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INTRODUCTION

This *NCDS Data Note* reports on work done to improve the quality and consistency of partnership history data available for the fifth follow-up of the *National Child Development Study (NCDS5)*. It consolidates the considerable work done by Ann Berrington (University of Southampton), Kathleen Kiernan (London School of Economics) and Pamela Di Salvo (SSRU) on this aspect of NCDS5 data, and was prepared by Pamela Di Salvo as part of a project funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the Leverhulme Trust. It is hoped that the information provided below may be of value to others analysing NCDS data. Note that 'SSRU' above refers to the Social Statistics Research Unit at City University, London, which transferred in October 1998 to the Institute of Education and was re-named the Centre for Longitudinal Studies.

A brief introduction to NCDS will be followed by an account of the problems encountered in the original partnership history data and their resolution. Revised partnership history datasets are also provided.

NATIONAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT STUDY

The *National Child Development Study (NCDS)* is a continuing, multi-disciplinary longitudinal study which takes as its subjects all those living in Great Britain who were born between 3 and 9 March, 1958.

Following the initial birth survey in 1958 - the *Perinatal Mortality Survey (PMS)* - there have been, to date, five attempts to trace all members of the birth cohort in order to monitor their physical, educational and social development. These were carried out by the National Children's Bureau in 1965 (*NCDS1*), 1969 (*NCDS2*), 1974 (*NCDS3*), and 1981 (*NCDS4*); and by the Social Statistics Research Unit, City University in 1991 (*NCDS5*). In addition, in 1978, details of public examination entry and performance were obtained from schools and colleges.

For the *PMS* information was obtained from the *mother* and from *medical records* by the midwife. For *NCDS1-3*, information was obtained from: *parents* (by health visitors); *head teachers* and *class teachers* (who completed questionnaires); *medical examination* (carried out by the schools health service); and the *subjects* themselves (who completed tests of ability and, latterly, questionnaires).

NCDS4 differs in that information was obtained from the *subject* by survey research interviewer, and from the *1971 and 1981 Censuses* - from which variables describing area of residence were taken. Similarly, *NCDS5* also relied on survey research interviewers to collect information from *subjects*. Self-completion questionnaires were also used to gather data from NCDS *subjects* and from *husbands, wives, and cohabiters*. In addition, for a random sample of one in three subjects, information was collected for all *natural or adopted children* who were living with them. Data were gathered from the *children* themselves, and from their *mother, or mother-figure* (who might be the cohort member, or their spouse or partner), using a series of age-specific assessments of cognitive and behavioural development. These were supplemented by a *mother* interview, and by *interviewer observations* of mother-child interaction.

During *EXAMS* survey, information was obtained only from *schools and colleges* by postal survey.

In addition information has also been gathered during a number of *NCDS Special Sub-studies* for samples of cohort members selected for their particular characteristics. They include studies of children in care, adoptive children, gifted children, the children of one-parent families, handicapped school leavers, and those suffering from epilepsy, respiratory problems, and Crohn's disease.

Data available for research

The data from the NCDS follow-ups are held by the ESRC Data Archive at the University of Essex and on-line at Manchester Computing. Access to the data is open to anyone interested, although intending users are asked to commit themselves to ensuring that confidentiality is observed, and to inform the *NCDS User Support Group* at the Centre for Longitudinal Studies about their proposed use of the data and any resulting publications, etc.

The Data Archive also hold data from a number of special sub-studies where additional data has been gathered for samples of cohort members selected for their special characteristics or circumstances.

User Group

This is open to all users of NCDS data. It provides opportunities for users to get together to explore developments, problems, and other issues of mutual interest. Ad hoc "Updates" on NCDS data and developments are circulated to members.

Membership is free on application to the NCDS User Support Group.

User Support Group

This provides advice and guidance on the use of NCDS data; produces documentation; collates and disseminates information on uses of the data, publications, and other developments; produces and distributes a newsletter and working papers; provides access to non-computerised NCDS data; collects additional information; and services the User Group.

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NCDS5 PARTNERSHIP HISTORIES

The fifth follow-up of the National Child Development Study (NCDS) took place in 1991 when the cohort members were aged 33. Some 11,633 people (born between March 5 - 8th 1958) answered one or more sections of the study.¹ "Your Life Since 1974" was a self-completion questionnaire posted to the cohort members during the course of NCDS5 which asked for retrospective information on partnerships, children, jobs and housing from the age of 16 until the time of the 1991 survey. 11,178 persons filled in either all or some of this section of the survey. Page 5 from the partnership section of "Your Life Since 1974" is reproduced in Appendix 1 for reference throughout this document. Interestingly, the "Cohort Member Interview" element of NCDS5 also contained a retrospective partnership history. This was meant to be compiled by trained interviewers with reference to the partnership section in "Your Life Since 1974" which should have been completed and handed to the interviewer before the interview. 11,407 cohort members took part in the "Cohort Member Interview". Pages 39-40 of the "Cohort Member Interview" are reproduced in Appendix 2. Any inconsistencies between the partnership histories in "Your Life Since 1974" and the "Cohort Member Interview" should have been rectified at the time of the interview. However, the dataset originally deposited with the data archive did contain some discrepancies between the two sources.

Considerable work had been done by both Ann Berrington at Southampton University for her Ph.D thesis on Partnership Formation and Dissolution in Britain (forthcoming) and Kathleen Kiernan at the LSE to resolve differences in the partnership histories between the two sources. As a part of two projects being carried out by Pamela Di Salvo and others at City University (funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the Leverhulme Trust), further work was done on cleaning these partnership histories. In this Data Note, documentation prepared by Berrington and Kiernan has been combined with that prepared at City University to derive a 'consensus' dataset containing cleaned partnership histories.

¹for further information on NCDS5 in general see *Life at 33* edited by Elsa Ferri and published by the National Children's Bureau, 1993.

The vast majority of cohort members provided identical information in "Your Life Since 1974" (YL) and the "Cohort Member Interview" (CMI). Table 1 shows how many cases required reconciliation.

Table 1
NCDS5 Partnership Histories - *Identifying Data Inconsistencies*

Consistent information from both CMI & YL (includes those who only completed the CMI)	9287	81.4%
No live-in relationship on both CMI & YL (includes those who only completed the CMI)	1007	8.8%
Minor completion errors	490	4.3%
Major Inconsistencies between CMI & YL	589	5.2%
Missing / Refused	34	0.3%
Total	11,407	100%

Including those who never had a live-in relationship, 90.2% of interview and self-completion schedules contained the same information. A tiny fraction of cohort members, 0.3%, refused to provide information on their partnerships either in the self-completion or the interview. In 490 cases the differences were small and could be easily rectified. This includes cases where the bulk of the information provided was the same in the two sources but one source could be used to fill-in missing information from the other. For example, a cohort member may have provided all of the years of partnerships in YL but no months. In the CMI all the years were exactly the same as in YL and the interviewer had helped the cohort member to recall the months. These months would then have been filled-in in the revised data set. Minor errors also included cases where system-missings needed to be replaced with the user-missing codes or cases where unnecessary information needed to be removed. This occurred when, for example, a cohort member was married at the start of a relationship. They needed only to provide a marriage date in the start of relationship variables but also included a date of marriage after cohabitation. This could be removed.

For 589 cases, or 5.2%, the data needed to be changed in order to rectify the discrepancy. In many cases information from other sections of NCDS5 was consulted in order to derive a 'best guess' or the original interview schedule was examined. Other sources which were consulted include: the household grid (page 53 of the CMI); the housing section of YL; and the YL information collected from cohort members' partners (see Ferri 1993). Berrington, in her work, also consulted the partnership information collected at NCDS4 in 1981. In cases where a decisive answer was not arrived at, even after checking other sources, the original data as present in YL was kept. This was found to provide greatest 'internal consistency' with the rest of the YL schedule.

The type of errors found and the decision of which source provided the 'best' history are shown in Table 2 below. Problems could be identified in groups such as: dates differing in the two sources, relationship status (married or cohabiting) differing in the two sources, sequencing, overlapping dates, and data entry/editing errors. The table also contains information on whether or not the original questionnaire was consulted in order to correct the 'mistake' as well as whether or not Ann Berrington consulted NCDS4 in order to rectify the error. Each serial number appears only once in the table although the case may have contained more than one type of error.

Revised datasets

The revised data set containing a cohort member's first four partnerships is available in SPSS "portable" format (partners.por). For the 39 cohort members who had at least four partnerships by the age of 33, their partnership histories (including a repeat of the first four) are recorded in a separate file (part58.por).

Further details of these SPSS datasets are given in Appendices 3 and 4.

Table 2
Serial Number by Type of Correction

Year(s) / Date(s) of Start did not match - used YL

083088N_	320014Y	500045N□	550285S□	982079Z	X89001N
094017Z	381078W□_	500184C	560003K	985076K	X90017M
094060A_	381163M□	503012N	591055E	986334L	Y00128W□
182004E	385102M	509204E	592010M	987045J	Y20092Q
188089Z	400064K	510079N_	750125J	X38014K	Y30072Q
200014C	400110P_	510089R□	820021J_	X73008P□	
287079Y	420034N	510168M	822509B	X81012Z□	
287218L	422019C_	511154E	822513S□_	X82108U□	
288036K□	436028H_	515062W	822523V	X82250X	
310090K	481053M_	528048A	932028Y_	X86008M	

Year(s) / Date(s) of Start did not match - used CMI

041001K_	280009N	350051Z□	510103F_	X15010W
110111Z	287065M_	382021V_	513025D	X82487F
200091X	287073L	482044R	780018B_	

Year(s) / Date(s) of Marriage after Cohabitation did not match - used YL

238015T_	591004M	880080Q_	950217D_
287039L_	650178Y	938003P	Y20215D

Year(s) / Date(s) of Marriage after Cohabitation did not match - used CMI

092385V	410040A	683072S_	950041S_
383013B_	504033B_	920093T_	X84027E_

Year(s) / Date(s) of End did not match - used YL

010034A_	420046V	550009R	640002B	740010J	X25078Q
044017S	422036C	550177P	640029Y_	781033C	X34026V
052027R	433008K	550585E	640036V	935019P_	Y31020Z_
087040D_	465023L	591019A_	680045X	950129H	Y31045S
185035J	481013Y	620071K	683059A	950161C	
186110A	511103M	620146Q	683088J	982040V	
287184V	527023C_	630042J	683093A	989042N	

(Table 1 cont'd)..

Year(s) / Date(s) of End did not match - used CMI

010061D_	282001F_	433002W	581012D	983026H	X79032T
054008X_	421069P_	450098L	750041B	985062X	Y00258L
280079L	425039A	527021Y	865010F_	987062J	

Year(s) / Date(s) of Start and Marriage did not match - used YL

053002D_	093007R_	215007Q_	216003M_	384008Q
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Year(s) / Date(s) of Start and Marriage did not match - used CMI

130019A_	950155J_
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Year(s) / Date(s) of Start and End did not match - used YL

186053R_	235011T	527001S	583034A
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Year(s) / Date(s) of Start and End did not match - used CMI

X40043E_	X82515J_	Y30188L_
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Year(s) / Date(s) of Start, Marriage and End did not match - used YL

500360W_

Month(s) only did not match - used CMI

509253U	524003E	565047J	630065W	781121Z
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Month(s) incorrect on both - changed

500012W_

(Table 1 cont'd)

Month(s) only did not match - used YL

010012Q	181011W	385167S	517148T	750065S	X73002A
010135H	181012Y	400001J	518118P	782156A	X76002S
010150C	183025U	400041W	521007X	784010F	X78073C
041003P	183028A	400128K	522004W	820006N	X78090C
041012Q	186022D	421018V	523041J	820025S	X79052Z
043007J	186064W	421049H	525064H	835005U	X80013W
044007P	186125Q	422077T	526027F	855002A	X80071M
046044F	186166E	422083N	527026K	880087E	X80118M
046046L	187043T	423050B	527053N	882008S	X82099W
046047N	188023S	432034E	528041L	882009U	X82158L
047002U	200116M	460002Z	528084E	882011E	X82294U
048035R	216001H	500042F_	550135W	882041Q	X82301N□
049006P	217005W	500225Q	550190E	883013Q	X84014V
050019F	218004Z	500537L	550402T	920005T	X84021S
050042A	221016A	503037E	550499N	920069W	X84028H
050060C	222005A	509201Y	550534M	931015J	X86002Y
050079A	227006E	509208P	581010Z	932006N	Y00118T
052014F	234013S	509263X	592002N	935002V	Y00274J
055009E	280019R	510055X	592004S	936012D□	Y00280C
082023B	280030C	510098S	610005P□	936017Q	Y00301J
091017J	282034X	511123T	610016U	982021R	Y01080Z
092154Z	287091N	511159R	610037C	983001Q	Y01097T
092393U	287179C	511247N	620165U	983019L	Y01139H
093012J	289101Y	512001J	630051K	986045C	Y01592D
093058K	289184F	513012U	630056V	986099C	Y20109E
096014D	300008R	514042K	650038F	986230X	Y20254Q
110029R	300015N	515003D	650048K	986292W	Y22162V
110060K	310063F	515006L	650155L	986317L	Y30108K
110086D	330041J	515073B	650212V	986374Y	Y30125K
110114F	350040U	515079Q	683082V	987061F	
110173Y	350060A	516012L	683091W	X32083X	
110187L	380073E	516032S	683092Y	X32094C	
110251S	381044C	516035Y	720107M	X32107K□	
120045V	381061C	517107C	730036W	X32153S	
120141R	381079Y	517122Y	730121M	X55001W	
180028K	385152C	517142E	750004V	X66035B	

(Table 1 cont'd)

Relationship end not recorded on YL - used CMI

081040W 181023D 289003Y 513054M 520060W_ X78083F_

Cohabiting couple married, marriage not on YL - used CMI

340065E_

Cohabiting couple married, marriage not on CMI - used YL

X82184M□

Cohabitation same month as Marriage - changed to married straight away

340039D 681040S_ 783012E_ 931019S Y30027K
517248X_ 730042R_ 880013Y_ 960032X_

Cohabiting spell before Marriage omitted on CMI, said married at start - used YL

081009C 120121K 423049T 880070M 986424M X88014S
092258N 186109S 506007M 882039D X33004D Y00188R
093121P 188054D 550164D 933004P X69005J Y00240Q
095006Z 228001Z 610070A 950266T X78010B
110027M 239003R□ 740083N 982061D X79044A
110079H 283002P 782175E_ 986269B□ X82622K
110344Z 381089B 835011P 986378H X87034T_

Cohabiting spell before Marriage omitted on YL, said married at start - used CMI

093218E_ 284056U_ 481037P 630044N 989016M
100069X 300157K_ 528061S 783006L X80188K
120007M 360019L_ 550041M 845021Y Y01057E
120017Q 381134D_ 550229F 939026H Y01593F
235013X 450005Z_ 565007V 987068W Y30136Q

'Extra' relationship on YL - used YL

500535F_ 528010Y X82529V_ Y20267Z_

(Table 1 cont'd)

'Extra' relationship on CMI - used CMI

120142T_	282021N	365004Y	525056J
186004B	282057L_	512006U	Y01061V

'Extra' relationship on CMI - used YL

825095S_

Relationship status (married or cohabiting) did not match - used YL

089002F□_	400091N_	565032U□_	710026E	X25043U
099041Y	400095W	583057P	937005N	X34024R_
325018K□_	511129F_	710020S_	987039P	

Relationship status (married or cohabiting) did not match - used CMI

093056E_	288023Z	385027Z_	620124D	684041L_	Y00232R_
110037Q_	300044V	435046D	660003S_	825030M	

Relationship status incorrect on both

528075D X67017E_

Data entry/ editing error(s) on YL

052009P_	517089D_	650167T_	989043Q_
120070U_	565085S_	910041R_	X44001K_

Data entry/ editing error(s) on CMI

010168Y	218002V_	518138V	581015L_	822021U	X46016K
041002M	223025N_	525044A	620070H	822023Y	X82303S
041039M	280015H	526030U	650032T	845045P	Y00057Z
083061R	300112L	528029W	684030E	938016Y	Y00284M
093040P	380044X	550175K	720110Z	950048H	Y20213Z_
093112N	450073T	550590X	730028X	983023A	
183005N	501011Z	560033U	730075H	985045X	
186073X	514022C	565020M	782145V	X41007F	

(Table 1 cont'd)

Overlapping dates in YL and/or CMI

046018E	288011S_	405046K_	516090H_	782114T	865020K
053011E_	350005S	481054P_	520031P_	822520P_	938007X
092034P	350154L_	500481K_	781118M	830013R_	
099010M	380066J	511022M_	782108P_	860001C_	

YL filled-in incorrectly - used CMI

350096Y_	960003Q_	980004E_
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Out of Sequence in YL

093062Z_	405014V_	500035K_	550400P	740102P	Y20077U
095025D_	431026A_	520053Z	583026B	X87073D_	

Revived Relationship, YL and/or CMI filled-in incorrectly

286052W_	434018T_	581046X_	X87026U_
421077N_	481007D_	986224C_	

YL and CMI completely different - other sources used to create histories

090012S_	450080Q_
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Where there was a discrepancy between the CMI & YL Ann Berrington consulted the NCDS4 interview if the relationship had taken place before 1981.

The original (hard copy) NCDS5 interview schedules were examined.

Revived Relationships

On the CMI, cohort members were asked for each partnership if it was a new partnership or if they had got back together with a previous partner. Very few cohort members had gone back to partners with whom they had lived before. Table 3 shows the serial numbers for those who had gone back to previous partners according to which partners are the same person.

Table 3
Revived Relationships

first and second partners are the same person					
141011V	385048J	520053Z	620032Y	934003S	X80013W
143002E	405062H	591018Y	630076B	950055D	Y01608S
186055V	432022X	591052Y	650068R	960001L	Y33050V
280082Y	434018T	593015C	821507S	962009P	
385008V	465056B	610023R	823518J	986228M	
first and third partners are the same person					
055110T	280048Y	481007D	860009V	960064M	X87026U
099007Y	286052W	517142	881002Y	986224C	
110008H	340021J	591030N	937022N	X70040T	
first and second and fourth partners are the same person					
421077N					
second and third partners are the same person					
050019F	092409H	X80161N	X82265M		
second and fourth partners are the same person					
240008K	517059U	710052F	880073T	986410Z	
third and fourth partners are the same person					
233025U					
first three partners are all the same person					
583034A					
second, third and fourth partners are all the same person					
X25058J					
first four partners are all the same person					
581046X					
cohort member refused to specify or was not asked					
082002T	591019A	650083M			

Same Sex Partners

ON both YL and the CMI respondents were asked about the sex of each partner. In YL this was asked directly, ie. is/was this partner male or female ? In the CMI the respondent was asked simply, is/was this partner the same sex as the respondent ? In the CMI it was recorded that 166 respondents currently had a partner of the same sex or had in the past. This number was similar when looking at YL responses. However, many of these relationships were also described as legally married when current laws in Great Britain do not allow same sex couples to marry. Information on the sex of the current partner available in the household grid was consulted as well as the overlap of the two sources to identify 'true' same sex partners. Berrington had also made similar comparisons and her notes were considered. A list of serial numbers was compiled of cohort members who had definitely had one or more live-in partners of the same sex. Box 1 contains this information. Only 45 cohort members, or 0.4%, were found to have had a live-in relationship with someone of the same sex. As NCDS5 did not contain any questions on sexual orientation it is impossible to say if this finding reflects 'true' proportions of same sex relationships, living together or not, in the cohort.

Box 1

Cohort Members with Same Sex Partners

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Partnership Number(s)</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Partnership Number(s)</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Partnership Number(s)</u>
010106Z	1	511071A	1,2	650082K	2
081040W	2	511133W	1,2,3	681019B	2
092086K	1,2,3	512049P	1	710026E	1,2,3,4
099041Y	1,2	550038Y	1	750128Q	1,2
110008H	1,2,3	550400P	3	822502M	2
184079Z	1,2	550499N	1	880020V	1
186101Z	1	565050W	1,2,3	935002V	1,2
238002J	1	581044T	1	935016H	1,2
330098Q	1,2	582001D	1,2	939029P	1,2
340001B	1	583022T	1	982079Z	1
340055B	1	583057P	1,2,3,4,5	X32081T	1
382015A	1	591051W	1,2	X80044J	1

400095W	1,2,3,4	620167Y	1	X83033U	1
500132H	2,3	630036P	1	Y00174D	1
511041R	1,2	650061A	1,2	Y00193J	1

**APPENDIX 3: PARTNERS.POR: NCDS5 Revised Partnership History
(Partnerships #1-4 for all cases)**

Portable file: partners.por
 File label: PARTNERS: NCDS5 Partnership History (max=4) P Di Salvo
 Variables: 39

Number of cases read: 11,407

Currently Defined Variables

SERIAL	COHMAR1	YRP1END	MMCOH2	MPART3	YRMCOH3	YRPART4	WTHPART4	CLEAN
MMCOH1	MPART2	YRMCOH2	YRPART3	WTHPART3	STATPAR4	MP4END		
MPART1	YRMCOH1	YRPART2	WTHPART2	STATPAR3	MP3END	COHMAR4	YRP4END	YRPART1
WTHPART1	STATPAR2	MP2END	COHMAR3	YRP3END	MMCOH4	HADPART	STATPAR1	MP1END
	COHMAR2	YRP2END	MMCOH3	MPART4	YRMCOH4			

List of variables on the working file

Name	Position	Label
SERIAL	1	SERIAL NUMBER

CLEAN	2	cleaning status
MPART1	3	month of first partnership
YRPART1	4	year of first partnership
STATPAR1	5	married to first partner ?
COHMAR1	6	ever married first partner ?
MMCOH1	7	month married first partner
YRMCOH1	8	year married first partner
WTHPART1	9	still living with first partner ?
MP1END	10	month first partnership ended
YRP1END	11	year first partnership ended
MPART2	12	month of second partnership
YRPART2	13	year of second partnership
STATPAR2	14	married to second partner ?
COHMAR2	15	ever married second partner ?
MMCOH2	16	month married second partner
YRMCOH2	17	year married second partner
WTHPART2	18	still living with second partner ?
MP2END	19	month second partnership ended
YRP2END	20	year second partnership ended
MPART3	21	month of third partnership
YRPART3	22	year of third partnership
STATPAR3	23	married to third partner ?
COHMAR3	24	ever married third partner ?
MMCOH3	25	month married third partner
YRMCOH3	26	year married third partner
WTHPART3	27	still living with third partner ?
MP3END	28	month third partnership ended
YRP3END	29	year third partnership ended
MPART4	30	month of fourth partnership
YRPART4	31	year of fourth partnership
STATPAR4	32	married to fourth partner ?
COHMAR4	33	ever married fourth partner ?
MMCOH4	34	month married fourth partner
YRMCOH4	35	year marrried fourth partner
WTHPART4	36	still living with fourth partner ?
MP4END	37	month fourth partnership ended
YRP4END	38	year fourth partnership ended
HADPART	39	Ever had a partner by age 33 ?

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1	cmi only - OK
2	cmi only - minor changes
3	cmi only - major changes
4	yl & cmi diff. - minor changes
5	yl & cmi diff. - yl used
6	yl & cmi diff. - other
7	no relationship

MPART1 month of first partnership 3
Print Format: F8
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YRPART1 year of first partnership 4
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

STATPAR1 married to first partner ? 5 Print F
F8
Write Format: F8
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Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

COHMAR1 ever married first partner ? 6
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8
Missing Values: 9

Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

MMCOH1 month married first partner
7
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

YRMCOH1 year married first partner
8
Print Format: F8
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WTHPART1 still living with first partner ?
9
Print Format: F8

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Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

MP1END month first partnership ended
10
Print Format: F8
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YRP1END year first partnership ended
11
Print Format: F8
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MPART2 month of second partnership
12
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

YRPART2 year of second partnership
13
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

STATPAR2 married to second partner ?
14
Print Format: F8
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Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

COHMAR2 ever married second partner ?
15
Print Format: F8
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Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

MMCOH2 month married second partner
16
Print Format: F8
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YRMC0H2 year married second partner
17
Print Format: F8
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WTHPART2 still living with second partner ?
18
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Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

MP2END month second partnership ended
19
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

YRP2END year second partnership ended
20
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

MPART3 month of third partnership
21
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

YRPART3 year of third partnership
22
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

STATPAR3 married to third partner ?
23
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8
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Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

COHMAR3 ever married third partner ?
24
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8
Missing Values: 9

Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

MMCOH3 month married third partner
25
Print Format: F8
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YRMCOH3 year married third partner
26
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

WTHPART3 still living with third partner ?
27
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8
Missing Values: 9

Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

MP3END month third partnership ended
28
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

YRP3END year third partnership ended
29
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

MPART4 month of fourth partnership
30
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

YRPART4 year of fourth partnership
31
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

STATPAR4 married to fourth partner ?
32
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8
Missing Values: 9

Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

COHMAR4 ever married fourth partner ?
33

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MPART1	6.82	9.52	0	99	11407	month of first partner
YRPART1	73.18	23.45	0	99	11407	year of first partner
STATPAR1	1.40	.49	1	2	10360	married to first partner
COHMAR1	1.38	.49	1	2	4124	ever married first partner
MMCOH1	7.17	6.62	1	99	2560	month married first partner
YRMCOH1	82.75	3.88	74	99	2560	year married first partner
WTHPART1	1.31	.46	1	2	10366	still living with first partner
MP1END	9.22	16.56	1	99	3162	month first partner ended
YRP1END	83.99	4.26	74	99	3162	year first partner ended
MPART2	5.76	10.94	0	99	3163	month of second partner
YRPART2	61.75	37.99	0	98	3163	year of second partner
STATPAR2	1.87	.34	1	2	2297	married to second partner
COHMAR2	1.53	.50	1	2	1993	ever married second partner
MMCOH2	6.88	6.00	1	98	940	month married second partner
YRMCOH2	86.01	3.13	77	98	940	year married second partner
WTHPART2	1.31	.46	1	2	2299	still living with second partner
MP2END	10.93	20.25	1	99	721	month second partner ended
YRP2END	86.62	3.78	76	99	721	year second partner ended
MPART3	6.32	15.61	0	99	722	month of third partner
YRPART3	53.43	42.27	0	99	722	year of third partner
STATPAR3	1.92	.28	1	2	444	married to third partner
COHMAR3	1.66	.47	1	2	407	ever married third partner
MMCOH3	7.65	8.28	1	98	138	month married third partner
YRMCOH3	87.26	3.03	77	99	138	year married third partner
WTHPART3	1.36	.48	1	2	444	still living with third partner
MP3END	14.42	26.10	1	99	161	month third partner ended
YRP3END	87.35	3.96	78	99	161	year third partner ended
MPART4	8.72	20.91	0	99	161	month of fourth partner
YRPART4	54.83	42.50	0	99	161	year of fourth partner
STATPAR4	1.88	.33	1	2	100	married to fourth partner
COHMAR4	1.73	.45	1	2	88	ever married fourth partner
MMCOH4	7.38	3.33	1	12	24	month married fourth partner
YRMCOH4	86.58	2.84	81	91	24	year married fourth partner
WTHPART4	1.39	.49	1	2	101	still living with fourth partner
MP4END	17.92	31.41	1	99	39	month fourth partnership ended
YRP4END	88.05	4.36	80	99	39	year fourth partnership ended
HADPART	1.02	.45	0	2	11407	Ever had a partner by age

APPENDIX 4: PART58.POR: NCDS5 Revised Partnership History
(Partnerships #1-n for cases with 5 or or more partnerships)

Portable file: part58.por
File label: PART5S: NCDS5 Partnership History (max=>4) P Di Salvo
Variables: 73

Number of cases read: 39

Currently Defined Variables

SERIAL	MPART2	YRPART3	STATPAR4	COHMAR5	MMCOH6	YRMCOH7		
WTHPART8								
MPART1	YRPART2	STATPAR3	COHMAR4	MMCOH5	YRMCOH6	WTHPART7		
MP8END								
YRPART1	STATPAR2	COHMAR3	MMCOH4	YRMCOH5	WTHPART6	MP7END	YRP8END	
STATPAR1	COHMAR2	MMCOH3	YRMCOH4	WTHPART5	MP6END	YRP7END		
COHMAR1	MMCOH2	YRMCOH3	WTHPART4	MP5END	YRP6END	MPART8		
MMCOH1	YRMCOH2	WTHPART3	MP4END	YRP5END	MPART7	YRPART8		
YRMCOH1	WTHPART2	MP3END	YRP4END	MPART6	YRPART7			
	STATPAR8							
WTHPART1	MP2END	YRP3END	MPART5	YRPART6	STATPAR7	COHMAR8		
MP1END	YRP2END	MPART4	YRPART5	STATPAR6	COHMAR7	MMCOH8		
YRP1END	MPART3	YRPART4	STATPAR5	COHMAR6	MMCOH7	YRMCOH8		

List of variables on the working file

Name	Position	Label
SERIAL	1	SERIAL NUMBER
MPART1	2	month of first partnership
YRPART1	3	year of first partnership
STATPAR1	4	married to first partner ?
COHMAR1	5	ever married first partner ?
MMCOH1	6	month married first partner
YRMCOH1	7	year married first partner
WTHPART1	8	still living with first partner ?
MP1END	9	month first partnership ended
YRP1END	10	year first partnership ended
MPART2	11	month of second partnership
YRPART2	12	yearof second partnership
STATPAR2	13	married to second partner ?
COHMAR2	14	ever married second partner ?
MMCOH2	15	month married second partner
YRMCOH2	16	year married second partner
WTHPART2	17	still living with second partner ?
MP2END	18	month second partnership ended
YRP2END	19	year second partnership ended
MPART3	20	month of third partnership
YRPART3	21	year of third partnership
STATPAR3	22	married to third partner ?
COHMAR3	23	ever married third partner ?
MMCOH3	24	month married third partner
YRMCOH3	25	year married third partner
WTHPART3	26	still living with third partner ?
MP3END	27	month third partnership ended

YRP3END	28	year third partnership ended
MPART4	29	month of fourth partnership
YRPART4	30	year of fourth partnership
STATPAR4	31	married to fourth partner ?
COHMAR4	32	ever married fourth partner ?
MMCOH4	33	month married fourth partner
YRMCOH4	34	year married fourth partner
WTHPART4	35	still living with fourth partner ?
MP4END	36	month fourth partnership ended
YRP4END	37	year fourth partnership ended
MPART5	38	month of fifth partnership
YRPART5	39	year of fifth partnership
STATPAR5	40	married to fifth partner ?
COHMAR5	41	ever married fifth partner ?
MMCOH5	42	month married fifth partner
YRMCOH5	43	year married fifth partner
WTHPART5	44	still living with fifth partner ?
MP5END	45	month fifth partnership ended
YRP5END	46	year fifth partnership ended
MPART6	47	month of sixth partnership
YRPART6	48	year of sixth partnership
STATPAR6	49	married to sixth partner ?
COHMAR6	50	ever married sixth partner ?
MMCOH6	51	month married sixth partner
YRMCOH6	52	year married sixth partner
WTHPART6	53	still living with sixth partner ?
MP6END	54	month sixth partnership ended
YRP6END	55	year sixth partnership ended
MPART7	56	month of seventh partnership
YRPART7	57	year of seventh partnership
STATPAR7	58	married to seventh partner ?
COHMAR7	59	ever married seventh partner ?
MMCOH7	60	month married seventh partner
YRMCOH7	61	year married seventh partner
WTHPART7	62	still living with seventh partner ?
MP7END	63	month seventh partnership ended
YRP7END	64	year seventh partnership ended
MPART8	65	month of eighth partnership
YRPART8	66	year of eighth partnership
STATPAR8	67	married to eighth partner ?
COHMAR8	68	ever married eighth partner ?
MMCOH8	69	month married eighth partner
YRMCOH8	70	year married eighth partner
WTHPART8	71	still living with eighth partner ?
MP8END	72	month eighth partnership ended
YRP8END	73	year eighth partnership ended

List of variables on the working file

Name

Position

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YRPART1	year of first partnership	
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STATPAR1	married to first partner ?	
	Print Format: F8	
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	Value Label	
	1 Yes	
	2 No	
COHMAR1	ever married first partner ?	
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	Value Label	
	1 Yes	
	2 No	
MMCOH1	month married first partner	
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YRMCOH1	year married first partner	
	Print Format: F8	
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WTHPART1	still living with first partner ?	
	Print Format: F8	
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	Missing Values: 9	
	Value Label	
	1 Yes	
	2 No	
MP1END	month first partnership ended	
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YRP1END	year first partnership ended	10
	Print Format: F8	
	Write Format: F8	

MPART2	month of second partnership Print Format: F8 Write Format: F8	11
YRPART2	year of second partnership Print Format: F8 Write Format: F8	12
STATPAR2	married to second partner ? 13 Print Format: F8 Write Format: F8 Missing Values: 9 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No	
COHMAR2	ever married second partner ? 14 Print Format: F8 Write Format: F8 Missing Values: 9 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No	
MMCOH2	month married second partner 15 Print Format: F8 Write Format: F8	
YRMCOH2	year married second partner 16 Print Format: F8 Write Format: F8	
WTHPART2	still living with second partner ? 17 Print Format: F8 Write Format: F8 Missing Values: 9 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No	
MP2END	month second partnership ended 18 Print Format: F8 Write Format: F8	

YRP2END year second partnership ended
19
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

MPART3 month of third partnership
20
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

YRPART3 year of third partnership
21
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

STATPAR3 married to third partner ?
Format: F8
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Value	Label
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1	Yes
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2	No
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COHMAR3 ever married third partner ?
23
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Value	Label
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1	Yes
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2	No
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MMCOH3 month married third partner
24
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YRMCOH3 year married third partner
25
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

WTHPART3 still living with third partner ?
26
Print Format: F8
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Value	Label
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	1	Yes
	2	No
MP3END	month third partnership ended	
	27	
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YRP3END	year third partnership ended	
	28	
	Print Format: F8	
	Write Format: F8	
MPART4	month of fourth partnership	
	29	
	Print Format: F8	
	Write Format: F8	
YRPART4	year of fourth partnership	
	30	
	Print Format: F8	
	Write Format: F8	
STATPAR4	married to fourth partner ?	
	31	
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	Value	Label
	1	Yes
	2	No
COHMAR4	ever married fourth partner ?	
	32	
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	Value	Label
	1	Yes
	2	No
MMCOH4	month married fourth partner	
	33	
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	Write Format: F8	
YRMCOH4	year married fourth partner	
	34	
	Print Format: F8	

Write Format: F8

WTHPART4 still living with fourth partner ?
35
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8
Missing Values: 9

Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

MP4END month fourth partnership ended
36
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

YRP4END year fourth partnership ended
37
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

MPART5 month of fifth partnership
38
Print Format: F8
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Missing Values: 98, 99

YRPART5 year of fifth partnership
39
Print Format: F8
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Missing Values: 98, 99

STATPAR5 married to fifth partner ?
40
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Value	Label
1	Married
2	Living as a couple

COHMAR5 ever married fifth partner ?
41
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Value	Label
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	1	Yes
	2	No
MMCOH5	month married fifth partner	
	42	
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YRMCOH5	year married fifth partner	
	43	
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	Write Format: F8	
	Missing Values: 98, 99	
WTHPART5	still living with fifth partner ?	
	44	
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	Value	Label
	1	Yes
	2	No
MP5END	month fifth partnership ended	
	45	
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	Missing Values: 98, 99	
YRP5END	year fifth partnership ended	
	46	
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	Missing Values: 98, 99	
MPART6	month of sixth partnership	
	47	
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	Missing Values: 98, 99	
YRPART6	year of sixth partnership	
	48	
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STATPAR6	married to sixth partner ?	
	49	
	Print Format: F8	
	Write Format: F8	

Missing Values: 0, 9

Value	Label
1	Married
2	Living as a couple

COHMAR6 ever married sixth partner ?
50
Print Format: F8
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Missing Values: 0, 9

Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

MMCOH6 month married sixth partner
51
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Missing Values: 98, 99

YRMC6H6 year married sixth partner
52
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8
Missing Values: 98, 99

WTHPART6 still living with sixth partner ?
53
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8
Missing Values: 0, 9

Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

MP6END month sixth partnership ended
54
Print Format: F8
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Missing Values: 98, 99

YRP6END year sixth partnership ended
55
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8
Missing Values: 98, 99

MPART7 month of seventh partnership
56
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8
Missing Values: 98, 99

YRPART7 year of seventh partnership
57
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

Missing Values: 98, 99

STATPAR7 married to seventh partner ?
58
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8
Missing Values: 0, 9

Value	Label
1	Married
2	Living as a couple

COHMAR7 ever married seventh partner ?
59
Print Format: F8
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Missing Values: 0, 9

Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

MMCOH7 month married seventh partner
60
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Missing Values: 98, 99

YRMCOH7 year married seventh partner
61
Print Format: F8
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Missing Values: 98, 99

WTHPART7 still living with seventh partner ?
62
Print Format: F8
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Missing Values: 0, 9

Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

MP7END month seventh partnership ended
63
Print Format: F8
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Missing Values: 98, 99

YRP7END year seventh partnership ended
64
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8
Missing Values: 98, 99

MPART8 month of eighth partnership
65
Print Format: F8
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Missing Values: 98, 99

YRPART8 year of eighth partnership
66
Print Format: F8
Write Format: F8

Missing Values: 98, 99

STATPAR8 married to eighth partner ?
67
Print Format: F8
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Missing Values: 0, 9

Value	Label
1	Married
2	Living as a couple

COHMAR8 ever married eighth partner ?
68
Print Format: F8
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Missing Values: 0, 9

Value	Label
1	Yes
2	No

MMCOH8 month married eighth partner 69
 Print Format: F8
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 Missing Values: 98, 99

YRMCOH8 year married eighth partner
 Print Format: F8
 Write Format: F8
 Missing Values: 98, 99

WTHPART8 still living with eighth partner ? 71
 Print Format: F8
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 Missing Values: 0, 9

Value Label
 1 Yes
 2 No

MP8END month eighth partnership ended 72
 Print Format: F8
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 Missing Values: 98, 99

YRP8END year eighth partnership ended 73
 Print Format: F8
 Write Format: F8
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YRPART1	77.97	3.96	74	98	39	year of first partnership
STATPAR1	1.79	.41		1	2	39 married to first p
COHMAR1	1.84	.37		1	2	31 ever married first
MMCOH1	6.80	3.35		1	9	5 month married first
YRMCOH1	78.00	1.41	76	79	5	year married first partne
WTHPART1	2.00	.00		2	2	39 still living with
MP1END	13.03	25.15		1	99	39 month first partne
YRP1END	79.90	4.24	74	98	39	year first partnership end
MPART2	20.87	33.49		2	99	39 month of second pa
YRPART2	81.36	5.05	75	98	39	year of second partnership
STATPAR2	1.90	.31		1	2	39 married to second p
COHMAR2	1.94	.24		1	2	35 ever married second
MMCOH2	8.50	.71		8	9	2 month married seco
YRMCOH2	78.50	2.12	77	80	2	year married second partne
WTHPART2	2.00	.00		2	2	39 still living with

MP2END	20.26	33.88	1	99	39	month second partne
YRP2END	83.03	5.51	76	99	39	year second partnership en
MPART3	20.62	33.70	1	99	39	month of third par
YRPART3	83.77	5.35	78	99	39	year of third part
STATPAR3	1.97	.16	1	2	38	married to third p
COHMAR3	1.92	.28	1	2	37	ever married third
MMCOH3	7.67	2.52	5	10	3	month married thir
YRMCOH3	84.67	3.06	82	88	3	year married third
WTHPART3	2.00	.00	2	2	39	still living with
MP3END	23.44	35.62	1	99	39	month third partne
YRP3END	85.05	5.11	78	99	39	year third partner
MPART4	20.67	33.65	1	99	39	month of fourth pa
YRPART4	86.28	4.75	79	99	39	year of fourth par
STATPAR4	1.92	.27	1	2	38	married to fourth p
COHMAR4	1.77	.43	1	2	35	ever married fourt
MMCOH4	7.25	3.45	1	12	8	month married four
YRMCOH4	85.13	2.10	82	89	8	year marrried four
WTHPART4	2.00	.00	2	2	39	still living with
MP4END	17.92	31.41	1	99	39	month fourth partne
YRP4END	88.05	4.36	80	99	39	year fourth partne
MPART5	3.63	4.30	0	12	38	month of fifth par
YRPART5	50.34	43.58	0	91	38	year of fifth part
STATPAR5	1.96	.21	1	2	23	married to fifth p
COHMAR5	1.77	.43	1	2	22	ever married fifth
MMCOH5	4.60	1.67	3	7	5	month married fift
YRMCOH5	87.60	2.61	85	91	5	year married fifth
WTHPART5	1.35	.49	1	2	23	still living with
MP5END	7.29	3.55	1	11	7	month fifth partne
YRP5END	86.57	3.74	82	91	7	year fifth partner
MPART6	4.63	4.27	0	11	8	month of sixth par
YRPART6	64.63	39.99	0	90	8	year of sixth part
STATPAR6	2.00	.00	2	2	6	married to sixth p
COHMAR6	1.83	.41	1	2	6	ever married sixth
MMCOH6	8.00	.	8	8	1	month married sixth
YRMCOH6	83.00	.	83	83	1	year married sixth
WTHPART6	1.50	.55	1	2	6	still living with
MP6END	5.00	5.29	1	11	3	month sixth partne
YRP6END	87.33	3.51	84	91	3	year sixth partner
MPART7	5.33	4.62	0	8	3	month of seventh p
YRPART7	57.67	49.96	0	88	3	year of seventh pa
STATPAR7	2.00	.00	2	2	2	married to seventh
COHMAR7	1.50	.71	1	2	2	ever married seven
MMCOH7	Variable is missing for every case.					month married seventh
YRMCOH7	Variable is missing for every case.					year married seventh

WTHPART7 partner ?	1.50	.71	1	2	2	still living with :
MP7END ended	10.00	.	10	10	1	month seventh partn
YRP7END ended	85.00	.	85	85	1	year seventh partn
MPART8	3.00	.	3	3	1	month of eighth pa
YRPART8	86.00	.	86	86	1	year of eighth par
STATPAR8	2.00	.	2	2	1	married to eighth j
COHMAR8	2.00	.	2	2	1	ever married eightl
MMCOH8	Variable is missing for every case.					month married eighth j
YRMCOH8	Variable is missing for every case.					year married eighth p
WTHPART8 partner ?	2.00	.	2	2	1	still living with e
MP8END ended	5.00	.	5	5	1	month eighth partn
YRP8END	86.00	.	86	86	1	year eighth partne

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