

Family Information Form
Grade 8 / Year 9
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I. Scale Description

The Family Information Form is part of the summer interview in Year 9 given to parents after the school year was complete. The Family Information Form (CPPRG,1990) was used for deriving demographic data, family structure data, and socioeconomic status. Since the measure was used over the span of the project, items were added to it to include the target child's experience with adult male figures, the family yearly history of medical, mental health, drug and alcohol use, illnesses/difficulties for parents, the target child's siblings, and information for tracking families in the event of a move.

II. Report Sample

These analyses were conducted on the first cohort on the high-risk Control sample (n = 155) and the Normative sample (n = 387, N = 463 with overlap) for the ninth year of the study. One hundred twenty- six records were missing for the complete measure. Forty-six records from the Control sample were missing (4 from Durham, 16 from Nashville, 12 from Pennsylvania and 14 from Washington) and 110 records from the Normative sample (15 from Durham, 41 from Nashville, 21 from Pennsylvania and 33 from Washington) were missing.

III. Scaling

Three scores were created for this dataset. One score was the *Socioeconomic Status Continuous Code* (PxBSES), which is based on a formula derived by Hollingshead (1975). The score is “calculated by multiplying the scale value for an occupation by a weight of five and the scale value for education by a weight of three” (Hollingshead, 1975, see Appendix). These scores were then added together. This score is divided by two if both parents work. For example, in a family in which only one parent works, the *Socioeconomic Status Continuous Code* calculation is shown below:

	Scale Score	Factor Score (Weight)	(Scale)*(Weight)
Occupation	6	5	30
Education	5	3	15
		Total Score =	45

For a family in which both parents work, the same calculations would be made for each parent. The resultant total score for each parent would be added together and then divided by two to create a final *Socioeconomic Status Continuous Code* for the family.

The second score, the *Socioeconomic Status Categorical Code* (PxBSESC) is created by categorizing the adults’ scores for the *Socioeconomic Status Continuous Code* (PxBSES) into the five categories show in Table 1. Table 2 shows the derivation of the *Family Occupation Code* (PxBFAMOC). The code is derived as follows:

Table 1. *Socioeconomic Status Categorical Code* (PxBSESC)

Computed Score	Range	Social Strata
PxBSESC = 1	54 < PxBSES ≤ 66	Major business & professional
PxBSESC = 2	39 < PxBSES ≤ 54	Medium business, minor professional, technical
PxBSESC = 3	29 < PxBSES ≤ 39	Skilled craftsmen, clerical, sales workers
PxBSESC = 4	19 < PxBSES ≤ 29	Machine operators, semiskilled workers
PxBSESC = 5	6 < PxBSES < 19	Unskilled laborers, menial service workers

Table 2. *Family Occupation Code (PxBFAMOC)*

Family Type	Conditions	FAMOC
Adult Female and Adult Male	If both parents are present and the female's occupation code > male's occupation code	FAMOC = Female's Occupation Code
Adult Female Only	If an adult female is present and an adult male is not	FAMOC = Female's Occupation Code
Adult Female and Adult Male	If both parents are present and the male's occupation code > female's occupation code	FAMOC = Male's Occupation Code
Adult Male Only	If an adult male is present and an adult female is not	FAMOC = Male's Occupation Code

A variable called *Time Together* was created to reflect the number of years the adult male and adult female had been married or living together. The number of years (*PxB20*) and number of months (*PxB21*) that the adult male and adult female had been married or living together were coded separately. These two items were combined to create the new *Time Together* variable representing the number of months together.

IV. Subsets

Due to the large amount of data, the report is grouped into several sections: A) data dealing specifically with the child, B) data dealing specifically with the female head of household, and C) data dealing with the male head of household. Tests measuring association between variables are in the next section of the report entitled, "Measures of Association".

A. Child Data

The following tables describe the students in the Control and Normative samples:

Table 3. *Distribution of Participants by Gender*

Gender	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Male	96	80.00	114	48.10
Female	37	30.83	142	59.92

Table 4. *Distribution of Target Child by Race*

Race	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
White (0)	65	54.16	125	51.87
African American (1)	53	44.17	102	42.32
Hispanic (2)	0	0.00	4	1.66
Asian (3)	0	0.00	2	0.83
Native American (4)	2	1.67	5	2.07
Other (5)	0	0.00	3	1.24

Table 5. *Distribution of Target Child by Grade Last Attended*

	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
6 th Grade	1	0.833	1	0.42
7 th Grade	22	18.33	46	19.41
8 th Grade	107	89.17	208	87.76
9 th Grade	2	1.67	1	0.42

B. Female Head of Household Data

This section reports the data collected on the female head of household. Information includes data on race, marital status, job information, and education. During analyses of the data, problems were found in the reporting of the data for the female head of household. Some respondents who said there was no female head of household for their family gave responses to items indicating that there was a female head for the family. To correct this problem, a forced skip pattern was used in the analyses of these data to eliminate those female heads that were not actually present in the household. The following tables, therefore, describe only those households where a female head was indicated as being present.

1. Personal Data

The first question asked whether there was a female head of the household. The “yes” responses are as follows for each sample: 251 (98.05%) for the Normative sample and 129 (96.99%) for the Control sample.

Table 6. *Distribution of Adult Female Head of Household by Race*

Race	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
White (0)	70	58.33	130	54.85
African American (1)	57	47.50	110	46.41
Hispanic (2)	2	1.67	2	0.84
Asian (3)	1	0.833	1	0.42
Native American (4)	0	0.00	3	1.27
Other (5)	1	0.83	7	2.95

Table 7. *Distribution of Adult Female Head of Household by Target Child Relationship*

Relationship	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Biological Parent (1)	113	94.16	229	96.62
Step Parent (2)	0	0.00	5	2.11
Adoptive Parent (3)	2	1.67	2	0.84
Other Relative (4)	3	2.50	3	1.27
Foster Parent (5)	3	2.50	2	0.84
Friend of Parent (6)	1	0.83	0	0.00
Other (7)	7	5.83	11	4.64

Table 8. *Distribution of Adult Female Head of Household Marital Status*

Marital Status	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Married (1)	54	45.00	148	62.45
Separated / Divorced (2)	41	34.17	52	21.94
Widowed (3)	6	5.00	4	1.69
Never Married (4)	30	25.00	48	20.25

2. Job Information

Table 9. *Distribution of Adult Female Head of Household Employment Type*

Job Type	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Housewives/Welfare Recipients/Unemployed (0)	17	14.16	29	12.23
Farm Laborers/Service Workers (1)	7	5.83	11	4.64
Unskilled Workers (2)	12	10.00	30	12.66
Machine Operators/Semi-skilled Workers (3)	25	20.83	30	12.66
Skilled Manual Workers/ Craftsmen/Noncommissioned Military (4)	15	12.50	29	12.23
Small Business Owners/Clerical/Sales (5)	9	7.50	37	15.51
Technicians/Semi-professionals (6)	11	9.17	23	9.70
Medium Business Owners/Group Professionals/Entertainers/Artists (7)	6	5.00	22	9.28
Large Business Owners/Commissioned Military/Group B Professionals/ Administrative Officers (8)	4	3.33	11	4.64
Executives/Upper ranks Commissioned Military/Major Gov't Officials/Group A Professionals (9)	1	0.83	2	0.84

Table 10. *Work Hours/Week for Female Head of Household*

Hours Worked	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
1-20 Hours	15	12.5	31	13.08
21-45 Hours	71	59.17	171	72.15
46+ Hours	17	14.17	20	8.43

The mean hours worked in a week by a Control female head of household was 35.0 (SD = 13). The mean hours worked in a week by a Normative female head of household was 37.0 (SD = 11).

Table 11. *Work Schedule for Female Head of Household*

Hours Worked	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Does Not Work	38	31.67	44	18.57
Day (8am – 5pm)	66	55.00	175	73.84
Evening (After 5pm)	8	6.67	9	3.80
Night (After 11pm)	3	2.5	5	2.11
Variable	18	15.00	23	9.70

3. Education Background

Table 12. *Last Grade Completed for Female Head of Household*

Education	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
1-6 Years (1)	4	3.33	0	0.00
7-9 Years (2)	13	10.83	13	5.49
10-11 Years (3)	30	25.00	41	17.30
12 Years (4)	54	45.00	108	45.57
13-15 Years (5)	23	19.17	61	25.74
13-15 Years (6)	5	4.17	27	11.39
18+ Years (7)	2	1.67	3	1.27

C. Male Head of Household Data

This section reports the data collected on the male head of household. Information includes data on race, marital status, job information, and education. During analyses of the data, problems were found in the reporting of the data for the male head of household. Some respondents who said there was no male head of household for their family gave responses to items indicating that there was a male head for the family. To correct this problem, a forced skip pattern was used in the analyses of these data to eliminate those male heads that were not actually present in the household. The following tables, therefore, describe only those households where a male head was indicated as being present.

1. Personal Data

The first question was whether there was a male head of the household. The “yes” responses are as follows for each sample: 174 (66.79%) for the Normative sample and 77 (57.89%) for the Control sample.

Table 13. *Distribution of Adult Male Head of Household by Race*

Race	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
White (0)	52	43.33	118	49.79
African American (1)	21	17.50	51	21.52
Hispanic (2)	1	0.83	1	0.42
Asian (3)	1	0.83	2	0.84
Native American (4)	0	0.00	1	0.42
Other (5)	2	1.67	3	1.27

The mean number of years the male and female were married or had lived together in the Control sample was 9.0 (SD = 6.0). The mean for the number of years the male and female were married or had lived together in the Normative sample was 12.0 (SD = 8.0).

Table 14. *Distribution of Adult Male Head of Household by Target Child Relationship*

Relationship	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Biological Parent (1)	32	26.67	114	48.10
Step Parent (2)	18	15.00	27	11.39
Adoptive Parent (3)	2	1.67	5	2.11
Other Relative (4)	3	2.50	4	1.69
Foster Parent (5)	3	2.50	1	0.42
Friend of Parent (6)	9	7.50	14	5.91
Other (7)	3	2.50	7	2.95

Table 15. *Distribution of Adult Male Head of Household Marital Status*

Marital Status	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Married (1)	53	44.17	150	63.29
Separated / Divorced (2)	15	12.50	8	3.38
Widowed (3)	3	2.50	0	0.00
Never Married (4)	6	5.00	17	7.17

2. Job Information

Table 16. *Distribution of Adult Male Head of Household Employment Type*

Job Type	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Housewives/Welfare Recipients/Unemployed (0)	4	3.33	8	3.38
Farm Laborers/Service Workers (1)	8	6.67	6	2.53
Unskilled Workers (2)	11	9.17	17	7.17
Machine Operators/Semi-skilled Workers (3)	17	14.17	30	12.66
Skilled Manual Workers/ Craftsmen/Noncommissioned Military (4)	17	14.17	48	20.25
Small Business Owners/Clerical/Sales (5)	3	2.50	12	5.06
Technicians/Semi-professionals (6)	9	7.50	12	5.06
Medium Business Owners/Group Professionals/Entertainers/Artists (7)	2	1.67	10	4.22
Large Business Owners/Commissioned Military/Group B Professionals/ Administrative Officers (8)	1	0.83	14	5.91
Executives/Upper ranks Commissioned Military/Major Gov't Officials/Group A Professionals (9)	1	0.83	4	1.69

Table 17. *Work Hours/Week for Male Head of Household*

Hours Worked	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
1-20 Hours	3	2.50	9	3.80
21-45 Hours	46	38.33	95	40.08
46+ Hours	23	19.17	62	26.16

The mean hours worked in a week by a Control male head of household was 45 (SD = 9). The mean hours worked in a week by a Normative male head of household was 43 (SD = 12).

Table 18. *Work Schedule for Male Head of Household*

Hours Worked	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Does Not Work	62	51.67	95	40.08
Day (8am – 5pm)	47	39.17	116	48.95
Evening (After 5pm)	2	1.67	12	5.06
Night (After 11pm)	7	5.83	3	1.27
Variable	15	12.50	30	12.66

3. Education Background

Table 19. *Last Grade Completed for Male Head of Household*

Education	Control		Normative	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
1-6 Years (1)	2	1.67	5	2.11
7-9 Years (2)	9	7.50	6	5.53
10-11 Years (3)	18	15.00	16	6.75
12 Years (4)	28	23.33	88	37.13
13-15 Years (5)	16	13.33	31	13.08
13-15 Years (6)	3	2.50	16	6.75
18+ Years (7)	2	1.67	11	4.64

D. Descriptive Statistics for Scored Variables and Selected Frequencies

Table 20 Descriptive Statistics Scored Variables

High or low risk sample	N Obs	Variable	Label	N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
HI	155	P9Bses	Socioeconomic Status Continuous Code	86	30.60	10.03	15.50	66.00
		P9Bfamoc	Family Occupation Code	104	4.20	1.87	1.00	9.00
		P9Bsesc	Socioeconomic Status Categorical Code	86	3.48	0.97	1.00	5.00
LO	308	P9Bses	Socioeconomic Status Continuous Code	183	35.25	9.83	12.00	59.50
		P9Bfamoc	Family Occupation Code	203	5.03	1.89	1.00	9.00
		P9Bsesc	Socioeconomic Status Categorical Code	183	2.96	0.92	1.00	5.00

Table 21 Frequencies by Sample Type - Selected Variables Added Sections Beyond Year 3 (section D).

	High or low risk sample	
	HI	LO
C15. Total Household Income		
.	38	82
0 TO 5,000	2	7
5,001 TO 10,000	16	19
10,001 TO 14,000	13	12
14,001 TO 20,000	15	24
20,001 TO 25,000	13	16
25,001 TO 30,000	11	17
30,001 TO 39,000	19	33
39,001 TO 50,000	11	32
50,001 TO 70,000	9	42
70,001 TO 90,000	2	12
> 90,000	6	12
D1. Do Other Adults Live In Home W/TC		
.	35	71
No	93	196
Yes	27	41
D6. TC Contact With Father		
.	35	72
ONCE A WEEK	14	31
AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH	10	18
EVERY OTHER MONTH	8	10
ONCE A YEAR	15	28
NEVER	31	38
FATHER LIVES FULL-TIME AT HOME	34	101
FATHER DECEASED	8	10
D10a. Other Males Involved W/TC		
.	69	172
No	33	64
Yes	53	72

D19. Any Other Children Live With TC		
.	35	71
No	108	216
Yes	12	21
D26. TC Spend Time in 2nd Household		
.	35	73
No	92	188
Yes	28	47
Father - Chronic Illness		
.	79	144
No	72	160
Yes	4	4
Mother - Chronic Illness		
.	43	77
No	99	219
Yes	13	12
Target Child - Chronic Illness		
.	36	71
No	117	234
Yes	2	3

V. Recommendation for Use

The Fast Track Project created this form to collect general data about the target child and the target child's family. The majority of the items for this measure were designed to be single-use items and do not necessarily reflect a pattern within the data or a scale construct. It should be noted that several problems were found during the analyses of the data: The FIF is a complex questionnaire which gathers information in a variety of characteristics of a family. Complicated family arrangements add complexity to the data structure. The user is encouraged to carefully examine the family structure.