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Preface

The data for the *Integrated Historical Child Welfare Database (IHCWD)* have been given by the authors to the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) for public distribution. The data were either collected by the authors from publicly available sources, or compiled by the authors from restricted data and reported in aggregate form, preventing disclosure risk. Funding for the project was provided by the U.S. Administration for Children and Families (Award IDs HHSP233201750093A and 140D0422P0227). The research was carried out in complete independence of the funding sources, and the authors accept responsibility for the data.

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Bibliographic Citation Submission Requirement

In accordance with the terms of the Data License for this dataset, users of these data are required to notify the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect of any published work or report based wholly or in part on these data. A bibliographic citation should be emailed to NDACANsupport@cornell.edu and will be used to provide our funding agency with essential information about the use of NDACAN resources and to facilitate the exchange of information about research activities among data users and contributors.

Codebook Notes

Introduction

The Codebook for the Integrated Historical Child Welfare Database (IHCWD) is a product of National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN). NDACAN is funded by the Children's Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services. NDACAN supports secondary analysis of its datasets by providing technical support.

This codebook includes information on the NDACAN archived version of the data files to assist individuals in using the data. Users should read the associated User's Guide to support responsible use of the data.

Codebook Entry Guide

Codebook Entries correspond to each variable and contain the following information:

- Number: Unique numeric value corresponding to the variable
- Name: Unique descriptive name corresponding to variable
- Label: Brief description of the variable
- Definition: Extended description of the variable
- Data Type: Description of the variable format (i.e. numeric or character)
- Details/Guidance (selected variables): Detailed information about the variable, such as additional explanation of variable meaning or cautionary notes about data limitations
- Values Table (selected variables): Table of possible values that the variable may take

Acronyms and Abbreviations

The following abbreviations and acronyms are used in this document:

AFCARS - Adoption and Foster Care Reporting and Analysis System

AIAN - American Indian or Alaska Native

API - Asian or Pacific Islander

CBSS - Children's Bureau Statistical Series

CW - Child welfare

FIPS - Federal Information Processing Standards

Hisp. - Hispanic

IHCWD - Integrated Historical Child Welfare Database

NCSS - National Center for Social Statistics

NDACAN - National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect

VCIS - Voluntary Cooperative Information System

U.S. - United States

IHCWD Variables by Position

Variable Number	Variable Name	Variable Label
1	State	State FIPS numeric code
2	St	State FIPS alpha (two-character) code
3	Year	Year
4	Source	Source of data
5	En_tot	Children entering out-of-home care
6	En_age_lt1	Children entering out-of-home care, less than 1 year old
7	En_age_1to5	Children entering out-of-home care, 1 to 5 years old
8	En_age_6to12	Children entering out-of-home care, 6 to 12 years old
9	En_age_13to18	Children entering out-of-home care, 13 to 18 years old
10	En_age_19to20	Children entering out-of-home care, 19 to 20 years old
11	En_age_unk	Children entering out-of-home care, age unknown
12	En_rac_eth_w	Children entering out-of-home care, White alone non-Hisp.
13	En_rac_eth_b	Children entering out-of-home care, Black alone non-Hisp.
14	En_rac_eth_ain	Children entering out-of-home care, AIAN alone non-Hisp.
15	En_rac_eth_api	Children entering out-of-home care, API alone non-Hisp.
16	En_rac_eth_h	Children entering out-of-home care, Hispanic
17	En_rac_eth_multi	Children entering out-of-home care, multiracial non-Hisp.
18	En_rac_eth_oth	Children entering out-of-home care, other race non-Hisp.
19	En_rac_eth_unk	Children entering out-of-home care, race or ethnicity unknown
20	Ex_tot	Children exiting out-of-home care
21	Ex_age_lt1	Children exiting out-of-home care, less than 1 year old
22	Ex_age_1to5	Children exiting out-of-home care, 1 to 5 years old
23	Ex_age_6to12	Children exiting out-of-home care, 6 to 12 years old
24	Ex_age_13to18	Children exiting out-of-home care, 13 to 18 years old
25	Ex_age_19to20	Children exiting out-of-home care, 19 to 20 years old
26	Ex_age_unk	Children exiting out-of-home care, age unknown
27	Ex_rac_eth_w	Children exiting out-of-home care, White alone non-Hisp.
28	Ex_rac_eth_b	Children exiting out-of-home care, Black alone non-Hisp.

Variable Number	Variable Name	Variable Label
29	Ex_rac_eth_aian	Children exiting out-of-home care, AIAN alone non-Hisp.
30	Ex_rac_eth_api	Children exiting out-of-home care, API alone non-Hisp.
31	Ex_rac_eth_h	Children exiting out-of-home care, Hispanic
32	Ex_rac_eth_multi	Children exiting out-of-home care, multiracial non-Hisp.
33	Ex_rac_eth_oth	Children exiting out-of-home care, other race non-Hisp.
34	Ex_rac_eth_unk	Children exiting out-of-home care, race or ethnicity unknown
35	In_tot	Children in out-of-home care
36	In_age_lt1	Children in out-of-home care, less than 1 year old
37	In_age_1to5	Children in out-of-home care, 1 to 5 years old
38	In_age_6to12	Children in out-of-home care, 6 to 12 years old
39	In_age_13to18	Children in out-of-home care, 13 to 18 years old
40	In_age_19to20	Children in out-of-home care, 19 to 20 years old
41	In_age_unk	Children in out-of-home care, age unknown
42	In_rac_eth_w	Children in out-of-home care, White alone non-Hisp.
43	In_rac_eth_b	Children in out-of-home care, Black alone non-Hisp.
44	In_rac_eth_aian	Children in out-of-home care, AIAN alone non-Hisp.
45	In_rac_eth_api	Children in out-of-home care, API alone non-Hisp.
46	In_rac_eth_h	Children in out-of-home care, Hispanic
47	In_rac_eth_multi	Children in out-of-home care, multiracial non-Hisp.
48	In_rac_eth_oth	Children in out-of-home care, other race non-Hisp.
49	In_rac_eth_unk	Children in out-of-home care, race or ethnicity unknown
50	In_sex_m	Children in out-of-home care, male
51	In_sex_f	Children in out-of-home care, female
52	In_sex_unk	Children in out-of-home care, sex unknown
53	Ch_serv	Children receiving child-welfare services
54	Ch_serv_par	Children receiving CW services, living with parent
55	Ch_serv_rel	Children receiving CW services, living with nonparent relative
56	Ch_serv_ind	Children receiving CW services, living independently
57	Ch_serv_adopt	Children receiving CW services, living in adoptive home

Variable Number	Variable Name	Variable Label
58	Ch_serv_fost	Children receiving CW services, living in foster family home
59	Ch_serv_group	Children receiving CW services, living in group home
60	Ch_serv_inst	Children receiving CW services, living in institution
61	Ch_serv_else	Children receiving CW services, living elsewhere
62	Exp	Expenditures on child-welfare services
63	Exp_fost	Expenditures on CW services, foster care payments
64	Exp_pers	Expenditures on CW services, personnel
65	Exp_ed	Expenditures on CW services, educational leave
66	FT	Full-time child-welfare employees
67	FT_prof	Full-time CW employees, professional
68	FT_dir	Full-time CW employees, directors
69	FT_dir_work	Full-time CW employees, director-workers
70	FT_super	Full-time CW employees, supervisors
71	FT_case	Full-time CW employees, case workers
72	PT	Part-time child-welfare employees
73	PT_dir_work	Part-time CW employees, director-workers
74	PT_case	Part-time CW employees, case workers

Codebook Entries

#1: State

Name: State

Label: State FIPS numeric code

Definition: State Federal Information Processing System numeric code

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

Value	Value Label
1	Alabama
2	Alaska
4	Arizona
5	Arkansas
6	California
8	Colorado
9	Connecticut
10	Delaware
11	District of Columbia
12	Florida
13	Georgia
15	Hawaii
16	Idaho
17	Illinois
18	Indiana
19	Iowa
20	Kansas
21	Kentucky

22	Louisiana
23	Maine
24	Maryland
25	Massachusetts
26	Michigan
27	Minnesota
28	Mississippi
29	Missouri
30	Montana
31	Nebraska
32	Nevada
33	New Hampshire
34	New Jersey
35	New Mexico
36	New York
37	North Carolina
38	North Dakota
39	Ohio
40	Oklahoma
41	Oregon
42	Pennsylvania
44	Rhode Island
45	South Carolina
46	South Dakota
47	Tennessee
48	Texas

49	Utah
50	Vermont
51	Virginia
53	Washington
54	West Virginia
55	Wisconsin
56	Wyoming
72	Puerto Rico

#2: St

Name: St

Label: State FIPS alpha code

Definition: State Federal Information Processing System alpha code

Data Type: Character

Details/Guidance: Equivalent to U.S. Postal Service abbreviation

Value	Value Label
AL	Alabama
AK	Alaska
AZ	Arizona
AR	Arkansas
CA	California
CO	Colorado
CT	Connecticut
DE	Delaware
DC	District of Columbia
FL	Florida
GA	Georgia
HI	Hawaii
ID	Idaho
IL	Illinois
IN	Indiana
IA	Iowa
KS	Kansas
KY	Kentucky
LA	Louisiana

ME	Maine
MD	Maryland
MA	Massachusetts
MI	Michigan
MN	Minnesota
MS	Mississippi
MO	Missouri
MT	Montana
NE	Nebraska
NV	Nevada
NH	New Hampshire
NJ	New Jersey
NM	New Mexico
NY	New York
NC	North Carolina
ND	North Dakota
OH	Ohio
OK	Oklahoma
OR	Oregon
PA	Pennsylvania
RI	Rhode Island
SC	South Carolina
SD	South Dakota
TN	Tennessee
TX	Texas
UT	Utah

VT	Vermont
VA	Virginia
WA	Washington
WV	West Virginia
WI	Wisconsin
WY	Wyoming
PR	Puerto Rico

#3: Year

Name: Year

Label: Year

Definition: Year of data

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Year refers to the 12-month period over the course of which events or expenditures occurred, or within which populations of children or personnel were measured at a point in time. Some sources measure calendar years (January 1 to December 31), while others measure federal fiscal years (October 1 to September 30).

#4: Source

Name: Source

Label: Source of data

Definition: Original source from which data were compiled

Data Type: Character

Details/Guidance:

Values	Value label
CBSS	Children's Bureau Statistical Series
NCSS	National Center for Social Statistics
VCIS	Voluntary Cooperative Information System
AFCARS	Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System

#5: En_tot

Name: En_tot

Label: Children entering out-of-home care

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#6: En_age_lt1

Name: En_age_lt1

Label: Children entering out-of-home care, less than 1 year old

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year who are less than one year old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children entering out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #11 En_age_unk.

#7: En_age_1to5

Name: En_age_1to5

Label: Children entering out-of-home care, 1 to 5 years old

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year who are between one and five years old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children entering out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #11 En_age_unk.

#8: En_age_6to12

Name: En_age_6to12

Label: Children entering out-of-home care, 6 to 12 years old

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year who are between six and twelve years old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children entering out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #11 En_age_unk.

#9: En_age_13to18

Name: En_age_13to18

Label: Children entering out-of-home care, 13 to 18 years old

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year who are between thirteen and eighteen years old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children entering out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #11 En_age_unk.

#10: En_age_19to20

Name: En_age_19to20

Label: Children entering out-of-home care, 19 to 20 years old

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year who are between nineteen and twenty years old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children entering out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #11 En_age_unk.

#11: En_age_unk

Name: En_age_unk

Label: Children entering out-of-home care, age unknown

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year whose age is unknown

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#12: En_rac_eth_w

Name: En_rac_eth_w

Label: Children entering out-of-home care, White alone non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is White alone, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children entering out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #19 En_rac_eth_unk.

#13: En_rac_eth_b

Name: En_rac_eth_b

Label: Children entering out-of-home care, Black alone non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is Black alone, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children entering out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #19 En_rac_eth_unk.

#14: En_rac_eth_ain

Name: En_rac_eth_ain

Label: Children entering out-of-home care, AIAN alone non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is American Indian or Alaska Native alone, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children entering out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #19 En_rac_eth_unk.

#15: En_rac_eth_api

Name: En_rac_eth_api

Label: Children entering out-of-home care, API alone non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is Asian or Pacific Islander alone, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children entering out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #19 En_rac_eth_unk.

#16: En_rac_eth_h

Name: En_rac_eth_h

Label: Children entering out-of-home care, Hispanic

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children entering out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #19 En_rac_eth_unk.

#17: En_rac_eth_multi

Name: En_rac_eth_multi

Label: Children entering out-of-home care, multiracial non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is multiracial, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: This category is only available for data from the AFCARS (1995–2021).

Data from the VCIS (1982–1995) do not include this category, instead including an “other” racial category (see #18 En_rac_eth_oth). As such, counts of other ethnoracial groups are only comparable on the assumption that these two categories measure the same population. This assumption can be assessed by comparing VCIS and AFCARS data for 1995. Children entering out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #19 En_rac_eth_unk.

#18: En_rac_eth_other

Name: En_rac_eth_other

Label: Children entering out-of-home care, other race non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is other race, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: This category is only available for data from the VCIS (1982–1995). Data from the AFCARS (1995–2021) do not include this category, instead including a “multiracial” category (see #17 En_rac_eth_multi). As such, counts of other ethnoracial groups are only comparable on the assumption that these two categories measure the same population. This assumption can be assessed by comparing VCIS and AFCARS data for 1995. Children entering out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #19 En_rac_eth_unk.

#19: En_rac_eth_unk

Name: En_rac_eth_unk

Label: Children entering out-of-home care, race or ethnicity unknown

Definition: Count of children entering out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is unknown

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#20: Ex_tot

Name: Ex_tot

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#21: Ex_age_lt1

Name: Ex_age_lt1

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care, less than 1 year old

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year who are less than one year old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children exiting out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #26 Ex_age_unk.

#22: Ex_age_1to5

Name: Ex_age_1to5

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care, 1 to 5 years old

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year who are between one and five years old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children exiting out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #26 Ex_age_unk.

#23: Ex_age_6to12

Name: Ex_age_6to12

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care, 6 to 12 years old

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year who are between six and twelve years old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children exiting out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #26 Ex_age_unk.

#24: Ex_age_13to18

Name: Ex_age_13to18

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care, 13 to 18 years old

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year who are between thirteen and eighteen years old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children exiting out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #26 Ex_age_unk.

#25: Ex_age_19to20

Name: Ex_age_19to20

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care, 19 to 20 years old

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year who are between nineteen and twenty years old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children exiting out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #26 Ex_age_unk.

#26: Ex_age_unk

Name: Ex_age_unk

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care, age unknown

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year whose age is unknown

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#27: Ex_rac_eth_w

Name: Ex_rac_eth_w

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care, White alone non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is White alone, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children exiting out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #34 Ex_rac_eth_unk.

#28: Ex_rac_eth_b

Name: Ex_rac_eth_b

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care, Black alone non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is Black alone, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children exiting out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #34 Ex_rac_eth_unk.

#29: Ex_rac_eth_ain

Name: Ex_rac_eth_ain

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care, AIAN alone non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is American Indian or Alaska Native alone, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children exiting out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #34 Ex_rac_eth_unk.

#30: Ex_rac_eth_api

Name: Ex_rac_eth_api

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care, API alone non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is Asian or Pacific Islander alone, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children exiting out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #34 Ex_rac_eth_unk.

#31: Ex_rac_eth_h

Name: Ex_rac_eth_h

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care, Hispanic

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children exiting out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #34 Ex_rac_eth_unk.

#32: Ex_rac_eth_multi

Name: Ex_rac_eth_multi

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care, multiracial non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is multiracial, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: This category is only available for data from the AFCARS (1995–2021).

Data from the VCIS (1982–1995) do not include this category, instead including an “other” racial category (see #33 Ex_rac_eth_oth). As such, counts of other ethnoracial groups are only comparable on the assumption that these two categories measure the same population. This assumption can be assessed by comparing VCIS and AFCARS data for 1995. Children exiting out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #34 Ex_rac_eth_unk.

#33: Ex_rac_eth_other

Name: Ex_rac_eth_other

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care, other race non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is other race, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: This category is only available for data from the VCIS (1982–1995). Data from the AFCARS (1995–2021) do not include this category, instead including a “multiracial” category (see #32 Ex_rac_eth_multi). As such, counts of other ethnoracial groups are only comparable on the assumption that these two categories measure the same population. This assumption can be assessed by comparing VCIS and AFCARS data for 1995. Children exiting out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #34 Ex_rac_eth_unk.

#34: Ex_rac_eth_unk

Name: Ex_rac_eth_unk

Label: Children exiting out-of-home care, race or ethnicity unknown

Definition: Count of children exiting out-of-home care within the year whose ethnoracial group is unknown

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#35: In_tot

Name: In_tot

Label: Children in out-of-home care

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#36: In_age_lt1

Name: In_age_lt1

Label: Children in out-of-home care, less than 1 year old

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year who are less than one year old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children in out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #41 In_age_unk.

#37: In_age_1to5

Name: In_age_1to5

Label: Children in out-of-home care, 1 to 5 years old

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year who are between one and five years old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children in out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #41 In_age_unk.

#38: In_age_6to12

Name: In_age_6to12

Label: Children in out-of-home care, 6 to 12 years old

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year who are between six and twelve years old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children in out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #41 In_age_unk.

#39: In_age_13to18

Name: In_age_13to18

Label: Children in out-of-home care, 13 to 18 years old

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year who are between thirteen and eighteen years old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children in out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #41 In_age_unk.

#40: In_age_19to20

Name: In_age_19to20

Label: Children in out-of-home care, 19 to 20 years old

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year who are between nineteen and twenty years old

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children in out-of-home care who have missing information about age are counted in #41 In_age_unk.

#41: In_age_unk

Name: In_age_unk

Label: Children in out-of-home care, age unknown

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year whose age is unknown

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#42: In_rac_eth_w

Name: In_rac_eth_w

Label: Children in out-of-home care, White alone non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year whose ethnoracial group is White alone, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children in out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #49 In_rac_eth_unk.

#43: In_rac_eth_b

Name: In_rac_eth_b

Label: Children in out-of-home care, Black alone non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year whose ethnoracial group is Black alone, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children in out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #49 In_rac_eth_unk.

#44: In_rac_eth_ain

Name: In_rac_eth_ain

Label: Children in out-of-home care, AIAN alone non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year whose ethnoracial group is American Indian or Alaska Native alone, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children in out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #49 In_rac_eth_unk.

#45: In_rac_eth_api

Name: In_rac_eth_api

Label: Children in out-of-home care, API alone non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year whose ethnoracial group is Asian or Pacific Islander alone, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children in out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #49 In_rac_eth_unk.

#46: In_rac_eth_h

Name: In_rac_eth_h

Label: Children in out-of-home care, Hispanic

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year whose ethnoracial group is Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Children in out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #49 In_rac_eth_unk.

#47: In_rac_eth_multi

Name: In_rac_eth_multi

Label: Children in out-of-home care, multiracial non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year whose ethnoracial group is multiracial, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: This category is only available for data from the AFCARS (1995–2021).

Data from the VCIS (1982–1995) do not include this category, instead including an “other” racial category (see #48 In_rac_eth_oth). As such, counts of other ethnoracial groups are only comparable on the assumption that these two categories measure the same population. This assumption can be assessed by comparing VCIS and AFCARS data for 1995. Children in out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #49 In_rac_eth_unk.

#48: In_rac_eth_other

Name: In_rac_eth_other

Label: Children in out-of-home care, other race non-Hisp.

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year whose ethnoracial group is other race, not Hispanic/Latino

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: This category is only available for data from the VCIS (1982–1995). Data from the AFCARS (1995–2021) do not include this category, instead including a “multiracial” category (see #47 In_rac_eth_multi). As such, counts of other ethnoracial groups are only comparable on the assumption that these two categories measure the same population. This assumption can be assessed by comparing VCIS and AFCARS data for 1995. Children in out-of-home care who have missing information about race or ethnicity are counted in #49 In_rac_eth_unk.

#49: In_rac_eth_unk

Name: In_rac_eth_unk

Label: Children in out-of-home care, race or ethnicity unknown

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year whose ethnoracial group is unknown

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#50: In_sex_m

Name: In_sex_m

Label: Children in out-of-home care, male

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year whose sex is male

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#51: In_sex_f

Name: In_sex_f

Label: Children in out-of-home care, female

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year whose sex is female

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#52: In_sex_unk

Name: In_sex_unk

Label: Children in out-of-home care, sex unknown

Definition: Count of children in out-of-home care at the end of the year whose sex is unknown

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#53: Ch_serv

Name: Ch_serv

Label: Children receiving child-welfare services

Definition: Children receiving child-welfare services from state and local public welfare agencies

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#54: Ch_serv_par

Name: Ch_serv_par

Label: Children receiving CW services, living with parent

Definition: Children receiving child-welfare services from state and local public welfare agencies who are living with a parent

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#55: Ch_serv_rel

Name: Ch_serv_rel

Label: Children receiving CW services, living with nonparent relative

Definition: Children receiving child-welfare services from state and local public welfare agencies who are living with a nonparent relative

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#56: Ch_serv_ind

Name: Ch_serv_ind

Label: Children receiving CW services, living independently

Definition: Children receiving child-welfare services from state and local public welfare agencies who are living independently

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#57: Ch_serv_adopt

Name: Ch_serv_adopt

Label: Children receiving CW services, living in adoptive home

Definition: Children receiving child-welfare services from state and local public welfare agencies who are living in an adoptive home

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#58: Ch_serv_fost

Name: Ch_serv_fost

Label: Children receiving CW services, living in foster family home

Definition: Children receiving child-welfare services from state and local public welfare agencies who are living in a foster family home

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#59: Ch_serv_group

Name: Ch_serv_group

Label: Children receiving CW services, living in group home

Definition: Children receiving child-welfare services from state and local public welfare agencies who are living in a group home

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#60: Ch_serv_inst

Name: Ch_serv_inst

Label: Children receiving CW services, living in institution

Definition: Children receiving child-welfare services from state and local public welfare agencies who are living in an institution

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#61: Ch_serv_else

Name: Ch_serv_else

Label: Children receiving CW services, living elsewhere

Definition: Children receiving child-welfare services from state and local public welfare agencies who are living somewhere other than with a parent or nonparent relative, independently, or in an adoptive home, foster family home, group home, or institution

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#62: Exp

Name: Exp

Label: Expenditures on child-welfare services

Definition: Expenditures by state and local public welfare agencies on child-welfare services

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#63: Exp_fost

Name: Exp_fost

Label: Expenditures on CW services, foster care payments

Definition: Expenditures by state and local public welfare agencies on foster care payments

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#64: Exp_pers

Name: Exp_pers

Label: Expenditures on CW services, personnel

Definition: Expenditures by state and local public welfare agencies on child welfare personnel

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#65: Exp_ed

Name: Exp_ed

Label: Expenditures on CW services, educational leave

Definition: Expenditures by state and local public welfare agencies on educational leave for child welfare personnel

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#66: FT

Name: FT

Label: Full-time child-welfare employees

Definition: Full-time employees in the child-welfare programs of state and local public welfare agencies

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#67: FT_prof

Name: FT_prof

Label: Full-time CW employees, professional

Definition: Full-time employees in the child-welfare programs of state and local public welfare agencies who are professionals

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: This variable counts “professional” child-welfare employees, defined in data sources to include directors, director-workers, case supervisors, caseworkers, consultants, field representatives, child welfare assistants, social work specialists, other social workers, and specialists other than social work. It differs from #66 FT in the exclusion of “clerks.”

#68: FT_dir

Name: FT_dir

Label: Full-time CW employees, directors

Definition: Full-time employees in the child-welfare programs of state and local public welfare agencies who are directors

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#68: FT_dir_work

Name: FT_dir_work

Label: Full-time CW employees, director-workers

Definition: Full-time employees in the child-welfare programs of state and local public welfare agencies who are directors-workers

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#70: FT_super

Name: FT_super

Label: Full-time CW employees, supervisors

Definition: Full-time employees in the child-welfare programs of state and local public welfare agencies who are supervisors

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#71: FT_case

Name: FT_case

Label: Full-time CW employees, case workers

Definition: Full-time employees in the child-welfare programs of state and local public welfare agencies who are case workers

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#72: PT

Name: PT

Label: Part-time child-welfare employees

Definition: General welfare employees of state and local public welfare agencies devoting some time to child-welfare services

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#73: PT_dir_work

Name: PT_dir_work

Label: Part-time CW employees, director-workers

Definition: General welfare employees of state and local public welfare agencies devoting some time to child-welfare services who are director-workers

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance:

#74: PT_case

Name: PT_case

Label: Part-time CW employees, case workers

Definition: General welfare employees of state and local public welfare agencies devoting some time to child-welfare services who are case workers

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance

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