

National Survey of Families and Households

Relationship Quality

Variable Notes

- a Valid cases are provided only for the first subquestion.
- 1 In NSFH **data file layouts**, the variables are labeled "CT" for current spouse or partners and "XT" for ex-spouse or partners. However, in the **codebooks** the variables are not listed as "CT" or "XT" but are listed according to the Primary Respondent variable "MT." Thus, there is the discrepancy in variable names used in the data file layouts and the codebooks.
- 2 In NSFH, Secondary Respondents are the spouse or partner of the primary respondent. Use the variable **SECTYPE** to distinguish between a spouse response and a partner response. In the **Wave 1 codebook**, the frequency distribution reflects the combined values of spouse and partner.
- 3 In the third wave of the NSFH, the data may be downloaded as a complete file with **main respondent AND spouse**, or as **separate** main respondent and spouse files. In the separate files, main respondent variables begin with "**RT**" and the spouse variables begin with "**ST**". In the combined file, the variables begin with "**RT**" and can be distinguished by the variable "**TYPE**". The frequencies listed in the online Main Interview codebook are for both the main respondent (RT) and spouse respondent (ST) if applicable.
- 4 This form is filled out by respondents who experienced a marital separation since NSFH1

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