

National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health

Relationship Quality

Variable Notes

- 1 There are some very small discrepancies in valid case numbers generated from restricted-use data and those listed in the published codebooks.
- 2 Main respondents were first given some cards regarding behaviors in as many as three romantic relations. Each card was associated with a certain behavior (e.g., going out in a group or kiss). Respondents were then asked to remove the cards associated with behaviors that had never occurred in the relationship and keep cards associated with behaviors that had occurred. If a respondent chose to remove (or rejected) a card, he/she got a score of 0 for the behavior associated with this card. If he/she did not remove (i.e., accepted) this card, he/she got a score of 1. One set of variables (i.e., H2RI33A1 - H2RI33O1, H2RI33A2 - H2RI33O2, and H2RI33A3 - H2RI33O3) indicated whether these behaviors occurred in a romantic relationship, and another set of variables (i.e., H2RI34A1 - H2RI34O1, H2RI34A2 - H2RI34O2, and H2RI34A3 - H2RI34O3), established the sequences of these behaviors.
- 3 There are significant discrepancies in valid case numbers generated from public-use data and those listed in the published codebooks, because in codebooks, people who had refused to answer this question, had answered "don't know," or had not been asked this question were treated as valid cases.
- 4 Each respondent was asked about the romantic relations he/she had with as many as three partners.
- 5 These questions were asked in section 19 of the in-home questionnaire. In this section, a respondent reported multiple relations and therefore had multiple records. Thus, the unit of analysis was the relation that adolescents had, rather than the adolescents themselves.
- 6 This question asked respondents to choose 1 of 7 pictures (diagrams) that show varying degrees of overlap.
- 7 This section is administered for ONE current partner. If there are multiple current partners, priority is: marriage partner, cohabitation partner, pregnancy partner, dating partner. If two or more partners fall in the same type of relationship, the longer/longest relationship is selected. If two or more partners fall in the same type of relationship, and they are of the same duration, then the respondent is asked to pick the partner they care about the most. If there are no current partners, then the most recent partner is selected. If there is no current partner and no most recent partner, end dates for each marriage, cohabitation, and relationship with a pregnancy are reviewed to select the one partner with the most recent end date. If two or more partners have the same end date, select the longer/longest relationship. [Taken from the codebook.]
- 8 The valid cases for this variable do not include 77 people who were not asked this question in pretest.
- 9 If respondent has been in current relationship more than 1 year or the most recent relationship lasted more than 1 year, "During the past year in your relationship with {initials}" was added to the beginning of each question.

10 This question was asked to respondents who experienced slap, hit, or kick by current or the most recent partner.

11 This question was asked to respondents who slapped, hit, or kicked their current or the most recent partner.

a Public-use data for Wave 4 are currently unavailable.

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