

Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study: Baseline

Relationship Quality

Question	Responses	Respondents	Codebook Location	Variable Name	Variable Notes	Valid Cases		
Mothers and Fathers Who are not Romantically Involved at the Time of Child's Birth								
I'M GOING TO READ YOU SOME THINGS THAT COUPLES OFTEN DO TOGETHER. TELL ME WHICH ONES YOU AND [BABY'S FATHER/MOTHER] DID DURING THE LAST MONTH YOU WERE TOGETHER.			SECTION B: Father- Mother Relationships					
Visited with friends?		Mother Father		m1b5a f1b5a				
Went out to a movie, sporting event, or some other entertainment?	1 Yes 2 No	Mother Father		m1b5b f1b5b				
Ate out in a restaurant?		Mother Father		m1b5c f1b5c				
Helped each other solve a problem?		Mother Father		m1b5d f1b5d				
THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF SUBJECTS ON WHICH COUPLES OFTEN HAVE DISAGREEMENTS. WHEN YOU AND [BABY'S FATHER/MOTHER] WERE LAST TOGETHER, HOW OFTEN, IF AT ALL, DID YOU HAVE OPEN DISAGREEMENTS ABOUT:								
Money?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Never	Mother Father		m1b6a f1b6a		625 261		
Spending time together?		Mother Father	SECTION B: Father- Mother Relationships	m1b6b f1b6b		625 261		
Sex?		Mother Father		m1b6c f1b6c		621 262		
The pregnancy?		Mother Father		m1b6d f1b6d		616 260		
Drinking or drug use?		Mother Father		m1b6e f1b6e		621 261		
Being faithful?		Mother Father		m1b6f f1b6f		623 261		

THINKING ABOUT YOUR PAST RELATIONSHIP WITH [BABY'S FATHER/MOTHER], HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU SAY THAT:						
He/She is fair and willing to compromise when you had a disagreement.?		Mother Father		m1b7a f1b7a	1 1	615 258
He/She hit or slapped you when He/She was angry?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Never	Mother Father	SECTION B: Father- Mother Relationships	m1b7b f1b7b	1	622 260
He/She expressed affection or love for you?		Mother Father		m1b7c f1b7c	1	619 258
He/She insulted or criticized you or your ideas?		Mother Father		m1b7d f1b7d	1	622 260
He/She encouraged or helped you to do things that were important to you?		Mother Father		m1b7e f1b7e	1, 2 1	621 260
Parents who are in a Romantic or <i>C</i>	n Again, Off Again relation	nship with each o	ther at the time of Ch	nild's Birth		
Parents who are in a Romantic or <i>O</i> I'M GOING TO READ YOU SOME THINGS THAT COUPLES OFTEN DO TOGETHER. TELL ME WHICH ONES YOU AND [BABY'S FATHER/MOTHER] HAVE DONE TOGETHER IN THE PAST MONTH.	n Again, Off Again relation	nship with each o	other at the time of Ch	nild's Birth		
I'M GOING TO READ YOU SOME THINGS THAT COUPLES OFTEN DO TOGETHER. TELL ME WHICH ONES YOU AND [BABY'S FATHER/MOTHER]	n Again, Off Again relation	nship with each o Mother Father		m1b11a f1b11a	1	3,006 2,461
I'M GOING TO READ YOU SOME THINGS THAT COUPLES OFTEN DO TOGETHER. TELL ME WHICH ONES YOU AND [BABY'S FATHER/MOTHER] HAVE DONE TOGETHER IN THE PAST MONTH.	n Again, Off Again relation 1 Yes 2 No	Mother	SECTION B: Father- Mother Relationships	m1b11a	1	,
I'M GOING TO READ YOU SOME THINGS THAT COUPLES OFTEN DO TOGETHER. TELL ME WHICH ONES YOU AND [BABY'S FATHER/MOTHER] HAVE DONE TOGETHER IN THE PAST MONTH. Visited with friends?	1 Yes	Mother Father Mother	SECTION B: Father-	m1b11a f1b11a m1b11b		2,461 3,006

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Money?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Never	Mother Father	SECTION B: Father- Mother Relationships	m1b12a f1b12a	1 1	3,003 2,459
Spending time together?		Mother Father		m1b12b f1b12b	1	3,003 2,459
Sex?		Mother Father		m1b12c f1b12c	1	2,997 2,449
The pregnancy?		Mother Father		m1b12d f1b12d	1	2,999 2,451
Drinking or drug use?		Mother Father		m1b12e f1b12e	1	3,002 2,457
Being faithful?		Mother Father		m1b12f f1b12f	1	3,000 2,453
THINKING ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH [BABY'S FATHER/MOTHER], HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU SAY THAT:						
He/She is fair and willing to compromise when you have a disagreement?		Mother Father		m1b13a f1b13a		3,004 2,458
He/She hits or slaps you when He/She is angry?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Never	Mother Father	SECTION B: Father- Mother Relationships	m1b13b f1b13b		3,005 2,460
He/She expresses affection or love for you?		Mother Father		m1b13c f1b13c		3,003 2,455
He/She insults or criticizes you or your ideas?		Mother Father		m1b13d f1b13d		3,009 2,455
He/She encourages or helps you to do things that are important to you?		Mother Father		m1b13e f1b13e		3,009 2,456

Unmarried Mothers & Fathers

FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS, PLEASE TELL ME HOW YOU THINK YOUR LIFE MIGHT BE DIFFERENT IF YOU WERE MARRIED TO [BABY'S FATHER/MOTHER] NOW.					
Your financial security would be?		Mother Father		m1b15a f1b15a	3,627 2,716
How about your overall happiness?	1 Much better	Mother Father	SECTION B: Father- Mother Relationships	m1b15b f1b15b	3,612 2,697
Freedom to do what you want?	2 Somewhat better 3 The same 4 Somewhat worse	Mother Father		m1b15c f1b15c	3,633 2,719
Your control over money?	5 Much worse	Mother Father		m1b15d f1b15d	3,625 2,714
Your sex life?		Mother Father		m1b15e f1b15e	3,609 2,700
Your relations with your parents?		Mother Father		m1b15f f1b15f	3,558 2,661
	Married Mothers and	Fathers			
I'M GOING TO READ YOU SOME THINGS THAT COUPLES OFTEN DO TOGETHER. TELL ME WHICH ONES YOU AND [BABY'S FATHER/MOTHER] HAVE DONE TOGETHER IN THE PAST MONTH.					
Visited with friends?		Mother Father		m1b22a f1b22a	1,177 1,066
Gone out to a movie, sporting event, or some other entertainment?	1 Yes 2 No	Mother Father	SECTION B: Father- Mother Relationships	m1b22b f1b22b	1,176 1,065
Ate out in a restaurant?		Mother Father		m1b22c f1b22c	1,177 1,066
Helped each other solve a problem?		Mother Father		m1b22d f1b22d	1,176 1,063

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Money?		Mother Father		m1b23a f1b23a	1,176 1,065
Spending time together?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Never	Mother Father	SECTION B: Father- Mother Relationships	m1b23b f1b23b	1,176 1,065
Sex?		Mother Father		m1b23c f1b23c	1,171 1,062
The pregnancy?		Mother Father		m1b23d f1b23d	1,176 1,064
Drinking or drug use?		Mother Father		m1b23e f1b23e	1,174 1,064
Being faithful		Mother Father		m1b23f f1b23f	1,175 1,065
FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS, PLEASE TELL ME HOW YOU THINK YOUR LIFE MIGHT BE DIFFERENT IF YOU WERE NOT MARRIED TO [BABY'S FATHER/MOTHER] NOW. WOULD YOU SAY THAT:					
Your financial security would be?				m1b24a f1b24a	1,157 1,052
How about your over happiness?	1 Much better	Mother Father		m1b24b f1b24b	1,155 1,040
Freedom to do what you want?	2 Somewhat better 3 The same 4 Somewhat worse 5 Much worse	Mother Father	SECTION B: Father- Mother Relationships	m1b24c f1b24c	1,164 1,056
Your control over money?		Mother Father		m1b24d f1b24d	1,162 1,056
Your sex life?		Mother Father		m1b24e f1b24e	1,108 1,017
Your relations with your parents?		Mother Father		m1b24f f1b24f	1,155 1,048

THINKING ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH [BABY'S FATHER/MOTHER], HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU SAY THAT:								
He/She is fair and willing to compromise when you have a disagreement?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Never		SECTION B: Father- Mother Relationships	m1b25a f1b25a	1 1	1,021 921		
He/She hits or slaps you when He/She is angry?		Mother Father		m1b25b f1b25b	1	1,022 920		
He/She expresses affection or love for you?		Mother Father		m1b25c f1b25c	1	1,022 921		
He/She insults or criticizes you or your ideas?		Mother Father		m1b25d f1b25d	1	1,023 920		
He/She encourages or helps you to do things that are important to you?		Mother Father		m1b25e f1b25e	1	1,023 922		
All Mothers and Fathers								
After you found out you/she were/was pregnant, would you say your relationship with [BABY'S FATHER/MOTHER] got better, worse, or stayed the same?	1 Better2 Worse3 Stayed the same	Mother Father	SECTION B: Father- Mother Relationships	m1b26 f1b26		4,805 3,789		

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