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Cycle 5 Early Childhood Development File – Custody Component**

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General notes:

This file includes records for 106 children who skipped the Family and Custody History module because the respondent was not a birth, step, or adoptive parent. Such records have "Valid skip" for all variables.

It was possible for households with both parents currently living together to answer, at ECSCEQ2, that the child's parents had never lived together as a couple (14 records). This contradiction disrupted some of the subsequent flows.

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Section: Family and custody history

Variable Name: **ECSCEQ1** *Position:* 1 *Length:* 1
Collection Name: CUSQ1

When this child was adopted/born, were his parents ...

		FREQ	WTD
1	Living together and legally married	8,957	1,425,553
2	Living together in a common law relationship	2,824	435,119
3	No longer living together, but had previously been married	53	8,464
4	No longer living together, but had previously been common law partners	175	26,086
5	Had never lived together as a couple	650	87,821
6	Valid skip	106	18,055
7	Don't know	8	1,463
8	Refusal	7	2,152
9	Not stated	136	25,612
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old

Variable Name: **ECSCEQ2** *Position:* 2 *Length:* 1
Collection Name: CUSQ2

Since this child's adoption/birth, did his parents ever live together as a couple ?

		FREQ	WTD
1	Yes	257	29,799
2	No	625	93,651
6	Valid skip	11,887	1,878,727
7	Don't know	5	569
8	Refusal	6	1,967
9	Not stated	136	25,612
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, whose parents were not living together at the time of the child's birth/adoption

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<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ2A	<i>Position:</i>	3	<i>Length:</i>	1
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ2A				

Did this child's parents eventually get married ?

		FREQ	WTD
1	Yes	653	82,387
2	No	2,410	380,279
6	Valid skip	9,688	1,537,259
9	Not stated	165	30,400
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, whose parents were living common-law at the time of the child's birth, or who started living together after the child's birth/adoption

<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ5	<i>Position:</i>	4	<i>Length:</i>	1
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ5				

Since this child's adoption/birth, ^FILL5E have his parents...

		FREQ	WTD
1	Lived together continuously	10,473	1,675,006
2	Separated for a period of time, but subsequently got back	230	29,829
6	Valid skip	1,987	282,987
7	Don't know	11	1,207
8	Refusal	7	2,014
9	Not stated	208	39,282
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, who are currently living with both parents

Note: ^FILL5F = "after his parents started living together," if CUS_Q2=1 otherwise set ^FILL5F ""

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<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ6	<i>Position:</i>	5
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ6	<i>Length:</i>	1

Based on the information we collected about the relationships of the people living in this household, this child is not currently living with his adoptive/birth father/mother/parents. Is this because his parents have separated or ended their relationship, because his father/mother/parents died or for some other reason?

		FREQ	WTD
1	Parents had separated or ended their relationship	1,041	135,803
2	Parent(s) died	29	2,527
3	Other (specify)	82	14,980
4	Relationship data is incorrect	39	6,987
6	Valid skip	11,646	1,857,602
8	Refusal	1	41
9	Not stated	78	12,386
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old who are not currently living with both parents, excluding those whose parents have never been together since child's birth

Note: For respondents who answered ECSCEQ6 = 4 (Relationship data is incorrect), information collected about the household members was reviewed and updates were made to associated demographic derived variables where possible. The applicable Custody questions that had not been asked were then set to 'Not Stated' for these respondents. The remaining cases reflected here (39 cases) represent primarily respondents who reported no additional adults living in the household or the household information was insufficient to make updates. For these cases the remainder of the Custody component has been set to 'Valid skip'. Data users should be cautious about the household demographic variables when ECSCEQ6=4.

<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ6A	<i>Position:</i>	6
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ6A	<i>Length:</i>	1

Has/have either of this child's adoptive/birth father/mother/parents died?

		FREQ	WTD
1	Yes	6	816
2	No	587	86,772
6	Valid skip	12,262	1,930,141
7	Don't know	9	1,492
8	Refusal	2	287
9	Not stated	50	10,818
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, who are not currently living with both parents and those whose parents have never been together since child's birth.

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<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCED8	<i>Position:</i>	7	<i>Length:</i>	5.2
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSD8				

What was this child's age, in years and months, when his parents' break up first occurred?

Allowed values: 00.00 : 05.90

		FREQ	WTD
00.00 : 05.42	Child's age break up first occurred	1,241	162,871
99.96	Valid skip	11,651	1,865,253
99.99	Not stated	24	2,202
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, whose parents have separated at least once since child's birth

Note: This variable is the result of questions CUSQ8 (years) and CUSQ8A (months)/12months)

<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ14	<i>Position:</i>	12	<i>Length:</i>	1
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ14				

At the present time, what type of contact does this child have with his father?

		FREQ	WTD
1	Shares living arrangements	102	13,403
2	Regular visits (at least once every 2 weeks)	737	102,822
3	Irregular visits (eg. monthly, holidays, or no set pattern)	262	30,528
4	Phone/letter contact only	60	5,912
5	No contact	365	55,741
6	Valid skip	11,297	1,805,286
7	Don't know	1	11
8	Refusal	4	576
9	Not stated	88	16,047
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, who are currently living with biological/adoptive mother only, excluding those whose father is deceased or with incomplete information about the father (ECSCEQ6, ECSCEQ6A)

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<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ15	<i>Position:</i>	13	<i>Length:</i>	1
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ15				

At the present time, what type of contact does this child have with his mother?

		FREQ	WTD
1	Shares living arrangements	32	5,426
2	Regular visits (at least once every 2 weeks)	31	4,043
3	Irregular visits (eg. monthly, holidays, or no set pattern)	14	1,319
4	Phone/letter contact only	3	188
5	No contact	11	1,775
6	Valid skip	12,717	1,999,107
9	Not stated	108	18,467
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, who are currently living with biological/adoptive father only, excluding those whose mother is deceased or with incomplete information about the mother (ECSCEQ6, ECSCEQ6A)

<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ16	<i>Position:</i>	14	<i>Length:</i>	1
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ16				

At the present time, does this child live mostly with his mother, mostly with his father, or equally with both?

		FREQ	WTD
1	Mostly with mother	47	5,819
2	Mostly with father	6	808
3	Equally with both parents	81	12,203
6	Valid skip	12,674	1,993,029
9	Not stated	108	18,467
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, who are currently living with one biological/adoptive parent only, excluding those whose other parent is deceased or with incomplete information about other parent (ECSCEQ6, ECSCEQ6A), if child is sharing living arrangements with both parents.

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<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ20	<i>Position:</i>	15	<i>Length:</i>	1
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ20				

Did this child's parents eventually divorce?

		FREQ	WTD
1	Yes	147	19,304
2	No	376	52,002
6	Valid skip	12,375	1,956,194
7	Don't know	4	1,163
8	Refusal	1	61
9	Not stated	13	1,600
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, whose parents are not currently together, neither parent is dead, and parents had lived together as married couple since child's birth, excluding those with incomplete information about a parent (ECSCEQ6, ECSCEQ6A)

<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ21	<i>Position:</i>	16	<i>Length:</i>	1
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ21				

What type of arrangement is currently in place concerning this child's custody?

		FREQ	WTD
1	None	450	64,866
2	Private formal agreement between parents (eg. written agreement, mediation)	261	35,644
3	Private informal agreement between parents (eg. verbal agreement)	427	58,445
4	Court ordered agreement	449	56,318
5	Court ordered agreement in progress	35	6,316
6	Valid skip	11,191	1,790,702
7	Don't know	3	750
8	Refusal	2	117
9	Not stated	98	17,168
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, whose parents are currently not together and neither parent is deceased, excluding those with incomplete information about a parent (ECSCEQ6, ECSCEQ6A)

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<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ22	<i>Position:</i>	17	<i>Length:</i>	1
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ22				

Who now has custody of this child?

		FREQ	WTD
1	Sole custody given to the mother	836	115,562
2	Sole custody given to the father	39	4,778
3	Shared physical custody given to both parents	267	32,770
4	Other	30	3,613
6	Valid skip	11,641	1,855,567
9	Not stated	103	18,035
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, whose parents are currently not together and neither parent is deceased, excluding those with incomplete information about a parent (ECSCEQ6, ECSCEQ6A), if there is a current custody agreement

<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ30	<i>Position:</i>	18	<i>Length:</i>	1
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ30				

What type of agreement currently exists regarding support or maintenance payments for this child?

		FREQ	WTD
1	None	725	99,823
2	Private formal agreement between parents (eg. written agreement, mediation)	197	27,416
3	Private informal agreement between parents (eg. verbal agreement)	288	39,796
4	Court ordered agreement	374	48,364
5	Court ordered agreement in progress	34	5,349
6	Valid skip	11,191	1,790,702
7	Don't know	6	1,284
8	Refusal	3	423
9	Not stated	98	17,168
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, whose parents are currently not together and neither parent is deceased, excluding those with incomplete information about a parent (ECSCEQ6, ECSCEQ6A)

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<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ31	<i>Position:</i>	19	<i>Length:</i>	1
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ31				

Is this agreement for child support only, for support of the other parent, or both?

		FREQ	WTD
1	For child support only	790	104,368
2	For other parent's support only	12	2,570
3	For both	84	12,302
6	Valid skip	11,916	1,890,525
7	Don't know	4	1,323
8	Refusal	3	362
9	Not stated	107	18,875
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, whose parents are currently not together and neither parent is deceased, excluding those with incomplete information about a parent (ECSCEQ6, ECSCEQ6A), if a support agreement exists

<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ32	<i>Position:</i>	20	<i>Length:</i>	2
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ32				

How regular have the maintenance support payments been?

		FREQ	WTD
01	Regular and on time	546	73,283
02	Regular but late sometimes	98	12,974
03	Irregular (had at least one payment in the last 6 months)	121	16,592
04	No payments for the last 6 months	25	2,433
05	No payments for the last year	12	1,868
06	No payments for the last few years	17	2,924
07	Payments never been received	56	8,206
08	Payments stopped due to change in circumstances, (eg. court order, death of payer, etc.)	4	927
96	Valid skip	11,916	1,890,525
97	Don't know	11	1,428
98	Refusal	3	288
99	Not stated	107	18,875
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, whose parents are currently not together and neither parent is deceased, excluding those with incomplete information about a parent (ECSCEQ6, ECSCEQ6A), if a support agreement exists

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Variable Name: **ECSCEQ40** *Position:* 22 *Length:* 1
Collection Name: CUSQ40

Since this child's father died/birth/parents separated, has his mother entered into another marriage or common law relationship?

		FREQ	WTD
1	Yes, a marriage	68	7,065
2	Yes, a common law relationship that eventually resulted in marriage	57	5,495
3	Yes, a common law relationship	197	24,855
4	No	1,311	183,837
6	Valid skip	11,173	1,790,075
7	Don't know	9	1,150
8	Refusal	3	680
9	Not state	98	17,168
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old who are not currently living with both parents and whose mother is not deceased, excluding those with incomplete information about mother (ECSCEQ6, ECSCEQ6A) or no contact with mother

Variable Name: **ECSCEQ47** *Position:* 23 *Length:* 1
Collection Name: CUSQ47

Did this child's mother have any children with her new partner/partners?

		FREQ	WTD
1	Yes	97	10,146
2	No	225	27,269
6	Valid skip	12,484	1,973,912
9	Not stated	110	18,998
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old who are not currently living with both parents and whose mother is not deceased, excluding those with incomplete information about mother (ECSCEQ6, ECSCEQ6A) or no contact with mother, if mother has entered new union.

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<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ50	<i>Position:</i>	24	<i>Length:</i>	1
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ50				

Since this child's mother died/birth/parents separated, has his father entered into another marriage or common law relationship?

		FREQ	WTD
1	Yes, a marriage	33	4,951
2	Yes, a common law relationship that eventually resulted in marriage	41	5,504
3	Yes, a common law relationship	236	31,233
4	No	901	116,053
6	Valid skip	11,550	1,845,501
7	Don't know	53	9,653
8	Refusal	4	262
9	Not stated	98	17,168
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old who are not currently living with both parents and whose father is not deceased, excluding those with incomplete information about father (ECSCEQ6, ECSCEQ6A) or no contact with father

<i>Variable Name:</i>	ECSCEQ57	<i>Position:</i>	25	<i>Length:</i>	1
<i>Collection Name:</i>	CUSQ57				

Did this child's father have any children with his new partner/partners ?

		FREQ	WTD
1	Yes	59	6,626
2	No	248	34,832
6	Valid skip	12,451	1,961,554
7	Don't know	3	230
9	Not stated	155	27,083
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old, who are not currently living with both parents and whose father is not deceased, excluding those with incomplete information about father (ECSCEQ6, ECSCEQ6A) or no contact with father, if father has entered new union

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Section: Custody - derived variables

Variable Name: **ECSCED1** *Position:* 26 *Length:* 1
Collection Name: CUSD1

Marital status of child's parents at birth/adoption

		FREQ	WTD
1	Parents living together and married	8,957	1,425,553
2	Parents living common-law	2,824	435,119
3	Parents not together	878	122,371
6	Valid Skip	106	18,055
9	Not Stated	151	29,227
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old

Note: This derived variable is based on question ECSCEQ1

Variable Name: **ECSCED2** *Position:* 27 *Length:* 1
Collection Name: DEATHDV1

Derived variable indicating parental status

		FREQ	WTD
1	Mother has died	6	941
2	Father has died	29	2,402
3	Both parents have died	1	181
4	Neither parent has died	1,888	269,920
9	Not Stated	10,992	1,756,882
		=====	=====
		12,916	2,030,325

Coverage: Children aged 0-5 years old

Note: This derived variable is based on ESCEQ6 and information collected on who the child lives with.

Section: Weighting and linking variables

Variable Name: **PERSRUK** *Position:* 28 *Length:* 14

Persruk-unique person identifier

Coverage: All respondents

Variable Name: **FIELDRUK** *Position:* 42 *Length:* 12

Fieldruk-unique household identifier

Coverage: All respondents

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<i>Variable Name:</i>	EWTCW01C	<i>Position:</i>	54	<i>Length:</i>	12.4
<i>Collection Name:</i>	XSECWT				

Child cross-sectional weight

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