

**TABLE 2: Employer- and Gap-specific Variables Related to Work History**

The separate work history data files released prior to survey year 2000 contained a large number of duplicated items pertaining to jobs, job gaps, and the individual respondents that were copied straight from the main data file. In the public data releases in 2000 and subsequent years, these items can be found in their traditional place among public release data items. They are listed below by type of variable. Example reference numbers for the most current survey year for each variable are listed in parentheses. The variable names each was assigned in 1979-1994 PL/I programs are listed in parentheses.

<i>Respondent variables</i>		
PUBLIC ID	(R00001.)	Respondent's public identification code
SAMPLE_SEX (SEX)	(R02148.)	Respondent's sex
SAMPLE_RACE (RACE)	(R02147.)	Respondent's race
SAMPLE_ID (SAMPLE_ID)	(R01736.)	Respondent's sample type
Q1-3_A~M (BIRTHM_79)	(R00003.)	Respondent's month of birth from the 1979 interview.
Q1-3_A~Y (BIRTHY_79)	(R00005.)	Respondent's year of birth from the 1979 interview.
Q1-3_A~M (BIRTHM_81)	(R04101.)	Respondent's month of birth from 1981 interview or from 1979 interview if 1981 non-interview
Q1-3_A~Y (BIRTHY_81)	(R04103.)	Respondent's year of birth from 1981 interview or from 1979 interview if 1981 non-interview
<i>Survey year variables (data present for each survey year)</i>		
SAMPWEIGHT (WEIGHT)	(T41119.)	Sampling weight
CURDATE~M (INTM)	(T31956.01)	Date of interview - Month
CURDATE~D (INTD)	(T31956.00)	Date of interview - Day
CURDATE~Y (INTY)	(T31956.02)	Date of interview - Year
<i>Job variables (data present for up to 5 jobs for each survey year)</i>		
EMPLOYER_STARTDATE.##~M (STARTM)	(T41301.01)	Starting month of job
EMPLOYER_STARTDATE.##~D (STARTD)	(T41301.00)	Starting day of job
EMPLOYER_STARTDATE.##~Y (STARTY)	(T41301.02)	Starting year of job
EMPLOYER_STOPDATE.##~M (STOPM)	(T41292.01)	Stopping month of job
EMPLOYER_STOPDATE.##~D (STOPD)	(T41292.00)	Stopping day of job

EMPLOYER_STOPDATE.##~Y (STOPY)	(T41292.02)	Stopping year of job
QES-4A.## & QES-4B.## (PAST)	(T32680., T32685.)	Starting date of each job is before, the same as, or after the date of the last interview? *Combination of two variables in CAPI interviews
QES-23.## (CURRENT)	(T32722.)	Currently working for employer at date of interview
QES-23A.## (WHYLEFT)	(T32732.)	Reason left job *Please note that coding varies over time
EMPLOYER_CPSFLAG.## (CPSJOB)	(T41310.)	Is employer the CPS employer? In other words, is employer the current or most recent employer? *This variable is all -4's for 1979, when job 1 is the CPS job. Beginning in 1993, job #1 is always the CPS job if there is one.
OCCALL-EMP.## (OCCUPATION)	(T33087.)	Kind of work usually done for employer - 1970 codes through survey year 2000, 2000 codes thereafter.
INDALL-EMP.## (INDUSTRY)	(T33082.)	Kind of business or industry of employer - 1970 codes through survey year 2000, 2000 codes thereafter
COWALL-EMP.## (CLASSWORKER)	(T33092.)	Employee of a private company, a government employee, self-employed, or working without pay at a family business or farm of worker at each job? *Please note coding changes beginning in 1994
QES-51.## (HOURDAY)	(T32803.)	Hours per day usually worked at job
PAYRATE-ALL-EMP.## (PAYRATE)	(T33413.)	How much usually earned at job
QES-71A.## (TIMERATE)	(T33418.)	Payrate reported per hour, per day, per week, or what at job
QES-88B.## (UNION)	(T34399.)	Wages or salary at each job set by a collective bargaining agreement between employer and a union or employee association? *Please note restriction on hours per week working varies over time
QES-22.## (GOVTJOB)	(R23786.)	Is one or more of government job codes circled on the cover of employer

		supplement? In other words, is job a government-sponsored job? *Question eliminated in 1988
QES-28.## (WEEKSNOTWORKED)	(T33144.)	Between start and stop dates for each job for each year, were there any periods of a full week or more during which R did not work for employer, not counting paid vacations or paid sick leave?
QES-6.## (PRETEN)	(T32694.)	The total number of months worked for employer before date of last interview
<i>Gaps within jobs (data present for up to 4 gaps within each job for each survey year)</i>		
QES-33.## (REASON)	(T33238.)	Reason not working for employer for each period not working
QES-36.## (ALL)	(T33251.)	How many weeks looking for work or on layoff during each period not working?
QES-41.## (LOOK)	(T33282.)	Number of weeks not working or looking for work or on layoff during each period not working
<i>Gaps between jobs (data present for up to 6 gaps between jobs for each survey year)</i>		
Q7-12.## (BALL)	(T34549.)	How many weeks not working spent looking for work or on layoff during periods not working between jobs?
Q7-16.## (BLOOK)	(T34561.)	Number of weeks looking for work or on layoff during periods not working between jobs
Q7-19.## (BREASON)	(T34569.)	Reason not looking for work during periods not working between jobs

### Variables compiled from NLSY79 main data variables

A small set of variables in the pre-2000 separate work history data files were created from multiple variables in the main data. They are listed below, along with the items that were used to compile them in the most recent year available.

QES-52A.##	(T32808.)	Hours per week usually worked at each job *Beginning in 1988 this variable includes
HOURS_WORKED_WEEK_ALL.## (HOURSWEK)	(T32798.)	additional hours worked at home if any are reported
EMPLOYER_EMPPREVID.## (PREVIOUSEMP#)	(T41273.)	Job number assigned to employer from last interview as listed on information sheet for

	<p>each interview year. This allows for matching employers between consecutive interview years only. See <a href="#">Appendix 9</a>, "Linking Employers Through Survey Years," for a more detailed discussion.</p>
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