

# 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.	<p>PCgarel and PCGBREL:</p> <p><a href="#">PCGAREL</a> CG Relationship Code -CG Inst</p> <p><a href="#">PCGBREL</a> Other CG Rel. Code (RELAT1T) -CG Inst</p> <p>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> <p>p_hh6a:</p> <p><a href="#">PRTOC_1</a> HH member 1 rel to ch-code(RELAT1T)</p> <p>2 = MOTHER (BIOLOGICAL)            3 = FATHER (BIOLOGICAL)            4 = STEP-MOTHER            5 = STEP-FATHER            6 = ADOPTIVE MOTHER            7 = ADOPTIVE FATHER</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>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)]</p> <p>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)]</p> <p>3) if a manual review of case folder indicates child was adopted</p> <p>4) if no interviews are completed but the CID indicates child adopted</p>

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NSCAW I Variable	Description	Source Variables	Definition
		YCGAREL: CG Relationship <a href="#">YCGAREL</a> Code (RELAT1T) -CH Inst  YCGBREL: <a href="#">YCGBREL</a> 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	<a href="#">PP42M</a> Month legally adopted CH
	<a href="#">PP42Y</a> Year legally adopted CH
Caregiver Permanency Planning Module for foster and adoptive parents at Wave 5	<a href="#">PP52M</a> Month legally adopted CH
	<a href="#">PP52Y</a> Year legally adopted CH
Caseworker Permanency Planning Module at Wave 4	<a href="#">PO41BM</a> CH legally adopted month
	<a href="#">PO41BD</a> CH legally adopted day
	<a href="#">PO41BY</a> CH legally adopted year
Caseworker Permanency Planning Module at Wave 5	<a href="#">PO51BM</a> CH legally adopted month
	<a href="#">PO51BD</a> CH legally adopted day
	<a href="#">PO51BY</a> CH legally adopted year
Caseworker Court Hearings Module at Waves 2 to 5 plus hearing result recommended adoption	<a href="#">CT221DT</a> Date of 1st hearing
	<a href="#">CT2ATG_4</a> CHs adoption being set aside

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

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

**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	<a href="#">PP22M</a>	Month R legally adopted CH
	<a href="#">PP22Y</a>	Year R legally adopted CH
Caregiver Permanency Planning Module for foster and adoptive parents at Wave 3	<a href="#">PP32M</a>	Month R legally adopted CH
	<a href="#">PP32Y</a>	Year R legally adopted CH
AFCARS Adoption summary data: date adoption legalize or, discharged reason=3 (adoption)	<a href="#">AXSFINALDATE</a>	Date Adoption Legalized
	<a href="#">FXSDODDT</a>	Discharge Date
	<a href="#">FXSDISREASN</a>	Discharge Reason
Caseworker Permanency Planning Module at Wave 2	<a href="#">PO21BM</a>	CH legally adopted - M
	<a href="#">PO21BD</a>	CH legally adopted - D
	<a href="#">PO21BY</a>	CH legally adopted - Y
Caseworker Permanency Planning Module at Wave 3	<a href="#">PO31BM</a>	CH legally adopted - M
	<a href="#">PO31BD</a>	CH legally adopted - D
	<a href="#">PO31BY</a>	CH legally adopted - Y
Caseworker Court Hearings Module at Wave 2 plus hearing result recommended adoption	<a href="#">CT22M_1</a>	Date court hearings for CH since ref date 1 - M
	<a href="#">CT22D_1</a>	Date court hearings for CH since ref date 1 - D
	<a href="#">CT22Y_1</a>	Date court hearings for CH since ref date 1 - Y
	<a href="#">CT24AT8</a>	CWA recommend @ hrng1-Rfr to interstate compact on adoption
Caseworker Court Hearings Module at Wave 3 plus hearing result recommended adoption	<a href="#">CT32M_1</a>	Date court hearings for CH since ref date 1 - M
	<a href="#">CT32D_1</a>	Date court hearings for CH since ref date 1 - D
	<a href="#">CT32Y_1</a>	Date court hearings for CH since ref date 1 - Y
	<a href="#">CT34AT7</a>	CWA recommend @ hrng1-Rfr to state/county adoption prog
	<a href="#">CT34AT8</a>	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	<a href="#">D01LN6</a> Place ch originally lived(1st)
	To
	<a href="#">D25LN6</a> Place ch originally lived(25th)
	<a href="#">D01LN11E</a> Date arrangement ended(1st)
	<a href="#">D01LN11S</a> Date arrangement began(1st)
	To
	<a href="#">D25LN11E</a> Date arrangement ended(25th)
<a href="#">D25LN11S</a> Date arrangement began(25th)	

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