



The Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study

1 Sample Description

The Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study is a data collection effort aimed at following a cohort of almost 5,000 children born in large U.S. cities between 1998 and 2000. Nearly three-quarters of these children were born to unmarried parents. There are four questions that the core FF Study is designed to address: (1) What are the conditions and capabilities of unmarried parents, especially fathers?; (2) What is the nature of the relationships between unmarried parents?; (3) How do children born into these families fare?; and (4) How do policies and environmental conditions affect families and children? The Study contains interviews with both mothers and fathers at birth and when the children are ages one, three, and five. Additionally, there are in-home assessments of children and their home environments at ages three and five. The parent interviews collect information on attitudes, relationships, parenting behavior, demographic characteristics, health (mental and physical), economic and employment status, neighborhood characteristics, and program participation. The in-home interview collects information on children's cognitive and emotional development, health, and home environment.

2 Project Website

<http://www.fragilefamilies.princeton.edu/index.asp>

3 Years Covered

Baseline Interview (Wave 1): Collected February 1998 - September 2000

One-Year Follow-Up (Wave 2): Collected June 1999 - March 2002

Three-Year Follow-up (Wave 3): Collected April 2001 - December 2003

Five-Year Follow-up (Wave 4): Collected July 2003 - February 2006

4 Longitudinal

YES

5 Publicly Available

[Data are available for download from the Princeton University Office of Population Research data archive.](#)

Data files available in SAS, STATA, and SPSS formats.

6 Restricted Access Data Available

Geographic identifiers and medical records data are not included on the public data files.

[Apply for these data via restricted use contract.](#)

7 Web-accessible Analysis

NO

8 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/cocoon/ICPSR/STUDY/00180.xml>

9 FAQ Page

<http://www.fragilefamilies.princeton.edu/faq.asp>

10 Data Specific Bibliography

<http://www.fragilefamilies.princeton.edu/publications.asp>

11 Data Citation

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12 List Serv/ User Group/ Helpline

<https://lists.princeton.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=FFnews&A=1>

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