

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

Incarceration

Question	Response	Respondent	Codebook Location	Variable Name	Variable Notes	UF
What was the main reason [CHILD] stopped living with you (most of the time)?	1 Legally lost custody	Mothers who used to live with their [CHILD] most of the time, but no longer do	Section A: Family Characteristics	m4a3a1		13
	2 Child protective services/other agency/court removed child					14
	3 Financial problems					5
	4 Own health problems					4
	5 Child's health problems					1
	6 Neighborhood safety					2
	7 Other parent took child/kidnapped					0
	8 Child deceased					0
	9 Other (not specified)					6
	101 Mother incarcerated					19
	102 Away at school					8
	103 Mother/child preference					6
	-1 Refuse					3
	-6 Skip					4,058
-9 Not in wave	759					
What is the main reason [CHILD] doesn't live with you all of the time?	1 Legal custody agreement	Mothers who do not live with [CHILD] all of the time	Section A: Family Characteristics	m4a3i		28
	2 Child protective services/other agency/court ordered living arrangement					3
	3 Financial problems					3
	4 Own health problems					1
	5 Child's health problems					0
	6 Neighborhood safety					0
	7 Informal agreement with other custodian					29
	8 Other (not specified)					8
	101 Incarceration					2
	102 Away at school					11
	-1 Refuse					1
	-2 Don't know					1
	-6 Skip					4,052
	-9 Not in wave					759

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PLEASE TELL ME WHY YOUR (MARRIAGE/ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP) ENDED: Mother's incarceration?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who were involved in a romantic relationship with [FATHER] at last interview but are not romantically involved with [FATHER] now	Section A: Family Characteristics	m4a8b_3		0 196 2 3,941 759
	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			m4a8b_4		7 189 2 3,941 759
Father's incarceration?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -6 Skip -9 Not in wave					
What is [CHILD 1]'s father currently doing? Is he . . .	1 Employed full-time 2 Employed part-time 3 Attending school 4 In jail 5 Other 101 Disabled 102 Military 103 Deceased 104 Unemployed -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who have an additional child with a father other than [FATHER]	Section A: Family Characteristics	m4a10h1		599 61 17 160 30 28 8 52 75 5 523 2,581 759
	1 Employed full-time 2 Employed part-time 3 Attending school 4 In jail 5 Other 101 Disabled 102 Military 103 Deceased 104 Unemployed -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave					362 43 14 101 16 16 1 31 49 2 202
What is [CHILD 2]'s father currently doing? Is he...	1 Employed full-time 2 Employed part-time 3 Attending school 4 In jail 5 Other 101 Disabled 102 Military 103 Deceased 104 Unemployed -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who have an additional child with a father other than [FATHER] or father of [CHILD 1]	Section A: Family Characteristics	m4a10h2		

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What is [CHILD 3]'s father currently doing? Is he...	1 Employed full-time	Mothers who have an additional child with a father other than [FATHER], father of [CHILD 1], or father of [CHILD 2]	Section A: Family Characteristics	m4a10h3		160
	2 Employed part-time					23
	3 Attending school					6
	4 In jail					50
	5 Other					9
	101 Disabled					12
	102 Military					0
	103 Deceased					19
	104 Unemployed					23
	-1 Refuse					1
	-2 Don't know					102
	-6 Skip					3,734
	-9 Not in wave					759
Thinking about (that/the most recent) separation, why were you and [CHILD] separated?	1 Child or parent's illness	Mothers who live with [CHILD] at least half of the time and have been separated from [CHILD] for a week or longer during the last two years	Section B: Child Well-Being and Mothering	m4b3c		48
	2 Court or agency removed child from home					10
	3 Mother's work schedule					58
	4 Mother in jail/prison					18
	5 Mother on vacation					142
	6 Child visited father					145
	7 Child visited relatives					278
	8 Other (not specified)					2
	101 Family issues					20
	102 Personal problems					26
	-1 Refuse					1
	-2 Don't know					1
	-6 Skip					3,390
-9 Not in wave	759					
Thinking about the second most recent separation, why were you and [CHILD] separated?	1 Child or parent's illness	Mothers who live with [CHILD] at least half of the time and have been separated from [CHILD] for a week or longer more than once during the last two years	Section B: Child Well-Being and Mothering	m4b3f		21
	2 Court or agency removed child from home					1
	3 Mother's work schedule					22
	4 Mother in jail/prison					5
	5 Mother on vacation					25
	6 Child visited father					78
	7 Child visited relatives					103
	8 Other (not specified)					16
	101 Family issues					1
	102 Personal problems					7
	-1 Refuse					0
	-2 Don't know					4
	-6 Skip					3,856
-9 Not in wave	759					

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What is the main reason [FATHER] doesn't see [CHILD] more often?	1 Mother doesn't want father to see child	Mothers who report that [FATHER] does not see [CHILD] frequently	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c5b		30
	2 Father does not want to see/acknowledge child					157
	3 Child does not want to see father					2
	4 Father lives too far away					215
	5 Father doesn't have enough time or has time conflicts					248
	6 Father doesn't have enough money					10
	7 Parents don't get along					30
	8 Father's current partner objects					27
	9 Mother's current partner objects					1
	10 Other (not specified)					6
	101 Father in jail					127
	102 Visitation/custody					36
	103 Court/protective order					10
	104 Illness					10
	105 Father on alcohol/drugs					11
	106 Family problems					81
	-1 Refuse					9
-2 Don't know	158					
-6 Skip	2,971					
-9 Not in wave	759					
Why do you refuse to let [FATHER] see [CHILD]?	1 Inconvenient/time conflict	Mothers who ever refused to let [FATHER] see [CHILD] during the last two years	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c6a2		15
	2 Child ill					1
	3 Child didn't want to visit father					1
	4 Father not good with child					26
	5 Father drunk, violent, abusive					37
	6 Other (not specified)					11
	101 Father incarcerated					6
	102 Father doesn't show					21
	103 Court order/custody battle					8
	104 Safety, housing, lifestyle					9
	105 Father's new family					12
	106 Parents don't get along					21
	107 No child support					7
	-1 Refuse					3
	-2 Don't know					1
	-6 Skip					3,960
	-9 Not in wave					759

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What is the primary reason that legal paternity has not been established?	1 Don't want the state/legal system involved/prefer to receive payments directly	Mothers who report that [FATHER]'s legal paternity has not been established	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c10a1		13
	2 Mother doesn't want the father involved					30
	3 Father doesn't want to be involved					115
	4 Other (not specified)					160
	101 In process					5
	102 Father deceased					1
	103 Paternity test					2
	104 Father incarcerated					27
	-1 Refuse					3
	-2 Don't know					95
	-6 Skip					3,688
	-9 Not in wave					759
	Why don't you want the father involved?					1 Financial reasons/father not able to provide support
2 Mother doesn't get along with father		4				
3 Father not a good parent/father a bad influence		14				
4 Can't locate father		2				
5 Other (not specified)		2				
101 In process		2				
102 Father deceased		0				
103 Paternity test		0				
104 Father incarcerated		0				
-1 Refuse		2				
-6 Skip		4,113				
-9 Not in wave		759				
What is the primary reason that you do not have a child support order?		1 Don't want the state/legal system involved/prefer to receive payments directly	Mothers who do not have a legal agreement or child support order requiring [FATHER] to provide financial support to [CHILD]	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c13a1	
	2 Mother doesn't want the father involved	21				
	3 Father doesn't want to be involved	27				
	4 Other (not specified)	192				
	101 Living together	225				
	102 Father unlocated	48				
	103 Mutual understanding	29				
	104 Father incarcerated	52				
	105 Custody issues	33				
	106 Pending	48				
	-1 Refuse	3				
	-2 Don't know	37				
	-6 Skip	3,795				

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Why was the original agreement changed? (<i>legal agreement or child support order</i>) : Other?	1 Yes 2 No 101 Moved in together 102 Fell behind/stopped payments 103 Agreement terminated 104 Father incarcerated 105 Father doesn't see child 106 Agreement never went through -2 Don't know -6 Skip	Mothers who have a legal agreement with [FATHER] or a child support order, and who have made changes to the original agreement	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c15a_4		15 78 15 18 21 8 8 6 2 4,727
What action has been taken: Sent father to prison or jail?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip	Mothers who report that a welfare office, court, or judge has taken action to try to get [FATHER] to pay the child support he owes	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c21d_7		37 239 18 4,604
What was [FATHER] 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 Military 104 Retired 105 On vacation -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	All mothers	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c36	1	102 2,454 74 58 48 236 51 35 124 19 7 15 4 26 5 778 103 759
Has [FATHER] spent any time in jail (since [DATE OF LAST INTERVIEW]/in the past two years)?	1 Yes 2 No 3 Father is currently in jail -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who do not report that [FATHER] was in jail/prison during the week prior to the interview	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c37		492 2,907 0 3 403 334 759

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WHAT (IS/WAS) [FATHER] IN JAIL FOR: Aggravated assault/rape/murder (an attack on a person with a weapon or hands, e.g., battery, rape, aggravated assault, manslaughter)? Robbery/theft/larceny (taking something from someone with or without using a weapon; forgery, fraud, embezzlement, bad checks; shoplifting)? Possession, use, or sale of marijuana, cocaine, or other illicit drugs? Major traffic offense (driving under the influence of alcohol or other drug, DWI, DUI, reckless driving, driving without a license)? Non-payment of child support? Parole or probation violation? Simple assault?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave 	Mothers who report that [FATHER] has spent time in jail/prison in the last two years	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c37a_1		84
	428					
	3					
	29					
	3,595					
	759					
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Other?	1 Yes 2 No 101 Domestic violence 102 Weapons possession 103 Traffic tickets 104 Property offense 105 Alcohol related 106 Immigration -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who report that [FATHER] has spent time in jail/prison in the last two years	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c37a_8		40 376 55 17 13 2 6 3 3 29 3,595 759
How long did he spend in (jail/prison)? (<i>years</i>)	1 2 . . 16 -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who report that [FATHER] has spent time in jail/prison in the last two years, but is not currently incarcerated	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c37c1		57 32 . . 1 2 100 3,911 759
How long did he spend in (jail/prison)? (<i>months</i>)	1 2 . . 12 -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who report that [FATHER] has spent time in jail/prison in the last two years, but is not currently incarcerated	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c37c2		25 22 . . 1 0 0 3,934 759
How long did he spend in (jail/prison)? (<i>weeks</i>)	1 2 . . 7 -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who report that [FATHER] has spent time in jail/prison in the last two years, but is not currently incarcerated	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c37c3		25 14 . . 1 0 0 4,093 759

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How long did he spend in (jail/prison)? (<i>days</i>)	1 2 . . 180 -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who report that [FATHER] has spent time in jail/prison in the last two years, but is not currently incarcerated	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c37c4		43 17 . . 1 0 0 4,013 759
When did [FATHER] go to (jail/prison)?	1991 1997 . . 2005 -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who report that [FATHER] is currently in prison	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c37d2		1 1 . . 20 11 3,970 759
When will [FATHER] be released from (jail/prison)?	2003 2004 . . 2050 -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who report that [FATHER] is currently in prison	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m4c37e2		2 11 . . 1 69 3,973 759
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) 101 Disability 102 Halfway house 103 Military 104 On vacation -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who are currently involved in a romantic relationship with someone other than [FATHER]	Section E: Current Partner	m4e7		18 861 32 37 10 27 17 25 19 6 1 4 4 3 10 3,065 759

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Has [CURRENT PARTNER] ever spent any time in jail or prison?	1 Yes	Mothers who are currently involved in a romantic relationship with someone other than [FATHER]	Section E: Current Partner	m4e25		188
	2 No					877
	-1 Refuse					2
	-2 Don't know					7
	-6 Skip					3,065
	-9 Not in wave					759
Who (is [he/she]/are they) currently living with: Other?	1 Yes	Mothers who have children living apart from them	Section F: Demographics	m4f3a1_5	2	7
	2 No					273
	101 Other family					56
	102 On their own					107
	103 Incarcerated					5
	104 Away at school					13
	-1 Refuse					2
	-2 Don't know					1
	-6 Skip					3,675
	-9 Not in wave					759
What is the reason they are no longer living with you: Other?	1 Yes	Mothers who have children living apart from them	Section F: Demographics	m4f3a2_9		4
	2 No					210
	101 Adult					110
	102 Adopted					4
	103 Away at school					10
	104 Other family					57
	105 Out of country					15
	106 Incarcerated					19
	107 Not enough room					16
	-1 Refuse					10
	-2 Don't know					5
	-6 Skip					3,679
	-9 Not in wave					759

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What is your current housing situation? Please stop me when I read the statement that describes your situation. Do you . . .	1 Rent your own apartment or house	Mothers who have moved [since DATE OF LAST INTERVIEW/in the last two years]	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i2		1,377
	2 Live with family or friends and contribute part of the rent					217
	3 Live with family or friends and do not pay rent					73
	4 Own your own home					323
	5 Live in a house or condo owned by another family member					21
	6 Live in temporary housing or a group shelter					19
	7 Some other housing arrangement? (not specified)					0
	8 Halfway house/treatment facility					1
	9 Jail/prison					13
	10 On the street, homeless					2
	101 Military					6
	102 Federal program					5
	103 Temporary housing					4
	-6 Skip					2,078
-9 Not in wave	759					
Why did the welfare office stop or cut off your cash aid?	1 Earnings increased and made family ineligible	Mothers who have ever received welfare or TANF benefits and whose aid was stopped by the welfare office	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i14b		163
	2 Assets were too high					8
	3 Reached end of welfare time limit					69
	4 Did not follow program rules and was cut off/sanctioned					49
	5 Married/remarried/moved in with partner					3
	6 Moved in with family					1
	7 Moved to another county or state					2
	8 Other (not specified)					9
	101 Received child support					7
	102 Received SSI					16
	103 Received unemployment					3
	104 Paperwork did not go through					5
	105 Incarcerated					8
	-2 Don't know					13
-6 Skip	3,783					
-9 Not in wave	759					
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	All mothers	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i24		304
	2 No					3,822
	-1 Refuse					11
	-2 Don't know					2
	-9 Not in wave					759

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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 mothers	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i25		131 3,998 9 1 759
Do you currently have any charges pending against you?	1 Yes 2 No -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who have been charged with breaking a law during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i26		22 109 4,008 759
How many charges do you currently have pending?	1 2 3 4 -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who currently have charges pending against them	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i26a		14 3 2 1 1 1 4,117 759
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 -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			m4i26b_1		2 16 4,121 759
Robbery/theft/larceny (taking something from someone with or without using a weapon; forgery, fraud, embezzlement, bad checks; shoplifting)?	1 Yes 2 No -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			m4i26b_2		5 13 4,121 759
Possession, use, or sale of marijuana, cocaine, or other illicit drugs?	1 Yes 2 No -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who currently have charges pending against them	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i26b_3		4 14 4,121 759
Major traffic offense (driving under the influence of alcohol or other drug [DWI], reckless driving, driving without a license)?	1 Yes 2 No -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			m4i26b_4		2 16 4,121 759
Non-payment of child support?	1 Yes 2 No -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			m4i26b_5		0 18 4,121 759

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Parole or probation violation? Simple assault? Other (not specified)?	1 Yes 2 No -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who currently have charges pending against them	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i26b_6		3 15 4,121 759
	1 Yes 2 No -6 Skip -9 Not in wave					1 17 4,121 759
	1 Yes 2 No -6 Skip -9 Not in wave					2 16 4,121 759
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 -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who have been charged with breaking a law during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i27		63 67 1 4,008 759
How many times have you been convicted of something (since [DATE OF LAST INTERVIEW]/during the last two years)?	1 2 3 5 -1 Refuse -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who have been	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i27a		46 10 5 1 1 4,076 759
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	Mothers who have been convicted of any charges during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i28_1		9 47 7 4,076 759
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					21 35 7 4,076 759
Possession, use, or sale of marijuana, cocaine, or other illicit drugs?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -6 Skip -9 Not in wave					9 47 7 4,076 759

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Major traffic offense (driving under the influence of alcohol or other drug [DWI], reckless driving, driving without a license)?	1 Yes	Mothers who have been convicted of any charges during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i28_4		4
	2 No					52
	-1 Refuse					7
	-6 Skip					4,076
	-9 Not in wave					759
Non-payment of child support?	1 Yes	Mothers who have been convicted of any charges during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i28_5		3
	2 No					53
	-1 Refuse					7
	-6 Skip					4,076
	-9 Not in wave					759
Parole or probation violation?	1 Yes	Mothers who have been convicted of any charges during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i28_6		4
	2 No					52
	-1 Refuse					7
	-6 Skip					4,076
	-9 Not in wave					759
Simple assault?	1 Yes	Mothers who have been convicted of any charges during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i28_7		3
	2 No					53
	-1 Refuse					7
	-6 Skip					4,076
	-9 Not in wave					759
Other (not specified)?	1 Yes	Mothers who have been convicted of any charges during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i28_8		0
	2 No					56
	-1 Refuse					7
	-6 Skip					4,076
	-9 Not in wave					759
Were you ever required to perform community service or have you been on probation?	1 Yes	Mothers who have been charged with breaking a law during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	m4i29		73
	2 No					57
	-2 Don't know					1
	-6 Skip					4,008
	-9 Not in wave					759

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