

1990 RESURVEY OF MATURE MEN

APPENDIX 30: EXPLANATION FOR THE 1990 CREATED SOCIAL SECURITY  
VARIABLES - R6743.10.-R6743.30.

INFORMATION ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME DURING 1989 AND IN THE MONTH PRECEDING THE SURVEY WAS OBTAINED BY A SERIES OF QUESTIONS (95A-H) THAT BEGAN WITH A SORTER QUESTION DESIGNED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER SUCH INCOME WAS RECEIVED BY THE SAMPLE PERSON ONLY, BY HIS WIFE ONLY, OR BY BOTH, IN WHICH CASE A FURTHER QUESTION ASKED WHETHER THE COUPLE RECEIVED SEPARATE CHECKS. SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONS ASKED ABOUT THE AMOUNTS (IF ANY) RECEIVED BY (1) THE WIFE AND (2) THE SAMPLE PERSON AND, IN EACH CASE, WHETHER THE BENEFIT WAS BASED ON THE WORK RECORD OF THE SAMPLE PERSON, THE WIFE, OR BOTH. BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SKIP PATTERNS IN THIS SERIES OF QUESTIONS, THERE WERE ABOUT 740 CASES IN WHICH IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE INTERVIEWER HAD FAILED TO FOLLOW THE SKIP PATTERNS CORRECTLY AND HAD ENTERED THE DATA IN THE WRONG PLACE. IN EDITING AND 'CLEANING' THIS SECTION OF THE INTERVIEW SCHEDULE WE HAVE OPTED (1) TO MAKE NO CHANGES IN THE PATTERN OF RESPONSES THAT APPEARED ON THE ORIGINAL DATA TAPE, BUT (2) TO CREATE A VARIABLE THAT PURPORTS TO SHOW TOTAL SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME (FOR SAMPLE PERSON AND/OR WIFE) FOR 1989 R6743.20 AND IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH R6743.30. IN A LARGE MAJORITY OF CASES, THIS VARIABLE IS A STRAIGHT 'PICK UP' FROM THE RELEVANT ITEMS IN THE SCHEDULE. IN THE REMAINDER, WE HAVE RECORDED A VALUE ONLY IN THOSE INSTANCES IN WHICH IT IS REASONABLY CLEAR THAT THE INTERVIEWER OBTAINED THE PROPER INFORMATION BUT RECORDED IT IN INAPPROPRIATE PLACES. WHERE SUCH AN INTERPRETATION IS SUSPECT, WE CODE THE CREATED VARIABLE 'NO DATA.' WE DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THESE TWO SITUATIONS IN R6743.10, WHICH SHOWS WHETHER THE CREATED VARIABLE IS (1) 'A STRAIGHT PICK-UP' OR (2) 'ADJUSTED.'

BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE LOGIC THAT WAS USED AND THE HAND EDITS THAT WERE PERFORMED ON THE WIDOWS. IN "WQ38D" THE W STANDS FOR THE WIDOWS QUESTIONNAIRE AND "38D" IS THE QUESTION NUMBER IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE. THE WIDOW'S SCHEDULES WERE ALMOST 100% CORRECTLY FILLED OUT ON THE SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME. IF THE OLDER MEN'S SCHEDULE HAD BEEN CORRECTLY FILLED OUT, THE CODE BELOW WOULD HAVE BEEN USED FOR THEM; IT CONSTITUTES THE BASIS FOR THE LOGIC USED ON THE OLDER MEN'S SCHEDULE.

/\* SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME \*/

WSFLAG = NA;

DO I =WQ38D ,WQ38D2,WQ38E,WQ38E2,WQ38G,WQ38G2;

IF X(I) < 0 THEN X(I) = X(I+1);

IF X(I) < 0 & WQ35B = 0 THEN X(I) = 0; END;

IF WQ38D > NA & WQ38E > NA & WQ38G = NA  
THEN DO;

IF WQ38D > -1 & WQ38E > -1 THEN WSFLAG= 1; END;

IF WQ38D > NA & WQ38E = NA & WQ38G = NA  
THEN DO;

IF WQ38D > -1 THEN WSFLAG= 2; END;

IF WQ38D = NA & WQ38E = NA & WQ38G > NA  
THEN DO;

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IF WQ38G > -1 THEN WSFLAG= 3; END;
IF WQ38D = NA & WQ38E > NA & WQ38G > NA
  THEN DO;
IF WQ38G > -1 & WQ38E > -1 THEN WSFLAG= 4; END;
IF WSFLAG = 1 THEN WSSINC = WQ38D + WQ38E ;
  ELSE IF WSFLAG = 2 THEN WSSINC = WQ38D ;
    ELSE IF WSFLAG = 3 THEN WSSINC = WQ38G ;
      ELSE IF WQ35B = 0 THEN WSSINC = 0;
        ELSE IF WSFLAG = 4 THEN WSSINC = WQ38G + WQ38E ;
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