

How Relationships in Detail Were Selected

Selecting the MM Sample

All relationship listed in Section 17 that were sexual (H3TR8 = 1) were selected for the MM questions.

Note: Due to a programming change, some relationships from Section 17 where H3TR8 = 1 were not selected for the MM questions.

Selecting the Relationship for the Couples Sample

The Couples sample, CP, was designed to collect information on one-third married, one-third cohabiting, and one-third dating partners of Add Health respondents, with a maximum number of 1,500 partners to be interviewed. One-half of the original Add Health respondents were randomly selected and flagged (PARTNER = 1) to be considered for this sample. In Section 17, when a respondent with PARTNER = 1 was interviewed, all relationships were evaluated for the following.

1. Opposite sex relationship.
2. Current relationship (H3TR1 = 1).
3. Duration of 3 months or more (H3TR2 = 1).
4. Partner 18 or older (PAGE \geq 18).

If no relationship meets the above criteria, skip to the next section.

If there is only one such record, set its value of CP to 1 and skip to the next section.

If there are two or more such records, choose the CP relationship from among them as follows.

1. For each relationship that has met the CP criteria, add up the occurrence of marriage, past or present (H3TR12 = 1 or 2), co-habitation, past or present (H3TR11 = 1 or 2), sexual relations (H3TR8 = 1), adoption (H3TR13 = 1), and the number of pregnancies (H3TR10 \geq 1). Store the sum in CPSUM.
2. Choose the relationship with the highest value of CPSUM.
3. If two or more relationships share the highest CPSUM value, choose that in which the partner is oldest.
4. If there is a tie for oldest partner, choose—among those tied—the relationship in which the partner's race is not that of the respondent.
5. If in all tied relationships the partner and the respondent are of the same race, or in more than one they are of different races, erase the screen, list the identifiers of these partners (can't choose on the basis of CPSUM, age, or race), and display: "To which of these relationship partners do you feel {CLOSER/CLOSEST}? Indicate that partner by highlighting {HIS/HER} name and pressing \leftarrow Enter."

When one relationship has been chosen (by whatever means), set its value of CP to 1 and skip to the next section.

Choosing Two Relationships for the JRU Sample

It is necessary to identify the respondent's two "most important" relationships.

If there is one record in the relationships data set, set the value of JRU to 1 and skip to the next section.

If there are two records, set JRU to 1 for each of them and skip to the next section.

If there are more than two records, select relationships with the following attributes.

When there are two or more relationships with the same attribute, for example "Two or More Longer-Term Relationships, Two or More Current," display the following:

From the list of relationships below, please select the one that is most important to you by using the arrow keys to highlight it and pressing Enter. If you have trouble defining "most important," think of it as describing the relationship whose end would be most painful for you or which you would be happiest to continue.

As soon as two relationships are flagged for the JRU sample, skip to the next section.

1. A Current Marriage
If there is a current marriage, it is the most important relationship. Set the value of JRU for this relationship to 1. If there is no current marriage, skip to 17.
2. A Current Marriage, One Longer-Term Relationship
3. A Current Marriage, Two or More Longer-Term Relationships, One Current
4. A Current Marriage, Two or More Longer-Term Relationships, Two or More Current
5. A Current Marriage, Two or More Longer-Term Relationships, All Past
6. A Current Marriage, One Past Marriage
7. A Current Marriage, Two or More Past Marriages
8. A Current Marriage, One Current Co-Habitation
9. A Current Marriage, Two or More Current Co-Habitations
10. A Current Marriage, One Past Co-Habitation
11. A Current Marriage, Two or More Past Co-Habitations
12. A Current Marriage, One Pregnancy Relationship
13. A Current Marriage, Two or More Pregnancy Relationships
14. A Current Marriage, One Current (Shorter-Term) Relationship
15. A Current Marriage, Two or more Current (Shorter-Term) Relationships

16. A Current Marriage, Two or More Past (Shorter-Term) Relationships
17. One Current Co-Habitation
If there is no current marriage, a current co-habitation is the most important relationship.
If there is one current, non-marital, co-habitation relationship set the value for JRU to 1 for this relationship. If there is no current co-habiting relationship, skip to 36.
18. Two or More Current Co-Habitations, One Longer-Term
19. Two or More Current Co-Habitations, Two or More Longer-Term
20. Two or More Current Co-Habitations, All Shorter-Term
21. Current Co-Habitation, One Longer-Term Relationship
22. A Current Co-Habitation, Two or More Longer-Term Relationships, One Current
23. A Current Co-Habitation, Two or More Longer-Term Relationships, Two or More Current
24. A Current Co-Habitation, Two or More Longer-Term Relationships, All Past
25. A Current Co-Habitation, One Past Marriage
26. A Current Co-Habitation, Two or More Past Marriages
27. A Current Co-Habitation, One Past Co-Habitation
28. A Current Co-Habitation, Two or More Past Co-Habitations
29. A Current Co-Habitation, One Current Co-Habitation
30. A Current Co-Habitation, Two or More Current Co-Habitations
31. A Current Co-Habitation, One Pregnancy Relationship
32. A Current Co-Habitation, Two or More Pregnancy Relationships
33. A Current Co-Habitation, One Current (Shorter-Term) Relationship
34. A Current Co-Habitation, Two or More Current (Shorter-Term) Relationships
35. A Current Co-Habitation, Two or More Past (Shorter-Term) Relationships
36. One Current Pregnancy Relationship
If there is no current marriage or co-habitation, a current relationship involving pregnancy is the most important. If there is one such relationship, set the value for JRU to 1. If there is no current pregnancy relationship, skip to 51.
37. Two or More Current Pregnancy Relationships
38. A Current Pregnancy Relationship, One Longer-Term Relationship

39. A Current Pregnancy Relationship, Two or More Longer-Term Relationships, One Current
40. A Current Pregnancy Relationship, Two or More Longer-Term Relationships, Two or More Current
41. A Current Pregnancy Relationship, Two or More Longer-Term Relationships, All Past
42. A Current Pregnancy Relationship, One Past Marriage
43. A Current Pregnancy Relationship, Two or More Past Marriages
44. A Current Pregnancy Relationship, One Past Co-Habitation
45. A Current Pregnancy Relationship, Two or More Past Co-Habitations
46. A Current Pregnancy Relationship, One Other Pregnancy Relationship
47. A Current Pregnancy Relationship, Two or More Other Pregnancy Relationships
48. A Current Pregnancy Relationship, One Other Current Relationship
49. A Current Pregnancy Relationship, Two or More Other Current Relationships
50. A Current Pregnancy Relationship, Two or More Past Relationships
51. A Past Marriage
If there is no current marriage, co-habitation, or pregnancy relationship, a past marriage is most important. If there is one such relationship, set its JRU value to 1. If there is no past marriage relationship, skip to 53.
52. Two or More Past Marriages
53. One Past Co-Habitation
If there is no current marriage, co-habitation, or pregnancy relationship, and there is no past marriage, a past co-habitation is most important. If there is one such relationship, set its JRU value to 1. If there is no past co-habitation relationship, skip to 55.
54. Two or More Past Co-Habitations
55. One Past Pregnancy Relationship
If there is no current marriage, co-habitation, or pregnancy relationship, and there is no past marriage or co-habitation, a past pregnancy relationship is most important. If there is one such relationship, set its JRU value to 1. If there is no past pregnancy relationship, skip to 57.
56. Two or More Past Pregnancy Relationships
57. One Current Longer-Term Relationship
If there is no current marriage, co-habitation, or pregnancy relationship, and there is no past marriage, co-habitation, or pregnancy relationship, a current longer-term relationship is most important. If there is one such relationship, set its JRU value to 1.

If there is no current longer-term relationship, skip to 61.

58. Two or More Current Longer-Term Relationships

59. One Past Longer-Term Relationship

If there is no current marriage, co-habitation, or pregnancy relationship, and there is no past marriage, co-habitation, or pregnancy relationship, and there is no current longer-term relationship, a past longer-term relationship is most important. If there is one such relationship, set its JRU value to 1 and skip to 63.

60. Two or More Past Longer-Term Relationships

61. One Current Shorter-Term Relationship

If there is no current marriage, co-habitation, or pregnancy relationship, and there is no past marriage, co-habitation, or pregnancy relationship, and there is no current or past longer-term relationship, a current shorter-term relationship is most important. Set the value for JRU to 1 for the one current short-term relationship. If there is no current shorter-term relationship, skip to 63.

62. Two or More Current Shorter-Term Relationships

63. One Chosen, One Current Longer-Term Relationship

64. One Chosen, Two or More Current Longer-Term Relationships

65. One Chosen, One Current Shorter-Term Relationship

66. One Chosen, Two or More Current Shorter-Term Relationships

67. One Chosen, One Past Marriage

68. One Chosen, Two or More Past Marriages

69. One Chosen, One Past Co-Habitation

70. One Chosen, Two or More Past Co-Habitations

71. One Chosen, One Past Pregnancy Relationship

72. One Chosen, Two or More Past Pregnancy Relationships

73. One Chosen, One Past Longer-Term Relationship

74. One Chosen, Two or More Past Longer-Term Relationships

75. One Chosen, Two or More Past Shorter-Term Relationships