

**Panel Study of Income Dynamics:  
2013-2021 Pregnancy Intentions File Documentation**  
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## **Section I: Overview of the 2013-2021 Pregnancy Intentions File**

Beginning in the 2013 Wave, a new series of questions about future pregnancy intentions was added. It was asked of those respondents who are the biological parents of newborns reported since the last interview. The series of questions asks about the respondent's and his/her spouse or partner's intentions (if there was one present in the family unit) to have more children.

We continued this question series in 2021 and this file is now cumulative as new reports are added, by wave. The same individual may have multiple reports over time but a maximum of one report, per wave.

As of 2017 forward, Boyfriends and Girlfriends were included in other parent categories for this series (OS66CKP, OS66, and OS70). For waves 2013-2015, OS70 was asked of everyone; as of 2017 forward, this question is not asked for those who do not want or cannot have more children.

### Individuals for Whom the Data are Available

Data are available for respondents who reported being the biological parent of a newborn reported in Section J of the questionnaire. Those eligible for birth history reporting are Reference Persons, Spouses/Partners, and Other Family Unit Members (OFUMs) age 15-44 years old. Users may want to note the complex flow of this section starting at the J1Checkpoint.

### How to Obtain the File and Whom to Contact About Questions

The 2013-2021 Pregnancy Intentions File is available online:  
<http://simba.isr.umich.edu/Zips/ZipMain.aspx>

If you have questions that are not answered by this documentation, you can contact PSID staff through our website:  
[http://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/Guide/Contact\\_Us.aspx](http://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/Guide/Contact_Us.aspx)

## **Section II: Questionnaire Detail**

The flow of the PSID questionnaire is complex. The analyst may find it helpful to actually see the questionnaires. A pdf of the 2021 questionnaire is available from our website:  
<http://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/Guide/documents.aspx>

## **Section III: Structure of the File**

### Number of Records

The 2013-2021 Pregnancy Intentions File contains a total of 3,525 records. The structure of the file is one record per person, per wave. Multiple records for a given parent can result from an individual reporting a newborn child in more than one wave.

## Sort Order of the File

The file is sorted by three variables: "1968 Interview Number" (PGINT2), "Person Number" (PGINT3), and descending "Year of Report" (PGINT4). Combine these three variables to create a unique record primary key.

## Variables on the File

The File contains 10 variables, some of which are about the responding parent and some about the respondent's spouse or partner (or boyfriend or girlfriend, as of 2017), if he/she was residing in the Family Unit at the time of the interview.

## What Cross-Year File to Use for Merging

The 2013-2021 Pregnancy Intentions File merges with the 1968-2021 Public Release Individual File exactly. If one attempts to merge the 2013-2021 Pregnancy Intentions File with an earlier Individual file, some cases on the Individual File may not match. The following variables on the Pregnancy Intentions File correspond to the Individual File as such:

PGINT2=ER30001  
PGINT3=ER30002

The user should note that an individual may have more than one record on the Pregnancy Intentions file and may want to subset records by year of the report.

## **Section IV: Linking Records**

When matching the 2013-2021 Pregnancy Intentions File to individual data, only the 1968-2021 Individual File should be used. During file merging and cleaning, a number of unique individual identifiers were corrected. Special care was taken to ensure perfect correspondence in individual identifiers between this file and the 1968-2021 Individual File.

Because of these corrections, do not attempt to match this file using these unique individual identifiers to any other PSID data file or a derived subset, using these unique individual identifiers. Non-matches in individual records will occur if any file other than the above-named is used.

Data processing is required to link records between these two files. To achieve linkages, one must match on the parent's unique individual-specific identifier. This unique person identifier is a combination of two variables: "1968 Family Interview Number" (PGINT2) and "Person Number" (PGINT3). The corresponding variables for these identifiers on the cross-year Individual File are ER30001 and ER30002.

## **Section V: Codebook**

The item-by-item descriptions for all of the variables in the 2013-2021 Pregnancy Intentions File can be found in the codebook. Unweighted frequencies were calculated for each variable.