

2013-2015 NSFG User's Guide

Appendix 7c: Variables Modified or Suppressed for the Public Use Files

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Overview

As noted in Part 1 of the User's Guide, some variables collected in the 2013-2015 NSFG had to be modified or suppressed for the public use files to minimize the risk of disclosure. Most of the suppressed variables have been included on the NSFG public use files in some form – e.g., with fewer categories, with some values top- or bottom-coded, or with new variables to summarize information from several variables. The variables that have been modified in some way are described in more detail below. For these variables, the online codebook documentation (“Webdoc”) includes a note summarizing the specific action taken to minimize disclosure risk. The “in-house” versions of these variables, generally distinguished by the “IN” prefix and **only** available through the NCHS Research Data Center (RDC), are enumerated in **Appendix 7a and 7b**.

Variables Modified or Suppressed on Both Female and Male Files:

- **Hispanic origin** (AC-2 HISPGRP_1-HISPGRP_5) – NSFG respondents were allowed to report as many Hispanic origin groups as may apply to them. The categories for the raw variable AC-2 HISPGRP were collapsed for public use into: 1) Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano/a only; and 2) all other Hispanic groups, including multiple responses. The full detail is retained in HISPGRP_1-HISPGRP_5.
- **Respondent's race** (AC-3 RRACE_01-RRACE_14, AC-4 RACEBEST_, AC-5 OBSERVE) – NSFG respondents were allowed to report as many racial categories as may apply to them. For those who reported more than 1 race, AC-4 RACEBEST asked them to identify the race that best describes them. For those who answered “don't know” or “refused” on the race questions, AC-5 OBSERVE indicates how the interviewer classified the respondent's race by observation. For the public use file, all of these race variables, along with variables for Hispanic origin, were used to create 2 recodes that describe race or Hispanic origin: (HISPANIC, RACE) as well as 2 recodes that describe Hispanic origin and race (HISPRACE, HISPRACE2). HISPRACE is the race and Hispanic origin recode that complies with the **1977** Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines, in which multiple-race respondents are combined with single-race respondents. HISPRACE2 is the race and Hispanic origin recode that complies with the **1997** OMB guidelines, in which multiple-race respondents are separately classified. The NUMRACE intermediate variable included on the public use file indicates whether the respondent reported multiple races. See specifications in **Appendix 3a (female)** or **3c (male)** for more detail on NUMRACE and these 4 recodes. The original race variables are available through the NCHS RDC.

- **Household roster variables** (AD-2 USUALRES[x], AD-3 SEX[x], AD-4 AGE[x], AD-5 RELAR[x], AD-9 RELMAN [x]/ RELWOM[x], computed BOTHBIOL and computed BOTHADOP (female flow-check A-24 and male flow-check A-19)) – These raw and computed variables specify the usual residence of the respondent, as well as the gender, age, and relationship of each household member to the respondent and family structure. Several recodes were created from these raw household roster variables (for example: *HHPARTYP* (Type of parental situation in household) and *HHKIDTYP* (Whether R has children (18 or younger), and whether bio/non-bio, living in household)). See **Appendix 3a (female)** or **Appendix 3c (male)**, Section A recodes, for more detail on these recodes.
- **ROSCNT/ INROSCNT** (number of household members) – The computed variable ROSCNT (female A-15 and male A-12) was top-coded at “8 or more household members” for public use. The full detail is retained in INROSCNT.
- **HIGRADE/ INHIGRADE** (current grade in school or highest grade/yr attended) – The categories for the raw variable HIGRADE (female AF-3 and male AE-3) were bottom-coded at “9th grade or less” for public use. The full detail is retained in INHIGRADE.
- **EXPGRADE/ INEXPGRADE** (highest grade expected to complete) – The categories for the raw variable EXPGRADE (female AF-14 and male AE-14) were bottom-coded at “9th grade or less” for public use. The full detail is retained in INEXPGRADE.
- **WTHPARNW/ INWTHPARNW** (R is living with parents or parent figures) – The categories for the computed variable WTHPARNW (computed in female flow check A-24 and male flow check A-19), were collapsed for public use into: 1) both biological or both adoptive parents; 2) other or no parental figures. The full detail is retained in INWTHPARNW.
- **LVSIT14F/ INLVSIT14F** (female parent/parent-figure at age 14) – The categories for the raw variable LVSIT14F (female AG-3 and male AF-3) were collapsed for public use into: 1) biological mother or adoptive mother when two adoptive parents; 2) other mother figure; 3) no mother figure. The full detail is retained in INLVSIT14F.
- **LVSIT14M/ INLVSIT14M** (male parent/parent-figure at age 14) – The categories for the raw variable LVSIT14M (female AG-4 and male AF-4) were collapsed for public use into: 1) biological father or adoptive father when two adoptive parents; 2) step-father; 3) no father figure; 4) other father figure. The full detail is retained in INLVSIT14M.
- **WOMRASDU/ INWOMRASDU** (woman who raised R during teens) – The categories for the raw variable WOMRASDU (female AG-5 and male AF-5) were collapsed for public use into: 1) biological mother; 2) other mother figure; 3) no mother figure. The full detail is retained in INWOMRASDU.
- **MOMDEGRE/ INMOMDEGRE** (highest level of education female parent (figure) completed) – The categories for the raw variable MOMDEGRE (female AG-6 and male AF-6) were collapsed for public use into: 1) less than high school; 2) high school graduate or GED; 3) some

college, including 2-year degrees; 4) bachelor's degree or higher. The full detail is retained in INMOMDEGRE.

- **MOMFSTCH/ INMOMFSTCH** (*age of female parent (figure) at her first birth*) – The raw variable MOMFSTCH (female AG-9 and male AF-9) was collapsed for public use into: 1) less than 18; 2) 18-19 years; 3) 20-24 years; 4) 25-29 years; 5) 30 years or older. Code 95 indicates respondents who did not identify a mother or mother figure. Code 96 indicates respondents whose mother or mother figure did not give birth to any children. The full detail is retained in INMOMFSTCH.
- **MANRASDU/ INMANRASDU** (*man who raised R during teens*) – The categories for the raw variable MANRASDU (female AG-11 and male AF-11) were collapsed for public use into: 1) biological father; 2) stepfather; 3) no father figure; 4) other father figure. The full detail is retained in INMANRASDU.
- **Race and Hispanic origin of spouse or partner** – Because the OMB requires all federal surveys to allow respondents to report multiple races whenever race is collected, the NSFG collected more detail than we can show on the public use file, given our sample sizes. For both male and female respondents, we created new, collapsed versions of the variables for Hispanic origin and race of their spouses and partners, so that the public use file shows the same categories of race and origin for the spouse or partner as it does for the respondent (see above for “Respondent’s race”). These collapsed variables greatly reduce the number of small cells on these characteristics, and are analogous to RACE, NUMRACE, HISPRACE, and HISPRACE2 that describe respondents themselves.

For females: Collapsed versions of the 4 variables were created for:

- (a) each reported husband (if any, up to 4),
- (b) the first cohabiting partner (if applicable),
- (c) the current cohabiting partner (if applicable),
- (d) the first(male) sexual partner ever (if not also a husband or cohabiting partner), and
- (e) up to 3 current (male) sexual partners in the last 12 months (if applicable).

For males: The same set of 4 collapsed public use variables was created from the more detailed information in the questionnaires. Since the marriage history information is collected differently, the variables for males were for:

- (a) the current wife or cohabiting partner,
- (b) the first wife (if she isn't the current wife),
- (c) the first cohabiting partner (if she isn't the current one), and
- (d) up to 3 current (female) sexual partners in the last 12 months (if he isn't married or cohabiting).

	RACE-like variable	Multiple Race variable	HISRACE-like variable	HISRACE2-like variable
FEMALE FILE				
Husbands	HsbRACE1-4	HsbMult1-4	HsbHRACE1-4	HsbNRACE1-4
Current Cohabiting Partner	CurCohRACE	CurCohMult	CurCohHRACE	CurCohNRACE
1st Cohabiting Partner	Coh1RACE	Coh1Mult	Coh1HRACE	Coh1NRACE
1st Male Sexual Partner	fsexRACE	fsexMult	fsexHRACE	fsexNRACE
Recent Male Sexual Partners	p1yRACE1-3	p1yMult1-3	p1yHRACE1-3	p1yNRACE1-3
MALE FILE				
Current Wife or Cohabiting Partner	cwpRACE	cwpMult	cwpHRACE	cwpNRACE
1st Wife	Wif1RACE	Wif1Mult	Wif1HRACE	Wif1NRACE
1st Cohabiting Partner	Coh1RACE	Coh1Mult	Coh1HRACE	Coh1NRACE
Recent Female Sexual Partners	p1yRACE1-3	p1yMult1-3	p1yHRACE1-3	p1yNRACE1-3

All of the original, full-detail race and Hispanic origin variables that were used to define the variables for each of the listed spouses and partners above are available through the RDC.

These include (in order corresponding to the table above):

- Female variables: CB-8 HISPHX, CB-9 RACEHX, CB-10 BSTRACHX, CC-8 CPHISP, CC-9 CPRACE, CC-10 CPBESTR, CD-9 HISPCX, CD-10 RACECX, CD-11 BSTRACCX, CG-7c FPHISP, CG-7d FPRACE, CG-7e FPRACEB, CI-14 P1YHISP, CI-15 P1YRACEB, CI-16 P1YRACEX
- Male variables: CB-3 CWPHISP, CB-4 CWPRACE, CB-5 CWPRACEB, EC-3 FWPHISP, EC-4 FWPRACE, EC-5 FWPRACEB, DD-15 PXHISP, DD-16 PXRACE, DD-17 PXBEST

- **COVERHOW01-04/INCOVERHOW01-04** (*Type of health care coverage last 12 months*) – The raw variables COVERHOW01-04 (female IA-3 and male IA-5) were collapsed for public use into: 1) Private health insurance plan; 2) Medicaid; 3) Medicare; 4) Medi-Gap; 5) Military health care; 6) Indian Health Service or Single-service plan; 7) CHIP; 8) State-sponsored health plan; 9) Other government health care. The original, full-detail variables (INCOVERHOW01-04) are available through the RDC.
- **NOWCOVER01-03/INNOWCOVER01-03** (*Type of health care covered by now*) – The raw variables NOWCOVER01-03 (female IA-4 and male IA-6) were collapsed for public use into: 1) Private health insurance plan; 2) Medicaid; 3) Medicare; 4) Medi-Gap; 5) Military health care; 6) Indian Health Service, Single-service plan, or none; 7) CHIP; 8) State-sponsored health plan; 9) Other government health care. The original, full-detail variables (INNOWCOVER01-03) are available through the RDC.
- **YRSTRUS/ CMSTRUS** (*year/century month R came to the United States to stay*) – The raw variables for the month and year the respondent came to the United States to stay (Male variables: JA-8m STRUS_M and JA-8y STRUS_Y; female variables: IB-9m STRUS_M and IB-9y STRUS_Y) and corresponding century month variable computed in female flow check I-

5/male flow check J-2 (cmstrus) are not included on the public use file due to disclosure risk. A variable indicating only the year the respondent came to the U.S. to stay (**yrstrus**) was created for public use. The original, full-detail variables (STRUS_M/_Y and cmstrus) are available through the RDC.

- **RELRAISD** (*religion in which respondent was raised*) – RELRAISD is a variable constructed for public use (in post-processing) from the raw religion variables RELRSD (female IC-1/male JB-1) and RELRSD1 (female IC-2/male JB-2). The coding and categories for RELCURRE are shown in Part 2 of the 2011-2013 User’s Guide [here](#), in the section on **RELIGION DATA IN THE NSFG**. The original, full-detail variables RELRSD and RELRSD1 are available through the RDC.
- **RELCURRE** (*current religious affiliation*) – RELCURRE is an intermediate variable created for public use from the raw religion variables RELNOW (female IC-5/male JB-5) and RELNOW1 (female IC-6/male JB-6). RELCURRE is used to define the RELIGION recode (see **Appendix 3a (female)** and **3c (male)** for further information on the RELIGION recode). The coding and categories for RELCURRE are shown in Part 2 of the 2011-2013 User’s Guide [here](#), in the section on **RELIGION DATA IN THE NSFG**. The original, full-detail variables RELNOW and RELNOW1 are available through the RDC.
- **DOLASTWK_n/ INDOLASTWK_n** – Because respondents frequently engage in multiple activities, e.g. work and school, in a given week, they were shown a list of 9 activities and asked an “enter all that apply” question about what they had done in the previous week (DOLASTWK1-9 (female IE-1 and male JE-1). The previous week was defined as the week ending the Saturday before the interview. This created 9 distinct variables, each of which could contain any of these 9 responses:
 - 1) Working
 - 2) Not working at job due to temporary illness, vacation, strike, etc.
 - 3) On maternity, paternity or family leave from job
 - 4) Unemployed, laid off, or looking for work
 - 5) Keeping house
 - 6) Taking care of family
 - 7) Going to school
 - 8) On permanent disability
 - 9) Something else

No respondent in the 2013-2015 NSFG entered more than 5 activities in the previous week, so only DOLASTWK1-5 are on the file. The 9 possible categories were collapsed as follows for public use:

If INDOLASTWK_n = 1 then DOLASTWK_n = 1
 If INDOLASTWK_n = 2 or 3 then DOLASTWK_n = 2
 If INDOLASTWK_n = 4 then DOLASTWK_n = 3
 If INDOLASTWK_n = 5 or 6 then DOLASTWK_n = 4
 If INDOLASTWK_n = 7 then DOLASTWK_n = 5
 If INDOLASTWK_n = 8 or 9 then DOLASTWK_n = 6

The collapsed code categories are:

- 1) Working
- 2) Working – maternity/paternity leave or temp leave
- 3) Not working, looking for work
- 4) Keeping house or taking care of family
- 5) In school
- 6) Other

The original, full-detail variables, named with an “IN” prefix, are available through the RDC.

- **SPLSTWK_n/ INSPLSTWK_n** – The raw variables SPLSTWK_n (female IF-1 and male JF-1) indicate what activities were reported by each married or cohabiting respondent for his/her current spouse or partner in the week ending the Saturday before the interview. Similar to DOLASTWK, there were 9 variables created to hold the “enter all that apply” responses, and the 9 possible responses were the same as for DOLASTWK_n (shown above).

No male respondent in the 2011-2013 NSFG entered more than 6 activities and no female respondent entered more than 5 activities in the previous week for his/her spouse or cohabiting partner, so only SPLSTWK1-6 are on the male file and only SPLSTWK1-5 are on the female file. The 9 possible categories were collapsed as follows for public use:

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| If INSPLSTWK _n = 1 | then SPLSTWK _n = 1 |
| If INSPLSTWK _n = 2 or 3 | then SPLSTWK _n = 2 |
| If INSPLSTWK _n = 4 | then SPLSTWK _n = 3 |
| If INSPLSTWK _n = 5 or 6 | then SPLSTWK _n = 4 |
| If INSPLSTWK _n = 7, 8, or 9 | then SPLSTWK _n = 5 |

The collapsed code categories are:

- 1) Working
- 2) Working – maternity/paternity leave or temp leave
- 3) Not working, looking for work
- 4) Keeping house or taking care of family
- 5) All other

The original, full-detail variables, named with an “IN” prefix, are available through the RDC.

- **INCHES/ RWEIGHT/ BMI** (*self-reported height and weight and computed Body-Mass Index*) – In the ACASI section of the 2013-2015 NSFG interview, respondents were asked their current height and weight (female JA-5 RHEIGHT_FT/_IN & JA-6 RWEIGHT; male KA-5 RHEIGHT_FT/_IN & KA-6 RWEIGHT). For respondent’s height, a variable called INCHES was defined using RHEIGHT_FT and RHEIGHT_IN values. Due to some extremely low and some extremely high values reported on height and weight, INCHES and RWEIGHT (weight in pounds) have been modified for public use, based on the 5th and 95th percentiles of their distributions, separately for males and females.
 - INCHES for females has been bottom-coded at “60 inches or less” and top-coded at “69 inches or more” (that is, 5'0" and 5'9").
 - INCHES for males has been bottom-coded at “64 inches or less” and top-coded at “76 inches or more.”
 - RWEIGHT for non-pregnant female respondents has been bottom- and top-coded at 110 pounds and 256 pounds, respectively.

- RWEIGHT for males has been bottom- and top-coded at 127 and 280 pounds, respectively.

The original INCHES and INRWEIGHT variables are available through the NCHS Research Data Center.

For most respondents (males 20-44 years of age and non-pregnant females 20-44 years of age), Body-Mass Index, or BMI, has also been computed and included on the public use files. BMI is a commonly used measure for assessing overweight or underweight of men and non-pregnant women. It is defined by the following formula:

$$\text{ROUND} [(\text{RWEIGHT} / \text{INCHES}^2) * 703]$$

For cases with top- or bottom-coded values on INCHES and RWEIGHT, the modified values were used in the computation of BMI.

BMI is not computed for pregnant women because their weights at the time of interview do not reflect their usual or “normal” weight. For teenage respondents (males and non-pregnant females 15-19 years of age), BMI computed by the above formula is also not considered an appropriate assessment tool for overweight or underweight. It is more appropriate to assess weight for height, relative to standardized growth curves by age. For more information on the latest growth curves estimated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhanes/databriefs/growthch.pdf>.

- **Number of partners in lifetime and in last 12 months** – In the interviewer-administered portion of the 2013-2015 NSFG, respondents were asked only about heterosexual vaginal intercourse. In ACASI, respondents were asked about other forms of sexual contact, including vaginal, oral, and anal sex with opposite-sex partners, as well as sexual activity with same-sex partners. Considering all types of sexual contact they may have had, respondents were asked to report the number of opposite-sex partners and same-sex partners they have had in their lives and in the last 12 months. There were two approaches taken to address extreme values on these "numbers of partners" variables, and these are described below.
 - a) Respondents who gave responses on the "number of opposite-sex partners" questions that were potentially keying errors (for example, 222, 777, etc.) were asked a confirmation question shown below in the variable names ending in “V.” If they answered "no" to this question, they were re-asked their number of partners. For example, if R answered 222 on PARTSLIF_1, he or she was asked PARTSLFV, and the new response was stored in PARTSLIF_2. Very few respondents needed to be re-asked their number of partners, but all of the raw variables involved in these series are included in the ACASI data files.

Female File:

- Number of male partners in lifetime – PARTSLIF_1, PARTSLFV, PARTSLIF_2
- Number of male partners in last 12 months – PARTS12M_1, PARTS12V, PARTS12M_2
- Number of female partners in lifetime – FEMPARTS_1, FEMLIFEV, FEMPARTS_2
- Number of female partners in past 12 months – FEMPRT12_1, FEM12V, FEMPRT12_2

Male File:

- Number of female partners in lifetime – PARTSLIF_1, PARTSLFV, PARTSLIF_2

- Number of female partners in last 12 months – PARTS12_1, PARTS12V, PARTS12_2
 - Number of male partners in lifetime – MALEPRTS_1, MALEPRTSV, MALEPRTS_2
 - Number of male partners in last 12 months – MALPRT12_1, MALPRT12V, MALPRT12_2
- b) Some extreme values on the “numbers of partners” variables were not suspected to be keying errors during the ACASI interview, and they have been top-coded at values roughly representing the top 5% of cases. Top-coding for variables unique to the female or male file is described further below in this document, but top-coding for those variables found on both the male and female files is described below:
- **PARTSLIF_1/ INPARTSLIF_1 & PARTSLIF_2/ INPARTSLIF_2** (*female JF-1/male KG-1, number of opposite-sex partners in lifetime*) – These raw variables have been top-coded at 50, representing “50 or more opposite-sex partners in lifetime” for public use. The full detail is retained in the 2 “IN” variables.
 - **OPPLIFENUM/ INOPPLIFENUM** (*number of opposite-sex partners in lifetime, computed in female flow check J-14d and male flow check K-9d*) – This computed variable has been top-coded at 50, representing “50 or more opposite-sex partners in lifetime” for public use. The full detail is retained in INOPPLIFENUM.
 - **OPPYEARNUM/ INOPPYEARNUM** (*number of opposite-sex partners in last 12 months, computed in female flow check J-14f and male flow check K-9f*) – This computed variable has been top-coded at 20, representing “20 or more opposite-sex partners in the past 12 months” for public use. The full detail is retained in INOPPYEARNUM.
- **PUBASTYP1/ INPUBASTYP1** – The raw variable PUBASTYP (female JI-5 and male KL-5) asked respondents whether they had received 4 different types of cash assistance:
 - 1) [State-specific Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)]/ welfare/ AFDC
 - 2) General Assistance
 - 3) Emergency Assistance/ short-term cash assistance
 - 4) Some other program
 Because this was an “enter all that apply” variable, 4 mentions (variables) were allowed. Only one PUBASTYP1 variable is included on the public-use files and the categories were collapsed into the following 2 categories, based on any reporting of TANF/ welfare/ AFDC in any of the 4 variables:
 - 1) Public assist program, e.g. AFDC or ADC
 - 2) General/Emergency/Other assistance
 The full detail is retained in INPUBASTYP1.
 - **NUMKDHH/ INNUMKDHH** (*number of biological/adopted/related/legal children under age 18 in household*) – This Section A recode was top-coded at “5 children or more” for public use. The full detail is retained in INNUMKDHH. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3a (female)** or **Appendix 3c (male)**.

- **NUMFMHH/ INNUMFMHH** (*number of family members in household*) – This Section A recode was top-coded at “7 or more family members” for public use. The full detail is retained in INNUMFMHH. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3a (female)** or **Appendix 3c (male)**.
- **CSPBBHH/ INCSPBBHH** (*number of R’s biological children (aged 18 or younger) with current husband or cohabiting partner who lives in the household*) – This Section A recode was top-coded at “3 or more joint biological children in the household” for public use. The full detail is retained in INCSPBBHH. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3a (female)** or **Appendix 3c (male)**.
- **CSPOKDHH/ INCSPOKDHH** (*number of all other children (aged 18 or younger) in household living with R and her current husband or cohabiting partner*) – This Section A recode was top-coded at “1 or more children under 19 in household” for public use. The full detail is retained in INCSPOKDHH. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3a (female)** or **Appendix 3c (male)**.
- **EDUCAT/ INEDUCAT** (*number of years of schooling*) – This Section A recode was bottom-coded at “9th grade or less” for public use. The full detail is retained in INEDUCAT. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3a (female)** or **Appendix 3c (male)**.
- **HIEDUC/ INHIEDUC** (*highest completed year of school or highest degree received*) – This Section A recode was bottom-coded at “9th grade or less” for public use. The full detail is retained in INHIEDUC. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3a (female)** or **Appendix 3c (male)**.
- **PARAGE14/ INPARAGE14** (*parental living situation at age 14*) – The categories for this Section A recode were collapsed for public use into: 1) respondent lived with both biological or adoptive parents at age 14; 2) respondent lived with biological mother and step-father at age 14; and 3) respondent lived in any other parental situation or a non-parental situation at age 14. The full detail is retained in INPARAGE14. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3a (female)** or **Appendix 3c (male)**.
- **EDUCMOM/ INEDUCMOM** (*mother’s (or mother-figure’s) education*) – The categories for this Section A recode were collapsed for public use into: 1) less than high school; 2) high school graduate or GED; 3) some college, including 2-year degrees; 4) bachelor’s degree or higher; 5) no mother/mother-figure identified (coded as “95”). The full detail is retained in INEDUCMOM. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3a (female)** or **Appendix 3c (male)**.
- **AGEMOMB1/ INAGEMOMB1** (*age of mother (or mother-figure) at first birth*) – The values of this Section A recode were collapsed for public use into: 1) less than 18; 2) 18-19 years; 3) 20-24 years; 4) 25-29 years; 5) 30 years or older. Code 95 indicates respondents who did not identify a mother or mother figure. Code 96 indicates respondents whose mother or mother figure did not give birth to any children. The full detail is retained in INAGEMOMB1. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3a (female)** or **Appendix 3c (male)**.

- **PARTS1YR/ INPARTS1YR** (*number of opposite-sex sexual partners in last 12 months*) – This recode was top-coded at “7 or more opposite-sex partners in last 12 months” for public use. The full detail is retained in INPARTS1YR. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3a (female) or Appendix 3c (male)**. For males, due to top-coding PARTS1YR, the raw variable FE-2 NUM12MO has been suppressed from the public use file; NUM12MO indicates the exact number of female partners the male respondent has reported in the last 12 months.
- **LIFPRTNR/ INLIFPRTNR** (*number of opposite-sex sexual partners in lifetime, as reported to the interviewer*) – This recode was top-coded at “50 or more opposite-sex partners in lifetime” for public use. The full detail is retained in INLIFPRTNR. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3a (female) or Appendix 3c (male)**.
- **LABORFOR/ INLABORFOR** (*labor force status*) – The values of this recode (female Section I; male Section J) were collapsed for public use from 10 categories into 9 categories. The full detail is retained in INLABORFOR. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3a (female) or Appendix 3c (male)**.
- **POVERTY/ INPOVERTY** (*poverty level income*) – This recode was top-coded at “500 percent or more of poverty” for public use. The full detail is retained in INPOVERTY. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3a (female) or Appendix 3c (male)**.

Variables Modified or Suppressed Only on the Female File:

- **NUMCHILD/ INNUMCHILD** (*number of children in household < 13 years*) – The values for NUMCHILD computed in Flow Check A-15 were top-coded at “4 children or more” for public use. The full detail is retained in INNUMCHILD.
- **HHKIDS18/ INHHKIDS18** (*number of children in household < 19 years*) – The values for HHKIDS18 computed in Flow Check A-15 were top-coded at “5 children or more” for public use. The full detail is retained in INHHKIDS18. HHKIDS18 is not included on the male public-use file, but the full detail is retained in HHKIDS18 available through the RDC.
- **DAUGHT918/ INDAUGHT918** (*number of daughters in household 9-18 years*) – The values for DAUGHT918 computed in Flow Check A-15 were top-coded at “2 children or more” for public use. The full detail is retained in INDAUGHT918.
- **SON918/ INSON918** (*number of sons in household 9-18 years*) – The values for SON918 computed in Flow Check A-15 were top-coded at “2 children or more” for public use. The full detail is retained in INSON918.
- **NONBIOKIDS/ INNONBIOKIDS** (*number of children in household < 19 years*) – The values for NONBIOKIDS computed in Flow Check A-15 were top-coded at “2 children or more” for public use. The full detail is retained in INNONBIOKIDS.

- **HPLOCALE/ HPLOCATN** (*where husband/partner currently lives, if not on household roster*) – The categories for the raw variable AD-8 HPLOCATN were collapsed for a new public use file variable HPLOCALE showing: 1) lives in the household; or 2) lives elsewhere. The full detail is retained in HPLOCATN.
- **Numbers of male sexual partners in lifetime** (CH-1 LIFEPR/ INLIFEPR; CH-1b LIFEPR_LO/ INLIFEPR_LO; CH-1c LIFEPR_HI/ INLIFEPR_HI; computed LIFEPR/ INLIFEPR from Flow Check C-83) – These raw and computed variables were all top-coded at “50 or more partners” for public use. The full detail is retained in the 4 “IN” variables.
- **Number of male sexual partners before 1st marriage (including husband)** (CH-2 PTB4MAR/ INPTB4MAR; CH-2b PTB4MAR_LO/ INPTB4MAR_LO; CH-2c PTB4MAR_HI/ INPTB4MAR_HI) – These 3 raw variables were top-coded at “50 or more partners for public use. The full detail is retained in the 3 “IN” variables.
- **Age when first began smoking cigarettes (JC-2 AGESMK)** – In ACASI, female respondents who reported smoking at least 100 cigarettes in their lives were asked the age when they first began smoking cigarettes. The code 0 was used to indicate that she never smoked regularly. For less than 1% of respondents, the responses to this question included some very young, possibly misreported ages. As done for the 2011-2013 NSFG, all values 1-11 on the variable AGESMK in the 2013-2015 female respondent file were collapsed and "bottom-coded" at 11, to indicate the respondent first smoked cigarettes at “11 years or younger.”
- **Number of male partners in last 12 months, as reported in ACASI (JF-2 PARTS12M_1/ INPARTS12M_1 & PARTS12M_2/ INPARTS12M_2)** – These raw variables have been top-coded at 20, representing “20 or more opposite-sex partners in last 12 months” for public use. The full detail is retained in the 2 “IN” variables.
- **CSPBSHH/ INCSPBSHH** (*number of female R’s biological children (aged 18 or younger) in household who are not the biological children of her current husband or cohabiting partner*) – This Section A recode was top-coded at “1 or more children under 19 in household” for public use. The full detail is retained in INCSPBSHH. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3a**.

Variables Modified or Suppressed Only on the Male File:

- **WPLOCALE/ WPLOCATN** (*where R’s current wife/partner lives*) – The categories for the raw variable AD-8 WPLOCATN were collapsed for a new public use file variable WPLOCALE showing: 1) lives in the household; or 2) lives elsewhere. The full detail is retained in WPLOCATN.
- **NUMLIFE/ INNUMLIFE** (*female sexual partners in lifetime*) – The raw variable FE-1 NUMLIFE was top-coded at “50 or more female partners in lifetime” for public use. The full detail is retained in INNUMLIFE.

- **Summary variables of number of coresidential children in the household** – These computed variables from Section G (NUMCRU18, CRALL, CRALLU5, CRALL518, CRMALU5, CRMAL518, CRFEMU5, and CRFEM518, all computed in Flow Check G-0) summarize the type of coresidential children living in the respondent’s household. They describe the number of children living in the household by age group and gender. Each of these variables was top coded for public use. The original, full-detail variables, all named with “IN” prefixes, are available through the RDC.
- **Child support paid per year for non-coresidential children** (CHSUPPYR, GC-3a NCAMOUNT, GC-3b NCUNIT, YEARSUPP) – The raw variables NCAMOUNT and NCUNIT describe the amount of child support the respondent paid for his non-coresidential focal child aged 18 or younger. NCAMOUNT contains the dollar amount paid, and NCUNIT gives the frequency in which the respondent gave this support – weekly, monthly, yearly. NCAMOUNT and NCUNIT were combined to define YEARSUPP, the dollar amount that men contributed *per year*, and were applicable for all men who have children aged 18 or younger who do not live with them. Then, a categorical variable **CHSUPPYR** was defined for public use based on YEARSUPP. The categories for CHSUPPYR, when applicable, are:
 - 0=NONE/NOT REPORTED
 - 1=\$1 - \$3,000
 - 2=\$3,001 - \$5,000
 - 3=\$5,001 - \$9,000
 - 4=MORE THAN \$9,000
 The original variables NCAMOUNT, NCUNIT, and YEARSUPP are available through the RDC.
- **STARTMIL/ CMBEGMIL** – The raw variables for the month and year the respondent began active duty in the Armed Forces for a period of 6 months or more (JC-2m BEGMIL_M and JC-2y BEGMIL_Y) and the corresponding century month variable computed in Flow Check J-10 (cmbegmil) are not included on the public use file due to disclosure risk. A variable indicating the year (in 5-year groupings) when the respondent began active duty (**startmil**) was created for public use. The original, full-detail variables (BEGMIL_M/_Y and cmbegmil) are available through the RDC.
- **ENDMIL/ CMENDMIL** – The raw variables for the month and year the respondent separated from active duty (JC-3m ENDMIL_M and JC-3y ENDMIL_Y) and the corresponding century month computed in Flow Check J-12 (cmendmil) are not included on the public use file due to disclosure risk. A variable indicating the year (in 5-year groupings) when the respondent separated from the Armed Services (**endmil**) was created for public use. The original, full-detail variables (ENDMIL_M/_Y and cmendmil) are available through the RDC.
- **KG-2 PARTS12_1/ INPARTS12_1 & PARTS12_2/ INPARTS12_2** (*number of female partners in last 12 months, as reported in ACASI*) – These raw variables have been top-coded at 20, representing “20 or more opposite-sex partners in last 12 months” for public use. The full detail is retained in the 2 “IN” variables.

- **Race and Hispanic origin of current/most recent same-sex partner** (MALPRTHRACE, KH series) – Male respondents who ever had a same-sex sexual partner were asked about the race and Hispanic origin of their current most recent male partner. Similar to the approach taken with opposite-sex spouses and partners, the full race detail is not included on the public use file. The public use file includes a collapsed version of the variable for Hispanic origin and race of men’s current or most recent male sexual partner. This collapsed variable is analogous to HISPRACE2 that describe respondents themselves. The original, raw variables KH-6 MALPRTHISP and KH-7 MALPRTRACE1-5 are available through the RDC.
- **KJ-1 MALEPRTS_1/ INMALEPRTS_1 & MALEPRTS_2/ INMALEPRTS_2** (*number of male sex partners in lifetime*) – These raw variables have been top-coded at 10, representing “10 or more same-sex partners in lifetime” for public use. The full detail is retained in the 2 “IN” variables.
- **SAMLIFENUM/ INSAMLIFENUM** (*number of same-sex partners in lifetime*) – This computed variable from the male KJ series has been top-coded at 10, representing “10 or more same-sex partners in lifetime” for public use. The full detail is retained in INSAMLIFENUM.
- **KJ-2 MALPRT12_1/ INMALPRT12_1 & MALPRT12_2/ INMALPRT12_2** (*number of male sex partners in last 12 months*) – These raw variables have been top-coded at 10, representing “10 or more same-sex partners in last 12 months” for public use. The full detail is retained in the 2 “IN” variables.
- **SAMYEARNUM/ INSAMYEARNUM** (*number of same-sex partners in last 12 months*) – This computed variable from the male KJ series has been top-coded at 6, representing “6 or more same-sex partners in last 12 months” for public use. Full detail is retained in INSAMYEARNUM.
- **CSPSBHH/ INCSPSBHH** (*number of male R’s nonbiological children (aged 18 or younger) in household who are the biological children of his current wife or cohabiting partner*) – This Section A recode was top-coded at “1 or more children under 19 in household” for public use. The full detail is retained in INCSPSBHH. See recode specifications in **Appendix 3c**.