Attachment C. NSCAW Sampling Data Elements

C.1   Adoption

Summary: Adoption is based on the derived variable in the NSCAW datasets that are based on caregiver report that the child mother or father is the adoptive parent (PHH6a or PRTOC). If that information is missing, adoption is based on the caregiver (PCGAREL and PCGBREL) or child instruments (YCGAREL and YCGBREL). This includes information from data collected during the sampling process from the designated child welfare agency liaison, which was then confirmed during the caregiver or child interviews. In the case of NSCAW II, the information was expanded to use information from the AFCARS file indicating that the case was adopted. For cases identified as both adopted and legal guardianship, the case was classified as adopted.

NSCAW I: Adopted cases were identified based on the across waves summary derived variable available in the dataset: DEVRADPT

N (15 years or older by April 2020) = 731

NSCAW I Variable	Description	Source Variables	Definition
DEVRADPT	This variable indicates if the child was adopted across waves. It is based on the wave-specific adoption flag CHdAdopt that indicates if the child was adopted at the time of the interview based on the caregiver and child instruments.	**PCgarel and PCGBREL:** PCGAREL — CG Relationship Code -CG Inst PCGBREL — Other CG Rel. Code (RELAT1T) -CG Inst 1 = BIOLOGICAL MOTHER 2 = STEP-MOTHER 3 = ADOPTIVE MOTHER 4 = FOSTER MOTHER 5 = SISTER 6 = AUNT 7 = GRANDMOTHER 8 = BIOLOGICAL FATHER 9 = STEP-FATHER 10 = ADOPTIVE FATHER p_hh6a: PRTOC_1 — HH member 1 rel to ch-code(RELAT1T) 2 = MOTHER (BIOLOGICAL) 3 = FATHER (BIOLOGICAL) 4 = STEP-MOTHER 5 = STEP-FATHER 6 = ADOPTIVE MOTHER 7 = ADOPTIVE FATHER	The variable was initially set to '2' (No) and set to '1' (Yes) if one or more of the following conditions are met from that wave: 1) if the caregiver interview is complete and the caregiver reported relationship to child is adopted mother or father [pcgarel in (3,10) or pcgbrel in (3,10) or p_hh6a in (6,7)] 2) if the child interview is complete and the caregiver reported relationship to child is adopted mother or father [ycgarel in (3,10) or ycgbrel in (3,10)] 3) if a manual review of case folder indicates child was adopted 4) if no interviews are completed but the CID indicates child adopted

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NSCAW I Variable	Description	Source Variables	Definition
		YCGAREL: YCGAREL CG Relationship Code (RELAT1T) -CH Inst YCGBREL: YCGBREL Other CG Rel. Code (RELAT1T) -CH Inst 3 = ADOPTIVE MOTHER 10 = ADOPTIVE FATHER	

NSCAW II: Adopted cases were identified based on the across waves summary derived variable available in the dataset: DEVRADPT

N (15 years or older by April 2020) = 221

C.2   Timing of Out-of-Home Placement and Adoption

NSCAW I:

- **Step 1**: Define the subpopulation of cases across the time of the study identified as adopted or in guardianship.

- **Step 2:** Establish dates for adoption and changes in placement.

a)   Establish date of **adoption** based on:

Instrument	Date variables	
Caregiver Permanency Planning Module for foster and adoptive parents at Wave 4	PP42M	Month legally adopted CH
	PP42Y	Year legally adopted CH
Caregiver Permanency Planning Module for foster and adoptive parents at Wave 5	PP52M	Month legally adopted CH
	PP52Y	Year legally adopted CH
Caseworker Permanency Planning Module at Wave 4	PO41BM	CH legally adopted month
	PO41BD	CH legally adopted day
	PO41BY	CH legally adopted year
Caseworker Permanency Planning Module at Wave 5	PO51BM	CH legally adopted month
	PO51BD	CH legally adopted day
	PO51BY	CH legally adopted year
Caseworker Court Hearings Module at Waves 2 to 5 plus hearing result recommended adoption	CT221DT	Date of 1st hearing
	CT2ATG_4	CHs adoption being set aside

b) Identify all **changes in placement** based on:

Instrument	Date variables	
Caseworker Living Environments Module Waves 1 to 5	D01LN6	Place ch previously lived(1st)
	To	
	D25LN6	Place ch previously lived(25th)
	D01LN11	Date arrangement began(1st)
	To	
	D25LN11	Date arrangement began(25th)
Caregiver Placement Variables Module Waves 1 to 5	D01LE11M	Month ch start live w/R (1st)
	D01LE11Y	Year ch start live w/R (1st)
	D01LE25M	M of chnge in ch liv sit(pcntdte)(1st)
	D01LE25Y	Y of chnge in ch liv sit(pcntdte)(1st)
	To	
	D10LE25M	M of change in ch liv sit(10th)
	D10LE25Y	Y of change in ch liv sit(10th)

Step 3: Identify changes in placement before date of adoption by comparing dates in (a) being after at least one of the changes in placement at (b).

NSCAW II:

▪ **Step 1**: Define the subpopulation of cases across the time of the study identified as adopted.

▪ **Step 2:** Establish dates for adoption and changes in placement.

a) Establish date of adoption based on:

Instrument	Date variables	
Caregiver Permanency Planning Module for foster and adoptive parents at Wave 2	PP22M	Month R legally adopted CH
	PP22Y	Year R legally adopted CH
Caregiver Permanency Planning Module for foster and adoptive parents at Wave 3	PP32M	Month R legally adopted CH
	PP32Y	Year R legally adopted CH
AFCARS Adoption summary data: date adoption legalize or, discharged reason=3 (adoption)	AXSFINALDATE	Date Adoption Legalized
	FXSDODDT	Discharge Date
	FXSDISREASN	Discharge Reason
Caseworker Permanency Planning Module at Wave 2	PO21BM	CH legally adopted - M
	PO21BD	CH legally adopted - D
	PO21BY	CH legally adopted - Y
Caseworker Permanency Planning Module at Wave 3	PO31BM	CH legally adopted - M
	PO31BD	CH legally adopted - D
	PO31BY	CH legally adopted - Y
Caseworker Court Hearings Module at Wave 2 plus hearing result recommended adoption	CT22M_1	Date court hearings for CH since ref date 1 - M
	CT22D_1	Date court hearings for CH since ref date 1 - D
	CT22Y_1	Date court hearings for CH since ref date 1 - Y
	CT24AT8	CWA recommend @ hrng1-Rfr to interstate compact on adoption
Caseworker Court Hearings Module at Wave 3 plus hearing result recommended adoption	CT32M_1	Date court hearings for CH since ref date 1 - M
	CT32D_1	Date court hearings for CH since ref date 1 - D
	CT32Y_1	Date court hearings for CH since ref date 1 - Y
	CT34AT7	CWA recommend @ hrng1-Rfr to state/county adoption prog
	CT34AT8	CWA recommend @ hrng1-Rfr to interstate compact on adoption

b) Identify all changes in placement based on:

Instrument	Date variables	
Caseworker Living Environments Module Waves 1 to 3	D01LN6	Place ch originally lived(1st)
	To	
	D25LN6	Place ch originally lived(25th)
	D01LN11E	Date arrangement ended(1st)
	D01LN11S	Date arrangement began(1st)
	To	
	D25LN11E	Date arrangement ended(25th)
	D25LN11S	Date arrangement began(25th)

▪ **Step 3**: Identify changes in placement before date of adoption by comparing dates in (a) being after at least one of the changes in placement at (b).