The following pages document most of the variables that are created or recoded during conversion, with the exception of variables that are created as a part of monthly allocation, for which other documentation exists. (See [http://cybele.urban.org/Documentation/Input/Concepts And Procedures/MonthlyAllocation.doc](http://cybele.urban.org/Documentation/Input/Concepts%20And%20Procedures/MonthlyAllocation.doc).) Unless otherwise noted, these variables are created for all years CY 1993 and forward.

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# Household and Family Relationship Variables

**BiologicalOrAdoptiveFatherID** – This variable contains the *PersonID* of the father of an individual, if the variable *FatherType* is *“Biological”* or *“Adopted”*. It is available beginning with the March 2007 CPS (CY 2006). The variable *BiologicalOrAdoptiveFatherID* can be used for extracts and for input to simulations via variablelist rules only.

**BiologicalOrAdoptiveMotherID** – This variable contains the *PersonID* of the mother of an individual, if the variable *MotherType* is *“Biological”* or *“Adopted”*. It is available beginning with the March 2007 CPS (CY 2006). The variable *BiologicalOrAdoptiveMotherID* can be used for extracts and for input to simulations via variablelist rules only.

**DetailedHhFamilyRelation** – This variable contains the value of the CPS variable *HHDFMX*, but is recoded during conversion for families in group quarters (persons for whom *DetailedHhFamilyRelation* is *“unrelated individual in group quarters household”* (51) and *HouseholdDetailedType* is *“group quarters with families (related persons)”* (9) to reproduce the coding scheme that existed prior to the 1994 survey (CY 1993). Prior to CY 1993 a person with DetailedHhFamilyRelation = 51 was an unrelated individual in group quarters. From CY 1993 on, CPS variable HHDFMX is 51 for any person living in group quarters. Therefore *DetailedHhFamilyRelation* of persons with *DetailedHhFamilyRelation* = 51 and *HouseholdDetailedType* = 9 has to be corrected to recreate the former coding of HHDFMX as indicated in the following table:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *DetailedHhFamilyRelation\** | *FamilyReferenceRelation\** | *MaritalStatus\** | *Age\** | *A\_FAMREL\** |
| 1 | Family reference person (1) | Any | Any | Any |
| 2 | Spouse of family reference person (2) | Any | Any | Any |
| 4 | Child of family reference person, < 18 yrs, never married (3) | Any | Any | Any |
| 7 | Child of family reference person, < 18 yrs, ever married (4) | Any | Any | Any |
| 8 | Child of family reference person, 18+ (5) | Divorced (7) | Any | Reference person (1) |
| 9 | Child of family reference person, 18+ (5) | Divorced (7) | Any | Not 1 |
| 12 | Child of family reference person, 18+ (5) | Not 7 | Any | Any |
| 24 | Grandchild of family reference person (6) | Divorced (7) | < 18 | Child (3) |
| 25 | Grandchild of family reference person (6) | Divorced (7) | < 18 | Not 3 |
| 29 | Grandchild of family reference person (6) | Not 7 | < 18 | Any |
| 31 | Grandchild of family reference person (6) | Divorced (7) | >= 18 | Any |
| 34 | Grandchild of family reference person (6) | Not 7 | >= 18 | any |
| 37 | Other relative, < 18 yrs, never married (7) | Any | Any | Any |
| 40 | Other relative, < 18 yrs, ever married (8) | Any | Any | Any |
| 42 | Other relative, 18+ (9) | Divorced (7) | Any | Any |
| 45 | Other relative, 18+ (9) | Not 7 | Any | Any |
| 50 | Nonfamily householder (10) | Any | Any | Any |
| 50 | Unrelated individual (11) | Any | Any | Any |
| *\** See the Dictionary for the meaning of each value. | | | | |

**ExpUnrelatedHeadID** – For persons who are unrelated to the householder but live with relatives (*ExpandedHhRelation* is *“nonrelative with relatives”*), this variable points to the PersonID of either a parent (for persons 18+ years of age), or other family head or individual (for younger persons) unrelated to the householder but who also have relatives in the household. In more detail: For a person younger than 18 years, unrelated to the householder, but living with relatives, not living in an unrelated subfamily, *ExpUnrelatedHeadID* points to the oldest person (> 18 years of age) that is a “*nonrelative with relatives” (ExpandedHhRelation)* and either a *“reference person of an unrelated subfamily”*, an *“unrelated individual not in a family”*, or an *“unrelated individual in a group quarters household”* as indicated by the variable *DetailedHhFamilyRelation*. For a person of age 18 and older that is a “*nonrelative with relatives” (ExpandedHhRelation),* has at least one parent in the household and is either an *“unrelated individual not in a family”*, or an *“unrelated individual in a group quarters household”* as indicated by the variable *DetailedHhFamilyRelation, ExpUnrelatedHeadID* points to either the PersonID of the father or the mother depending on who is the head of the family. If neither of them is the family head, *ExpUnrelatedHeadID* points to the older parent. If only one parent is present, then *ExpUnrelatedHeadID* contains the PersonID of the parent that is present. *ExpUnrelatedHeadID* is coded zero for all other persons.

**FamilySequenceNumber** – Is a duplicate of the TRIM variable FamilyId.

**FatherID** - This variable contains the *PersonID* of the father of an individual. It is available beginning with the March 2007 CPS (CY 2006). The variable *FatherID* can be used for extracts and for input to simulations via variablelist rules only.

**HhFamilyRelation** – This is a modified version of CPS variable *HHDFMX*, which is TRIM variable *DetailedHhFamilyRelation*. In general, one or more values of *DetailedFamilyRelation* is directly mapped to each value of *HhFamilyRelation*. (In other words, *HhFamilyRelation* captures slightly less detail.) However, in the case of individuals whose *DetailedHhFamilyRelation* is code 50 or 51 (they are unrelated individuals who are not part of a family or unrelated individuals in a group quarters household), the coding of *HhFamilyRelation* takes into account their *PopulationStatus* – whether they are civilian adults (15+ years), members of the armed forces or children (0-14 years). The table below provides the coding details.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| *HhFamilyRelation\** | *DetailedHhFamilyRelation\** | *PopulationStatus* |
| 0 | 28 |  |
| 1 | 1 |  |
| 2 | 2 |  |
| 3 | 3, 13 |  |
| 4 | 4, 14 |  |
| 5 | 5, 15 |  |
| 6 | 6, 16 |  |
| 7 | 7, 17 |  |
| 8 | 8, 18 |  |
| 9 | 9, 19 |  |
| 10 | 10, 20 |  |
| 11 | 11, 21 |  |
| 12 | 12, 22 |  |
| 13 | 24 |  |
| 14 | 23, 35 |  |
| 15 | 36 |  |
| 16 | 25, 37 |  |
| 17 | 26, 38 |  |
| 18 | 27, 39 |  |
| 19 | 29, 40 |  |
| 20 | 30, 41 |  |
| 21 | 31, 42 |  |
| 22 | 32, 43 |  |
| 23 | 33, 44 |  |
| 24 | 34, 45 |  |
| 25 | 46 |  |
| 26 | 47 |  |
| 27 | 48 |  |
| 32 | 49 |  |
| 33 | 50 | Civilian adult or armed forces (1,2) |
| 34 | 51 | Civilian adult or armed forces (1,2) |
| 36 | 50, 51 | Child |
| *\** See the Dictionary for the meaning of each value. | | |

**HhRelation** – This variable is a simplified version of CPS variable A-EXPRRP (TRIM name ExpandedHhRelation).

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| *HhRelation* | *ExpandedHhRelation* |
| 1: householder | 1: reference person with relatives |
| 2: nonfamily householder | 2: reference person without relatives |
| 3: spouse of householder | 3: husband, 4: wife |
| 4: child of householder | 5: natural/adopted child, 6: stepchild (prior to CY 1994)\* |
| 5: other relative of householder | 7: grandchild, 8: parent, 9: brother/sister, 10: other relative |
| 6: unrelated subfamily member | 12: nonrelative with relatives |
| 7: unrelated (secondary) individual, including group quarters individuals | 11: foster child, 13: partner/roommate, 14:nonrelative without relatives |
| \* Beginning with CY 1994, stepchildren are coded as natural/adopted children. | |

**MotherID** - This variable contains the *PersonID* of the mother of an individual. It is available beginning with the March 2007 CPS (CY 2006). The variable *MotherID* can be used for extracts and for input to simulations via variablelist rules only.

# Demographic Characteristics Variables

**AdultChildDistinction2** – This variable indicates whether an individual is an adult (coded 1), or a child/adult student (coded 0) based on age and school attendance. *AdultChildDistinction2* classifies all persons below age 19 as children/students. Persons aged 19+ are classified as adult students if *LastReasonNotWorking* indicates that the main reason this person didn’t work the previous year was because of school, or if *LastRemainingActivity* indicates that the person went to school part year. Another variable, *InSchoolFullOrPartTime*, is coded for persons aged 16-24. To the extent to which it overlaps with *AdultChildDistinction2*, student status can be determined by both a direct question about whether a person attended school and by their response that school attendance was the reason why they either did not work the previous year or worked only part-time. However, for adults outside of this overlap, student status can only be determined by school attendance being the reason for not working or working part-year (age 15 and ages 27+). Using *AdultChildDistintion2* alone to indicate student status produces an undercount of the student population.

**AgeEligibilityCondition9** - Starting with CY 1996, this variable is no longer provided. Prior to CY 1996, this variable was generated by TRIM to indicate if a person’s age was equal or greater than 65 years.

**EthnicOrigin** - Values less than 8 indicate Hispanic origin. All others indicate non-Hispanic origin. Beginning with the March 2003 CPS, this field is coded from the CPS variables *DetailedHispanicRecode* (*PRDTHSP*)and *HispanicOrigin* (*PEHSPNON*), and there are no codes of 1, 2, 9 or 10. If *HispanicOrigin* is *“No”* then *EthnicOrigin* is set to *”All other”*, otherwise if *HispanicOrigin* is *“Yes”* then *EthnicOrigin* is set as shown in the following table:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| *EthnicOrigin* | *DetailedHispanicRecode* |
| 3: Mexican (Mexicano) | 1: Mexican |
| 4: Puerto Rican | 2: Puerto Rican |
| 5: Cuban | 3: Cuban |
| 6: Central or South American | 4: Central/South American |
| 7: Other Spanish | 5: Other Spanish |

**HouseholdType** – This field is coded from TRIM variable *HouseholdDetailedType* to distinguish group quarters households from other interview households. If *HouseholdDetailedType* is *“group quarters with families”* or *“group quarters with secondary individuals only”* then *HouseholdType* is *“group quarters”*, otherwise *HouseholdType* is “*interview household, with householder”*. *HouseholdType* is 0 (not in universe) for non-interview households (*HouseholdDetailedType* = 0).

**RaceAndSex** – This variable specifies the race and sex of an individual. Prior to the March 2003 CPS (CY 2002), *RaceAndSex* was coded from CPS variables *A-RACE* and *A-SEX*. Beginning with the March 2003 CPS (CY 2002) it is coded from TRIM variable *SingleRaceRecode* and CPS variable *A-SEX*. Possible values are

1: White, male

2: Black, male

3: Other nonwhite, male

4: White, female

5: Black, female

6: Other nonwhite, female

For more details, see [**Using Race Variables**](http://cybele.urban.org/documentation/input/Concepts%20and%20Procedures/TRIM3RaceCodes.html) in the input documentation section.

**SingleRaceRecode** – Starting with the March 2003 CPS (CY 2002), this variable derives single race categories from CPS variable *DetailedRace2002 (PRDTRACE)*. Possible values are

1: White only

2: Black only

3: American Indian or Alaskan native only

4: Asian only

5: Hawaiian/Pacific Islander only

6: All other, including combinations of above single races

For more details, see [**Using Race Variables**](http://cybele.urban.org/documentation/input/Concepts%20and%20Procedures/TRIM3RaceCodes.html) in the input documentation section.

**VeteranStatus** – Starting with the March 2006 CPS (CY 2005) data, this variable is created by combining CPS variables *PEAFEVER* (if a person has ever been in the Armed Forces) and *PEAFWHN1-PEAFWHN4* (when a person was in the Armed Forces) to recreate the former CPS variable *A-VET*. If *PEAFEVER* is “not in universe”, then *VeteranStatus* is *“Children or Armed Forces”.* If *PEAFEVER* is *“No”*, then VeteranStatus is *“Non-veteran”.* If *PEAFWHN1*, *PEAFWHN2*, *PEAFWHN3* or *PEAFWHN4* is “*September 2001 or later”*, *“August 1990 to August 2001”*, *“May 1975 to July 1990*”, *“February 1955 to July 1964”*, *“January 1947 to June 1950”* or *“November 1941 or earlier”*, then *VeteranStatus* is *“Other service”.* If *PEAFWHN1*, *PEAFWHN2*, *PEAFWHN3* or *PEAFWHN4* is *“Vietnam Era (August 1964 to April 1975)”*, then *VeteranStatus* is *“Vietnam”*. If *PEAFWHN1*, *PEAFWHN2*, *PEAFWHN3* or *PEAFWHN4* is *“Korean War (July 1950 to January 1955)”*, then *VeteranStatus* is *“Korea”*. If *PEAFWHN1*, *PEAFWHN2*, *PEAFWHN3* or *PEAFWHN4* is *“World War II (December 1941 to December 1946)”*, then *VeteranStatus* is *“WWII”*. World War I veterans are not identified beginning with the data for CY2005. (The last American veteran of World War I passed away in 2011.)

# Geographical Identifiers

**FipsStateCode** – This variable contains the id of a state that a person is living in. It is generated from the CPS variable *CensusState1960 (HG-ST60)* by ordering the states alphabetically and mapping them to a range from 1 to 56.

# Health Insurance Related Variables

**HealthCoveredDependentNonGroup** – This variable indicates whether an individual is covered as a dependent by non-group coverage. This field is available beginning with the March 1995 CPS (CY 1994) data. It is created by combining variables *HealthCoveredDependentPrivate*, *HealthCoveredOtherType1-6* and *OtherHealthInsuranceCoverage1-6*, to create a single variable to facilitate processing. It is coded *“Yes”* if *Age* is less than 15 and *HealthCoveredDependentPrivate* is *“Yes”*, or if any of the catch-all health coverage fields (*HealthCoveredOtherType1-6* or *OtherHealthInsuranceCoverage1-6*) indicate a person is covered by a private policy as a dependent or is a private policyholder; otherwise *HealthCoveredDependentNonGroup* is coded *“No”*. The variables *OtherHealthInsuranceCoverage1-6* are available beginning with the March 2001 CPS (CY 2000) survey.

**HealthCoveredDepGroupPlan** – Starting with CY 1995, this variable is created during conversion, but neither used in simulation code nor program rules.

**HealthCoveredNonGroup** – Starting with the March 1995 (CY 1994) data, this variable is created by combining variables *HealthCoveredOwnPrivate*, *HealthCoveredDependentPrivate*, *HealthCoveredOtherType1-6* and *OtherHealthInsuranceCoverage1-6*, to create a single variable to facilitate processing. This variable tells whether an individual is covered by a non-group policy, either as the policyholder or a dependent. If either *HealthCoveredOwnPrivate* or, *HealthCoveredDependentPrivate* is *“Yes*” or if any of the catch-all health insurance coverage fields *HealthCoveredOtherType1-6* or *OtherHealthInsuranceCoverage1-6* indicate a person is a private policyholder or is a dependent covered by private health insurance, then variable *HealthCoveredNonGroup* is *“Yes”*, otherwise *HealthCoveredNonGroup* is *“No”*. A corrected version of this variable is available for CY 2003 (*HealthCoveredNonGroup2*).

**HealthCoveredOtherNonGov** – This variable indicates whether an individual is covered by “other” sources. Starting with the March 1995 (CY 1994) data, it is created by combining variables *HealthCoveredOther*, *HealthCoveredOtherType1-6* and *OtherHealthInsuranceCoverage1-6*, to create a single variable to facilitate processing. For years before CY 2000, *HealthCoveredOtherNonGov* is *“Yes”* if *HealthCoveredOther* is *“Yes”* or any of *HealthCoveredOtherType1-6* is *“plan of someone outside the household”*, otherwise *HealthCoveredOtherNonGov* is *“No”*. For CY 2000 and later, *HealthCoveredOtherNonGov* is *“Yes”* if *HealthCoveredOther* is *“Yes”* or any of *HealthCovereOtherType1-6* is *“Other”* or any of *OtherHealthInsuranceCoverage1-6* is *“Other”*, otherwise *HealthCoveredOtherNonGov* is *“No”*.

**HealthCoveredOwnNonGroup** – This variable indicates whether an individual is covered by his/her own non-group plan. Starting with the March 1995 CPS (CY 1994), it is created by combining variables *HealthInOwnName*, *HealthCoveredOwnPrivate,* *HealthCoveredOtherType1-6* and *OtherHealthInsuranceCoverage1-6*, to create a single variable to facilitate processing. A person is in the universe if *HealthInOwnName* is *“Yes”*. For persons in the universe, *HealthCoveredOwnNonGroup* is *“Yes”* if *HealthCoveredOwnPrivate* is *“Yes”* or any of the catch-all health insurance fields (*HealthCoveredOtherType1-6* or *OtherHealthInsuranceCoverage1-6*) indicate a person is a private policyholder; otherwise *HealthCoveredOwnNonGroup* is *“No”*. The variables *OtherHealthInsuranceCoverage1*-*6* are available beginning with the March 2001 CPS (CY 2000) data.

**HealthEmployerGroupPlan** – This variable was created by TRIM2. It is not available beginning with CY 1994. It is neither used in simulation code nor program rules.

**HealthEmployerUnionPlan** – This variable indicates whether a person is covered by a group health insurance plan offered through a current or former employer or union. It is created during conversion starting with CY 1994. A person is in the universe if *PopulationStatus* indicates that the person is not a child and *HealthInOwnName* is *“Yes”*. *HealthEmployerUnionPlan* is *“Yes”* if *HealthCoveredByOwnPlan* is *“Yes”* or any of the catch-all health insurance coverage fields (*HealthCoveredOtherType1-6* or *OtherHealthInsuranceCoverage1-6*) indicate that a person is an ESI policyholder*”,*  otherwise *HealthEmployerUnionPlan* is *“No”*.

**HealthNonGroupWhoElseCovered** – Starting with the March 1995 CPS (CY 1994) data, this variable is created during conversion, but neither used in simulation code, nor program rules.

**HealthOtherPrivatePlan** – This variable indicates whether a person has other (non-employer) private health insurance. It is created by combining CPS variable *HealthInOwnName (HIOWN)* and TRIM variable *HealthEmployerUnionPlan*, to recreate the discontinued CPS variable *HAVEHIYN*. For all adults, if *HealthInOwnName* is *“Yes”* and *HealthEmployerUnionPlan* is *“No”* then *HealthOtherPrivatePlan* is *“Yes”*, otherwise *HealthOtherPrivatePlan* is *“No”*.

**HealthWhoElseInGroup** – This variable indicates who else in the household is covered by this person’s group health plan. It is a simplified version of TRIM variable *HealthGroupWhoElseCovered*. A person is in the universe if he/she is an adult and HealthCoveredByOwnPlan is *“Yes”* or HealthEmployerUnionPlan is *“Yes”*. Beginning with CY 1995, "children" refers to any non-spouse below the age of 18 regardless of relationship with the policyholder. For instance, a 16 year-old niece of a policyholder is a counted as a child, but an 18-year-old son of the policyholder is not.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *HealthWhoElseInGroup* | | *HealthGroupWhoElseCovered\** | |
| 0 | NIU | 0 | NIU |
| 1 | Spouse also covered | 1 | Policyholder and spouse |
| 2 | Children also covered | 2 | Policyholder and child(ren) |
| 3 | Spouse and children covered | 3 | Policyholder, spouse and child(ren) |
| 4 | No one else covered | 4 | Policyholder only |
| 5 | Other combination of persons covered | 5, 6, 7, 8 | Policyholder and other person(s) |
| *\** See the Dictionary for the meaning of each value. | | | |

**HealthWhoElseInOtherPlan** – This variable indicates who else in the household is covered by private health insurance. It is created a simplified version of TRIM variable *HealthNonGroupWhoElseCovered*. Beginning with CY 1995, "children" refers to any non-spouse below the age of 18 regardless of relationship with the policyholder. For instance, a 16 year-old niece of a policyholder is a counted as a child, but an 18-year-old son of the policyholder is not.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *HealthWhoElseInOtherPlan* | | *HealthNonGroupWhoElseCovered* | |
| 0 | NIU | 0 | NIU |
| 1 | Spouse also covered | 1 | Policyholder and spouse |
| 2 | Children also covered | 2 | Policyholder and child(ren) |
| 3 | Spouse and children covered | 3 | Policyholder, spouse and child(ren) |
| 4 | No one else covered | 4 | Policyholder only |
| 5 | Other combination of persons covered | 5, 6, 7, 8 | Policyholder and other person(s) |

# Work Status Related Variables

**LastAnnualHoursWorked** – Starting with the March 2005 CPS (CY 2004), this variable represents the number of hours an individual has worked both full- and part-time during the data year. It is created by adding up the values of variable *MonthlyHoursWorked* for all months. *MonthlyHoursWorked*  is the sum of the number of weeks worked full time in a certain month (*MonthlyWeeksFullTime*) multiplied by the number of hours per week worked full time during the data year (*LastHoursPerWeekFullTime*) and the number of weeks worked part time in a certain month (*MonthlyWeeksPartTime*) multiplied by the number of hours per week worked full time during the data year (*LastHoursPerWeekPartTime*).

**LastHoursPerWeekFullTime** – Starting with the March 2005 CPS (CY 2004), this variable represents the number of hours worked during full-time weeks in the data year. *LastHoursPerWeekFullTime* is equal to the CPS variable *LastHoursPerWeek (HRSWK)* if *LastHoursPerWeek* is greater than or equal to 35 or if *LastHoursPerWeek* is zero; otherwise *LastHoursPerWeekFullTime* is 40.

**LastHoursPerWeekPartTime** - Starting with the March 2005 CPS (CY 2004), this variable represents the number of hours worked during part-time weeks in the data year. *LastHoursPerWeekPartTime* is equal to the CPS variable *LastHoursPerWeek (HRSWK)* if *LastHoursPerWeek* is less than 35 or if *LastHoursPerWeek* is zero; otherwise *LastHoursPerWeekPartTime* is 20.

**LastWeeksWorkingRecode** – This variable gives the total number of weeks that part-year workers (individuals working from 1 to 49 weeks) are in the labor force – either working or looking for work. It is created by summing CPS variables WKSWORK (*LastWeeksWorked*) and LKWEEKS (*LastPartYearWeeksLooking*), and categorizing the results in six ranges, as follows:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *LastWeeksWorkingRecode\** | | *LastWeeksWorked* | *LastPartYearWeeksLooking + LastWeeksWorked\** |
| *Value* | *Description* |
| 0 | NIU | 0 or >= 50 |  |
| 1 | 1-13 weeks |  | 1…13 |
| 2 | 14-26 weeks |  | 14…26 |
| 3 | 27-39 weeks |  | 27…39 |
| 4 | 40-47 weeks |  | 40…47 |
| 5 | 48-49 weeks |  | 48, 49 |
| 6 | 50+ weeks |  |  |

**LastWeeksInLaborForce** – This variable contains the number of weeks an individual was in the labor force during the data year. It is the sum of the CPS variables *LastNonworkerWeeksLooking* (*NWLKWK*), *LastWeeksWorked* (*WKSWORK*) and *LastPartYearWeeksLooking* (*LKWEEKS*) if this sum is smaller or equal to 52, otherwise *LastWeeksInLaborForce* is 52.

# Education Related Variables

**HighestGradeCompleted** – This variable is coded from the CPS variable *EducationalAttainment* (*A-HGA*).

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *HighestGradeCompleted* | | *EducationalAttainment* | |
| Value | Description | Value | Description |
| 0 | Child | 0 | Child |
| 1 | Less than grade 1 | 31 | Less than grad 1 |
| 2 | Grades 1-4 | 32 | Grades 1-4 |
| 6 | Grades 5-6 | 33 | Grades 5-6 |
| 8 | Grades 7-8 | 34 | Grades 7-8 |
| 10 | Grade 9 | 35 | 9th grade |
| 11 | Grade 10 | 36 | 10th grade |
| 12 | 11th or 12th grade, no diploma | 37, 38 | 11th grade, 12th grade |
| 13 | High school graduate or equivalent | 39 | HS graduate or equivalent |
| 14 | Some college but no degree | 40 | Some college; no degree |
| 15 | AA college degree | 41, 42 | Associates degree; occup/voc prog, Associates degree; academic prog |
| 17 | Bachelors degree | 43 | Bachelors degree |
| 18 | Masters, doctorate, or professional degree | 44, 45, 46 | Masters degree, Professional degree, Doctorate |

# Poverty Related Variables

**PovertyRate**– This variable represents the ratio of the family income to the poverty threshold. It is based on the poverty threshold concept used for research purposes, not the poverty guideline concept used for certain program eligibility purposes. Related subfamily income is included in householder (primary) family income. *PovertyRate* is set equal to the CPS variable *FRSPOV* for related subfamilies and to CPS variable *POVLL* for all other families.

# Income Related Variables

**AFDC** – This variable contains the amount of TANF income a person received. It is created by combining TRIM variable *LastAllocatedAfdc* and CPS variable *OI-VAL* (*LastOtherIncome*). If *LastOtherSource* is *“TANF”* then *AFDC* is the sum of *LastAllocatedAfdc* and *LastOtherIncome*, otherwise *AFDC* is equal to *LastAllocatedAfdc*.

**DetailedOtherIncome** – This variable contains the amount of income a person received from “anything else”. It is a computed positive dollar value equal to the sum: *LastOwnWorkersCompIns* + *LastOwnDisabilityIns* + *LastTotalEducationalAssistance* + *LastBlackLungMinerBen* + *LastStateTempDisability* + *LastAnyOtherIncome*. Prior to the March 2005 CPS conversion (CY 2004), black lung benefits and state temporary disability were not included.

**DivEstatesOrTrustsUnalc** – This variable contains the amount of an individual’s reported (unallocated) income from dividends, estates, or trusts. *DivEstatesOrTrustsUnalc* is a computed amount that is set to zero if *AllocFlag665* is not 1, meaning the entire record is imputed. Else, it is equal to *LastDividends* if *LastDividends* is not imputed + *LastOtherIncome* if *LastOtherSource*=6 (Dividends) or 8 (Estate or trust income) and *LastOtherIncome* is not imputed + *LastPrimarySurvivorIncome* if *LastPrimarySurvivorSource*=8 (Regular payments from estates or trusts) and *LastPrimarySurvivorIncome* is not imputed + *LastSecondarySurvivorIncome* if *LastSecondarySurvivorSource*=8 (Regular payments from estates or trusts) and *LastSecondarySurvivorIncome* is not imputed.

**DividendsEstatesOrTrusts** – This variable contains the amount of income from dividends and estates or trusts that an individual received during the data year. *DividendsEstatesOrTrusts* is a computed positive dollar amount. It is the sum of the TRIM variables *Dividends* and *EstatesOrTrusts*.

**FederalPension** – This variable indicates how much federal government pension income a person had during the data year. It is created by summing up the CPS variables *LastPrimarySurvivorIncome (SUR-VAL1)*, *LastSecondarySurvivorIncome (SUR-VAL2)*, *LastPrimaryDisability (DIS-VAL1)*, *LastSecondaryDisability (DIS-VAL2)*, *LastPrimaryRetirement (RET-VAL1)* and *LastSecondaryRetirement (RET-VAL2)*, to create a single variable to facilitate processing. *FederalPension* is *LastPrimarySurvivorIncome*, if *LastPrimarySurvivorSource* is *“Federal government”* + *LastSecondarySurvivorIncome*, if *LastSecondarySurvivorSource* is *“Federal government”* + *LastPrimaryDisability*, if *LastPrimaryDisablity* is *“Federal government disability”* + *LastSecondaryDisability*, if *LastSecondaryDisabilitySource* is *“Federal government disability”* + *LastPrimaryRetirement*, if *LastPrimaryRetirementSource* is *“Federal government retirement”* + *LastSecondaryRetirement*, if *LastSecondaryRetirementSource* is *“Federal government retirement”*.

**GovernmentPensions** – This variable indicates how much income an individual received from government pensions, including federal, state or local government, and military retirement. It is the sum of the TRIM variables *MilitaryRetirement*, *FederalPension* and *StateOrLocalPension*.

**Interest** – This variable contains the amount of interest income of a person. *Interest* is the sum of the CPS variables *LastInterest* and *LastOtherIncome*, if *LastOtherSource* is *“Interest”*.

**InterestUnalc** – This variable contains the amount of a person’s reported (unallocated) interest income. *InterestUnalc* is a computed amount that is set to zero if *AllocFlag665* is not 1, meaning the entire record is imputed. Else, it is equal to *LastInterest* if *LastInterest* is not imputed + *LastOtherIncome* if *LastOtherSource*=5 (Interest) and *LastOtherIncome* is not imputed.

**LastAnyOtherIncome** – Beginning with the March 2005 CPS (CY 2004), this variable indicates how much income a person had from “any other source”. *LastAnyOtherIncome* is a computed amount equal to *LastOtherIncome* if *LastOtherSource*=19 (anything else).

**LastBlackLungMinerBen** – This variable represents the amount of Black Lung survivor and disability benefits a person received during the data year. *LastBlackLungMinerBen* is the computed amount equal to *LastPrimarySurvivorIncome* if *LastPrimarySurvivorSource*=7 (Black Lung survivor pension) + *LastSecondarySurvivorIncome* if *LastSecondarySurvivorSource*=7 (Black Lung survivor pension) + *LastPrimaryDisability* if *LastPrimaryDisabilitySource*=8 (Black Lung miner's disability) + *LastSecondaryDisability* if *LastSecondaryDisabilitySource*=8 (Black Lung miner's disability).

**LastOwnDisabilityIns** – This variable contains the income from a person’s own accident or disability insurance. *LastOwnDisabilityIns* is a computed amount equal to *LastPrimaryDisability* if *LastPrimaryDisabilitySource*=7 (accident or disability insurance) + *LastSecondaryDisability* if *LastSecondaryDisabilitySource*=7 (accident or disability insurance) + *LastOtherIncome* if *LastOtherSource*=10 (disability payments from own insurance).

**LastOwnWorkersCompIns** – Starting with the March 2005 CPS (CY 2004), this variable represents the income from a person’s own workers compensation insurance. *LastOwnWorkersCompIns* is a computed amount equal to *LastWorkersCompensation* if *LastWorkersCompensationSource* = 3 (own insurance).

**LastStateTempDisability** – Starting with the March 2005 CPS (CY 2004), this variable contains a person’s disability income from the state temporary sickness program. *LastStateTempDisability* is a computed amount equal to *LastPrimaryDisability* if *LastPrimaryDisabilitySource*=9 (State Temporary Sickness) + *LastSecondaryDisability* if *LastSecondaryDisabilitySource*=9 (State Temporary Sickness).

**PrivatePensions** – This variable contains the income from private pensions a person received during the data year. It is the computed dollar amount equal to   
*LastPrimarySurvivorIncome*, if *LastPrimarySurvivorSource* = 1 (Company or union survivor pension) or 9 (Regular payments from annuities or paid-up life insurance) +   
*LastSecondarySurvivorIncome*, if *LastSecondarySurvivorSource* = 1 (Company or union survivor pension) or 9 (Regular payments from annuities or paid-up life insurance) +   
*LastPrimaryDisability*, if *LastPrimaryDisabilitySource* = 2 (Company or union disability) +   
*LastSecondaryDisability*, if *LastSecondaryDisabilitySource* = 2 (Company or union disability) +   
*LastPrimaryRetirement*, if *LastPrimaryRetirementSource* = 1 (Company or union pension) or 6 (regular payments from annuities or paid insurance policies) or 7 (regular payments from IRA or Keogh accounts) or 8 (other or do not know) + *LastSecondaryRetirement*, if *LastSecondaryRetirementSource* = 1 (Company or union pension) or 6 (regular payments from annuities or paid insurance policies) or 7 (regular payments from IRA or Keogh accounts) or 8 (other or do not know) +   
*LastOtherIncome*, if *LastOtherSource* = 2 (private pensions) or 13 (annuities or paid-up insurance policies).

**RentsOrRoyalities** – This variable contains the amount of income from rents and royalties a person had during the data year. *RentsOrRoyalties* is a computed positive or negative dollar amount equal to *LastRental* plus *LastOtherIncome* if *LastOtherSource* is equal to 7 (rents or royalties).

**SocialSecurityOrRrr** – This variable contains the amount of a person’s income from Social Security or Railroad Retirement. *SocialSecurityOrRrr* is the sum of the CPS variables *SocialSecurity* and *RailroadRetirement*.

**UnemploymentCompensation** – This variable contains a person’s income from unemployment compensation. Starting with the March 1998 CPS (CY 1997), *UnemploymentCompensation* is equal to *LastTotalUnemploymentBenefit* plus *LastOtherIncome* if *LastOtherSource* is 11 (unemployment compensation) or 12 (strike benefits). Prior to CY 1997, it was the sum of *RegularUnemployment*, *SupplementalUnemployment*, and *UnionUnemploymentBenefits*.

**WorkersCompensation** – This variable contains a person’s income from workmen’s compensation. *WorkersCompensation* is the computed positive dollar amount equal to:   
*LastWorkersCompensation*, if *LastWorkersCompensationSource* = 1 (state workmens compensation), 2 (employer or employers insurance) or 4 (other) +   
*LastPrimarySurvivorIncome*, if *LastPrimarySurvivorSource* = 6 (worker’s compensation survivor) or 10 (other, don’t know) +   
*LastSecondarySurvivorIncome*, if *LastSecondarySurvivorSource* = 6 (worker’s compensation survivor) or 10 (other, don’t know) +   
*LastPrimaryDisability*, if *LastPrimaryDisabilitySource* = 1 (worker’s compensation) or 10 (other, don’t know) +   
*LastSecondaryDisability*, if *LastSecondaryDisabilitySource* = 1 (worker’s compensation) or 10 (other, don’t know) +   
*LastOtherIncome*, if *LastOtherSource* = 9 (state disability payments).