

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

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PLEASE TELL ME WHY YOUR (MARRIAGE/ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP) ENDED: Mother's incarceration?	1 Yes	Mothers who were romantically involved with [FATHER] at last interview, but are not in a relationship with [FATHER] now	Section A: Family Characteristics	m3a8b_3		1				
	2 No					488				
-1 Refuse	7									
-2 Don't know	7									
-3 Missing	3									
-6 Skip	3,725									
-9 Not in wave	667									
Father's incarceration?	1 Yes									31
	2 No									458
	-1 Refuse									7
	-2 Don't know					7				
	-3 Missing					3				
	-6 Skip					3,725				
	-9 Not in wave					667				
Thinking about (that/the most recent) separation, why were you and [CHILD] separated?	1 Child/parent illness, accident	Mothers living with [CHILD] most or all of the time who have ever been separated from [CHILD] for a week or more	Section B: Child Well-Being and Mothering	m3b3c		60				
	2 Court or agency removed child from home					11				
	3 Parent work/school schedule (includes military service)					62				
	4 Mother in jail/prison					20				
	5 Parent on vacation/out of town					135				
	6 Child visited other parent/in custody of other parent					107				
	7 Child visited relatives					239				
	8 Other (not specified)					31				
	101 Death in family					29				
	102 Personal problems					25				
	-1 Refuse					2				
	-2 Don't know					2				
	-6 Skip					3,508				
-9 Not in wave	667									

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Thinking about the second most recent separation, why were you and [CHILD] separated?	1 Child/parent illness, accident	Mothers living with [CHILD] most or all of the time who have been separated more than once from [CHILD] for a week or more	Section B: Child Well-Being and Mothering	m3b3f		20
	2 Court or agency removed child from home					2
	3 Parent work/school schedule (includes military service)					21
	4 Mother in jail/prison					6
	5 Parent on vacation/out of town					27
	6 Child visited other parent/in custody of other parent					53
	7 Child visited relatives					85
	8 Other (not specified)					16
	101 Death In family					3
	102 Personal problems					3
	-2 Don't know					4
	-6 Skip					3,991
	-9 Not in wave					667
	Why was the original agreement changed? (<i>legal agreement or child support order</i>): Other?					1 Yes
2 No		62				
101 Back together with father/cohabiting		21				
102 Fell behind, stopped payment, arrears		15				
103 Agreement terminated		7				
104 Father in jail		5				
105 No visitation rights/custody/paternity issues		13				
106 Agreement never went through		5				
-2 Don't know		2				
-3 Missing		1				
-6 Skip		4,083				
-9 Not in wave	667					

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WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN: Sent father to prison or jail? Put father on probation? Other?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who report that a welfare office, court, or judge has taken action to try get [FATHER] to pay child support owed for [CHILD]	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c21d_7		24			
						188			
						1			
									11
									4,007
									667
				1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			m3c21d_8		3
									209
									1
						11			
						4,007			
						667			
	1 Yes 2 No 101 Warrant for arrest 102 Court case 103 Sent letters, papers -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			m3c21d_9		35			
						91			
						17			
						45			
						24			
						1			
						11			
						4,007			
						667			
WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN: Sent father to prison or jail? Put father on probation? Other?	1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who report that a welfare office, court, or judge has taken action to try to get [FATHER] to pay child support owed for children other than [CHILD]	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c38d_7		18			
							106		
							16		
									4,091
									667
				1 Yes 2 No -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			m3c38d_8		1
									123
									16
									4,091
						667			
	1 Yes 2 No 101 Warrant for arrest 102 Court case 103 Sent letters, papers -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave			m3c38d_9		21			
						69			
						4			
						25			
						5			
						0			
						16			
						4,091			
						667			

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What is [FATHER] currently doing? Is he working, in school, unemployed, or in jail or prison?	0 Nothing	All mothers	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c41	1	14
	1 Working					2,789
	2 Unemployed					517
	3 In jail/prison					240
	4 In school					83
	5 In school and working					54
	6 Stay at home parent/homemaker					12
	7 Looking for work					23
	8 Other (not specified)					6
	101 Disability, workers' comp					32
	102 Halfway house, rehab					7
	103 Military					12
	104 Retired					8
	-1 Refuse					5
	-2 Don't know					347
-6 Skip	82					
-9 Not in wave	667					
Has [FATHER] (ever) spent any time in jail or prison?	1 Yes	Mothers who do not report that [FATHER] is currently in jail/prison and who did not report at 12 months that [FATHER] had ever been in jail	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c42		772
	2 No					2,454
	3 Father is currently in jail					0
	-1 Refuse					6
	-2 Don't know					179
	-6 Skip					820
-9 Not in wave	667					
WHAT (WAS/IS) [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)?	1 Yes			m3c42a_1		119
	2 No					596
	-1 Refuse					2
	-2 Don't know					40
	-6 Skip					3,474
-9 Not in wave	667					
Robbery/theft/larceny (taking something from someone with or without using a weapon; forgery, fraud, embezzlement, bad checks; shoplifting)?	1 Yes	Mothers who report that [FATHER] has ever spent time in jail or prison	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c42a_2		102
	2 No					613
	-1 Refuse					2
	-2 Don't know					40
	-6 Skip					3,474
-9 Not in wave	667					
Possession, use, or sale of marijuana, cocaine, or other illicit drugs?	1 Yes			m3c42a_3		146
	2 No					569
	-1 Refuse					2
	-2 Don't know					40
	-6 Skip					3,474
-9 Not in wave	667					

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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 report that [FATHER] has ever spent time in jail or prison	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c42a_4		120						
	2 No					595						
	-1 Refuse					2						
	-2 Don't know					40						
	-6 Skip					3,474						
	-9 Not in wave					667						
Non-payment of child support?	1 Yes			Mothers who report that [FATHER] has ever spent time in jail or prison	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c42a_5		63				
	2 No							652				
	-1 Refuse							2				
	-2 Don't know							40				
	-6 Skip							3,474				
	-9 Not in wave							667				
Parole or probation violation?	1 Yes					Mothers who report that [FATHER] has ever spent time in jail or prison	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c42a_6		60		
	2 No									655		
	-1 Refuse									2		
	-2 Don't know									40		
	-6 Skip									3,474		
	-9 Not in wave									667		
Simple assault (18 cities only)?	1 Yes							Mothers who report that [FATHER] has ever spent time in jail or prison	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c42a_7		55
	2 No											590
	-1 Refuse											2
	-2 Don't know											36
	-5 Not asked											74
	-6 Skip											3,474
-9 Not in wave	667											
Other?	1 Yes	Mothers who report that [FATHER] has ever spent time in jail or prison	Section C: Father-Child Relationship							m3c42a_8		65
	2 No											514
	101 Weapons											17
	102 Minor infractions (tickets, disturbing peace, unspecified misdemeanors)											60
	103 Domestic violence, child abuse											59
	-1 Refuse			2								
	-2 Don't know			40								
	-6 Skip			3,474								
	-9 Not in wave			667								
Is [FATHER] currently in jail?	1 Yes			Mothers who report that [FATHER] has ever spent time in jail or prison	Section C: Father-Child Relationship					m3c42b		240
	2 No											772
	-6 Skip					3,219						
	-9 Not in wave					667						

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How long did he spend in jail/prison? (<i>years</i>)	1 2 . . 20 -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who report that [FATHER] has ever spent time in jail or prison, but is not currently incarcerated	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c42c1		71 37 . . 1 3 119 3,959 667
How long did he spend in jail/prison? (<i>months</i>)	1 2 . . 12 -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who report that [FATHER] has ever spent time in jail or prison, but is not currently incarcerated	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c42c2		39 26 . . 3 3,993 667
How long did he spend in jail/prison? (<i>weeks</i>)	1 2 . . 52 -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who report that [FATHER] has ever spent time in jail or prison, but is not currently incarcerated	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c42c3		47 30 . . 1 4,137 667
How long did he spend in jail/prison? (<i>days</i>)	1 2 . . 180 -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who report that [FATHER] has ever spent time in jail or prison, but is not currently incarcerated	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c42c4		90 50 . . 1 4,004 667
When did [FATHER] go to jail/prison?	1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 -2 Don't know -3 Missing -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who report that [FATHER] has ever spent time in jail or prison, but is not currently incarcerated	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c42d2		5 12 28 46 56 17 11 65 3,991 667

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When will [FATHER] be released from jail/prison?	2001	Mothers who report that [FATHER] is currently in jail/prison	Section C: Father-Child Relationship	m3c42e2		6
	2002					18
	.					.
	.					.
	2050					1
	-2 Don't know					75
	-3 Missing					65
	-6 Skip					3,993
	-9 Not in wave					667
	-10 Will never be released					0
What was [CURRENT PARTNER] doing most of last week—working at a regular job, going to school, or something else?	0 Nothing	Mothers who are currently involved in a romantic relationship with someone other than [FATHER]	Section E: Current Partner	m3e7		14
	1 Working at a regular job (includes military service)					603
	2 Looking for work					31
	3 In school					25
	4 Unable to work					7
	5 In jail/prison (18 cities only)					12
	6 Stay at home parent/homemaker					8
	7 Working and in school					21
	8 Other (not specified)					23
	-1 Refuse					6
-2 Don't know	13					
-6 Skip	3,468					
-9 Not in wave	667					
Has [CURRENT PARTNER] 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	m3e25		161
	2 No					580
	-1 Refuse					1
	-2 Don't know					21
	-6 Skip					3,468
	-9 Not in wave					667

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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	All mothers	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i2		2,411
	2 Live with family or friends and contribute part of the rent					547
	3 Live with family or friends and do not pay rent					226
	4 Own your own home					
	5 Live in a house or condo operated by another family member					897
	6 Live in temporary housing or a group shelter					69
	7 Live in some other housing arrangement (not specified)					26
	8 Halfway house/treatment facility					11
	9 Jail/prison					3
	10 On the street, homeless					13
	101 Military base/dormitory					1
	102 Public housing/section 8					5
	103 Lives with family/friends (rent/mortgage contribution unclear)					19
	-1 Refuse					0
-9 Not in wave	3					
						667
MY NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT SOME EXPERIENCES YOU MAY HAVE HAD IN YOUR LIFE.						
Other than for a minor traffic violation, have you ever been stopped by the police, but not picked up or arrested?	1 Yes	All mothers	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i24		482
	2 No					3,740
	-1 Refuse					5
	-2 Don't know					4
	-9 Not in wave					667
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	All mothers	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i25		373
	2 No					3,851
	-1 Refuse					5
	-2 Don't know					2
	-9 Not in wave					667
Do you have any charges pending against you?	1 Yes	Mothers who have been booked or charged with breaking a law since [CHILD]'s first birthday	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i26		49
	2 No					323
	-2 Don't know					1
	-6 Skip					3,858
	-9 Not in wave					667
How many charges do you have pending?	1	Mothers who have charges pending against them	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i26a		39
	2					4
	3					3
	4					1
	-2 Don't know					2
	-6 Skip					4,182
-9 Not in wave	667					

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	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave					12 34 1 1 4,183 667
	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave					7 39 1 1 4,183 667
	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave					12 34 1 1 4,183 667
	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave					0 46 1 1 4,183 667
	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave					0 46 1 1 4,183 667
	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave					7 31 1 9 4,183 667
	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave					7 39 1 1 4,183 667

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Other?	1 Yes 2 No 101 Weapons 102 Minor infractions (tickets, disturbing peace, unspecified misdemeanors) 103 Domestic violence, child abuse -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who have charges pending against them	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i26b_8		0 37 0 7 2 1 1 4,183 667
And, have you ever 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	Mothers who have ever been booked or charged with breaking a law	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i27		173 196 1 3 3,858 667
How many times have you been convicted of something?	1 2 . . 13 -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who have ever been convicted of any charges	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i27a		113 33 . . 1 4,058 667
How old were you (the first time/when) this happened?	17 18 . . 40 -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who have ever been convicted of any charges	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i27b		19 21 . . 1 2 4,058 667
When was your most recent conviction?	1990 1992 . . 2003 -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who have ever been convicted of any charges	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i27d2		1 1 . . 4 2 4,171 667

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PLEASE TELL ME THE CHARGES YOU WERE CONVICTED OF: Aggravated assault/rape/murder (an attack on a person with a weapon or hands, e.g., battery, rape, aggravated assault, manslaughter)?	1 Yes	Mothers who have ever been convicted of any charges	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i28_1		10
	2 No					149
	-1 Refuse					8
	-2 Don't know					3
	-6 Skip					4,061
	-9 Not in wave					667
Robbery/theft/larceny (taking something from someone with or without using a weapon; forgery, fraud, embezzlement, bad checks; shoplifting)?	1 Yes	Mothers who have ever been convicted of any charges	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i28_2		65
	2 No					94
	-1 Refuse					8
	-2 Don't know					3
	-6 Skip					4,061
	-9 Not in wave					667
Possession, use, or sale of marijuana, cocaine, or other illicit drugs?	1 Yes	Mothers who have ever been convicted of any charges	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i28_3		38
	2 No					121
	-1 Refuse					8
	-2 Don't know					3
	-6 Skip					4,061
	-9 Not in wave					667
Major traffic offense (driving under the influence of alcohol or other drug [DWI], reckless driving, driving without a license)?	1 Yes	Mothers who have ever been convicted of any charges	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i28_4		22
	2 No					137
	-1 Refuse					8
	-2 Don't know					3
	-6 Skip					4,061
	-9 Not in wave					667
Non-payment of child support?	1 Yes	Mothers who have ever been convicted of any charges	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i28_5		0
	2 No					159
	-1 Refuse					8
	-2 Don't know					3
	-6 Skip					4,061
	-9 Not in wave					667
Parole or probation violation?	1 Yes	Mothers who have ever been convicted of any charges	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i28_6		2
	2 No					157
	-1 Refuse					8
	-2 Don't know					3
	-6 Skip					4,061
	-9 Not in wave					667

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Simple assault (<i>18 cities only</i>)? Other?	1 Yes 2 No -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -5 Not asked -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who have ever been convicted of any charges	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i28_7		7 123 8 3 32 4,058 667
	1 Yes 2 No 101 Weapons 102 Minor infractions (tickets, disturbing peace, unspecified misdemeanors) 103 Domestic violence, child abuse -1 Refuse -2 Don't know -6 Skip -9 Not in wave					0 139 0 15 5 8 3 4,061 667
Have you ever spent time in a correctional institution, like a county jail, a state or federal prison, or a youth correctional institution like a training school or reform school?	1 Yes, jail 2 No 3 House arrest -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who have ever been convicted of any charges	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i29		128 44 1 4,058 667
Did you ever spend time in a youth correctional institution like a training school or reform school? Include boot camps that are set up for youth offenders.	1 Yes, youth institution 2 No 3 House arrest -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who have spent time in a correctional institution	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i30		12 117 0 4,102 667
Altogether, how much time did you serve in youth institutions?	1 2 . . . 100 -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who have spent time in a youth correctional institution	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i30a		2 1 . . 1 4,219 667
Did you ever spend time in an adult correctional institution like a county, state or federal jail or prison?	1 Yes, adult institution 2 No 3 House arrest -6 Skip -9 Not in wave	Mothers who have spent time in a correctional institution	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i31		108 21 0 4,102 667

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Altogether, how much time did you serve in adult institutions?	1	Mothers who have spent time in an adult correctional facility	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i31a		27
	2					11
	.					.
	.					.
	100					1
	-2 Don't know					3
	-6 Skip					4,123
	-9 Not in wave					667
How old were you (the first time/when) you were sent to a correctional institution?	17	Mothers who have spent time in a correctional institution	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i31b		9
	18					8
	.					.
	.					.
	40					1
	-2 Don't know					2
	-6 Skip					4,120
	-9 Not in wave					667
When did your (most recent) incarceration start?	1985	Mothers who have spent time in a correctional institution	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i31c2		1
	1986					2
	.					.
	.					.
	2003					4
	-1 Refuse					2
	-2 Don't know					11
	-6 Skip					4,120
-9 Not in wave	667					
When were you released (the most recent time)?	1985	Mothers who have spent time in a correctional institution	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i31d2		1
	1986					2
	.					.
	.					.
	2003					8
	-1 Refuse					2
	-2 Don't know					7
	-6 Skip					4,129
-9 Not in wave	667					
Were you ever required to perform community service or have you been on probation or parole?	1 Yes	Mothers who have been charged with breaking a law during the last two years	Section I: Environment and Programs	m3i32		189
	2 No					164
	-2 Don't know					2
	-6 Skip					3,876
	-9 Not in wave					667

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Why aren't you looking for a regular job?	1 Own business	Mothers 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	m3k7		10
	2 Already have a job (on vacation, ill, or on temporary layoff)					87
	3 In school or training program					99
	4 Disabled					96
	5 Don't want/need to work					30
	6 Personal/family reasons					73
	7 Believe no work available					5
	8 In jail/prison (18 cities only)					31
	9 Stay at home parent/homemaker					465
	10 Other (not specified)					0
	101 Transportation issues					9
	102 Plan to go to school					59
	103 Pregnant/just had baby (working status unknown)					20
	-1 Refuse					10
-2 Don't know	18					
-6 Skip	3,219					
-9 Not in wave	667					

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