health reasons 102 Retired -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Fathers who did not do any work for pay in the week preceding the interview and who are not looking for a regular job	Section K: Education and Employment	f4k7		9 38 3 82 9 1 2 126 5 4 16 8 18 5 2,833 1,739

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