

Birth Certificate Linkage to Growth and Health Measures Using National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, NHANES III Natality File.

INTRODUCTION

The documentation for birth certificate information on this data file was based on documentation prepared in the Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Since 1985, natality statistics for all States, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam have been based on information from the total file of birth records. The information is received on computer data tapes coded by the States and provided to NCHS through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program.

Natality data for the United States (U.S.) are limited to births occurring within the U.S. to residents and nonresidents. Births occurring to U.S. citizens outside the United States are not included in this file.

PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) obtained copies of birth certificates for children examined during the third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES III) in order to link abstracted information from the birth certificates to the extensive biomedical and demographic measures from NHANES III.

SAMPLE DESIGN

NHANES III collected public health data for use in evaluating the health status of the U.S. population to determine how health status is affected by social and economic conditions. The target population of NHANES III was the non-institutionalized, civilian population aged two months and older. The household interview included demographic, socioeconomic, dietary, and health history questions. African Americans, Mexican Americans, children under 7 years, and older persons were over-sampled.

The survey had a sample size of 39,695 persons including 8,836 children, two months through six years of age from whom interview data were obtained, born between 1982 and 1994. Descriptive data, physical measures and biomedical samples were collected from 8,324 of the 8,836 total children. To link birth certificate information for these children with the other data from NHANES III, parents or guardians of the interviewed sample children were asked to sign consent forms giving permission to obtain copies of the children's birth certificates.

A total of 7,779 birth certificates were obtained for children having either an interview or an interview and examination. 7,547 of these children were interviewed and examined and 232 were interviewed only. Certificate information could not be obtained for 1057

children of which 777 were interviewed and examined and 280 were interviewed only.  
The 280 children who were interviewed only were eliminated from the linkage project file due to insufficient birth origin information (birth mother or birth place), or lack of a signed consent. A detailed verification process was implemented to determine if the NHANES child's name was identical to the name that appeared on the birth certificate.

#### RESPONSE RATE

Ninety five percent of the requested birth certificates were obtained from the States.  
If birth certificates were not found on the initial search which was done by the State Registrars' offices, the States were asked to do a second search.

#### LINKAGE PROCESS

The certificate information was manually entered into a database. The next step was to merge/link the information extracted from the birth certificates with the Natality data files. After completion of data entry for all the birth certificates, the correct Natality records were matched to the NHANES data file.

#### CONFIDENTIALITY

All data collected are kept in the strictest confidence as guaranteed by Federal law: Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 242m) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a). Nothing that would permit identification of an individual is disclosed or released to others without the consent of the individual.

#### QUESTIONS

Questions should be directed to the Data Dissemination Branch, Division of Data Services, NCHS at (301) 458-4636.

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<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>		
Sample Person identification number .....	SEQN	1-5
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Age in months at interview (screener) .....	HSAITMOR	21-24
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Household size (persons in dwelling) .....	HSHSIZER	31-32
Rural/urban code based on USDA code .....	DMPMETRO	33
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Total M+H examined sample final weight .....	WTPFHX6	67-74
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NHANES III Detail Natality Record

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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
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1-5 SEQN	8836	Sample person identification number 00007-53622	
6-10 DMPFSEQ	8836	Family sequence number 00001-20073	See note
11 DMPSTAT		Examination/interview status	See note
	512	1 Interviewed, not examined	
	8288	2 Interviewed, MEC-examined	
	36	3 Interviewed, home-examined	

NHANES III Detail Natality Record

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HOUSEHOLD SCREENER QUESTIONNAIRE (HSQ)  
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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
12 DMARETHN		Race-ethnicity	See note
	3232	1 Non-Hispanic white	
	2374	2 Non-Hispanic black	
	2703	3 Mexican-American	
	527	4 Other	
13 DMARACER		Race	See note
	5997	1 White	
	2478	2 Black	
	359	3 Other	
	2	8 Mexican-American of unknown race	
14 DMAETHNR		Ethnicity	See note
	2703	1 Mexican-American	
	332	2 Other Hispanic	
	5801	3 Not Hispanic	
15 HSSEX		Sex	
	4374	1 Male	
	4462	2 Female	
16-17 HSDOIMO		Date of screener (month)	
	822	01 January	
	862	02 February	
	769	03 March	
	828	04 April	
	842	05 May	
	436	06 June	
	722	07 July	
	673	08 August	
	659	09 September	
	797	10 October	
	914	11 November	
	512	12 December	

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HOUSEHOLD SCREENER QUESTIONNAIRE (HSQ)			
Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
18-19 HSAGEIR	8836	Age at interview (Screener) 01-11	See note
20 HSAGEU	2107 6729	Age at interview-unit (Screener) 1 Months 2 Years	
21-24 HSAITMOR	8836	Age in months (Screener) 0002-9999	See note
25-28 MXPAXTDR	8324 512	Age at NHANES III exam - in days 0065-2614 Blank	
29-30 HSFSIZER	373 1987 2675 1680 882 489 320 155 275	Family size 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 10+	See note
31-32 HSHSIZER	342 1932 2647 1674 907 514 344 159 317	Household size 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 10+	See note

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HOUSEHOLD SCREENER QUESTIONNAIRE (HSQ)  
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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
33 DMPMETRO		Urbanization classification based on USDA Rural/Urban continuum codes	See note
	4691	1 Central counties of metro areas of 1 million population or more, OR, Fringe counties of metro areas of 1 million population or more	
	4145	2 All other areas	
34 DMPCREGN		Census region	See note
	1133	1 Northeast	
	1672	2 Midwest	
	3614	3 South	
	2417	4 West	
35-40 DMPPIR		Poverty Income Ratio	See note
	21	00.000 No reported income	
	8010	000.02-08.472	
	805	888888 Blank but applicable	

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SURVEY DESIGN DATA			
Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
41 SDPPHASE	4728 4108	Phase of NHANES III Survey 1 1988-1991 2 1991-1994	See note
42 SDPPSU6	4615 4221	Total NHANES III pseudo-PSU 1 2	See note
43-44 SDPSTRA6	8836	Total NHANES III pseudo-stratum 01-49	See note
45 SDPPSU1	2522 2206 4108	Pseudo-PSU for phase 1 1 2 Blank	See note
46-47 SDPSTRA1	4728 4108	Pseudo-stratum for phase 1 01-23 Blank	See note
48 SDPPSU2	1974 2134 4728	Pseudo-PSU for phase 2 1 2 Blank	See note
49-50 SDPSTRA2	4108 4728	Pseudo-stratum for phase 2 01-23 Blank	See note

NHANES III Detail Natality Record

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 SAMPLING WEIGHTS  
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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
51-58 WTPFQX6	8836	Total NHANES III interviewed sample final weight 00215.53-67904.26	See note
59-66 WTPFEX6	548 8288	Total NHANES III MEC-examined sample final weight 00000.00 00213.45-00072760	See note
67-74 WTPFHX6	512 8324	Total NHANES III MEC and home- examined final weight 00000.00 00214.25-72684.05	See note
75-82 WTPFALG6	35 540 8261	Total NHANES III allergy subsample final weight 00000.00 00213.45-00072760 Blank	See note
83-91 WTPFQX1	4728 4108	Phase 1 interviewed sample final weight 000535.87-135808.52 Blank	See note
92-100 WTPFEX1	354 4374 4108	Phase 1 MEC-examined sample final weight 000000.00 000552.43-000145520 Blank	See note
101-109 WTPFHX1	329 4399 4108	Phase 1 MEC and home-examined sample final weight 000000.00 000551.87-145368.09 Blank	See note



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----- SAMPLING WEIGHTS -----			
Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
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110-118 WTPFALG1	22 305 8509	Phase 1 allergy subsample final weight 000000.00 000821.62-000145520 Blank	See note
119-127 WTPFQX2	4108 4728	Phase 2 interviewed sample final weight 000431.06-127915.98 Blank	See note
128-136 WTPFHX2	183 3925 4728	Phase 2 MEC and home-examined sample final weight 000000.00 0000428.5-129716.91 Blank	See note
137-145 WTPFEX2	194 3914 4728	Phase 2 MEC-examined sample final weight 000000.00 000426.91-130117.93 Blank	See note
146-154 WTPFALG2	13 235 8588	Phase 2 allergy subsample final weight 000000.00 000426.91-130117.93 Blank	See note

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FAY'S BRR REPLICATE INTERVIEW WEIGHTS			
Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
155-162 WTPQRP1	8836	Replicate 1 final interview weight 00089.73-67276.45	See note
163-170 WTPQRP2	8836	Replicate 2 final interview weight 00069.61-71279.73	See note
171-178 WTPQRP3	8836	Replicate 3 final interview weight 00073.29-70076.29	See note
179-186 WTPQRP4	8836	Replicate 4 final interview weight 000076.5-70709.57	See note
187-194 WTPQRP5	8836	Replicate 5 final interview weight 00057.54-68999.98	See note
195-202 WTPQRP6	8836	Replicate 6 final interview weight 00076.93-70573.73	See note
203-210 WTPQRP7	8836	Replicate 7 final interview weight 00000093-72276.33	See note
211-218 WTPQRP8	8836	Replicate 8 final interview weight 00063.18-76172.01	See note
219-226 WTPQRP9	8836	Replicate 9 final interview weight 00053.27-71664.44	See note
227-234 WTPQRP10	8836	Replicate 10 final interview weight 00078.88-67388.04	See note
235-242 WTPQRP11	8836	Replicate 11 final interview weight 00058.56-71212.69	See note
243-250 WTPQRP12	8836	Replicate 12 final interview weight 00053.67-61124.78	See note

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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
251-258 WTPQRP13	8836	Replicate 13 final interview weight 00067.93-73070.19	See note
259-266 WTPQRP14	8836	Replicate 14 final interview weight 00072.64-71141.21	See note
267-274 WTPQRP15	8836	Replicate 15 final interview weight 000065.1-68998.89	See note
275-282 WTPQRP16	8836	Replicate 16 final interview weight 00061.05-69502.91	See note
283-290 WTPQRP17	8836	Replicate 17 final interview weight 00058.85-75065.62	See note
291-298 WTPQRP18	8836	Replicate 18 final interview weight 00079.28-76105.69	See note
299-306 WTPQRP19	8836	Replicate 19 final interview weight 00061.49-066273.4	See note
307-314 WTPQRP20	8836	Replicate 20 final interview weight 00060.59-65496.35	See note
315-322 WTPQRP21	8836	Replicate 21 final interview weight 00054.87-57684.82	See note
323-330 WTPQRP22	8836	Replicate 22 final interview weight 000059.5-74472.08	See note
331-338 WTPQRP23	8836	Replicate 23 final interview weight 00068.76-072236.2	See note
339-346 WTPQRP24	8836	Replicate 24 final interview weight 00057.42-67203.35	See note

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FAY'S BRR REPLICATE INTERVIEW WEIGHTS			
Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
347-354 WTPQRP25	8836	Replicate 25 final interview weight 00050.63-75715.33	See note
355-362 WTPQRP26	8836	Replicate 26 final interview weight 00070.53-71147.35	See note
363-370 WTPQRP27	8836	Replicate 27 final interview weight 00063.26-68329.38	See note
371-378 WTPQRP28	8836	Replicate 28 final interview weight 00000046-65381.75	See note
379-386 WTPQRP29	8836	Replicate 29 final interview weight 00093.76-72552.13	See note
387-394 WTPQRP30	8836	Replicate 30 final interview weight 00058.09-73840.38	See note
395-402 WTPQRP31	8836	Replicate 31 final interview weight 000077.1-78909.13	See note
403-410 WTPQRP32	8836	Replicate 32 final interview weight 00066.17-75113.46	See note
411-418 WTPQRP33	8836	Replicate 33 final interview weight 000057.8-70689.57	See note
419-426 WTPQRP34	8836	Replicate 34 final interview weight 00062.28-070754.4	See note
427-434 WTPQRP35	8836	Replicate 35 final interview weight 00098.94-79291.74	See note
435-442 WTPQRP36	8836	Replicate 36 final interview weight 000069.1-070495.3	See note

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FAY'S BRR REPLICATE INTERVIEW WEIGHTS			
Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
443-450 WTPQRP37	8836	Replicate 37 final interview weight 00043.47-70619.74	See note
451-458 WTPQRP38	8836	Replicate 38 final interview weight 00054.27-075782.2	See note
459-466 WTPQRP39	8836	Replicate 39 final interview weight 000057.1-68666.52	See note
467-474 WTPQRP40	8836	Replicate 40 final interview weight 000057.2-71713.76	See note
475-482 WTPQRP41	8836	Replicate 41 final interview weight 00060.59-72146.09	See note
483-490 WTPQRP42	8836	Replicate 42 final interview weight 00091.95-74129.59	See note
491-498 WTPQRP43	8836	Replicate 43 final interview weight 00061.37-65177.34	See note
499-506 WTPQRP44	8836	Replicate 44 final interview weight 00061.71-67062.02	See note
507-514 WTPQRP45	8836	Replicate 45 final interview weight 00061.04-70353.83	See note
515-522 WTPQRP46	8836	Replicate 46 final interview weight 00078.43-69832.78	See note
523-530 WTPQRP47	8836	Replicate 47 final interview weight 00076.83-70545.88	See note
531-538 WTPQRP48	8836	Replicate 48 final interview weight 00061.69-77285.79	See note

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FAY'S BRR REPLICATE INTERVIEW WEIGHTS			
Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
539-546 WTPQRP49	8836	Replicate 49 final interview weight 00000081-072350.5	See note
547-554 WTPQRP50	8836	Replicate 50 final interview weight 000079.2-76063.31	See note
555-562 WTPQRP51	8836	Replicate 51 final interview weight 00055.85-70789.05	See note
563-570 WTPQRP52	8836	Replicate 52 final interview weight 00072.04-73233.72	See note
571-578 WTPXRP1	548 8288	Replicate 1 final exam weight 00000.00 00092.06-73019.02	See note
579-586 WTPXRP2	548 8288	Replicate 2 final exam weight 00000.00 00068.89-74736.66	See note
587-594 WTPXRP3	548 8288	Replicate 3 final exam weight 00000.00 00074.17-75143.45	See note
595-602 WTPXRP4	548 8288	Replicate 4 final exam weight 00000.00 00076.95-73311.85	See note
603-610 WTPXRP5	548 8288	Replicate 5 final exam weight 00000.00 00058.95-68498.79	See note
611-618 WTPXRP6	548 8288	Replicate 6 final exam weight 00000.00 00079.31-73056.96	See note

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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
619-626 WTPXRP7	548 8288	Replicate 7 final exam weight 00000.00 00092.74-074823.7	See note
627-634 WTPXRP8	548 8288	Replicate 8 final exam weight 00000.00 00064.05-76603.99	See note
635-642 WTPXRP9	548 8288	Replicate 9 final exam weight 00000.00 00052.31-73758.08	See note
643-650 WTPXRP10	548 8288	Replicate 10 final exam weight 00000.00 00081.03-74579.98	See note
651-658 WTPXRP11	548 8288	Replicate 11 final exam weight 00000.00 00053.54-74866.78	See note
659-666 WTPXRP12	548 8288	Replicate 12 final exam weight 00000.00 00055.35-66196.44	See note
667-674 WTPXRP13	548 8288	Replicate 13 final exam weight 00000.00 000067.9-74278.36	See note
675-682 WTPXRP14	548 8288	Replicate 14 final exam weight 00000.00 00074.55-72892.64	See note
683-690 WTPXRP15	548 8288	Replicate 15 final exam weight 00000.00 00066.69-73190.63	See note

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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
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691-698 WTPXRP16	548 8288	Replicate 16 final exam weight 00000.00 00059.41-74871.64	See note
699-706 WTPXRP17	548 8288	Replicate 17 final exam weight 00000.00 000059.3-74787.22	See note
707-714 WTPXRP18	548 8288	Replicate 18 final exam weight 00000.00 00081.69-73035.08	See note
715-722 WTPXRP19	548 8288	Replicate 19 final exam weight 00000.00 00061.95-66313.66	See note
723-730 WTPXRP20	548 8288	Replicate 20 final exam weight 00000.00 00057.95-64846.35	See note
731-738 WTPXRP21	548 8288	Replicate 21 final exam weight 00000.00 00056.22-66263.36	See note
739-746 WTPXRP22	548 8288	Replicate 22 final exam weight 00000.00 00057.38-75301.77	See note
747-754 WTPXRP23	548 8288	Replicate 23 final exam weight 00000.00 00068.85-074047.6	See note
755-762 WTPXRP24	548 8288	Replicate 24 final exam weight 00000.00 00054.91-71326.24	See note



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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
763-770 WTPXRP25	548 8288	Replicate 25 final exam weight 00000.00 00049.93-68689.22	See note
771-778 WTPXRP26	548 8288	Replicate 26 final exam weight 00000.00 00071.23-65998.12	See note
779-786 WTPXRP27	548 8288	Replicate 27 final exam weight 00000.00 00063.15-72518.49	See note
787-794 WTPXRP28	548 8288	Replicate 28 final exam weight 00000.00 00045.61-71575.64	See note
795-802 WTPXRP29	548 8288	Replicate 29 final exam weight 00000.00 00097.18-75075.78	See note
803-810 WTPXRP30	548 8288	Replicate 30 final exam weight 00000.00 00059.05-76089.32	See note
811-818 WTPXRP31	548 8288	Replicate 31 final exam weight 00000.00 00079.65-77239.87	See note
819-826 WTPXRP32	548 8288	Replicate 32 final exam weight 00000.00 00067.05-71546.68	See note
827-834 WTPXRP33	548 8288	Replicate 33 final exam weight 00000.00 00055.58-74107.76	See note

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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
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835-842 WTPXRP34	548 8288	Replicate 34 final exam weight 00000.00 00063.45-66659.21	See note
843-850 WTPXRP35	548 8288	Replicate 35 final exam weight 00000.00 000100.8-74501.86	See note
851-858 WTPXRP36	548 8288	Replicate 36 final exam weight 00000.00 00070.92-74201.05	See note
859-866 WTPXRP37	548 8288	Replicate 37 final exam weight 00000.00 00045.36-74406.13	See note
867-874 WTPXRP38	548 8288	Replicate 38 final exam weight 00000.00 00055.94-75536.43	See note
875-882 WTPXRP39	548 8288	Replicate 39 final exam weight 00000.00 00057.47-67420.79	See note
883-890 WTPXRP40	548 8288	Replicate 40 final exam weight 00000.00 00057.86-73754.93	See note
891-898 WTPXRP41	548 8288	Replicate 41 final exam weight 00000.00 000061.4-71825.34	See note
899-906 WTPXRP42	548 8288	Replicate 42 final exam weight 00000.00 000094.7-72767.42	See note

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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
907-914 WTPXRP43	548 8288	Replicate 43 final exam weight 00000.00 00059.85-65924.96	See note
915-922 WTPXRP44	548 8288	Replicate 44 final exam weight 00000.00 00060.92-72691.83	See note
923-930 WTPXRP45	548 8288	Replicate 45 final exam weight 00000.00 00062.13-75561.19	See note
931-938 WTPXRP46	548 8288	Replicate 46 final exam weight 00000.00 00000081-072099.5	See note
939-946 WTPXRP47	548 8288	Replicate 47 final exam weight 00000.00 00077.82-72086.79	See note
947-954 WTPXRP48	548 8288	Replicate 48 final exam weight 00000.00 00057.31-74215.86	See note
955-962 WTPXRP49	548 8288	Replicate 49 final exam weight 00000.00 00082.75-75257.97	See note
963-970 WTPXRP50	548 8288	Replicate 50 final exam weight 00000.00 00082.82-75947.78	See note
971-978 WTPXRP51	548 8288	Replicate 51 final exam weight 00000.00 00054.04-74192.54	See note

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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
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979-986 WTPXRP52	548 8288	Replicate 52 final exam weight 00000.00 00073.26-73977.99	See note
987 NTCERT	7779 1057	Certificate availability status 1 Yes 2 No	See note
988 NTRECTYP	6261  1518  1057	Record type 1 Resident: State and county of occurrence and residence are the same 2 Nonresident: State and/or county of occurrence and residence are different Blank	
989 NTRSTATR	6261  1436  82  1057	Resident status recode 1 Resident: State and county of occurrence and residence are the same 2 Intrastate nonresident: State of occurrence and residence are the same, but county is different 3 Nonresident: State of occurrence and residence are different or mother is foreign (resides outside of U.S.) Blank	See note

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----- NATALITY RECORD -----			
Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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990		Record weight	
NTRECWT	7562	1 Constant as of the 1985 data year, this file contains data on a 100-percent basis from all reporting areas	
	217	2 50-percent reporting areas	
	1057	Blank	
991-992		Place or facility of birth	See note
NTPLDEL	7704	01 Hospital	
	12	02 Freestanding birthing center	
	17	04 A residence	
	9	05 Other	
	36	55 Nonhospital births, not otherwise specified	
	1	88 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
993		Attendant at birth	See note
NTBIRATT	7306	1 Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)	
	93	2 Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.)	
	313	3 Certified Nurse Midwife (C.N.M.)	
	11	4 Other Midwife	
	46	5 Other	
	10	8 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
994		Metropolitan - nonmetropolitan county of residence recode	See note
NTMETROR	6317	1 Metropolitan county	
	1462	2 Nonmetropolitan county or foreign	
	1057	Blank	

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Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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995		Reported age of mother used flag	See note
NTMAGEFL	373	1 Reported age is used	
	3224	2 Reported age is not used	
	5239	Blank	
996		Age of mother imputation flag	See note
NTMAGEIM	2	1 Age is imputed	
	3595	2 Age is not imputed	
	5239	Blank	
997-998		Age of mother recode (years)	
NTMAGER	27	14 Fourteen years or under	
	7700	15-40	
	52	41 Forty-one years or over	
	1057	Blank	
999		Hispanic origin of mother recode	
NTMETHNR	1690	1 Mexican-American	
	442	2 Other Hispanic or Latino	
	4526	3 Not Hispanic/Latino	
	89	8 Blank but applicable	
	2089	Blank	
1000		Race of mother imputation flag	
NTMRACIM	4	1 Race is imputed	
	3593	2 Race is not imputed	
	5239	Blank	
1001		Race of mother	
NTMRACE	5510	1 White	
	2076	2 Black	
	175	3 Other	
	1075	Blank	

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NATALITY RECORD			
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Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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1002-1003		Education of mother recode	See note
NTMEDUCR	434	01 Less than 1 year of high school	
	329	09 1 year of high school	
	397	10 2 years of high school	
	508	11 3 years of high school	
	2327	12 4 years of high school	
	405	13 1 year of college	
	450	14 2 years of college	
	184	15 3 years of college	
	479	16 4 years of college	
	292	17 5 or more years of college	
	1974	88 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1004		Marital status of mother imputation	
NTMSTIMP		flag	
	2	1 Marital status is imputed	
	3595	2 Marital status is not imputed	
	5239	Blank	
1005		Marital status of mother	See note
NTMMRST	2383	1 Married	
	1214	2 Unmarried	
	5239	Blank	
1006		Place of birth of mother recode	
NTMPOBR	6159	1 United States	
	1029	2 Mexico	
	573	3 Other	
	18	8 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	

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Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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1007		Adequacy of care recode (Kessner index)	See note
NTADEQUA	2255	1 Adequate	
	881	2 Intermediate	
	313	3 Inadequate	
	148	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1008-1009		Number of previous live births,	
NTNLBNLR		now living recode	
	3133	00	
	2440	01	
	1245	02	
	527	03	
	221	04	
	98	05	
	42	06	
	20	07	
	29	08 Eight or more births	
	24	88 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1010		Number of previous live births,	
NTNLBNDR		now dead recode	
	7599	0 None	
	127	1 One	
	18	2 Two	
	3	3 Three or more	
	32	8 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	



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----- NATALITY RECORD -----			
Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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1011-1013		Interval since last live birth	See note
NTISLLBR		recode (months)	
	71	000 Zero months (plural birth)	
	58	001 1-11 months	
	3781	012-168	
	51	170 170 months or more	
	3114	555 No previous live birth	
	704	888 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1014		Number of other terminations recode	
NTTERMR	7745	0-5	
	9	6 Six or more	
	25	8 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1015-1017		Interval in months since last	See note
NTISLTR		other termination recode	
		(interval between last other	
		termination and birth of sample	
		child)	
	25	010 Ten months or less	
	443	011-097	
	44	100 One hundred months or more	
	3319	555 No previous other termination	
	351	888 Blank but applicable	
	4654	Blank	

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NATALITY RECORD			
Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
1018-1020		Interval between deliveries recode	See note
NTINDLVR		in months (interval in months between last delivery and this one)	
	31	000 Zero months (plural birth)	
	33	010 Ten months or less	
	1892	011-134	
	45	135 One hundred thirty-five months or more	
	1430	555 No previous pregnancy	
	751	888 Blank but applicable	
	4654	Blank	
1021		Outcome of last delivery	See note
NTOUTCOM	1430	0 Not applicable (no previous delivery)	
	2106	1 Last delivery was a live birth	
	498	2 Last delivery was some other termination	
	148	3 Last delivery's outcome is unknown	
	4654	Blank	
1022-1024		Interpregnancy interval recode (months)	See note
NTINTPGR		(Interval in months between beginning date of this pregnancy and ending date of last pregnancy)	
	17	000 Zero (plural delivery)	
	3726	001-251	
	3092	555 No previous pregnancy	
	944	888 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	

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----- NATALITY RECORD -----			
Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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1025-1026		Live birth order recode:	See note
NTLBOR		Number of children born alive to mother	
	7718	01-08	
	35	09 Nine or more	
	26	88 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1027-1028		Total birth order recode:	
NTTBOR		Total number of live births	
		and other terminations	
	7715	01-09	
	35	10 Ten or more	
	29	88 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1029-1030		Month of pregnancy prenatal care began	See note
NTMONPRE		No prenatal care	
	190	00	
	1126	01 1st month	
	2715	02 2nd month	
	1579	03 3rd month	
	845	04 4th month	
	489	05 5th month	
	314	06 6th month	
	208	07 7th month	
	110	08 8th month	
	45	09 9th month	
	158	88 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1031-1032		Total number of prenatal visits recode	
NTTNPVR		No prenatal visits	
	188	00	
	6432	01-30	
	11	32 Thirty-two or more visits	
	1148	88 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	

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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
1033 NTFAGEFL	278	Reported age of father used flag 1 Reported age is used	See note
	3319	2 Reported age is not used	
	5239	Blank	
1034-1036 NTFAGER	32	Age of father recode 016 Sixteen years or under	See note
	6352	017-054	
	15	055 Fifty-five years or over	
	1380	888 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1037 NTFETHNR	1591	Hispanic origin of father recode 1 Mexican-American	
	374	2 Other Hispanic or Latino	
	3749	3 Not Hispanic/Latino	
	1030	8 Blank but applicable	
	2092	Blank	
1038 NTFRACE	4981	Race of father 1 White	
	1395	2 Black	
	167	3 Other	
	2293	Blank	

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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
1039-1040		Education of father recode	See note
NTFEDUCR	359	01 Less than one year of high school	
	182	09 1 year of high school	
	236	10 2 years of high school	
	336	11 3 years of high school	
	1908	12 4 years of high school	
	236	13 1 year of college	
	387	14 2 years of college	
	138	15 3 years of college	
	484	16 4 years of college	
	356	17 5 or more years of college	
	3157	88 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1041		Clinical estimate of gestation used flag	See note
NTGESTFL	119	1 Clinical estimate is used	
	3478	2 Clinical estimate is not used	
	5239	Blank	
1042		Gestation imputation flag	
NTGESTIM	1100	1 Gestation is imputed	
	6679	2 Gestation is not imputed	
	1057	Blank	
1043-1045		Period of gestation recode	See note
NTGESTR		(using LMP date) (weeks)	
	33	026 Twenty-six weeks or less	
	7447	027-046	
	54	047 Forty-seven weeks or more	
	245	888 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1046		Sex imputation flag	
NTSEXIMP	3597	2 Sex is not imputed	
	5239	Blank	

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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
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1047		Sex	See note
NTSEX	3899	1 Male	
	3880	2 Female	
	1057	Blank	
1048		Race of child	See note
NTCRACE	5285	1 White	
	2139	2 Black	
	213	3 Other	
	142	8 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1049-1052		Birth weight recode (grams)	
NTBWTR	42	1200 1200 grams or less	
	7678	1219-4740	
	51	4750 4750 grams or more	
	8	8888 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1053		Plurality imputation flag	
NTPLUIMP	1	1 Plurality is imputed	
	3596	2 Plurality is not imputed	
	5239	Blank	
1054		Plurality recode	See note
NTPLURR	7597	1 Single	
	182	2 Twin or higher birth	
	1057	Blank	

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Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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1055-1056		One minute Apgar score recode	See note
NTOMAPSR	25	01 A score of 0 or 1	
	33	02	
	37	03	
	56	04	
	84	05	
	163	06	
	438	07	
	2038	08	
	2020	09	
	63	10	
	2822	88 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1057-1058		Five minute Apgar score recode	See note
NTFMAPSR	4	02 A score of 2 or less	
	5	03	
	9	04	
	11	05	
	39	06	
	67	07	
	394	08	
	3570	09	
	859	10	
	2821	88 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1059-1060		Clinical estimate of gestation recode	
NTCGESTR		(weeks)	
	44	32 Thirty-two weeks or less	
	2623	33-41	
	134	42 Forty-two weeks or more	
	796	88 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	

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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
1061 NTVAGINA		Vaginal	See note
	2667	1 The method was used	
	783	2 The method was not used	
	147	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1062 NTVBAC		Vaginal birth after previous C-section	See note
	76	1 The method was used	
	3374	2 The method was not used	
	147	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1063 NTPRIMAC		Primary C-section	See note
	487	1 The method was used	
	2963	2 The method was not used	
	147	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1064 NTREPEAC		Repeat C-section	See note
	296	1 The method was used	
	3154	2 The method was not used	
	147	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1065 NTDELIVR		Vaginal or C-section recode	See note
	2591	1 Vaginal (no previous C-section)	
	76	2 Vaginal after previous C-section	
	487	3 Primary C-section	
	296	4 Repeat C-section	
	147	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	



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Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
1066		Forceps	See note
NTFORCEP	157	1 The method was used	
	3293	2 The method was not used	
	147	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1067		Vacuum	See note
NTVACUUM	136	1 The method was used	
	3314	2 The method was not used	
	147	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1068		Anemia (Hct.<30/Hgb.<10) or hemoglobinopathy recode	See note
NTAORHR	89	1 Factor reported	
	3206	2 Factor not reported	
	302	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1069		Cardiac disease	See note
NTCARDIA	8	1 Factor reported	
	3406	2 Factor not reported	
	183	3 Factor not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1070		Acute or chronic lung disease	See note
NTLUNG	9	1 Factor reported	
	3405	2 Factor not reported	
	183	3 Factor not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1071		Diabetes	See note
NTDIABET	90	1 Factor reported	
	3324	2 Factor not reported	
	183	3 Factor not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	

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----- NATALITY RECORD -----			
Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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1072		Genital herpes	See note
NTHERPES	24	1 Factor reported	
	2941	2 Factor not reported	
	78	3 Factor not classifiable	
	554	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1073		Hydramnios/Olighydramnios	See note
NTHYDRA	17	1 Factor reported	
	3274	2 Factor not reported	
	177	3 Factor not classifiable	
	129	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1074		Hypertension, chronic	See note
NTCHYPER	32	1 Factor reported	
	3382	2 Factor not reported	
	183	3 Factor not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1075		Hypertension, pregnancy-associated	See note
NTPHYPER	105	1 Factor reported	
	3309	2 Factor not reported	
	183	3 Factor not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1076		Eclampsia	See note
NTECLAMP	11	1 Factor reported	
	3403	2 Factor not reported	
	183	3 Factor not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	

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----- NATALITY RECORD -----			
Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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1077		Incompetent cervix	See note
NTINCERV	5	1 Factor reported	
	3286	2 Factor not reported	
	177	3 Factor not classifiable	
	129	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1078		Previous infant 4000+ grams	See note
NTPR4000	49	1 Factor reported	
	3242	2 Factor not reported	
	177	3 Factor not classifiable	
	129	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1079		Previous preterm or small-for-gestation age infant	See note
NTPRTERM	42	1 Factor reported	
	3249	2 Factor not reported	
	177	3 Factor not classifiable	
	129	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1080		Renal disease	See note
NTRENAL	10	1 Factor reported	
	3404	2 Factor not reported	
	183	3 Factor not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1081		Rh sensitization	See note
NTRH	15	1 Factor reported	
	3396	2 Factor not reported	
	185	3 Factor not classifiable	
	1	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	

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----- NATALITY RECORD -----			
Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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1082		Uterine bleeding	See note
NTUTERIN	24	1 Factor reported	
	3064	2 Factor not reported	
	84	3 Factor not classifiable	
	425	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1083		Other medical risk factors	See note
NTOTHRMR	312	1 Factor reported	
	3102	2 Factor not reported	
	183	3 Factor not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1084		Tobacco use during pregnancy recode	See note
NTTOBACR	450	1 Yes	
	1975	2 No	
	1172	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1085-1086		Average number of cigarettes per day	See note
NTCIGARR		recode	
	1975	00 None	
	425	01-30	
	4	40 Forty cigarettes or more	
	1193	88 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1087		Alcohol use during pregnancy recode	See note
NTALCOHR	77	1 Yes	
	2361	2 No	
	1159	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	

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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
1088		Average number of drinks per week recode	See note
NTDRINKR	2361	0 None	
	42	4	
	4	5 Five or more drinks per week	
	1190	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1089-1090		Weight gain recode (pounds)	See note
NTWTGNR	44	04 Four pounds or less	
	2370	05-59	
	62	60 Sixty pounds or more	
	1121	88 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	

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OBSTETRIC PROCEDURES			
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Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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1091		Amniocentesis	See note
NTAMNIO	85	1 Procedure reported	
	3366	2 Procedure not reported	
	146	3 Procedure not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1092		Electronic fetal monitoring	See note
NTMONITO	2417	1 Procedure reported	
	1034	2 Procedure not reported	
	146	3 Procedure not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1093		Induction of labor	See note
NTINDUCT	309	1 Procedure reported	
	3142	2 Procedure not reported	
	146	3 Procedure not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1094		Stimulation of labor	See note
NTSTIMUL	369	1 Procedure reported	
	3082	2 Procedure not reported	
	146	3 Procedure not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1095		Tocolysis	See note
NTTOCOL	64	1 Procedure reported	
	3387	2 Procedure not reported	
	146	3 Procedure not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1096		Ultrasound	See note
NTULTRAS	1683	1 Procedure reported	
	1580	2 Procedure not reported	
	140	3 Procedure not classifiable	
	194	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	

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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
1097		Other obstetric procedures	See note
NTOTHROB	131	1 Procedure reported	
	3320	2 Procedure not reported	
	146	3 Procedure not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	

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 COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY  
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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
1098 NTFEBRIL		Febrile (>100 degrees F. or 38 degrees C.)	See note
	46	1    Complication reported	
	3380	2    Complication not reported	
	171	3    Complication not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1099 NTMECONI		Meconium, moderate/heavy	See note
	216	1    Complication reported	
	3209	2    Complication not reported	
	171	3    Complication not classifiable	
	1	8    Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1100 NTRUPTUR		Premature rupture of membrane (>12 hours)	See note
	131	1    Complication reported	
	3295	2    Complication not reported	
	171	3    Complication not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1101 NTABRUPT		Abruptio placenta	See note
	14	1    Complication reported	
	3412	2    Complication not reported	
	171	3    Complication not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1102 NTREPLAC		Placenta previa	See note
	7	1    Complication reported	
	3419	2    Complication not reported	
	171	3    Complication not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	



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NATALITY RECORD			
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Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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1103		Other excessive bleeding	See note
NTEXCBLD	15	1 Complication reported	
	3411	2 Complication not reported	
	171	3 Complication not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1104		Seizures during labor	See note
NTSEIZUR	3426	2 Complication not reported	
	171	3 Complication not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1105		Precipitous labor (<3 hours)	See note
NTPRECIP	64	1 Complication reported	
	3362	2 Complication not reported	
	171	3 Complication not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1106		Prolonged labor (>20 hours)	See note
NTPRLONG	35	1 Complication reported	
	3391	2 Complication not reported	
	171	3 Complication not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1107		Dysfunctional labor	See note
NTDYSFUN	105	1 Complication reported	
	3321	2 Complication not reported	
	171	3 Complication not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1108		Breech/malpresentation	See note
NTBREECH	117	1 Complication reported	
	3309	2 Complication not reported	
	171	3 Complication not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	

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Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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1109		Cephalopelvic disproportion	See note
NTCEPHAL	118	1    Complication reported	
	2851	2    Complication not reported	
	74	3    Complication not classifiable	
	554	8    Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1110		Cord prolapse	See note
NTCORD	14	1    Complication reported	
	3353	2    Complication not reported	
	171	3    Complication not classifiable	
	59	8    Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1111		Anesthetic complications	See note
NTANESTH	4	1    Complication reported	
	3091	2    Complication not reported	
	77	3    Complication not classifiable	
	425	8    Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1112		Fetal distress	See note
NTDISTRE	140	1    Complication reported	
	2954	2    Complication not reported	
	77	3    Complication not classifiable	
	426	8    Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1113		Other complications of labor and/or delivery	See note
NTOTHRLB	292	1    Complication reported	
	3134	2    Complication not reported	
	171	3    Complication not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	

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Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
1114		Anemia (Hct.<39/Hgb.<13)	See note
NTNANEMI	6	1 Condition reported	
	3393	2 Condition not reported	
	198	3 Condition not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1115		Birth injury	See note
NTINJURY	3	1 Condition reported	
	3029	2 Condition not reported	
	101	3 Condition not classifiable	
	464	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1116		Fetal alcohol syndrome	See note
NTALCOSY	3269	2 Condition not reported	
	197	3 Condition not classifiable	
	131	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1117		Hyaline membrane disease	See note
NTHYALIN	15	1 Condition reported	
	3384	2 Condition not reported	
	198	3 Condition not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1118		Meconium aspiration syndrome	See note
NTMECONS	9	1 Condition reported	
	3262	2 Condition not reported	
	197	3 Condition not classifiable	
	129	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	

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NATALITY RECORD			
Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
1119		Assisted ventilation, less than 30	See note
NTVENL30		minutes	
	31	1 Condition reported	
	3114	2 Condition not reported	
	193	3 Condition not classifiable	
	259	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1120		Assisted ventilation, 30 minutes or more	See note
NTVEN30M			
	14	1 Condition reported	
	3131	2 Condition not reported	
	193	3 Condition not classifiable	
	259	8 Blank but applicable	
	5239	Blank	
1121		Other abnormal conditions of the newborn	See note
NTOTHABR		recode	
	112	1 Condition reported	
	3287	2 Condition not reported	
	198	8 Condition not classifiable	
	5239	Blank	
1122		Other circulatory/respiratory anomalies	See note
NTCIRCUL			
	4	1 Anomaly reported	
	7270	2 Anomaly not reported	
	461	3 Anomaly not classifiable	
	44	8 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1123		Club foot	See note
NTCLUBFT			
	45	1 Anomaly reported	
	7273	2 Anomaly not reported	
	461	3 Anomaly not classifiable	
	1057	Blank	

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Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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1124		Other musculoskeletal/integumental	See note
NTMUSCUL		anomalies	
	6	1 Anomaly reported	
	7268	2 Anomaly not reported	
	461	3 Anomaly not classifiable	
	44	8 Blank but applicable	
	1057	Blank	
1125		Major congenital anomalies recode	See note
NTCONMJR		1 Anomaly reported	
	6	2 Anomaly not reported	
	7268	8 Blank but applicable	
	505	Blank	
	1057	Blank	
1126		Minor congenital anomalies recode	See note
NTCONMNR		1 Anomaly reported	
	33	2 Anomaly not reported	
	7241	8 Blank but applicable	
	505	Blank	
	1057	Blank	

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 REPORTING FLAG VARIABLES  
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Positions SAS name	Counts	Item description and code	Notes
1127 NTFLMSST	80 4100 4656	Marital status (by state) 0 The item is not reported 1 The item is reported Blank	
1128 NTFLEPST	1752 2428 4656	Education of parents (by state) 0 The item is not reported 1 The item is reported Blank	
1129 NTFLEDM	147 3450 5239	Education of mother 0 The item is not reported 1 The item is reported or partially reported Blank	
1130 NTFLEDF	147 3450 5239	Education of father 0 The item is not reported 1 The item is reported or partially reported Blank	
1131 NTFLNMST	34 4146 4656	Date of last menses (by state) 0 The item is not reported 1 The item is reported Blank	
1132 NTFLLBST	670 3510 4656	Date of last live birth (by state) 0 The item is not reported 1 The item is reported Blank	

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NATALITY RECORD			
Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
1133		Date of last other termination (by state)	
NTFLLTST	670	0	The item is not reported
	3510	1	The item is reported
	4656	Blank	
1134		Number of prenatal visits (by state)	
NTFLPVST	984	0	The item is not reported
	3196	1	The item is reported
	4656	Blank	
1135		One minute Apgar score (by state)	
NTFL1APS	2777	0	The item is not reported
	5000	1	The item is reported
	1059	Blank	
1136		Five minute Apgar score (by state)	
NTFL5APS	2777	0	The item is not reported
	5000	1	The item is reported
	1059	Blank	
1137		Clinical estimate of gestation	
NTFLGEST	711	0	The item is not reported
	2886	1	The item is reported or partially reported
	5239	Blank	
1138		Tobacco use	
NTFLT0BU	1032	0	The item is not reported
	2565	1	The item is reported or partially reported
	5239	Blank	

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----- NATALITY RECORD -----			
Positions		Item description	
SAS name	Counts	and code	Notes
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	1139	Alcohol use	
NTFLALCU	1029	0	The item is not reported
	2568	1	The item is reported or partially reported
	5239	Blank	
	1140	Weight gain	
NTFLWTGN	711	0	The item is not reported
	2886	1	The item is reported or partially reported
	5239	Blank	
	1141	Congenital anomalies	
NTFLCONG	279	0	The item is not reported
	3318	1	The item is reported or partially reported
	5239	Blank	



## GENERAL NOTES

Many variables on this data file were recoded to protect confidentiality. The minimum or maximum categories were collapsed in order to prevent potential identification of individuals.

A few variables from the birth certificates, age of mother or father, race, Hispanic origin, marital status of mother, gestation period, and plurality were imputed.

Variables beginning with the letters NTFLL... are reporting flags which indicate whether or not the specified item is included on the birth certificates of the state of residence OR that the SMSA of residence is composed entirely of state(s) which report the specified item.

Variables that contain a blank or missing value on a record indicate that the variable did not appear on that state's birth certificates. Variables that contain a code of 8, 88, 888, etc. where the documentation says the code stands for "blank but applicable" indicate that the item to be completed did appear on the state's standard birth certificate but there was no codable value on the birth record for this particular child.

Analysts should use caution when using NTOUTCOM (outcome of previous delivery), interval since last delivery (NTINDLVR), interval since last pregnancy (NTINTPGR), and interval since last other termination (NTISLTR). These variables were not computed if the month or year of last other termination was blank even when it is clear that the mother never had any fetal deaths, miscarriages, or abortions. For example, the total birth order may be stated as 2, the number of previous live births may be stated as 1, and the month and year of last live birth may be given. It seems obvious that the mother had no other terminations, but if the date of last other termination was blank on the birth certificate file, the NTOUTCOM variable was not computed (it is blank) and the other intervals that involve the date of last other termination (NTINDLVR, NTINTPGR, and NTISLTR) are blank.

DMPFSEQ: Family sequence number

This variable can be used to determine all family members who participated in the survey. Sample persons who have identical family sequence numbers (i.e., match on all 5 digits) are members of the same family.

DMPSTAT: Examination/interview status

This variable identifies the interview or examination status of all persons selected for the NHANES III sample. Interviewed persons completed preselected questions in specific sections of the Household Adult or Youth Questionnaires. Mobile examination center (MEC) examined persons were interviewed and successfully completed at least one examination component in the MEC. Home-examined persons were interviewed and successfully completed at least one home examination component. The home examination was an option for frail older adults, infants 2-11 months of age, and other adults who were unable to come to the MEC.

DMARETHN: Race-ethnicity

This variable, based on the NHANES III survey design, was derived from many sources of data and is based on reported race and ethnicity. The "Other" category includes all Hispanics, regardless of race, who were not Mexican-American and also includes all non-Hispanics from racial groups other than white or black.

DMARACER: Race

This variable was obtained from two primary sources: the Screener and the Family Questionnaire. Prior to the selection of the sample, race (Black, White, Other) was self-reported or reported by proxy in the Screener Questionnaire. During the administration of the Family Questionnaire, race was self-reported or reported by the respondent of the Family Questionnaire from five categories (Aleut, Eskimo, American Indian; Asian or Pacific Islander; Black; White; Other). Responses from the two sources were adjudicated, as necessary, to create a three level variable (Black, White, Other).

DMAETHNR: Ethnicity

This variable was obtained from two primary sources: the Screener and the Family Questionnaire. As part of both interviews, hand cards were used to determine Mexican/Mexican-American or Other Latin American/ Spanish ancestry or national origin. Responses of non-Hispanic ancestry or national origin were categorized as "Other." Responses from the two interviews were adjudicated, as necessary, and this three level variable was created.

HSAGEIR: Age at interview (Screener)

Age is calculated using the birth date which is obtained from the Screener Questionnaire. The variable HSAGEU provides the age unit (months or years) for HSAGEIR.

HSAITMOR: Age at interview in months (Screener)

Age of the sample child in months is calculated by computing number of months between the Screener Questionnaire date and the child's date of birth. This variable is created for analyses where exact age at the interview is needed. HSAITMOR differs slightly from the age in years (HSAGEIR), the variable most often used for analyses.

HSFSIZER: Family Size

Family size represents the total number of related persons living in a household (single dwelling unit). All household members are rostered by family during the Screener interview. Household members related to the family reference person (knowledgeable household member 17 years or older who owned or rented the dwelling unit) by blood or marriage are considered part of the family. Adopted children, foster- and god-children are also included, if they were living in the dwelling unit. However, family members who are away at college or living independently are not included. Other household members who were unrelated to the reference person are considered members of separate families. See note for Household Size (HSHSIZER).

HSHSIZER: Household Size

Household size represents the total number of persons living in a single dwelling unit, both related and unrelated. All permanent household members are rostered according to their family as part the Screener interview. This is done in order to obtain a complete list of all persons living or staying in the dwelling unit, and to distinguish household and family members. See note for Family Size (HFHSIZER).

DMPMETRO: Urbanization classification based on USDA Rural-Urban continuum codes

These classifications are based on the USDA Rural-Urban codes (Butler and Beale, 1993) that describe metropolitan and non-metropolitan counties by degree of urbanization and nearness to metropolitan areas. The USDA codes are recoded into two categories to prevent identification of counties that were sampled in the survey.

DMPCREGN: Census region

The United States was divided into four broad geographic regions as defined by the Bureau of Census. Because all states were not included in the selected sample, regional estimates may not be representative for a given region.

DMPPIR: Poverty income ratio (or poverty index)

The poverty income ratio (PIR) is computed as a ratio of two components. The numerator is the midpoint of the observed family income category in the Family Questionnaire variable: HFF19R. The denominator is the poverty threshold based on the family composition, the age of family reference person, and the calendar year in which the family was interviewed.

Poverty threshold values (in dollars) are produced annually by the Census Bureau (Series P-60). These threshold values are based on calendar years and adjusted for changes caused by inflation between calendar years. Reports for each of the calendar years in the survey (1988-94) were used in the calculation of PIR. For the years 1991 and 1994, data from preliminary reports were used. The poverty income ratio allows income data to be analyzed in a comparable manner across the six years of the survey and with previous NHANES.

Persons who reported having had no income are assigned a zero value for PIR. A substantial proportion of persons refused to report their income or income category during the Family Questionnaire. Due to the income nonresponse the potential for bias in PIR may be high. Users are cautioned to examine potential nonresponse bias for PIR and other income variables.

Survey Design Data

SDPPHASE: Phase of NHANES III survey

For operational purposes, 81 primary sampling units are divided into 89 survey locations (or stands) and randomly allocated to two three-year phases. Phase 1 data were collected from October 1988 through October 1991 and Phase 2 data were collected from October 1991 through October 1994.

SDPPSU6, SDPPSU1, SDPPSU2 and SDPSTRA6, SDPSTRA1, SDPSTRA2: Pseudo PSU pair

codes and pseudo strata codes

Because NHANES III is based upon a complex sample design, the assumptions of many statistical tests and routinely available statistical programs are not met. For this reason, when estimates of the variances of statistics are computed, the technique of estimation must be based upon complex sampling theory. In order to provide users with the capability of estimating the complex sample variances, 49 pseudo strata and a pair of Primary Sampling Unit (PSU) codes per stratum were designed.

A software package, "SUDAAN- Software for the Statistical Analysis of Correlated Data" (Shah, 1995), was developed by the Research Triangle Institute to analyze complex sample design data like NHANES. SUDAAN uses strata and PSU codes to conduct analysis with two PSU per stratum design. Therefore, definitions of pseudo strata and PSU provided in this data file should be used to compute complex sample variances in analyses. Other software available for estimation of complex sample variance may also be used. For further discussion of methods of variance estimation in NHANES III, see additional information on this subject in Weighting and Estimation Methodology (U.S. DHHS, 1996) and NHANES III Analytic and Reporting Guidelines (U.S. DHHS, 1996).

#### Sampling Weights

WTPFQX6, WTPFQX1, WTPFQX2: Total NHANES III and phase-specific final interview weights

These sampling weights are used only for items collected during the household interviews. To compute final interview weights, final basic weights were first adjusted for nonresponse to household interview, then post-stratified to the unpublished Current Population Survey 1990 (Phase 1) and 1993 (Phase 2) population control estimates of the U.S. population adjusted for undercount. For details, see Weighting and Estimation Methodology (U.S. DHHS, 1996) and NHANES III Analytic and Reporting Guidelines (U.S. DHHS, 1996).

WTPFEX6, WTPFEX1, WTPFEX2: Total NHANES III and phase-specific final MEC examination weights

These MEC sampling weights are used for analysis of measurements or interview items collected in the MEC. Persons who were not examined in the MEC have a sampling weight of zero and should be excluded from analyses. To compute final MEC examination weights, final interview weights were first adjusted for nonresponse to MEC examinations, then post-stratified to the unpublished Current Population Survey 1990 (Phase 1) and 1993 (Phase 2) population control estimates of the U.S. population adjusted for undercount. For details, see Weighting and Estimation Methodology (U.S. DHHS, 1996) and NHANES III Analytic and Reporting Guidelines (U.S. DHHS, 1996).

WTPFHX6, WTPFHX1, WTPFHX2: Total NHANES III and phase-specific MEC+home examination weights

These MEC+home sampling weights are used for analysis of the examination items where measurements or interview items were collected in the MEC and home. Persons who were not examined in the MEC or home have a sampling weight of zero and should be excluded from analyses. To compute final MEC+home examination

weights, final interview weights were first adjusted for non-response to MEC and home examinations, then post-stratified to unpublished Current Population Survey 1990 (Phase 1) and 1993 (Phase 2) population control estimates of the U.S. population adjusted for undercount. No separate sampling weights were computed for home examinees. For details, see Weighting and Estimation Methodology (U.S. DHHS, 1996) and NHANES III Analytic and Reporting Guidelines (U.S. DHHS, 1996).

WTPFALG6, WTPFALG1, WTPFALG2: Total NHANES III and phase-specific allergy examination subsample weights

These subsample weights are for analysis of allergy measurements. Allergy skin reactivity tests were administered to all MEC-examined persons aged 6-19 years and a random half-sample of the adults aged 20-59 years. Eligible MEC-examined persons who did not complete the allergy tests have a sampling weight of zero and

should be excluded from the analyses. Final MEC examination weights were first adjusted for selection of the half-sample among adults (20-59 years), and post-stratified to the unpublished Current Population Survey 1990 (Phase 1) and 1993 (Phase 2) population control estimates of the U.S. population adjusted for undercount in the final step. For details, see Weighting and Estimation Methodology (U.S. DHHS, 1996) and NHANES III Analytic and Reporting Guidelines (U.S. DHHS, 1996).

WTPQRP1--WTPQRP52: Fay's BRR Replicate interview sample weights

To allow for alternative methods to estimate variance, 52 replicate weights were computed using repeated sampling method where WESVAR or other software that use repeated samples can be used for estimating variance. Fay's method (see Fay, 1990; Judkins, 1990) was used to draw half samples and adjust sampling weights in

each of the random half samples. Sampling weights in one half sample were multiplied by the factor  $k=1.7$  and in the other half sample by  $k=0.3$  using the Fay's method. After this adjustment, sampling weights were further adjusted for non-response and post-stratified using the same procedure as the final full sample interview weights. These weights should be used only for estimating variance of items from the household adult and youth interviews. For details, see Weighting and Estimation Methodology (U.S. DHHS, 1996) and NHANES III Analytic and Reporting Guidelines (U.S. DHHS, 1996).

WTPXRP1--WTPXRP52: Fay's BRR Replicate weights for MEC-examined sample

To allow for alternative methods to estimate variance, 52 replicate weights were computed using repeated sampling method where WESVAR or other BRR type software can be used to estimate variance. Fay's method (see Fay, 1990; Judkins, 1990) was used to draw half samples and adjust sampling weights in each of the random half samples. Sampling weights in one half sample were multiplied by the factor  $k=1.7$  and in the other half sample by  $k=0.3$  using Fay's method. After this adjustment, weights were further adjusted for nonresponse and were post-stratified using the same procedure as the full sample final weights. These

weights should be used only for estimating variance of outcome measurements or interview items from the MEC Examination. For details, see additional information on this subject in Weighting and Estimation Methodology U.S. DHHS, 1996) and NHANES III Analytic and Reporting Guidelines (U.S. DHHS, 1996).

Data Based on Birth Certificates

FOR IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE VARIABLES WHICH ALL BEGIN WITH THE LETTERS "NT", PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE SECTION ENTITLED: CLASSIFICATION IN "Vital Statistics Classification and Coding Instructions for Live Birth Records, 1994," NCHS Instruction Manual, Part 3a.

The general rules used to classify geographic and personal items for live births are set forth in "Vital Statistics Classification and Coding Instructions for Live Birth Records, 1994," NCHS Instruction Manual, Part 3a. The classification of certain important items is discussed in the following pages.

The rules followed in the classification of geographic areas for live births are contained in the instruction manual mentioned previously. The geographic code structure is in another manual, "Vital Records Geographic Classification, 1982," NCHS Instruction Manual, Part 8.

NTCERT: Certificate availability

If a matching birth certificate could not be obtained for any reason, this variable was coded 2. Reasons for failure to obtain a matching certificate included inability to obtain parental consent, state unable to locate matching certificate, incorrect last name, missing or incorrect mother's maiden name, adopted children, incorrect birth date, wrong state or county listed on consent form, etc.

NTRSTATR: Resident status recode

Code 3, "Nonresident: State of occurrence and residence are different or mother is foreign," includes three cases where the mother resides outside of the United States, according to the birth certificate.

NTPLDEL and NTBIRATT: Place or facility of birth and attendant

The 1989 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth includes separate categories for freestanding birthing centers, the mother's residence, and clinic or doctor's office as the place of birth. In previous years, place of birth was classified simply as either "In hospital" or "Not in hospital." Births occurring in hospitals, institutions, clinics, centers, or homes were included in the category "In hospital." In this context the word "homes" does not refer to the mother's residence but to an institution, such as a home for unmarried women. Birthing centers were included in either category, depending on each State's assessment of the facility. Beginning in 1989, births occurring in clinics and in birthing centers not attached to a hospital are classified as "Not in hospital."

The "Not in hospital" category includes births for which no information is reported on place of birth. Babies born on the way to or on arrival at the hospital are classified as having been born in the hospital. This may account for some of the hospital births not delivered by physicians or midwives.

NTMETROR: Metropolitan-nonmetropolitan county of residence recode

Metropolitan statistical areas are those established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget as of April 1, 1990, and used by the U.S. Bureau of the Census (U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1991) except in the New England States.

Except in the New England States, an MSA has either a city with a population of at least 50,000, or a Bureau of the Census urbanized area of at least 50,000 and a total MSA population of at least 100,000.

In the New England States, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget uses towns and cities rather than counties as geographic components of MSAs. NCHS cannot, however, use this classification for these States because its data are not coded to identify all towns. Instead, the New England County Metropolitan Areas (NECMAs) are used. These areas are established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 1975) and are made up of county units.

Independent cities and counties included in MSAs or NECMAs are included in data for metropolitan counties; all other counties are classified as nonmetropolitan.

Code 2, "Nonmetropolitan county or foreign", includes three cases where the mother resides outside of the United States, according to the birth certificate.

NTMAGEFL: Reported age of mother used flag

This variable indicates whether the mother's age is derived from the mother's date of birth or from her age in years.

Beginning in 1989 an item on the birth certificate asks for "Date of Birth." In previous years, "Age (at time of this birth)" was requested. Not all States have revised this item, and therefore the age of mother either is derived from the reported month and year of birth or coded as stated on the certificate. The age of mother is edited for upper and lower limits. When the age of mother is computed to be under 10 years or 50 years or over, it is considered not stated and is assigned as described below.

NTMAGEIM: Age of mother imputation flag

Not stated date of birth of mother -- Beginning in 1964 birth records with date of birth of mother and/or age of mother not stated have had age imputed according to the age of mother from the previous birth record of the same race and total-birth order (total of fetal deaths and live births). (See "Vital Statistics Computer Edits for Natality Data," NCHS Instruction Manual, Part 12, page 9.)

NTMEDUCR: Education of mother recode

The educational attainment of either parent is defined as "the number of years of school completed." Only those years completed in "regular" schools are counted, that is, a formal educational system of public schools or the equivalent in accredited private or parochial schools. Business or trade schools, such as beauty and barber schools, are not considered "regular" schools for the purposes

of this item. No attempt has been made to convert years of school completed in foreign school systems, ungraded school systems, and so forth, to equivalent grades in the American school system. Such entries are included in the category "Not stated."

Persons who have completed only a partial year in high school or college are tabulated as having completed the highest preceding grade. For those certificates on which a specific degree is stated, years of school completed is coded to the level at which the degree is most commonly attained; for example, persons reporting B.A., A.B., or B.S. degrees are considered to have completed 16 years of school.

Education not stated -- The category "Not stated" includes all records in reporting areas for which there is no information on years of school completed as well as all records for which the information provided is not compatible with coding specifications.

NTMMRST: Marital status

Beginning in 1980, a birth in a nonreporting State is classified as occurring to a married woman if the parents' surnames are the same, or if the child's and father's surnames are the same and the mother's current surname cannot be obtained from the informant item of the birth certificate. A birth is classified as occurring to an unmarried woman if the father's name is missing, if the parents' surnames are different, or if the father's and child's surnames are different and the mother's current surname is missing.

When births to unmarried women are reported as second or higher-order births, it is not known whether the mother was married or unmarried when the previous deliveries occurred, because her marital status at the time of these earlier births is not available from the birth record.

NTADEQUA: Adequacy of care recode (Kessner index)

This recode is based on a modified Kessner criterion. Month Prenatal Care Began, Number of Prenatal Visits, and Gestation are the items used to generate this recode.

NTISLLBR: Interval since last live birth recode

The interval since the last live birth is the difference in months between the date of last live birth and the date of present birth. For an interval to be computed, both the month and year of the last live birth must be valid. This interval is computed only for events to mothers who have had at least one previous live birth.

Zero interval - An interval of zero months since the last live birth indicates the second born of a set of twins, the second or third born of a set of triplets, and so forth.

NTISLTR: Interval since last other termination recode



This number is the difference in months between the date of the last "other termination" (non-live birth prior to the NHANES III sample child) and the date of the NHANES III child's birth. The interval is computed only if month and year of last other termination are valid. The interval is computed only if the mother has had a previous pregnancy that terminated in a non-live birth.

NTINDLVR: Interval between deliveries recode

This variable is the number of months between the delivery just prior to that of the sample child and the date of birth of the sample child. It is calculated by subtracting the date of the previous delivery (prior to the NHANES III sample child) from the date of the NHANES III child's birth. An interval of zero indicates that the sample child is the second or higher order child of a multiple pregnancy. The interval is computed only if both the month and year of the previous delivery are valid. The date of previous delivery depends on the presence of both a valid date of last live birth and a valid date of last other termination. The interval is calculated only for cases where the mother had a delivery prior to that of the sample child.

NTOUTCOM: Outcome of last delivery

This variable refers to the delivery immediately prior to the birth of the sample child. NTOUTCOM was calculated only if both month and year of last live birth and last other termination were valid. If the sample child is the second or higher order born of a multiple pregnancy, NTOUTCOM, if present, reflects the outcome of the delivery just prior to the sample child, i.e., the older twin, triplet, etc.

NTINTPGR: Interval since last pregnancy recode

This variable represents the interval in months between the end of the last pregnancy and the beginning of the pregnancy with the sample child. The variable was computed using the date of last menstrual period (LMP), the date of last live birth, and the date of last other termination. NTINTPGR was not calculated if the month or year of LMP, of last live birth and last other termination are not all valid. Since the date of LMP is prior to the date of last live birth or other termination in a multiple delivery where the sample child is not the first born of the multiples, NTINTPGR is 0.

NTLBOR: Live birth order recode

Live-birth order indicates what number the NHANES III sample child represents; for example, a baby born to a mother who has had two previous live births (even if one or both are not now living) has a live-birth order of three. Live-birth order is determined from two items on the birth certificate, "Live births now living" and "Live births now dead."

NTMONPRE: Month of pregnancy prenatal care began

For those records in which the name of the month is entered for this item instead

of first, second, third, and so forth, the month of pregnancy in which prenatal care began is determined from the month named and the month last normal menses began. For these births, if the item "Date last normal menses began" is not stated, the month of pregnancy in which prenatal care began is tabulated as not stated.

NTFAGEFL: Reported age of father used flag

A code of 1 indicates that the father's age as reported in years on the certificate was used rather than the father's date of birth, which was not on the certificate.

NTFAGER: Age of father recode

Age of father is derived from the reported date of birth or coded as stated on the birth certificate. If the age is under 10 years, it is considered not stated and grouped with those cases for which age is not stated on the certificate.

NTFEDUCR: Education of father recode

The educational attainment of either parent is defined as "the number of years of school completed." Only those years completed in "regular" schools are counted, that is, a formal educational system of public schools or the equivalent in accredited private or parochial schools. Business or trade schools, such as beauty and barber schools, are not considered "regular" schools for the purposes of this item. No attempt has been made to convert years of school completed in foreign school systems, ungraded school systems, and so forth, to equivalent grades in the American school system. Such entries are included in the category "Not stated."

Persons who have completed only a partial year in high school or college are tabulated as having completed the highest preceding grade. For those certificates on which a specific degree is stated, years of school completed is coded to the level at which the degree is most commonly attained; for example, persons reporting B.A., A.B., or B.S. degrees are considered to have completed 16 years of school.

Education not stated--The category "Not stated" includes all records in reporting areas for which there is no information on years of school completed as well as all records for which the information provided is not compatible with coding specifications.

NTGESTFL: Clinical estimate of gestation used flag; and

NTGESTR: Period of gestation recode

The period of gestation is defined as beginning with the first day of the last normal menstrual period (LMP) and ending with the day of the birth. The LMP is used as the initial date because it can be more accurately determined than the date of conception, which usually occurs 2 weeks after the LMP.

Births occurring before 37 completed weeks of gestation are considered to be "preterm" or "premature" for purposes of classification. At 37-41 weeks gestation, births are considered to be "term," and at 42 completed weeks and

over, "postterm." These distinctions are according to the ICD-9 definitions.

The 1989 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth includes a new item, "clinical estimate of gestation," that is being compared with length of gestation computed from the LMP date when the latter appears to be inconsistent with birth weight. This is done for normal-weight births of apparently short gestations and very low-birth weight births reported to be full term. The clinical estimate also was used if the date of the LMP was not reported. In cases where the reported birth weight was inconsistent with both the LMP-computed

gestation and the clinical estimate of gestation, the LMP-computed gestation was used and birth weight was reclassified as "not stated." These changes result in only a very small discontinuity in the data. For further information on the use of the clinical estimate of gestation see "Computer Edits for Natality Data, Effective 1989," NCHS Instruction Manual, Part 12, pages 34-36.

Beginning in 1981, weeks of gestation have been imputed for records with missing day of LMP when there is a valid month and year. Each such record is assigned the gestational period in weeks of the preceding record that has a complete LMP date with the same computed months of gestation and the same 500-gram birth weight interval. The effect of the imputation procedure is to increase slightly the proportion of preterm births and to lower the proportion of births at 39, 40, 41, and 42 weeks of gestation. A more complete discussion of this procedure and its implications is presented in a previous report (Taffel S, Johnson D, Heuser R, 1982).

Because of postconception bleeding or menstrual irregularities, the presumed date of LMP may be in error. In these instances the computed gestational period may be longer or shorter than the true gestational period, but the extent of such errors is unknown.

NTSEX and NTCRACE: Sex of child and Race of child

These items may differ from the values recorded in NHANES III for this child. The NTSEX and NTCRACE variables came from the birth certificate.

NTPLURR: Plurality recode

Plurality refers to a multiple pregnancy, i.e., twins, triplets, etc. If the child on the certificate was part of a multiple pregnancy, this variable will reflect that status regardless of the birth order within the multiples. Even if the other twin, triplet, etc. was a fetal death, the plurality variable will still reflect the multiple pregnancy.

NTOMAPSR and NTFMAPSR: One minute and Five minute Apgar score recodes

One- and 5-minute Apgar scores were added to the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth in 1978 to evaluate the condition of the newborn infant at 1 and 5 minutes after birth. The Apgar score is a useful measure of the need for resuscitation and a predictor of the infant's chances of surviving the first year of life. It is a summary measure of the infant's condition based on heart rate, respiratory effort, muscle tone, reflex irritability, and color. Each of these factors is given a score of 0, 1, or 2; the sum of these 5 values is the Apgar score, which ranges from 0 to 10. A score of 10 is optimal, and a low score raises some doubts about the survival and subsequent health of the infant.

NTVAGINA, NTVBAC, NTPRIMAC, NTREPEAC, NTDELIVR, NTFORCEP, NTVACUUM:

Methods of delivery - Vaginal, Vaginal birth after previous C-section, Primary C-section, Repeat C-section, Vaginal or C-section recode, Forceps, and Vacuum.

The birth certificate contains a check box item on method of delivery. The choices include vaginal delivery, with the additional options of forceps, vacuum, and vaginal birth after previous cesarean section (VBAC), as well as a choice of primary or repeat cesarean. When only forceps, vacuum, or VBAC is checked, a vaginal birth is assumed.

NTAORHR, NTCARDIA, NTLUNG, NTDIABET, NTHERPES, NTHYDRA, NTCHYPER, NTPHYPER, NTECLAMP, NTINCERV, NTPR4000, NTPRTERM, NTRENAL, NTRH, NTUTERIN, NTOTHRMR:

Medical risk factors for this pregnancy - Anemia or hemoglobinopathy recode (also see separate note below for NTAORHR), Cardiac disease, Acute or chronic lung disease, Diabetes, Genital herpes, Hydramnios/Oligohydramnios, Chronic hypertension, Pregnancy-associated hypertension, Eclampsia, Incompetent cervix, Previous infant 4000+ grams, Previous infant preterm or small for gestational age, Renal disease, RH sensitization, Uterine bleeding, or Other medical risk factors.

The birth certificate format allows for the designation of more than one risk factor and includes a choice of "None." Accordingly, if the item is not completed, it is classified as "Not stated."

The following definitions are adapted and abbreviated from a set of definitions compiled by a committee of Federal and State health statistics officials for the Association for Vital Records and Health Statistics (Brockert JE, Stockbauer JW, Senner JW, et al, 1990).

Anemia--Hemoglobin level of less than 10.0 g/dL during pregnancy or a hematocrit of less than 30 percent during pregnancy.

Cardiac disease--Disease of the heart.

Acute or chronic lung disease--Disease of the lungs during pregnancy.

Diabetes--Metabolic disorder characterized by excessive discharge of urine and persistent thirst; includes juvenile onset, adult onset, and gestational diabetes during pregnancy.

Genital herpes--Infection of the skin of the genital area by herpes simplex virus.

Hydramnios/Oligohydramnios--Any noticeable excess (hydramnios) or lack (oligohydramnios) of amniotic fluid.

Hemoglobinopathy--A blood disorder caused by alteration in the genetically determined molecular structure of hemoglobin (for example, sickle cell anemia).

Hypertension, chronic--Blood pressure persistently greater than 140/90, diagnosed prior to onset of pregnancy or before the 20th week of gestation.

Hypertension, pregnancy-associated--An increase in blood pressure of at least 30 mm Hg systolic or 15 mm Hg diastolic on two measurements taken 6 hours apart after the 20th week of gestation.

Eclampsia--The occurrence of convulsions and/or coma unrelated to other cerebral conditions in women with signs and symptoms of pre-eclampsia.

Incompetent cervix--Characterized by painless dilation of the cervix in the second trimester or early in the third trimester of pregnancy, with prolapse of membranes through the cervix and ballooning of the membranes into the vagina, followed by rupture of membranes and subsequent expulsion of the fetus.

Previous infant 4,000+ grams--The birth weight of a previous live-born child was over 4,000 grams (8 lbs 13 oz).

Previous preterm or small-for-gestational-age infant--Previous birth of an infant prior to term (before 37 completed weeks of gestation) or of an infant weighing less than the 10th percentile for gestational age using a standard weight-for-age chart.

Renal disease--Kidney disease.

Rh sensitization--the process or state of becoming sensitized to the Rh factor as when an Rh-negative woman is pregnant with an Rh-positive fetus.

Uterine bleeding--Any clinically significant bleeding during the pregnancy, taking into consideration the stage of pregnancy; any second or third trimester bleeding of the uterus prior to the onset of labor.

NTAORHR: Anemia or hemoglobinopathy recode

The anemia and hemoglobinopathy variables are combined due to small cell sizes in order to prevent potential identification of individuals.

NTTOBACR, NTCIGARR, NTALCOHR, NTDRINKR: Tobacco and alcohol use during pregnancy recodes

The check box format on the birth certificate allows for classification of a mother as a smoker or drinker during pregnancy and for reporting the average number of cigarettes smoked per day or drinks consumed per week. When smoking and/or drinking status is not reported or is inconsistent with the quantity of cigarettes or drinks reported, the status is changed to be consistent with the amount reported. For example, if the drinking status is reported as "no" but one or more average drinks a week are reported, the mother is classified as a drinker. If the number of cigarettes smoked per day is reported as one or more, the mother is considered a smoker. When one (or a fraction of one) drink a week is recorded, the mother is classified as a drinker. For records on which the

number of drinks or number of cigarettes is reported as a span, for example, 10-15, the lower number is used. The number of drinkers and number of drinks reported on birth certificates are believed to underestimate actual alcohol use.

NTWTGNR: Weight gain (during pregnancy) recode

Weight gain is reported in pounds. A loss of weight is reported as zero gain.

NTAMNIO, NTMONITO, NTINDUCT, NTSTIMUL, NTTOCOL, NTULTRAS, NTOTHROB:

Obstetric procedures - Amniocentesis, Electronic fetal monitoring, Induction of labor, Stimulation of Labor, Tocolysis, Ultrasound, Other obstetric procedures

This birth certificate item includes six specific obstetric procedures. Birth records with "Obstetric procedures" left blank are considered "not stated."

The following definitions are adapted and abbreviated from a set of definitions compiled by a committee of Federal and State health statistics officials for the Association for Vital Records and Health Statistics (Brockert JE, Stockbauer JW, Senner JW, et al, 1990).

Amniocentesis--Surgical transabdominal perforation of the uterus to obtain amniotic fluid to be used in the detection of genetic disorders, fetal abnormalities, and fetal lung maturity.

Electronic fetal monitoring--Monitoring with external devices applied to the maternal abdomen or with internal devices with an electrode attached to the fetal scalp and a catheter through the cervix into the uterus, to detect and record fetal heart tones and uterine contractions.

Induction of labor--The initiation of uterine contractions before the spontaneous onset of labor by medical and/or surgical means for the purpose of delivery.

Stimulation of labor--Augmentation of previously established labor by use of oxytocin.

Tocolysis--Use of medications to inhibit preterm uterine contractions to extend the length of pregnancy and therefore avoid a preterm birth.

Ultrasound--Visualization of the fetus and placenta by means of sound waves.

NTFEBRIL, NTMECONI, NTRUPTUR, NTABRUPT, NTREPLAC, NTEXCBLD, NTSEIZUR, NTPRECIP, NTPRLONG, NTDYSFUN, NTBREECH, NTCEPHAL, NTCORD, NTANESTH, NTDISTRE, NTOTHRLB:

Complications of labor and/or delivery - Febrile, Meconium- moderate/heavy, Premature rupture of membrane, Abruptio placenta, Placenta previa, Other excessive bleeding, Seizures during labor, Precipitous labor, Prolonged labor, Dysfunctional labor, Breech/malpresentation, Cephalopelvic disproportion, Cord prolapse, Anesthetic complications, Fetal distress, Other complications of labor and/or delivery

The birth certificate check box format allows for the selection of 15 specific complications and for the designation of more than 1 complication where appropriate. A choice of "None" is also included. Accordingly, if the item is

not completed, it is classified as "not stated." Not all of the complications were reported by all reporting States.

The following definitions are adapted and abbreviated from a set of definitions compiled by a committee of Federal and State health statistics officials for the Association for Vital Records and Health Statistics (Brockert JE, Stockbauer JW, Senner JW, et al, 1990).

Febrile--A fever greater than 100 degrees F. or 38 C. occurring during labor and/or delivery.

Meconium, moderate/heavy--Meconium consists of undigested debris from swallowed amniotic fluid, various products of secretion, excretion and shedding by the gastrointestinal tract; moderate to heavy amounts of meconium in the amniotic fluid noted during labor and/or delivery.

Premature rupture of membranes (more than 12 hours)--Rupture of the membranes at any time during pregnancy and more than 12 hours before the onset of labor.

Abruptio placenta--Premature separation of a normally implanted placenta from the uterus.

Placenta previa--Implantation of the placenta over or near the internal opening of the cervix.

Other excessive bleeding--The loss of a significant amount of blood from conditions other than abruptio placenta or placenta previa.

Seizures during labor--Maternal seizures occurring during labor from any cause.

Precipitous labor (less than 3 hours)--Extremely rapid labor and delivery lasting less than 3 hours.

Prolonged labor (more than 20 hours)--Abnormally slow progress of labor lasting more than 20 hours.

Dysfunctional labor--Failure to progress in a normal pattern of labor.

Breech/Malpresentation--At birth, the presentation of the fetal buttocks rather than the head, or other malpresentation.

Cephalopelvic disproportion--The relationship of the size, presentation and position of the fetal head to the maternal pelvis prevents dilation of the cervix and/or descent of the fetal head.

Cord prolapse--Premature expulsion of the umbilical cord in labor before the fetus is delivered.

Anesthetic complications--Any complication during labor and/or delivery brought on by an anesthetic agent or agents.

Fetal distress--Signs indicating fetal hypoxia (deficiency in amount of oxygen reaching fetal tissues).

NTNANEMI, NTINJURY, NTALCOSY, NTHYALIN, NTMECONS, NTVENL30,  
NTVEN30M, NTOTHABR:

Abnormal conditions of the newborn - Anemia, Birth injury, Fetal alcohol syndrome, Hyaline membrane disease, Meconium aspiration syndrome, Assisted ventilation less than 30 minutes, Assisted ventilation 30 minutes or more, Other abnormal conditions of the newborn recode

This certificate item provides information on eight specific abnormal conditions.

More than one abnormal condition may be reported for a given birth or "None" may be selected. If the item is not completed it is tabulated as "not stated."

The following definitions are adapted and abbreviated from a set of definitions compiled by a committee of Federal and State health statistics officials for the Association for Vital Records and Health Statistics (Brockert JE, Stockbauer JW, Senner JW, et al, 1990).

Anemia--Hemoglobin level of less than 13.0 g/dL or a hematocrit of less than 39 percent.

Birth injury--Impairment of the infant's body function or structure due to adverse influences that occurred at birth.

Fetal alcohol syndrome--A syndrome of altered prenatal growth and development occurring in infants born of women who consumed excessive amounts of alcohol during pregnancy.

Hyaline membrane disease/RDS--A disorder primarily of prematurity, manifested clinically by respiratory distress and pathologically by pulmonary hyaline membranes and incomplete expansion of the lungs at birth.

Meconium aspiration syndrome--Aspiration of meconium by the fetus or newborn, affecting the lower respiratory system.

Assisted ventilation (less than 30 minutes)--A mechanical method of assisting respiration for newborns with respiratory failure.

Assisted ventilation (30 minutes or more)--Newborn placed on assisted ventilation for 30 minutes or longer.

Seizures--A seizure of any etiology.

NTOTHABR: Other abnormal conditions of the newborn recode

This category includes seizures. The two categories were combined because of small cell sizes in order to prevent potential identification of individuals.

NTCIRCUL, NTCLUBFT, NTMUSCUL, NTCONMJR, NTCONMNR: Congenital anomalies of child - Other circulatory/respiratory anomalies, Club foot, Other musculoskeletal/integumental anomalies, Major congenital anomalies recode, Minor congenital anomalies recode

The data provided in this certificate item relate to 21 specific anomalies or anomaly groups. It is well documented that congenital anomalies, except for the



most visible and most severe, are incompletely reported on birth certificates. The completeness of reporting specific anomalies depends on how easily they are recognized in the short time between birth and birth registration. The format allows for the identification of more than one anomaly including a choice of "None" should no anomalies be evident. The category "not stated" includes birth records for which the item is not completed.

The following definitions are adapted and abbreviated from a set of definitions compiled by a committee of Federal and State health statistics officials for the Association for Vital Records and Health Statistics (Brockert JE, Stockbauer JW, Senner JW, et al, 1990).

Anencephalus--Absence of the cerebral hemispheres.

Spina Bifida/meningocele--Developmental anomaly characterized by defective closure of the bony encasement of the spinal cord, through which the cord and meninges may or may not protrude.

Hydrocephalus--Excessive accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid within the ventricles of the brain with consequent enlargement of the cranium.

Microcephalus--A significantly small head.

Other central nervous system anomalies--Other specified anomalies of the brain, spinal cord, and nervous system.

Heart malformations--Congenital anomalies of the heart.

Other circulatory/respiratory anomalies--Other specified anomalies of the circulatory and respiratory systems.

Rectal atresia/stenosis--Congenital absence, closure, or narrowing of the rectum.

Tracheo-esophageal fistula/Esophageal atresia--An abnormal passage between the trachea and the esophagus; esophageal atresia is the congenital absence or closure of the esophagus.

Omphalocele/gastroschisis--An omphalocele is a protrusion of variable amounts of abdominal viscera from a midline defect at the base of the umbilicus. In gastroschisis, the abdominal viscera protrude through an abdominal wall defect, usually on the right side of the umbilical cord insertion.

Other gastrointestinal anomalies--Other specified congenital anomalies of the gastrointestinal system.

Malformed genitalia--Congenital anomalies of the reproductive organs.

Renal agenesis--One or both kidneys are completely absent.

Other urogenital anomalies--Other specified congenital anomalies of the organs concerned in the production and excretion of urine, together with organs of reproduction.

Cleft lip/palate--Cleft lip is a fissure of elongated opening of the lip; cleft palate is a fissure in the roof of the mouth. These are failures of embryonic development.

Polydactyly/syndactyly/adactyly--Polydactyly is the presence of more than five digits on either hands and/or feet; syndactyly is having fused or webbed fingers and/or toes; adactyly is the absence of fingers and/or toes.

Club foot--Deformities of the foot, which is twisted out of shape or position.

Diaphragmatic hernia--Herniation of the abdominal contents through the diaphragm into the thoracic cavity usually resulting in respiratory distress.

Other musculoskeletal/integumental anomalies--Other specified congenital anomalies of the muscles, skeleton, or skin.

Down's syndrome--The most common chromosomal defect with most cases resulting from an extra chromosome (trisomy 21).

Other chromosomal anomalies--All other chromosomal aberrations.

NTCONMJR: Major congenital anomalies of newborn recode

This variable combines several categories of anomalies because of small cell sizes and the need to prevent possible identification of individuals.

Anomalies that may have been combined in this category include: Anencephalus, Spina bifida/meningocele, Hydrocephalus, Microcephalus, Other central nervous system anomalies, Heart malformations, Tracheo-esophageal fistula/Esophageal atresia, Omphalocele/gastroschisis, Other gastrointestinal anomalies, Renal agenesis, Down's syndrome, and Other chromosomal anomalies

NTCONMNR: Minor congenital anomalies of newborn recode

This variable combines several categories of anomalies because of small cell sizes and the need to prevent possible identification of individuals.

Anomalies that may have been combined in this category include:

Rectal atresia/stenosis, Malformed genitalia, Other urogenital anomalies, Cleft lip/palate, Polydactyly/syndactyly/adactyly, Club foot, Diaphragmatic hernia, Other musculoskeletal/integumental anomalies, and Other congenital anomalies

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