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1955 GROWTH OF AMERICAN FAMILIES STUDY
DOCUMENTATION

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The 1955 Growth of American Families study was conducted by Ronald Freedman, Pascal K. Whelpton, and Arthur A. Campbell, and reported in FAMILY PLANNING, STERILITY AND POPULATION GROWTH (McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York, 1959).

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DATA ABSTRACT

Growth of American Families, 1955
TITLE: ~~1955 Growth of American Families Study~~

ORIGINATING ORGANIZATION: Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research,
University of Michigan

DPLS SOURCE: Professor Larry Bumpass, Department of Sociology, University of
Wisconsin-Madison

UNIVERSE TO WHICH DATA PERTAIN: white married women 18-39 (inclusive), living
with their husbands or temporarily separated because of the husband's service
in the armed forces

Date of Data Collected: 1955

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION: area probability sample. Schedule was completed for 2713
women. Married population represented by sample constitutes approximately
67% of all women, 75% of all white women, and 91% of all ever married women
among those aged 18-39.

NUMBER OF DATA UNITS: 2713 cases, 338 variables

MODE OF STORAGE: tape, logical record format (BCD or EBCDIC version available)
Type: Numerical *ASC II, SDF*

REFERENCE MATERIALS: codebook, questionnaire and description of sampling methods
and sampling error

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PUBLICATIONS: Ronald Freedman, Pascal K. Whelpton, Arthur A. Campbell, Family Planning,
Sterility and Population Growth, (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc.
1959)

CONDITION OF DATA: As received from Professor Bumpass (main variables from card
data cleaned, transformed and written on tape)

ABSTRACT OF CONTENT: The data file contains responses to questions relating to
American wives' childbearing to date, their expected future childbearing
and various factors influencing family size. The latter include demographic
and socioeconomic conditions influencing the number of children wanted, the
physiological capacity of the couple to have as many children as desired, and
their ability to regulate conception so as to avoid too many children. Data
file also includes variables relating to work experience of wives and their
husbands, earnings of both spouses, occupation, age and marriage history,
education, geographic location, religious preference, nationality of family
of both husband and wife.

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variable number comparison
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CLARIFICATIONS: 1955 Growth of American Families Study Codebook

<u>Variable #</u>	<u>Cases coded "inappropriate" are:</u>
32, 33	Never lived on farm
62	Respondents who have not been pregnant
83	Working now OR hasn't worked since marriage
85	All except those coded "1" - "expects to work", Var. 84
86	Inappropriate and not ascertained on Var. 85
87	Never worked
92, 93	Not in labor force OR not ascertained
94, 95	Not in labor force OR self-employed
96	"2" and "3" on Var. 93
110	No membership in formal organizations
114	Respondent definitely can't have more children
127, 128	No 2nd, 3rd reason
129	Approve of family planning or approval not ascertained, codes 1-3 or 9 on Var. 125
133-145	Hasn't used any method, "0" on Var. 132
147, 148	" " " " "
150	Never used a method or pregnant now
151	Never used, pregnant now, or used a method in recent months
152	Never pregnant or used a method before first pregnancy
154	Never pregnant and those coded 5-9 on Var. 153
155	Never pregnant, or wanted a child or N.A. on Var. 153
156	Never pregnant

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<u>Variable #</u>	<u>Cases coded "inappropriate" are:</u>
157-164	No pregnancy of this order
165, 166	Never used method
214	Never pregnant
268	Doesn't expect more children
271	Respondent not married at least 4 years
272	"3" and "5" on Var. 270
273-276	"5" on Var. 270
277	"5" on Var. 270 and no 2nd reason
278	All except those told by doctor they couldn't have another child, but <u>including</u> those who have had an operation making pregnancy impossible
279	All except coded "1" on Var. 278
280	All except those who think pregnancy impossible and haven't been to the doctor
293	Haven't talked about it
311	Respondent doesn't think she can have another child
322	Doesn't expect more; or answers "God's will", etc., to how many more thinks she will have
323-325	Doesn't expect more; no 2nd or 3rd reason
326, 327	Doesn't expect more; no 2nd reason
332	Expects no more children