

National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: September 16, 2009

Error reported for variables:

GMDCbQ29: Did you work at a job or a business at any point since this child's birth?
 GWBCcQ1B: Did you work at a job or business at any point between this child's birth and when this child started school?
 GMDCbQ31: How many hours a week did you usually work at that time?
 GWBCcQ4A: Have you worked continuously since then?
 GWBCcQ4B: Did you work continuously between when you started to work and until this child started school?
 GWBCcD2B: Age of child (in months) when the mother started working
 GLTCf03: How many months old was this child when you or your spouse started to read to him or show picture books?
 GCRCdQ6B: What age was this child when he was first placed in any child care arrangement?
 GCSCgD3: What was this child's age, in years and months, when his parents got married?
 GCSCgD7A: What was this child's age, in years and months, when his mother died?
 GCSCgD7B: What was this child's age, in years and months, when his father died?
 GCSCgD8: What was this child's age, in years and months, when his parents' break up first occurred?
 GCSCgD9: What was this child's age, in years and months, when his parents' got back together (after last separation)?
 GHLCbD4C: Birth weight in kilograms and grams
 GMDCD08: Birth weight

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 7

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2006_C7_LONG_Cdbk.pdf
 NLSCY2006_C7_LONG.txt

Description of the problem(s):

In Cycle 6, the aforementioned variables were assigned a value of "Valid skip" for youth aged 16 or 17 years old living independently (FDMCfD03=82). In Cycle 7, these cases are not treated consistently. For some variables, data has been carried-forward from a previous cycle and in other cases the variables have been set to "Not stated". Data users should be aware of this inconsistency in the data so that their population of interest is correct.

Suggested correction:

Data users should assign all records with GDMCfD03=82 (youth living independently) as "Valid skip" so that their analytical population is consistent. In Cycle 7, there were 27 youth aged 16 or 17 years old living independently.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS):

Cycle 7:

data fix; set **name of input file**;

if GDMCfD03=82 then do;

GMDCbQ29=6; GWBCcQ1B=6; GMDCbQ31=96; GWBCcQ4A=6; GWBCcQ4B=6; GWBCcD2B=999.96;

GCSCgD3=99.96; GCSCgD7A=99.96; GCSCgD7B=99.96; GCSCgD8=99.96; GCSCgD9=99.96;

GMDCD08=6; GLTCf03=96; GCRCdQ6B=96; GHLCbD4C=9.996;end;

run;

Additional information:

In Cycle 7, other errors have been identified for variables GLTCf03, GCRCdQ6B and GHLCbD4C. For more details, please refer to the errata dated March 16 and 17, 2009 and February 3, 2009.

Researchers interested in using these variables can also submit a Remote Access Data Request or Custom Tabulation.

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: September 3, 2009

Error reported for variables: GMACS01, GMACfS02, GMACgD03, GMACfD01 and GMACfD02

Math test:

- Number of correct answers – score
- Scaled score (Classical)
- Total number of questions answered by the respondent
- Level of math test taken by the child
- Language in which the child took the math test

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 7

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2006_C7_ECD.txt
NLSCY2006_C7_ECD_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2006_C7_LONG.txt
NLSCY2006_C7_LONG_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

Improper assignment of “Not stated” values for math test variables: GMACS01, GMACfS02, GMACgD03, GMACfD01 and GMACfD02.

In Cycle 7, the math tests were asked of children aged 7 to 15 years old in grades 2 to 10. However, children with an effective age of 6 years old (GMMCQ01) or not in school or in an institution (GEDCbQ0) or those whose school grade was junior kindergarten, kindergarten, grade 1 or grade 11 (GEDCfD01) have for the most received a value of “Not stated” instead of “Valid skip”. Only one child aged 6 years old was assigned a math score by mistake.

The coverage for variables GMACS01, GMACfS02, GMACgD03, GMACfD01 and GMACfD02 is also incomplete.

Suggested correction:

Recode all children 6 years of age, those who were not in school, those who were in an institution and those whose level of education was junior kindergarten, kindergarten, grade 1 or grade 11 to “Valid skip” for the aforementioned variables. This correction will modify 1,841 records on the Early Childhood Development (ECD) file and 15 records on the longitudinal file.

Coverage for variables GMACS01, GMACfS02, GMACgD03, GMACfD01 and GMACfD02 should read:

Early Childhood Development (ECD):
Children aged 7 to 9 years old in grades 2 to 10

Longitudinal file:
Children aged 12 to 15 years old in grades 2 to 10

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS):

***Early Childhood Development (ECD)** – 1,841 cases will be corrected;
data fix; set **name of input file**;

*Children aged 6 years old;
if GMMCQ01=6 then do; GMACS01=96;GMACfS02=996; GMACgD03=96; GMACfD01=96;
GMACfD02=6;end;

*Junior kindergarten, kindergarten and grade 1 children;
else if GMMCQ01 in (7,8,9) and GEDCfD01 in (2,3,4) and GMACfD01 ne 96 then do;
GMACS01=96; GMACfS02=996; GMACgD03=96; GMACfD01=96; GMACfD02=6;end;

*Children not in school or in an institution;
else if GMMCQ01 in (7,8,9) and GEDCbQ0 in (4,6) then do;
GMACS01=96; GMACfS02=996; GMACgD03=96; GMACfD01=96; GMACfD02=6;end;run;

***Longitudinal file** – 15 cases will be corrected;
data fix; set **name of input file**;

*Children not in school or in an institution;
if GEDCbQ0 in (4,6) then do;
GMACS01=96; GMACfS02=996; GMACgD03=96; GMACfD01=96; GMACfD02=6;end;

*Grade 11 children;
else if GEDCfD01=14 then do;
GMACS01=96; GMACfS02=996; GMACgD03=96; GMACfD01=96;GMACfD02=6;end;run;

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: September 2, 2009
Error reported for variables: GWTCW01L and GWTCWD1L Child longitudinal weight Longitudinal funnel weight
Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 7
Product(s) affected: NLSCY2006_C7_1217.txt NLSCY2006_C7_1217_Cdbk.pdf
Description of the problem(s): The values for the child longitudinal weight on the self-complete file are incorrect. This will result in erroneous estimates weighted using variables GWTCW01L or GWTCWD1L from the self-complete file. The weighted frequencies on the codebook for all variables are also incorrect.
Suggested correction: The values for the longitudinal and funnel weights (GWTCW01L and GWTCWD1L) on the master longitudinal file (NLSCY2006_C7_LONG.txt) and the values for the longitudinal weight (GWTCW01L) on the longitudinal bootstrap weight file for the original cohort are correct. Users need to use the longitudinal weight from the master longitudinal file or the longitudinal bootstrap file when weighting estimates coming from the self-complete file.
Suggested pseudo-code: N/A
Additional information: None
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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: July 17, 2009

Error reported for variables: AMACS02 and BMACS02

Scaled scores – Mathematics tests

Cycle(s) affected: Cycles 1 and 2

Product(s) affected: NLSCY_94_C1_PR_mas.txt
PR_C1_E.pdf
NLSCY_96_C2_PR_mas.txt
PR_C2_E.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

The additional questions in the mathematical tests in cycle 3 required re-calibrating the AMACS02 and BMACS02 scaled scores that were obtained in cycles 1 and 2. This adjustment will allow more accurate comparisons of how mathematical scores have evolved over time.

Suggested correction:

A conversion scale for the scaled scores obtained in the math tests during cycles 1 and 2 was created for certain specific education levels to make the results more comparable between the various survey cycles.

Suggested pseudo-code: N/A

Additional information:

Researchers should contact Client Services to arrange for a Remote Data Access Request or Custom Tabulation to get the new scaled scores and related documentation.

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: July 10, 2009

Error reported for variables: FMSCQ08 to FMSCQ48
GMSCQ01 to GMSCQ48

The variables used to calculate the Motor and Social Development (MSD) scores.

Cycle(s) affected: Cycles 6 and 7

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_ECD_REV_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_ECD_REV_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2006_C7_ECD.txt
NLSCY2006_C7_ECD_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

At Cycles 6 and 7, the scores of the Motor and Social Development scales (_MSCS01 and _MSCS02) are based on the valid responses to 15 specific questions among variables (_MSCQ01 to _MSCQ48). In the case of a record where only 13 or 14 valid responses were provided, the missing values were imputed in order to obtain 15 questions containing "Yes" or "No" answers. (See section 10.4 of the User Guide.)

However, the initial values (in other words before imputation and including the missing values) of the questions _MSCQ01 to _MSCQ48, which make up the MSD scores, were released rather than the imputed values. But the _MSCS01 and _MSCS02 scales at Cycles 6 and 7 are accurate and do include these imputed values.

Therefore, it will not be possible for researchers to calculate their own Motor and Social Development scores from variables _MSCQ01 to _MSCQ48 since the imputed values are not made available.

Suggested correction: N/A

Suggested pseudo-code: N/A

Additional information:

Internally, a small dataset has been created with corrections applied to the variables. This file is not being released to the RDC's at this time. If researchers are interested in using these variables they will need to submit a Remote Access Data Request or Custom Tabulation.

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: April 15, 2009
Error reported for variables: GHLCbD4D Was child born before or after the due date?
Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 7
Product(s) affected: NLSCY2006_C7_LONG.txt NLSCY2006_C7_LONG_Cdbk.pdf
Description of the problem(s): Due to data processing errors, some data on child's birth were not carried over from previous cycles, as noted in the coverage statement for variable GHLCbD4D "Was child born before or after the due date? ". In fact, for 1639 youths aged 16 to 17 years old in Cycle 7, GHLCbD4D has the value "Valid skip" rather than a valid value collected in a previous cycle. Among these 1639 cases, 509 should have had a value of (1) "Before", 507 a value of (2) "After" and 623 a value of (3) "On due date".
Suggested correction: All data available for youths aged 16 to 17 years old must first be added to variable GHLCbD4D in Cycle 7 to obtain the frequencies representative for this population. Some missing data on child's birth for the youths aged 16 to 17 years old in Cycle 7, which were interviewed in a previous cycle, can be recovered through the data available for FHLcBd4D "Was child born before or after the due date? " in Cycle 6. These children were aged 14 to 15 years old at the time.
Suggested pseudo-code (SAS): Errata_20090415.sas (Internal only) Internally, a small dataset has been created with corrections applied to variable GHLCbD4D.
Additional information: Researchers interested in this variable for the concerned age group can also submit a Remote Access Data Request or Custom Tabulation.

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: April 9, 2009

Error reported for variables: GEDYdQ84 to GEDYd109 and
GEDYg172 to GEDYdQ83

“Youth education” sections
CPSC – Currently in Post-Secondary
CHSC – Currently in High School

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 7

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2006_C7_YOUTH.txt
NLSCY2006_C7_YOUTH_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

Youth aged 16 years and older who have “Not stated” values to questions GEDYdQ01 “Are you currently in high school?” and GEDYdQ04 “Are you currently taking some education towards a diploma, certificate or degree above the high school level?” and for whom the education status was unknown at cycles 6 and 7 (GEDYfQ1A=8 and GEDYfD1C=8) have been set to “Valid skip” instead of “Not stated” for youth questionnaire sections CPSC and CHSC.

Suggested correction:

Recode variables GEDYdQ84 to GEDYd109 and GEDYg172 to GEDYdQ83 to “Not stated” values. It will correct 186 cases.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS):

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if gmmcq01 in (16,17,18,19) and GEDYdQ01=9 and GEDYdQ04=9 and GEDYfD1C=8  
and GEDYfQ1A=8 then do;
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GEDYf54A=9;GEDYdQ75=99;GEDYdQ76=9;GEDYdQ77=9;GEDYdQ81=99;GEDYdQ82=99;end;
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if gmmcq01 ne 999 and GEDYdQ01=9 and GEDYdQ04=9 and GEDYfD1C=8  
and GEDYfQ1A=8 then do;
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GEDYdQ84=99;GEDYeQ85=99;GEDYdQ86=9;GEDYdQ87=99;GEDYe143=9;GEDYf145=9;  
GEDYe144=9;GEDYf162=9;GEDYf163=9;GEDYf164=9;GEDYf147=9;GEDYe148=9;  
GEDYe149=9;GEDYf165=9;GEDYf166=9;GEDYf167=9;GEDYf168=9;GEDYg151=9;  
GEDYe104=99;GEDYe161=99;GEDYg173=9;GEDYd109=9;
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GEDYg172=99;GEDYdQ47=9;GEDYdQ48=9;GEDYdQ49=9;GEDYfQ50=99;GEDYe142=99;
GEDYdQ55=99; GEDYdQ56=9;GEDYdQ57=9;GEDYdQ59=99;GEDYdQ60=99;
GEDYdQ63=9;GEDYd64A=9;GEDYd64B=9;GEDYd64C=9;GEDYd64D=9;GEDYd64E=9;
GEDYdQ65=9;GEDYdQ68=99;GEDYdQ70=99;GEDYdQ71=9;GEDYdQ72=99;GEDYdQ73=9;
GEDYfQ74=99;GEDYdQ83=99;end;

Additional information: None

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: March 17, 2009

Error reported for variables: FLTCf03 and GLTCf03

How many months old was this child when you or your spouse started to read to him or show picture books?

Cycle(s) affected: Cycles 6 and 7

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_LONG_REV_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_LONG_REV_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2006_C7_ECD.txt
NLSCY2006_C7_ECD_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2006_C7_LONG.txt
NLSCY2006_C7_LONG_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

In Cycle 1, 16 cases were identified for which the value reported at question ALTCQ03 (age in months when the adult started to read to child, or show him pictures or wordless baby books) was higher than the child's age in months at the time of collection. Among these cases, 12 of the erroneous values were reported in Cycle 6 (FLTCf03) and 7 (GLTCf03), for children aged 10 and 11 years old in Cycle 6 and 12 and 13 years old in Cycle 7.

In addition, in Cycle 7, due to data processing errors, certain values for variable GLTCf03 "How many months old was this child when you or your spouse started to read to him or show picture books?" were incorrectly reported from previous cycles. In fact, 49 longitudinal respondents aged 4 years old should have had a value between 0 and 60 months to question GLTCf03, but received a value of 95 « No one has ever done this with this child ».

Finally, erroneous data were reported from previous cycles to GLTCf03 for 1,390 children aged 8 and 9 years old.

Suggested correction:

The aforementioned cases for variables FLTCf03 and GLTCf03 must first be corrected in Cycles 6 and 7 to obtain frequencies representative of these populations:

Some of the erroneous data in GLTCf03=95 for children aged 4 years old in Cycle 7, who were interviewed in a previous cycle, could be found using the available data from Cycle 6 where FLTCf03 < 95. These children were aged 2 years old at the time.

However, the corrected data for children aged 10 and 11 years old in Cycle 6 (FLTCf03), and aged 8 and 9 years old and 12 and 13 years old in Cycle 7 (GLTCf03) are only accessible through a custom tabulation request.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS): Errata_20090317_C6.sas (Internal only)
Errata_20090317_C7.sas (Internal only)

Internally, a small dataset has been created for each cycles with corrections applied to variables FLTCf03 and GLTCf03.

Additional information:

Researchers interested in using these variables for the concerned age group would have to submit a Remote Access Data Request or Custom Tabulation.

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: March 16, 2009
Error reported for variable: GHLCbD4C Birth weight in kilograms and grams
Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 7
Product(s) affected: NLSCY2006_C7_LONG.txt NLSCY2006_C7_LONG_Cdbk.pdf
Description of the problem(s): Due to data processing errors, some data on birth weight were not carried over from previous cycles, as noted in the coverage statement for variable GHLCbD4C "Birth weight in kilograms and grams". In fact, for 113 children aged 12 to 16 years old in Cycle 7, GHLCbD4C has the value "Not stated" (9.999) rather than the child's weight at birth collected in a previous cycle.
Suggested correction: All data available for variable GHLCbD4C must first be added to Cycle 7 to obtain the frequencies representative for this population: Some missing birth weight values for the children who were aged 12 to 16 years old in Cycle 7, which were interviewed in a previous cycle, can be recovered through the data available in Cycle 6 for FHLcBd4C. These children were aged 10 to 14 years old at the time.
Suggested pseudo-code (SAS): Errata_20090316.sas (Internal only) Internally, a small dataset has been created with corrections applied to this variable.
Additional information: Researchers interested in using this variable for the concerned age group can also submit a Remote Access Data Request or Custom Tabulation.

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: March 13, 2009

Error reported for variables: DMLCDQ1, EMLCeD01, FMLCfD01
DMLCDQ2, EMLCeD02, FMLCfD02, GMLCfD02
DMLCDQ3, EMLCeD03, FMLCfD03, GMLCfD03
DMLCDQ4, EMLCeD04, FMLCfD04, GMLCfD04

At what age (in months) did your child :
... first sit himself up?
... start eating solid food?
... start feeding himself?
... take his first steps?

Cycle(s) affected: Cycles 4, 5, 6 and 7

Product(s) affected: NLSCY_00_C4_PR_mas(v2).txt
NLSCY_00_C4_PR_Cdbk_Eng(v2).pdf
NLSCY_02_C5_ECD_mas.txt
NLSCY_02_C5_ECD_cdbkE.pdf
NLSCY2004_C6_ECD_REV_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_ECD_REV_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2006_C7_ECD.txt
NLSCY2006_C7_ECD_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

At Cycle 4, in some instances, the age in months given as the answers to questions on child's development is greater than the child's actual age in months at the time of the interview (DMMCdQ1B). The variables for which the inconsistencies were reported are:

DMLCDQ1 "At what age (in months) did your child first sit himself up?" (2 cases),
DMLCDQ2 "At what age (in months) did your child start eating solid food?" (1 case),
DMLCDQ3 "At what age (in months) did your child start feeding himself?" (10 cases) and
DMLCDQ4 "At what age (in months) did your child take his first steps?" (15 cases)

For some longitudinal respondents, these erroneous data were also carried forward to Cycles 5, 6 and 7.

Suggested correction:

Assign a "Not Stated (99)" value to Cycle 4 variables DMLCDQ1, DMLCDQ2, DMLCDQ3 and DMLCDQ4 where the values in months are greater than the child's actual age in months at the time of the interview (DMMCdQ1B). These cases should also be identified to be corrected in Cycles 5, 6 and 7 to ensure consistency and validity of carried forward data between cycles.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS): Errata_20090313.sas (Internal only)

Internally, a small dataset has been created for each of the Cycles 4 to 7 and the corrections have been applied to the aforementioned variables.

External users can run the following pseudo-code to identify Cycle 4 cases where answers to DMLCDQ1, DMLCDQ2, DMLCDQ3 and DMLCDQ4 are greater than the child's age in months (DMMCdQ1B) :

Cycle 4:

```
*DMLCdQ1 – 2 cases will be corrected;  
data fix; set *name of input file*;  
if dmlcdq1 < 95 and dmlcdq1 > dmmcdq1b then do;  
dmlcdq1=99; end;
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*DMLCdQ2 – 1 case will be corrected;  
if dmlcdq2 < 95 and dmlcdq2 > dmmcdq1b then do;  
dmlcdq2=99; end;
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*DMLCdQ3 – 10 cases will be corrected;  
if dmlcdq3 < 95 and dmlcdq3 > dmmcdq1b then do;  
dmlcdq3=99; end;
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*DMLCdQ4 – 15 cases will be corrected;  
if dmlcdq4 < 95 and dmlcdq4 > dmmcdq1b then do;  
dmlcdq4=99; end; run;
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These data carried over in Cycles 5, 6 and 7 should also be corrected to a “Not Stated” value.
Cycle 5: EMLCeD01 (2 cases), EMLCeD02 (1 case), EMLCeD03 (9 cases), EMLCeD04 (12 cases).
Cycle 6: FMLCfD01 (1 case), FMLCfD02 (1 case), FMLCfD03 (7 cases), FMLCfD04 (11 cases).
Cycle 7: GMLCfD02 (1 case), GMLCfD03 (7 cases), GMLCfD04 (9 cases).

Corrected data for these variables can also be obtained from client services.

Additional information:

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: March 12, 2009

Error reported for variables: GMDCgQ27 and GMDCQ28A to GMDCQ28M

For how long did you breast-feed this child?
What was the main reason you stopped breast-feeding him:
...Not enough milk/hungry baby?
...Inconvenienced/fatigue?
...Difficulty with breast-feeding techniques?
...Sore nipples/engorged breast?
...Mother's illness?
...Planned to stop at this time?
...Baby weaned himself?
...Physician told me to stop?
...Returned to work/school?
...Partner/father wanted me to stop?
...Formula feeding preferable?
...Wanted to drink alcohol?
...Other?

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 7

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2006_C7_ECD.txt
NLSCY2006_C7_ECD_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

Due to data processing errors, some data on breast feeding were not carried over from previous cycles, as noted in the coverage statement for variable GMDCgQ27 "For how long did you breast-feed this child?" and GMDCQ28A to GMDCQ28M "What was the main reason you stopped breast-feeding him:...". In fact, for 663 children aged 4 to 7 years old in Cycle 7, GMDCgQ27 and GMDCQ28A to GMDCQ28M have the value "Valid skip" rather than a valid value collected in a previous cycle.

Suggested correction:

All data available for variables GMDCgQ27 and GMDCQ28A to GMDCQ28M must first be added to Cycle 7 to obtain the frequencies representative for this population:

Some missing data on breast feeding for the children who were aged 4 to 7 years old in Cycle 7, which were interviewed in a previous cycle, can be recovered through the data available for FMDCQ27 "For how long did you breast-feed this child?" and FMDCQ28A to FMDCQ28M "What was the main reason you stopped breast-feeding him:..." in Cycle 6. These children were aged 2 to 5 years old at the time.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS): Errata_20090312.sas (Internal only)

Internally, a small dataset has been created with corrections applied to these variables.

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: March 11, 2009

Error reported for variable: GMDCD26

Has the child ever been breast-fed?

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 7

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2006_C7_ECD.txt
NLSCY2006_C7_ECD_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

Due to data processing errors, some data on breast feeding were not carried over from previous cycles, as noted in the coverage statement for variable GMDCD26 "Has the child ever been breast-fed?". In fact, for 329 children aged 4 to 7 years old in Cycle 7, GMDCD26 has the value "Valid skip" (6) rather than a valid value "yes" (1) or "no" (2) collected in a previous cycle. Among these 329 cases, 261 cases should have obtained a value of (1) and, in 68 cases, a value of (2).

Suggested correction:

All data available for variable GMDCD26 must first be added to Cycle 7 to obtain the frequencies representative for this population:

Some missing data on breast feeding for the children who were aged 4 to 7 years old in Cycle 7, which were interviewed in a previous cycle, can be recovered through the data available for FMDCQ25 "Are you currently breast feeding this child?", FMDCQ26 "Did you breast feed him even if only for a short time?" and FMDCD26 "Has the child ever been breast-fed?" in Cycle 6. These children were aged 2 to 5 years old at the time.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS): Errata_20090311.sas (Internal only)

Internally, a small dataset has been created with corrections applied to this variable.

Additional information:

Researchers interested in using this variable for the concerned age group can also submit a Remote Access Data Request or Custom Tabulation.

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: February 3, 2009

Error reported for variables: DCRCdQ6B, ECRCdQ6B
FCRCdQ6B and GCRCdQ6B

What age was this child when he was first placed in any child care arrangement?

Cycle(s) affected: Cycles 4, 5, 6 and 7

Product(s) affected: NLSCY_00_C4_PR_mas(v2).txt
NLSCY_00_C4_PR_Cdbk_Eng(v2).pdf
NLSCY_02_C5_ECD_mas.txt
NLSCY_02_C5_ECD_cdbkE.pdf
NLSCY_02_C5_LONG_mas.txt
NLSCY_02_C5_LONG_cdbkE.pdf
NLSCY2004_C6_ECD_REV_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_ECD_REV_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2004_C6_LONG_REV_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_LONG_REV_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2006_C7_ECD.txt
NLSCY2006_C7_ECD_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2006_C7_LONG.txt
NLSCY2006_C7_LONG_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

In Cycle 7's application, there is a built-in edit (CAR_E34) to ensure that respondents cannot answer an age that is greater than the child's actual age, at the time of the interview (GMMCbQ1A), to question GCRCdQ6B: "What age was this child when he was first placed in any child care arrangement?" For Cycle 6, this verification was done during data processing and inconsistencies were set to "Not stated" accordingly. For Cycle 4 and Cycle 5, this edit was not present in the application and no edit was included during data processing to remove inconsistent values for variables DCRCdQ6B and ECRCdQ6B. The provided values could have been greater than the child's actual age due to an answer in months rather than in years; any given answers less than one year should have been set to "0" by the interviewer.

Consequently, inconsistent values for variables DCRCdQ6B and ECRCdQ6B according to the children's age were released in Cycle 4 (1162 cases) and Cycle 5 (810 cases). Unfortunately, in some instances, these inconsistent values for DCRCdQ6B and ECRCdQ6B have been carried forward on the Cycle 6 and/or 7 release files.

Furthermore, the data carried forward from Cycles 4 (DCRCdQ6B) and 5 (ECRCdQ6B) has been edited according to Cycle 6 and Cycle 7 specifications to identify any reported age when the child started childcare that was greater than the child's age during the current cycle (6 or 7); Any outliers were set to "Not Stated". Due to the variability of the child's age between cycles, an erroneous age value from Cycle 4 or 5 could have been considered an outlier in Cycle 6 but a valid value in Cycle 7, depending on the child's age in the current cycle. As a result of this data released on the Cycle 4 and 5 files, there are some discrepancies

between variables FCRCdQ6B and GCRCdQ6B for the same respondents. In addition to this situation, a processing error has prevented some valid Cycle 6 FCRCdQ6B data from being correctly carried forward to Cycle 7. Overall, 104 cases should be corrected for FCRCdQ6B and 563 cases for GCRCdQ6B.

Suggested correction:

Cycle 4, Cycle 5, Cycle 6 and Cycle 7 data for DCRCdQ6B, ECRCdQ6B, FCRCdQ6B and GCRCdQ6B should be used cautiously.

DCRCdQ6B and ECRCdQ6B should be set to "Not stated" if the current cycle child's age is less than the age he started childcare. These cases should also be flagged for Cycle 6 and Cycle 7 analysis as the erroneous data was also carried forward. The age child first started childcare could have been collected in both Cycle 4 and Cycle 5 for the same respondent; Flag ECRCEZ6B indicates a discrepancy between responses for these two cycles.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS): Errata_20090203.sas (Internal only)

Internally, a small dataset has been created with corrections applied to this variable from Cycle 4 to Cycle 7.

External users can run this SAS code to identify inconsistent data for Cycle 4 and Cycle 5:

Cycle 4: 1162 cases will be corrected

```
data fix; set *name of input file*;
if DCRCdQ6B < 96 and dmmcbq1a < DCRCdQ6B then do;
DCRCdQ6B=99; run;
```

Cycle 5: 801 cases will be corrected on ECD file and 9 cases on LONG file.

```
data fix; set *name of input file*;
if ECRCdQ6B < 96 and emmcbq1a < ECRCdQ6B then do;
ECRCdQ6B=99;
ECRCEZ6B=0; run;
```

Cycle 6 and Cycle 7 corrected data for FCRCdQ6B and GCRCdQ6B can be obtained from client services.

Additional information:

Internal users can use the new dataset and pseudo-code to correct affected variables. External users should contact Client Services to arrange for a Remote Data Access Request or Custom Tabulation.

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: January 26, 2009

Error reported for variables: FACYeQ7B to FACYeQ7E

Do you use the Internet: at school? at work? somewhere else? never use/no access

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

When a "Refusal" (8) has been reported to mark all that apply question FACYeQ7 "Do you use the Internet.....at home?" the variables FACYeQ7B to FACYeQ7E should also have been set to "Refusal". Due to a processing error, the variables have been set to "Not stated" (9) instead.

Suggested correction:

The Youth codebook should report the same number of "Refusal" records for FACYeQ7B to FACYeQ7E as for variable FACYeQ7.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS):

If FACYeQ7=8 then do; FACYeQ7B=8; FACYeQ7C=8; FACYeQ7D=8; FACYeQ7E=8; end;

Additional information: None

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: November 25, 2008

Error reported for variables:

FSDCQ1 - GSDCgQ1: In what country was this child born?
FSDCQ2B: Is he now, or has he ever been a landed immigrant?
FSDCQ3: In what year did he first immigrate to Canada?
FSDCQ4A to FSDCQ4S - GSDCgQ4A to GSDCgQ4S: To which ethnic or cultural group did his ancestors belong?
FSDCb4AA to FSDCb4AL – GSDCb4AA to GSDCb4AL: How would you best describe his race or colour?
GSDCgD3A: Is this child an Aboriginal person, that is, North American Indian, Métis or Inuit?
GSDCgD3B: ...North American Indian
GSDCgD3C: ...Métis
GSDCgD3D: ...Inuit (Eskimo)
FSDCD01: Age at time of immigration
FSDCD02: Number of years since first immigrating to Canada
FSDCD2AA – GSDCD2AA: Citizenship Status
GSDCD03: Immigration and official language status
FSDCD04 – GSDCgD04: Recoded Place of birth

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6 and Cycle 7

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_LONG_REV_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2004_C6_LONG_REV_Master.txt
NLSCY2006_C7_LONG_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2006_C7_LONG.txt

Description of the problem(s):

Youth aged 16 and 17 years who are not living with their parents/guardians are not asked any of the socio-demographics questions. In Cycle 6 there were 26 youth living independently and in Cycle 7 there were 27. At Cycle 5, these cases were set to "Valid skip" for all components of the socio-demographics section. In Cycles 6 and 7 these cases are not treated consistently. For some variables the data has been carried-forward from a previous cycle and in other cases the variables have been set to "Valid skip". Data users should be aware of this inconsistency in the data so that their population of interest is correct.

Suggested correction:

Data users should assign all records with GDMCfD03=82 (youth living independently) as "Valid skip" so that their analytical population is consistent.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS):

Cycle 6:

data fix; set **name of input file**;

if fdmcf03=82 then do;

FSDCQ1=96; FSDCQ2B=6; FSDCQ3=9996; FSDCQ4A=6; FSDCQ4B=6; FSDCQ4C=6; FSDCQ4D=6;
FSDCQ4E=6; FSDCQ4F=6; FSDCQ4G=6; FSDCQ4H=6; FSDCQ4I=6; FSDCQ4J=6; FSDCQ4K=6;
FSDCQ4L=6; FSDCQ4M=6; FSDCQ4N=6; FSDCQ4O=6; FSDCQ4P=6; FSDCQ4Q=6; FSDCQ4R=6;
FSDCQ4S=6; FSDCb4AA=6; FSDCb4AB=6; FSDCb4AC=6; FSDCb4AD=6; FSDCb4AE=6;
FSDCb4AF=6; FSDCb4AG=6; FSDCb4AH=6; FSDCb4AI=6; FSDCb4AJ=6; FSDCb4AK=6; FSDCb4AL=6;
FSDCD01=996; FSDCD02=996; FSDCD2AA=6; FSDCD04=6; end;run;

Cycle 7:

data fix; set **name of input file**;

if gdmcf03=82 then do;

GSDCgQ1=96; GSDCgQ4A=6; GSDCgQ4B=6; GSDCgQ4C=6; GSDCgQ4D=6; GSDCgQ4E=6;
GSDCgQ4F=6; GSDCgQ4G=6; GSDCgQ4H=6; GSDCgQ4I=6; GSDCgQ4J=6; GSDCgQ4K=6;
GSDCgQ4L=6; GSDCgQ4M=6; GSDCgQ4N=6; GSDCgQ4O=6; GSDCgQ4P=6; GSDCgQ4Q=6;
GSDCgQ4R=6; GSDCgQ4S=6; GSDCb4AA=6; GSDCb4AB=6; GSDCb4AC=6; GSDCb4AD=6;
GSDCb4AE=6; GSDCb4AF=6; GSDCb4AG=6; GSDCb4AH=6; GSDCb4AI=6; GSDCb4AJ=6;
GSDCb4AK=6; GSDCb4AL=6; GSDCgD3A=6; GSDCgD3B=6; GSDCgD3C=6; GSDCgD3D=6;
GSDCD2AA=6; GSDCD03=96; GSDCgD04=6; end;run;

Additional information: None

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: November 24, 2008

Error reported for variables: FMDCD06 and FMDCD07

FMDCD06: Gestational age of child in days

FMDCD07: Prematurity

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_LONG_REV_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_LONG_REV_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

There is an error in the carry-forward data for the 14 to 17 year olds which resulted in all valid values for FMDCD06 being assigned as '276' (gestational age of child in days) and FMDCD07 being assigned as a '2' (child born in normal range). The 26 youth living independently were correctly set to 'Valid skip' and the remaining cases were set to 'Not stated'. The data for the 10 to 13 year olds is correct and useable.

Suggested correction:

The data for FMDCD06 and FMDCD07 for 14 to 17 year olds should not be used for analysis.

Suggested pseudo-code: N/A

Additional information: None

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: October 31, 2008

Error reported for variables: FMDCQ25, FMDCQ26 and FMDCD26

The following are a few questions on breast feeding. Are you currently breast feeding this child?
Did you breast feed him even if only for a short time?
Has the child ever been breast-fed?

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_ECD_REV_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2004_C6_ECD_REV_Master.txt

Description of the problem(s):

An error occurred during collection which led to no breastfeeding data being collected for the two (24 months old) to five year old children who were part of the top up sample and were first interviewed in Cycle 6. As a result, these children have been given the code 6, or valid skip, to variables FMDCQ25, FMDCQ26 and the derived variable FMDCD26. This explains the higher frequencies of valid skip (6), for Cycle 6 when compared to other NLSCY cycles.

The coverage statement in the early childhood development codebook for variables FMDCQ25, FMDCQ26 and the derived variable FMDCD26 is incorrect.

Suggested correction:

The coverage statement for FMDCQ25 should read:

Children aged 0 to 5 years old, if respondent is the biological parent (mother or father) and if it had not already been reported in a previous interview that the child had stopped breast feeding. The exception is 2 to 5 year old children whose first interview was in Cycle 6.

The coverage statement for FMDCQ26 should read:

Children aged 0 to 5 years old, if respondent is the biological parent (mother or father) and if the child is not currently breast feeding (excluding those children for whom it had been reported in a previous interview that they had already stopped breast feeding). The exception is 2 to 5 year old children whose first interview was in Cycle 6.

The coverage statement for FMDCD26 should read:

Children aged 0 to 5 years old, if respondent is the biological parent (mother or father). The exception is 2 to 5 year old children whose first interview was in Cycle 6.

Suggested pseudo-code: N/A

Additional information: None

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: October 29, 2008

Error reported for variable: FHTYeD05

Calculated value for Body Mass Index (BMI) - Centre for Disease Control Method

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

Youth BMI percentiles for variable FHTYeD05 should only have included 18 & 19 year olds according to the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) standards, but 20 & 21 year olds were also included.

Suggested correction:

Exclude 20 & 21 year olds from variable FHTYeD05.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS):

```
if (FMMCQ01 gt 19 and FMMCQ01 lt 999) or (FMMCdQ1B ge 240 and FMMCdQ1B lt 9999) then  
FHTYeD05=96;run;
```

Additional information:

Cycle 7 data will not include 20+ year olds for variable GHTYeD05.

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: October 27, 2008

Error reported for variables: FRLYfQ06

What year did you and your partner begin living together?

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Master.txt

Description of the problem(s):

Youth aged 18 and older who are single or never married (FMMCQ04) have been set to "Not stated" instead of "Valid skip" for variable FRLYfQ06 (1504 cases). There is also one youth with a marital status of "single" who has answered to FRLYfQ06 and should not have; this question is only asked of youth aged 18 to 21 years old who live common-law or lived common-law before marriage.

Suggested correction:

Assign a "Valid skip" value to FRLYfQ06 for youth aged 18 to 21 years old who are not living common-law or did not live common-law before marriage. It will correct 1505 cases.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS):

```
if fmmcq01 > 17 and FMMCQ04 in (3,4,5,6) then do;FRLYfQ06=9996; end; run;
```

Additional information: None

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: October 24, 2008

Error reported for variables: FRLYfQ04 and FRLYfQ05

Did you and your spouse live together before getting married?
What year did you get married?

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

Youth aged 18 and older who are living common-law (FMMCQ04) have been set to "Not stated" (NS) instead of "Valid skip" (VS) for variables FRLYfQ04 and FRLYfQ05; these questions are only asked to youth who are married.

Suggested correction:

Assign valid skip to FRLYfQ04 and FRLYfQ05 for youth living common-law. It will correct 210 cases.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS):

```
if fmmcq01 > 17 and FMMCQ04=2 then do; FRLYfQ04=6; FRLYfQ05=9996; end;
```

Additional information: None

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: October 23, 2008

Error reported for variable: FRLYf15B to FRLYf15I

What kind of birth control or protection against sexually transmitted diseases do you and/or your partner use most often? Birth control pills, Birth control injection, Diaphragm, Spermicide, Withdrawal, Emergency contraception, Other, None.

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

When it was reported "Don't know" (7) to mark all that apply question FRLYf15A, the variables FRLYf15B to FRLYf15I should have been set to "Don't know". Due to a processing error, the variables have been set to "Not stated" (9) instead.

Suggested correction:

The Youth codebook should report one record with a value of 'Don't know' to variables FRLYf15B to FRLYf15I.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS):

```
If FRLYf15A=7 then do; FRLYf15B=7; FRLYf15C=7; FRLYf15D=7; FRLYf15E=7; FRLYf15F=7; FRLYf15G=7; FRLYf15H=7; FRLYf15I=7; end;
```

Additional information: None

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: October 22, 2008

Error reported for variable: FRLYfQ01, FRLYfQ07 and FRLYfQ10

In the past 12 months, how many boyfriends/girlfriends have you had?
Have you ever had consensual sexual intercourse?
Are you currently sexually active?

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

The coverage statements for FRLYfQ01, FRLYfQ07 and FRLYfQ10 state that the variables are applicable to youth aged 18 or 19 who are not married. However this variable also excludes youths in common-law relationships.

Suggested correction:

The revised coverage should read "Youth aged 18 or 19 years old who are not married or who are not living common law".

Suggested pseudo-code: N/A

Additional information: None

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: October 17, 2008

Error reported for variables: FRLYf15A to FRLYf15I, FRLYfQ16 and FRLYf17A

What kind of birth control or protection against sexually transmitted diseases do you and/or your partner use most often? Condoms (rubbers), Birth control pills, Birth control injection, Diaphragm, Spermicide, Withdrawal, Emergency contraception, Other, None.

Have there been any times when you and a partner did not use any form of birth control or protection against sexually transmitted diseases?

What was the main reason for not using any birth control or protection against sexually transmitted diseases?

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

Due to data processing errors, too many "Not Stated" values have been assigned to variables FRLYf15A to FRLYf15I, FRLYfQ16 and FRLYf17A. Youth aged 18 or 19 years old who are not married and not living in a common-law relationship who have answered "No" to question FRLYfQ07 "Have you ever had consensual sexual intercourse?" should have been set to "Valid skip" for questions FRLYf15A to FRLYf15I, FRLYfQ16 and FRLYf17A. This specific youth population should also have been set to "Valid skip" for questions FRLYf15A to FRLYf15I if they had answered "No" to question FRLYfQ10 "Are you currently sexually active?"

However, youth aged 18 or 19 years old who are not married and not living in a common-law relationship who have answered "Refusal" to FRLYfQ01 "In the past 12 months, how many boyfriends/girlfriends have you had?" should have been set to "Not stated" for questions FRLYf15A to FRLYf15I, FRLYfQ16 and FRLYf17A instead of "Valid skip".

The coverage for variables FRLYf15A to FRLYf15I, FRLYfQ16 and FRLYf17A are incomplete.

Suggested correction:

Recode the aforementioned variables to "Valid skip" or "Not stated" values according to questionnaire specifications.

Coverage for variables FRLYf15A to FRLYf15I should read "Youth aged 18 or 19 years old who are currently sexually active".

Coverage for variable FRLYfQ16 should read "Youth aged 18 or 19 years old who are using birth control or protection against sexually transmitted diseases."

Coverage for variable FRLYf17A should read "Youth aged 18 or 19 years old who reported they don't use birth control, or that there had been times when they did not use birth control."

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS):

```
data fix; set *name of input file*;
if FMMCQ01 in(18,19) and FMMCQ04 not in (1,2) and FRLYfQ01=998 then do;
FRLYf15A=9; FRLYf15B=9; FRLYf15C=9; FRLYf15D=9; FRLYf15E=9; FRLYf15F=9;
FRLYf15G=9; FRLYf15H=9; FRLYf15I=9; FRLYfQ16=9; FRLYf17A=99; end; *6 cases will be corrected;
else if FMMCQ01 in(18,19) and FMMCQ04 not in (1,2) and FRLYfQ07=2 then do;
FRLYf15A=6; FRLYf15B=6; FRLYf15C=6; FRLYf15D=6; FRLYf15E=6; FRLYf15F=6;
FRLYf15G=6; FRLYf15H=6; FRLYf15I=6; FRLYfQ16=6; FRLYf17A=96; end; *457 cases will be corrected;
else if FMMCQ01 in(18,19) and FMMCQ04 not in (1,2) and FRLYfQ10=2 then do;
FRLYf15A=6; FRLYf15B=6; FRLYf15C=6; FRLYf15D=6; FRLYf15E=6; FRLYf15F=6;
FRLYf15G=6; FRLYf15H=6; FRLYf15I=6; FRLYfQ16=6; FRLYf17A=96; end; *297 cases will be corrected;
run;
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Additional information: None

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: October 16, 2008

Error reported for variables: FACYdQ3A to FACYdQ3E and FACYfQ18

Which of the following materials do you currently have in your home? Daily newspapers, Magazines/weekly newspapers, More than 25 books, A (multi-volume) encyclopedia, A dictionary, None

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

Youth who received the aforementioned questions with an effective age year value (FMMCQ01) of 16 or 17 years old and who lived with their parents should not have valid response values to these variables. These variables should only have been addressed to respondents who did not live with their parents. Therefore there are fewer valid skips in Cycle 6 than there should have been.

Suggested correction:

Recode all 16 and 17 year olds who live with their parents to "Valid skip" (6) for the aforementioned variables. It will modify 1546 records.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS):

if FDMCfD03 in (11,21,22,31,41,44,46,48,51,61,71,72) and FMMCQ01 in (16,17) then do;
FACYdQ3A=6; FACYdQ3B=6; FACYdQ3C=6; FACYdQ3D=6; FACYdQ3E=6; FACYfQ18=6;

Additional information: None

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Date: October 8, 2008
Error reported for variable: FCRCdQ6B What age was this child when he was first placed in any child care arrangement?
Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6
Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_LONG_REV_Cdbk.pdf
Description of the problem(s): The coverage statement for this variable reads "Children aged 10 or 11 years old". However this variable also includes data carried forward for children aged 12 to 15 years old in cycle 6.
Suggested correction: The revised coverage should read "Children aged 10 to 15 years old"
Suggested pseudo-code: N/A
Additional information: None.
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**National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth
Errata
Date of release: November 24, 2008 (Cycle 7)**

Date: October 7, 2008

Error reported for variables: FLFYfD5A to FLFYfD8A

FLFYfD5A - North American Industry Classification System (NAICS 2002)...for current job or most recent job

FLFYfD6A - National occupational classification-statistics (NOC-S), 2001 code for current job or most recent job

FLFYfD7A - NAICS 2002 code for current Job or most recent - Grouped

FLFYfD8A - National occupational classification-statistics NOCS-S, 2001 code current or more recent job-grouped

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

The coverage statements for FLFYFD5A to FLFYfD8A state that the derived variables are applicable to youth aged 16 years and older when in fact the data only covers respondents 16 and 17 years old. Older respondents are valid skip.

In Cycle 5, a series of 8 variables was released. There were four variables for the youth aged 16-17 years old (ELFYED5A, ELFYED6A, ELFYED7A and ELFYED8A) derived from questions LFSC_Q06A to LFSC_Q06D. There were also four separate variables for youth aged 18 and 19 years old (ELYED5A, ELYED6A, ELYED7A and ELYED8A) derived from questions LFSY_Q8A to LFSY_Q8D.

For Cycle 6, the intention was to combine the variables for the 16-17 year olds with the 18-19 year olds to create only four variables containing the information for all the youths. Instead, the variables for the youths aged 18 years or older were mistakenly dropped from the release file. As a result of this error, only respondents who are 16 or 17 years of age have valid data. Respondents 18 years or older have a 'Valid skip' value instead of valid data or 'Not stated'.

In Cycle 7, this series of questions has been dropped completely for the 16-17 year olds and will only be released for the youth 18 years or older as GLYYeD5A, GLYYeD6A, GLYYgd7A and GLYYeD8A.

Suggested correction:

The data is accurate and usable for youth 16-17 years of age, but no data is available for the older youth.

Suggested pseudo-code: None available for RDC's

(Internal only – Errata_20081007.sas and corresponding dataset)
Variables: FLYYeD5A, FLYYeD6A, FLYYeD7A, FLYYeD8A

Additional information:

Internally, a small dataset has been created with corrections applied to the variables. This file is not being released to the RDC's at this time. If a researcher is interested in using these variables they will need to submit a Remote Access Data Request or Custom Tabulation.

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**National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth
Errata
Date of release: November 24, 2008 (Cycle 7)**

Date: October 6, 2008

Error reported for variables: FLYYf14A to FLYYf14C

At this job, were you offered any of the following benefits...
A pension plan other than Canada Pension Plan (CPP) or Quebec Pension Plan (QPP)?
A dental plan?
Extended medical benefits (for example, a drug plan)?

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_YOUTH_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

An error in the processing of this file has made the data for variables FLYYf14A, FLYYf14B and FLYYf14C unusable. In pre-edit processing step, the original question for FLYYf14A to FLYYf14C was processed as a 'mark all that apply' instead of as three separate questions. This error affects all response categories of the variable.

Suggested correction:

Variables FLYYf14A, FLYYf14B and FLYYf14C should not be used for analysis.

Suggested pseudo-code: Not available for RDC's

(Internal only – Errata_20081006.sas and corresponding dataset)

Additional information:

Internally, a small dataset has been created with corrections applied to the variables. This file is not being released to the RDC's at this time. If a researcher is interested in using these variables they will need to submit a Remote Access Data Request or Custom Tabulation.

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: October 3, 2008

Error reported for variables: FDPPS01 and FDPPQ12A to FDPPQ12L

- Depression Score
- How often have you felt or behaved this way during the past week
 - ...I did not feel like eating; my appetite was poor?
 - ...I felt that I could not shake off the blues even with help from my friends?
 - ...I had trouble keeping my mind on what I was doing?
 - ...I felt depressed?
 - ...I felt that everything I did was an effort?
 - ...I felt hopeful about the future?
 - ...my sleep was restless?
 - ...I was happy?
 - ...I felt lonely?
 - ...I enjoyed life?
 - ...I had crying spells?
 - ...I felt that people disliked me?

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_ECD_REV_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_LONG_REV_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_ECD_REV_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2004_C6_LONG_REV_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

Improper assignment of Valid Skips for FDPPS01, the PMK depression score and the questions used to create the score, FDPPQ12A to FDPPQ12L.

The assignment of the valid skips for the PMK depression score and associated questions was done differently in Cycle 6 than in other cycles. The coverage statement correctly says "Person Most Knowledgeable (PMK) with selected child age 0 to 15 and non-proxy". However, when the interview was by proxy and the questions were not asked, the questions and score were set to "Not Stated" instead of "Valid Skip".

Code has been created to assign the values of "Valid Skip" to the cases where the interview was done by proxy. This will modify 227 households on the ECD file and 67 records on the LONG file.

Suggested correction:

Internal users can run pseudo-code to correct affected variables. External users should contact Client Services to arrange for a Custom Tabulation or Remote Data Access.

Suggested pseudo-code: Errata_20081003.sas (Internal only)

Additional information: None

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**National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth
Errata
Date of release: November 24, 2008 (Cycle 7)**

Date: September 26, 2008
Error reported for variables: FMDCQ05A to FMDCQ05D Smoking by the mother during pregnancy with child (1 st \ 2 nd \ 3 rd three months or throughout)
Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6
Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_ECD_REV_Master.txt
Description of the problem(s): <p>In the application, there is a built-in edit (MED_E05) to ensure that respondents cannot answer 'Yes' to FMDCQ05D (Throughout) and 'Yes' to any of FMDCQ05A to FMDCQ05C (1st, 2nd, 3rd trimester). For the responses for 4 and 5 year olds that are being carried forward from Cycle 4, there is an inconsistency in the data; This edit was not present in the application and no edit was included during processing. The data being carried forward for the 2 and 3 year olds does not have this inconsistency because the edit was in the Cycle 5 application when they were first asked the questions as 0 and 1 year olds.</p> <p>For 306 cases, FMDCQ05D=1 (Yes, smoked throughout pregnancy) and FMDCQ05A=1 (Yes, smoked during 1st trimester of pregnancy) and FMDCQ05B=1 (Yes, smoked during 2nd trimester of pregnancy) and FMDCQ05C=1 (Yes, smoked during 3rd trimester of pregnancy). The values of FMDCQ05A to FMDCQ05C should really have been set to 2 (No) for these cases.</p> <p>The result is that, when comparing data across cycles, Cycle 6 data appears to have an increase in the rate of smoking during pregnancy when in fact the increase is a result of how the data was processed as described above.</p>
Suggested correction: Run stand-alone SAS program to correct the affected variables.
Suggested pseudo-code: Errata_20080926.sas
Additional information: None
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**National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth
Errata
Date of release: November 24, 2008 (Cycle 7)**

Date: September 25, 2008
Error reported for variables: FMDCQ10B to FMDCQ10E Over-the-counter drugs taken by the mother during pregnancy with child (1 st \ 2 nd \ 3 rd three months or throughout)
Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6
Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_ECD_REV_Master.txt
Description of the problem(s): In the application, there is a built-in edit (MED_E10) to ensure that respondents cannot answer 'Yes' to FMDCQ10E (Throughout) and 'Yes' to any of FMDCQ10B to FMDCQ10D (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd trimester). For the responses for 4 and 5 year olds that are being carried forward from Cycle 4, there is an inconsistency in the data; This edit was not present in the application and no edit was included during processing. The data being carried forward for the 2 and 3 year olds does not have this inconsistency because the edit was in the Cycle 5 application when they were first asked the questions as 0 and 1 year olds. For 334 cases, FMDCQ10E=1 (Yes, took over-the-counter drugs throughout pregnancy) and FMDCQ10B=1 (Yes, took over-the-counter drugs in 1 st trimester of pregnancy) and FMDCQ10C=1 (Yes, took over-the-counter drugs in 2 nd trimester of pregnancy) and FMDCQ10D=1 (Yes, took over-the-counter drugs in 3 rd trimester of pregnancy). The values of FMDCQ10B to FMDCQ10D should really have been set to 2 (No) for these cases. The result is that, when comparing data across cycles, Cycle 6 data appears to have an increase in the rate of over-the-counter drug use during pregnancy when in fact, the increase is a result of how the data was processed as described above.
Suggested correction: Run stand-alone SAS program to correct the affected variables.
Suggested pseudo-code: Errata_20080925.sas
Additional information: None

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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: September 24, 2008

Error reported for variables: FLFPbQ13 and FLFSbQ13

At this work, do you work mainly for others for wages, salary or commission, or in your own business, farm or professional practice?

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_ECD_REV_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_ECD_REV_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2004_C6_LONG_REV_Master.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_LONG_REV_Cdbk.pdf

Description of the problem(s):

There was an error in the specifications for Cycle 6. Any Person Most Knowledgeable (PMK) or Spouse of PMK who went to LFS_Q12A, the last question of four that would allow for occupational coding (only for respondents without feedback information from cycle 5) were skipped directly to LFS_C16 and skipped past LFS_Q13 (FLFPbQ13 or FLFSbQ13). These respondents were set to 'Not Stated' for either of these two variables. As a result, in Cycle 6 there are a high number of 'Not Stated' values for FLFPbQ13 and FLFSbQ13.

Suggested correction:

Since this error was a failure of the application and no information was collected from the respondents there is no suggested correction.

Suggested pseudo-code: N/A

Additional information: None.

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**National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth
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Date of release: November 24, 2008 (Cycle 7)**

Date: August 14, 2008
Error: Improper assignment of 'Valid Skip' and 'Not Stated' on the Self-Complete file.
Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6
Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_1017_Cdbk.pdf NLSCY2004_C6_1017_Master.txt
Description of the problem(s): The Self-Complete file contains all the same respondents that are on the Main file even if no Self-Complete questionnaire was completed. These non-respondents to the Self-Complete were added into the Cycle 6 file with values of Not Stated (NS) for all variables. Since we do know the age and sex of these respondents, the Valid Skip (VS) based on age and sex should have been assigned, but they were not. This does not have an impact on valid responses for the Self-Complete, but would have an effect on researchers who want to do non-response analysis.
Suggested correction: Run stand-alone SAS program to correct the affected variables.
Suggested pseudo-code: Errata_20080814.sas
Additional information: None
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National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth Errata

Date: August 8, 2008

Error reported for variables: FSCCb19A and FSCCb19B

For your most recent change in schools, why did you change schools?
I changed from elementary school to high school
I changed from elementary school to middle or junior high

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 6 Self-Complete

Product(s) affected: NLSCY2004_C6_1017_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2004_C6_1017_Master.txt

Description of the problem(s):

Processing error of Mark All that Apply questions FSCCb19A and FSCCb19B asked of 12 to 15 year olds who have changed schools in the past 2 years.

The problem affects Booklet 21 (12 and 13 years old), variable B03 which is a Mark All that Apply question. In processing we de-string this type of question so that each response category becomes its own Yes/No question. In Cycle 6, the data capture was incorrect for Booklet 21 and the first response category was captured as a '2' and the second response category was captured as a '1'. In processing, when we programmed the de-string we set the value to start at '1' when really it should have started at '2'. This mistake affects the values for the first two response categories of B03 (B3A and B3B) for Booklet 21. For Booklet 22, the counts seem low for Cycle 6, but that is because they only represent the 14-15 year olds who have changed schools from elementary school to middle school or junior high, which would not be typical of this age group; they would be more likely to be moving from middle school or junior high to high school.

Suggested correction:

These two variables should not be used for analysis of 12-13 year olds for Cycle 6 due to this error.

Suggested pseudo-code (SAS): Errata_20080808.sas

Internal users can run pseudo-code to correct affected variables. It contains PERSRUK and the updated values for FSCCb19A to FSCCc19F. This fix also corrects the improper assignment of Valid Skips and Not Stated that was done for the 10-11 and 16-17 year olds (see Errata_20080814.doc).

Additional information:

Researchers who require these variables in their analysis should contact Client Services and arrange for custom tabulations or Remote Data Access.

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**National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth
Errata
Date of release: November 24, 2008 (Cycle 7)**

Date: June 3, 2008

Error reported for variables: _PMCCQ1E and _PMCCS3

- Read the following statements and choose the answer that best describes how you feel. My parents (or step parents or foster parents or guardians) let me go out any evening I want.
- Parental Monitoring Score

Cycle(s) affected: Cycle 5 Self-Complete and Cycle 6 Self-Complete

Product(s) affected: NLSCY_02_C5_1019_cdbkE.pdf
NLSCY_02_C5_1019_mas.txt
NLSCY2004_C6_1017_Cdbk.pdf
NLSCY2004_C6_1017_Master.txt

Description of the problem(s):

The response categories for the variable _PMCCQ1E were not reversed when used to create the Parental Monitoring Score (_PMCCS3).

The variable _PMCCQ1E is part of the Parental Monitoring Score (_PMCCS3) and is asked of 10 to 15 year olds. For cycles 5 and 6 no variables were reversed for the score, but based on the question wording variable PMCCQ1E should have been reversed.

The question categories are displayed from 1-Never to 5-Always, with a high score indicating high parental monitoring. The scoring is derived from the following variables:

- My parents (or step parents or foster parents or guardians)...
- _PMCCQ1B - Want to know exactly where I am and what I am doing.
- _PMCCQ1F - Tell me what time to be home when I go out.
- _PMCCQ1N - Find out about my misbehaviour.
- _PMCCQ1E - Let me go out any evening I want.
- _PMCCQ1T - Take an interest in where I am going and who I am with.

Suggested correction:

Use the attached code to re-create the scale with the values for _PMCCQ1E being properly reversed. This code can be run on both Cycle 5 and Cycle 6. The expected counts are included in the SAS code to allow confirmation that the program has been run correctly. This correction also handles the improper assignment of Valid Skip and Not Stated described in Errata_20080814.

Suggested pseudo-code: Errata_20080603.sas

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