Guide to Recoded Variables

Deleting Blank Questionnaires

1.   Questionnaires where the respondent did not answer all questions or refused to answer all questions were deleted from the dataset.

Global Recodes

1.   Questions with response categories of "no, unmarked, does not apply" were recoded from a value of 2 to a value of 0.

Variables affected: PA3, PA4, PA5_1 through PA5_7, PA6_1 through PA6_5, PA7_1 through PA7_9, PA8A, PA11, PA13, PA14, PA15, PA16, PA17, PA18, PA19, PA20, PA21, PA27A through PA27E, PA28A through PA28J, PA29, PA38, PA41_1 through PA41_19, PA43, PA45, PA46_1 through PA46_19, PA48, PA50, PA51_1 through PA51_19, PA53, PA56, PA57A through PA57F, PA63, PA64, PB1, PB3, PB4_1 through PB4_7, PB5_1 through PB5_5, PB6_1 through PB6_8, PB9, PB10, PB11, PB12, PB13, PB14, PB15, PB16, PB17, PB19, PC2, PC3, PC6A, PC6B, PC7, PC10, PC11, PC12, PC14, PC15, PC16, PC21_1 through PC21_7, PC22, PC24, PC25, PC26, PC27, PC28, PC32, PC35, PC36_1 through PC36_20, PC37, PC38, PC39, PC40, PC41, PC45, PC46, PC47, PC49A_1 through PC49A_3, PC49B_1 through PC49B_3, PC49C_1 through PC49C_3, PC49D_1 through PC49D_3, PC49E_1 through PC49E_3, PC49F_1 through PC49F_3, PC50, PC51, PC52, PC53, PC54, PC55, PC56_1 through PC56_21, PC60_1 through PC60_18, PC61A through PC61D, PC62_1 through PC62_11, PC63, PC64, PC69, PD5, PD5A

2.   If the respondent provided an answer to a question, the refused variable was recoded as "not refused" regardless of how it was originally marked. Refused responses were originally coded using separate variables. All questions were recoded to incorporate a refusal response code; refusals were assigned "6," "96," "996," or "9996."

Variables affected: All variables were affected.

3.   If the response categories in a given question included the option "don't know," these responses were recoded "8," "98," "998," or "9998" (don't know).

Variables affected: PA26, PB3, PB21, PB22, PC3, PC4, PC5, PC8, PC9, PC13, PC14, PC18, PC19A_P, PC19B_O, PC20, PC22, PC23, PC37, PC38, PC39, PC40, PC41, PC47, PC49A_1 through PC49A_3, PC49B_1 through PC49B_3, PC49C_1 through PC49C_3, PC49D_1 through PC49D_3, PC49E_1 through PC49E_3, PC49F_1 through PC49F_3, PC54, PC57, PC58, PC59, PC63, PC64, PC65_M, PC65_Y, PD2, PD3, PD4A through PD4F

Consistency Recodes

1.   Recoding Q.A4 and Q.B3 (Are you of Hispanic or Spanish origin?), and Q.A5 and Q.B4 (What is your Hispanic background?) to be consistent with each other.
    a.   If the respondent refused, skipped, or replied "no" to Q.A4/Q.B3, but recorded at least one Hispanic background in Q.A5/Q.B4, then Q.A4/Q.B3 was recoded as "yes." If the respondent replied "no" to Q.A4/Q.B3, and skipped or answered "don't know" to Q.A5/Q.B4, then Q.A5/Q.B4 was recoded as "7" (legitimate skip).

b. If the respondent answered "yes" to Q.A4/Q.B3, but did not mark a Hispanic category in Q.A5/Q.B4, then Q.A4/Q.B3 was recoded as ● (missing).

c. If the respondents marked "yes" to both a specific Hispanic category and the "don't know" option in Q.A5/Q.B4, then the "don't know" category was recoded as "0" (unmarked).

Variables affected: PA4, PA5_1 through PA5_7, PB3, PB4_1 through PB4_7

2. Recoding Q.A6 and Q.B5 (What is your race?).

a. If the respondent did not mark any of the race categories, then all categories for Q.A6/Q.B5 were recoded as ● (missing).

Variables affected: PA6_1 through PA6_5, PB5_1 through PB5_5

b. Q.A8B was asked only if the respondent supplied the interviewer with two or more race categories in Q.A6. If the respondent gave only one race or refused to answer Q.A6, then Q.A8 was recoded as "7" (legitimate skip).

Variables affected: PA8B

3. Recoding Q.A6 and Q.B5 (What is your race?) and Q.A7 and Q.B6 (What is your Asian background?) to be consistent with each other.

a. If the respondent answered "yes" to any category for Q.A7/Q.B6, then the response category (Asian) in Q.A6/Q.B5 was recoded as "yes." If the respondent marked the Asian race category in Q.A6/Q.B5, but did not mark a specific Asian background or refused to answer Q.A7/Q.B6, all Asian background response categories were recoded as ● (missing).

Variables affected: PA6_4, PA7_1 through PA7_8, PB5_4, PB6_1 through PB6_8

4. If the respondent said that he or she had at least one marriage or marriage-like relationship in the last 18 years (Q.A40>0) but did not mark any years during which he or she was married to or living with another person (Q.A41, Q.A46, Q.A51), then Q.A41, Q.A46, and Q.A51 were recoded as ● (missing).

Variables affected: PA41_1 through PA41_19, PA46_1 through PA46_19, PA51_1 through PA51_19

5. If the respondent marked a specific kind of health insurance in Q.C21_1 through Q.C21_6 and "don't know" in Q.C21_7 (What kind of health insurance does [name] have?), then Q.C21_7 was recoded as "0" (unmarked).

Variables affected: PC21_1 through PC21_7

6. Recoding Q.C35 (Adolescent has lived away from the respondent for at least six months) and Q.C36 (Which years respondent and adolescent have lived apart) to be consistent with each other.

a. If Q.C35 was blank, then Q.C36 variables were recoded as ● (missing).

b. If Q.C36, "don't know" was marked as well as an age category (e.g., 11), then the "don't know" variable was recoded as "0" (unmarked).

Variables affected: PC36_1 through PC36_19

Subsample Recodes

1. Q.A11 was asked if the respondent did not mark "married" in answer to Q.A10 (What is your current marital status?). If Q.A10 was marked "married," Q.A11 was recoded as "7" (legitimate skip) regardless of the response.

Variables affected: PA11

2. If the respondent refused to answer Q.A13 (Do you work outside the home?), then subsequent questions (Q.A14 through A16) were recoded as "7" (legitimate skip).

Variables affected: PA14, PA15, PA16

3. Questions A22 through A26 dealt with religion. If the respondent replied with "none" to Q.A22 (What is your religion?), then Q.A23 through A26 were recoded as "7" (legitimate skip).

Variables affected: PA23, PA24, PA25, PA26

4. Question A30 is asked only if the respondent chose more than one response category in Q.A28. If the respondent marked only one response category for Q.A28, then Q.A30 is recoded as "7" (legitimate skip).

Variables affected: PA30

5. If the respondent answered "no" to Q.A38 (Have you ever been married?), Q.A39 was recoded as "7" (legitimate skip).

Variables affected: PA39

6. The respondnets were asked about their relationships, specifically marriages or marriage-like relationships. This section asked about three relationships.   If the respondents said that they had no such relationships in Q.A40, then they were skipped out of this section, and Q.A41 through A54 were recoded as "7" (legitimate skip). If they said they had only one such relationship, then Q.A46 through A54 were recoded as "7" (legitimate skip). If they said they had only two relationships, then Q.A51 through A54 were recoded as "7" (legitimate skip).

Variables affected: PA41_1 through PA41_19, PA42, PA43, PA44, PA46_1 through PA46_19, PA47, PA48, PA49, PA51_1 through PA51_19, PA52, PA53, PA54

7. If the respondent said that a relationship was still going on (Q.A43, Q.A48, Q.A53) then the subquestion asking how the relationship ended was recoded as "7" (legitimate skip).

Variables affected: PA44, PA49, PA54

8. Section B asked the respondents about their current spouses or partners. In order to be eligible for this section, they must have answered "yes" to either Q.A43, Q.A48, or Q.A53. If they said "no" to all three of these questions, then all questions in Section B were recoded as "7" (legitimate skip).

    Variables affected: PB2, PB3, PB4_1 through PB4_7, PB5_1 through PB5_5, PB6_1 through PB6_8, PB7, PB8, PB9, PB10, PB11, PB12, PB13, PB14, PB14, PB15, PB16, PB17, PB18, PB19, PB20, PB21, PB22

9. Recoding questions concerning the biological mother for consistency (Q.C1 through C5):

    a. If the respondent indicated that she was the biological mother to the study adolescent (Q.C1) then subsequent questions regarding the biological mother (Q.C2 through Q.C5) were skipped and recoded as "7," "97," or "997" (legitimate skip).

    b. If the respondent indicated that the biological mother lived in the household (Q.C2), then subsequent questions regarding the biological mother (QC.3 through Q.C5) were skipped and recoded as "7," "97," or "997" (legitimate skip).

    Variables affected: PC1, PC2, PC3, PC4, PC5

10. Recoding questions about the biological father for consistency (Q.C6B through C9):

    a. If the respondent indicated that he was the biological father to the study adolescent (Q.C1) then questions regarding the biological father (Q.C6B through Q.C9) were skipped and recoded as "7," "97," or "997" (legitimate skip).

    b. If the respondent indicated that the biological father lived in the household (Q.6CB) then subsequent questions about the biological father (Q.C7 through Q.C9) were skipped and recoded as "7," "97," or "997" (legitimate skip).

    Variables affected: PC6B, PC7, PC8, PC9

11. If the respondent indicated that the adolescent did not have a special girlfriend/ boyfriend (Q.C14), then subsequent questions (Q.C15 through C16) were skipped and recoded as "7" (legitimate skip).

    Variables affected: PC15, PC16

12. If the respondent indicated that the adolescent was not in school (Q.C24), then subsequent questions (Q.C25 through C29c) were skipped and recoded as "7" (legitimate skip).

    Variables affected: PC25, PC26

13. If the respondent replied "no" to Q.C35 (Was there ever a period of at least six months when [name] did not live with you?), then Q.C36 variables were recoded as "7" (legitimate skip).

    Variables affected: PC36_1 through PC36_19

14. Recoding questions concerning adolescent disability for consistency (Q.C51 through C62):

a. If the respondent replies "no" to both Q.C50 (Does [name] have difficulty using [his/her] hands or arms?) and Q.C51 (Does [he/she] have difficulty using [his/her] feet or legs?) then Q.C53 through C62 were skipped and recoded as "7" or "97" (legitimate skip).

Variables affected: PC51, PC52, PC53, PC54, PC55, PC56_1 through PC56_21, PC57, PC58, PC59, PC60_1 through PC60_18, PC61A through PC61D, PC62_1 through PC62_11

b. If the respondent replies "no" to Q.C55 (Are [his/her] difficulties caused by a physical condition?), then Q.C56 through C62 were skipped and recoded as "7" or "97" (legitimate skip). If the respondent left Q.C55 blank, then Q.C56 through C62 were recoded as ● (missing).

Variables affected: PC56_1 through PC56_21, PC57, PC58, PC59, PC60_1 through PC60_18, PC61A through PC61D, PC62_1 through PC62_11

15. If the respondent replies "yes" or "don't know" to Q.C63 (Has [name] always lived, since [he/she] was born, in the house or apartment building where [he/she] lives now?), Q.C64 through C68 were skipped and recoded as "7" or "97" (legitimate skip).

Variables affected: PC64, PC65_M, PC65_Y, PC66_M, PC66_Y, PC68_M, PC68_Y

16. If the respondent answered "yes" or "don't know" to Q.C64 (Was [name] born in the United States?), then Q.C65 was skipped and recoded as "97" (legitimate skip).

Variables affected: PC65_M, PC65_Y

17. If the respondent replied "no" to Q.C69 (Is [name] a twin?), then Q.D2 through D4 in Section D were skipped and all the questions were recoded as "7" (legitimate skip).

Variables affected: PD2, PD3, PD4A through PD4F

Collapsed Categories

1. Where response categories contained very small cell numbers (n<10), these categories were merged with other response categories.

Variables affected: PA22, PB7, PC65_Y

2. In Q.C62, several response variables were merged with other response variables due to small cell numbers. PC62_3 (walker) was merged into PC62_2 (crutches); PC63_6 (powered wheelchair) and PC63_7 (scooter) were merged with PC63_5 (manual wheelchair).

Variables affected: PC62_2, PC62_3, PC62_5, PC62_6, PC62_7

Out-of-Range Variables

1. When the response values were out of range, the variable was recoded as ● (missing). For example, if the respondent gave an age of 12 in answer to Q.A2, this value lies outside the usual range of adult consent, then Q.A2 was recoded as ● (missing).

Variables affected: PA2, PA39, PC4, PC8