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Marital Status-Based Measures													
What is this person [Person 1-5]’s marital status? Now married Widowed Divorced Separated Never married	00-11												90, 00 (long form only)
(Are you/Is [NAME]) now... Married? Widowed? Divorced? Separated? Never married?			03, 10										
Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married? ^B Married, spouse present Married, spouse absent Widowed Divorced Separated Never married				00-10									
Are you now... Married Separated Divorced Widowed, or Have you never been married?					W1, 5								

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Is [NAME] currently married, separated, divorced, widowed, or [NAME] never been married? Married Separated Divorced Widowed Never married					W5									
What is your relationship with father/mother now? Married Romantically involved Separated Divorced Just friends Not in any kind of a relationship Father/Mother Died						W2-4 W2-4 W2-4 W4 W2-4 W2-4 W2-4								
What is the current status of your marriage to [INITIALS]? Living together Living apart because of legal separation Living apart because of other reason such as career, military service, family illness, etc.							W4							
What is your current marital status? Married Separated Divorced Widowed Never married									08	08				
Are you presently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married? Presently married Widowed Divorced Separated Never married-Annulled								79						

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						Mother	Father				Women	Men		
Are you currently married, widowed, divorced, legally separated, or have you never been married? Married Widowed Divorced Legally separated Never been married									08					
Just to confirm our information, what is your current legal marital status? Never married Married Separated Divorced Widowed										08				
I am going to read some information about you. Please tell me if it is correct. Your name is [name], and you are a [male/female], born on [birthdate], which makes you [age of R at date of interview] now. You [have never been married/(are) married/separated/ divorced/ widowed]. Is this correct? Yes No										97				
Which information is not correct? RESPONSE CHOICE: "Marital Status" Selected Not selected										97				
What is your current marital status? ^e Never married Married Separated Divorced Widowed										97				

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Household Membership Measures

Why is [FIRST NAME] no longer living in this household?
 Marriage or re-marriage
 Separation or divorce
 Attending college or boarding school
 Living elsewhere for employment-related reasons
 Living elsewhere for other reasons
 Deceased
 In jail or prison
 Other (specify)

W5

Why is [NAME] no longer living in this household?
 Separation or divorce
 Attending college or boarding school
 Living elsewhere for employment-related reasons
 Deceased
 Moved on
 Roster error
 Moved back with parents
 Some other reason

W5

Marital Dissolution

In the past 12 months did this person get...
 ...Widowed?
 ...Divorced?
 Yes
 No

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Was your marriage to [CHILD](and [TWIN])’s biological (father/mother) ended by...
 Death
 Divorce
 Separation, or
 Annulment?

W1

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[To the best of your knowledge] Did [CHILD]'s biological parents' marriage end in... Legal separation Divorce, or Death				W1								
[To the best of your knowledge] Did that marriage end in... Legal separation Divorce Death					W1							
[To the best of your knowledge] When did {you/{CHILD}'s biological {mother/father}} and {CHILD}'s biological {father/mother} last live ENTER MONTH ENTER FOUR DIGIT YEAR					W1							
When did you and [FATHER/MOTHER] separate? Month Year						W2						
When did you and [FATHER/MOTHER] get (separated/divorced)? Month Year						W3, 4						
Did you divorce this (man/woman)? Yes No						W4						
On what date were you divorced from this (man/woman)? Month Year						W4						
How did this (1st-Xth) marriage end? Annulment Divorce Spouse's death							W3, 4					

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How long were you married to [PARTNER]? Type the number into the box below, then press the Enter key. Then select years or months from the list. ENTER NUMBER Years Months								W3						
In what month and year was your marriage annulled? Month Year								W3						
In what month and year were you divorced? Month Year								W3						
In what month and year did [YOUR SPOUSE] die? Month Year								W3						
In what month and year did you and [YOUR SPOUSE] last live together? Month Year								W3						
In what month and year did your marriage to [INITIALS] end? Month Year								W4						
During what month and year did your first marriage end? Month Year									79					
During what month and year did your (husband/wife) die? Month Year									79					

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When did your most recent marriage end, that is, during what month and year did the divorce become final? Month Year									79						
When did your present separation begin, that is, during what month and year did you stop living together? Month Year									79						
Since [DATE OF LAST MARITAL CHANGE], what was the [first/next] change in your marital status? Separated Divorced Reunited Remarried Widowed									08						
Since [MONTH/YEAR STARTED LIVING WITH PARTNER], [(have/did) you live(d)] continuously with that partner until [END OF MARRIAGE GAP], or did you ever stop living with that partner? Stopped living with that partner Have lived with that partner continuously									08						
During this time that you were living with [PARTNER], were there any changes in your marital status? Yes No										97, 08					
What was the [first/next] change in marital status? Did you... Become legally married Reunite Get a legal separation only Get a legal divorce Get an annulment										97, 08					

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How did this relationship finally end? Break-up Annulment, nothing legal Legal separation only (no legal divorce) Legal divorce Death										97					
Did you get a legal divorce or an annulment from this partner? A legal divorce Annulment R is still married to this person										08					
In what month and year was the [legal separation/ legal divorce/ annulment/ separation] obtained? Month Year										97, 08					
In what month and year [was the legal separation or divorce obtained/did your partner's death occur/did this occur]? Month Year										08					
How did your (1st-xth) marriage end? Death of (husband/wife) Divorce Annulment Separation											C5, C6, 06-08	C6, 06-08			
In what month and year did your (1st-xth) (husband/wife) die? Month (Season) Year											C5, C6, 06-08	C6, 06-08			
In what month and year did your (1st-xth) divorce become final? Month (Season) Year											C5, C6, 06-08	C6, 06-08			

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In what month and year was your (1st-xth) marriage annulled? Month (Season) Year												C5, C6, 06-08	C6, 06-08	
In what month and year did you and your (1st-xth) husband/wife stop living together for the last time? Month (Season) Year												C5, C6, 06-08	C6, 06-08	
Were there any periods during your marriage when you and your (1st-xth) husband lived apart from each other for a month or more either because you were not getting along or for some other reason? Yes No												C5		
Not counting your final separation, how many times did you and your (1st-xth) husband live apart for a month or more? Number												C5		
Did you live apart because you were not getting along, or for some other reason? Not getting along Some other reason Some of each												C5		
Were you separated for less than 6 months, or were you separated for 6 months or longer? Less than 6 months 6 months or longer												C5		
Were you ever separated for 6 months or longer? Yes No												C5		
How many times were you separated for 6 months or longer? Number												C5		

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Cohabitation Dissolution

How did your relationship with [COHABITING PARTNER] end?

You moved out
 Your partner moved out
 Your partner died
 Other

How long did you live in the same residence with [PARTNER]? Type the number into the box below, then press the Enter key. Then select years, months, or days from the list.

ENTER NUMBER
 Years
 Months
 Days

In what month and year did you last living together? (1-Xth cohabiting partner)

Month
 Year

In what month and year did you stop living with [INITIALS]?

Month
 Year

When did you stop living with that partner between [MONTH/YEAR STARTED LIVING WITH PARTNER] and [END OF MARRIAGE GAP]?

Month
 Year

In what month and year did you first stop living with [PARTNER]?

Month
 Year

W3

W3

W3

W4

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How did this relationship finally end? Break-up Annulment, nothing legal Legal separation only (no legal divorce) Legal divorce Death										97				
Since [DATE START COHAB], in what month and year did you [first/next] stop living with this partner? Month Year										08				
From [DATE START COHAB] to [DATE STOP COHAB], what was the [first/next] change in marital status? Did you . . . Become legally married Reunite Get a legal separation only Get a legal divorce Get an annulment										08				
In what month and year was the [legal separation/legal divorce/annulment] obtained? Month Year										08				
Did you live together continuously up until the time you got married? Yes No Refused											C5			
When did you stop living together (with 1st-xth husband before marriage)? Month (Season) Year											C5			
After that, did you and he live together again before you got married? Yes No											C5			

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						Mother	Father				Women	Men		
Did you live together continuously up until the time you got married? Yes No Refused												C5		
When did you stop living together (with 1st-xth husband before marriage)? Month (Season) Year												C5		
Have there been any periods when you and your boyfriend stopped living together for one month or more? Yes No												C5		
How many times did you and your boyfriend live apart for a month or more? Number												C5		
Did you live apart because you were not getting along, or for some other reason? Not getting along Some other reason Some of each												C5		
Were you separated for less than 6 months, or were you separated for 6 months or longer? Less than 6 months 6 months or longer												C5		
Were you ever separated for 6 months or longer? Yes No												C5		
How many times were you separated for 6 months or longer? Number												C5		
Were there any periods when the two of you stopped living together for one month or more? Yes No												C5		

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When did you stop living together? Month (Season) Year											C5			
After that, when did you start living together again? Month (Season) Year											C5			
Did you live apart again before you stopped living together the final time? Yes No											C5			
In what month and year did you and your (1st-xth) cohabiting partner stop living together for the last time? Month (Season) Year											C5, C6, 06-08	C6, 06-08		
Romantic Relationship Dissolution														
When did your romantic relationship with [FATHER/ MOTHER] end? Month Year						W2, 3, 4								
In what month and year did your sexual relationship with [PARTNER] end? Month Year								W3, 4						

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What was the main reason the relationship ended? You or [PARTNER] moved away for school/ job/ service. You or [PARTNER] started a relationship with someone else. You and / or [PARTNER] tired of the other, fell out of love, grew apart. You and/ or [PARTNER] was abusive. Relationship had too much conflict, not getting along. You and / or [PARTNER] found out something unacceptable about the other. Unplanned pregnancy. One partner wanted the relationship to be more serious/ committed than the other did (e.g., move in together, get engaged). One partner wanted the relationship to be less committed (e.g., start seeing other people). One partner lied or was unfaithful. [PARTNER] died. One partner was sent to jail or prison. Other								W3						
What is the total amount of time you were involved in a romantic or sexual relationship with [INITIALS]? Day Month Year								W4						

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At the time of the last interview, you said you were dating [DATING PARTNER OF DLI] What best describes your current relationship with [DATING PARTNER OF DLI]? We are still dating We are married We are currently living together, but not married We are no longer together										08				
In what month and year did your relationship with [DATING PARTNER OF DLI] end? Month Year										08				
What best describes your current relationship with [dating partner/spouse]? We are still dating We are married We are currently living together, but not married We are no longer together										08				
In what month and year did your relationship end with [dating partner/spouse]? Month Year										08				

Data Sets

ACS: American Community Survey. Data collected from 2000-2002 and 2003-2004 are available for areas with 250,000 people or more. Data collected in 2005-2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 are available for areas with 65,000 people or more.

CE: Consumer Expenditure Survey. This project focuses on 2003 and 2010 panels.

CPS: Current Population Survey. CPS includes information on marital status and household roster prior to 2000, but this project focuses on 2000 and later.

ECLS-B: The birth cohort of the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study. Children were approximately 9 months old at Wave 1 (2001-02), 2 years old at Wave 2 (2003-04), and 4 years old/preschool age at Wave 3 (2005-06). In 2006, data were collected from sample children who were in kindergarten or higher (Wave 4), and data were collected from the remaining participating sample in 2007 (Wave 5).

ECLS-K: The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 1998-99. Children were in kindergarten at Wave 1 (1998-99), 1st grade at Wave 2 (1999-2000), 3rd grade at Wave 3 (2002), 5th grade at Wave 4(2004), and 8th grade at Wave 5 (2007).

Fragile Families: The Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study. Information on children was collected at birth in 1998-2000(Wave 1), ages one (Wave 2), three (Wave 3), and five (Wave 4).

Add Health: National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health. Waves 1, 2, 3, and 4 were collected in 1994-1995, 1996, 2001-2002, and 2008-2009, respectively. In Wave 1, this project focuses on adolescents’ report on current relationship status.

NLSY79: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 79. This project focuses on youths’ self report on current relationship status in Round 1 (1979) and 23 (2008).

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NLSY97: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 97. This project focuses on youths’ self report on current relationship status in Round 1 (1997) and 12 (2008).

NSFG: National Survey of Family Growth. Cycles 5 and 6 were collected in 1995 and 2002, respectively.

SIPP: Survey of Income and Program Participation. This project focuses on 2004 and 2008 panels.

U.S. Census: United States Census Bureau. This project focuses on 1990 and later.

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