REVISED - Census Tract Measures for Fragile Families
Mothers and Fathers at Baseline

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The ffgeo_0b5.dta file contains tract-level census data for the tracts where the Fragile Families mothers and fathers lived at the time of the baseline interview. This is an update to a previously released tract measure data set, ffgeo_0b1.dta.

The baseline interviews were conducted from 1998 to 2000, and the tract characteristics are taken from the 2000 US Census. Please note that while the baseline interviews were conducted in 15 states, the census data on this file are from 27 states. This means that some parents did not live in the state where the mother gave birth.

Updates from the previous release

The previous release of the baseline census tract measures was ffgeo_0b1.dta (versions b2 through b4 were not released). The following changes were made from the previous file:
- Tract-level measures were added for 73 mothers and 54 fathers.
- The mean number of persons per household in the tract (`tm1mpphh` and `tf1mpphh`) has been significantly revised.
- The following variables have been dropped: `tm1nfams`, `tm1npers`, `tm1nhisp`, `tm1nwhte`, `tm1nblck`, `tm1mamin`, `tm1nasia`, `tm1npaci`, `tm1nother`, and their `tf1*` counterparts. **There are no raw numbers included on this file. All measures are either percents, means, or medians.**
- The poverty line variables (`tm1n50pl` through `tm1n200p`, and their `tf1*` counterparts) have been revised. They are now percents rather than raw numbers. The denominator for these percents is all persons for whom a poverty status has been determined.
- The variables tm1tract and tf1tract have been changed.

File layout

The file contains 4,898 observations (one per FF family) and is sorted by `idnum`. In addition to `idnum`, there are 94 tract-level variables. The 47 mothers' tract characteristics appear first, followed by the 47 fathers' tract characteristics.

Missing values

Census data is available for 4,725 mothers (96% of baseline respondents) and 4,069 fathers (83%).

Census tract information is missing for 173 mothers and 829 fathers due to incomplete address information, refusal, nonresponse, and residence outside the US. In addition, some mothers and fathers may be missing information on individual tract characteristics, such as when the denominator of a percent was zero. Missing values on this file are *not* represented by negative codes.

Tract numbers

To protect the privacy of the respondents, their actual state, county, and tract of residence are not included on this file. The variables `tm1tract` and `tf1tract` included on the file are not actual census tracts,

but are provided to indicate which respondents live in the same census tract. There is no county or state information embedded in `tm1tract` and `tf1tract`.

The tract numbers have been revised since the previous release of the baseline census tract characteristics. The tract numbers are consistent between mothers and fathers and across waves. Thus, they can be used as an indicator of whether the respondents have stayed in the same neighborhood from one survey wave to the next.

Please note that while the baseline interviews were conducted in 15 states, there are census tracts from 27 states represented on this file. This means that even at baseline, some parents lived outside the state in which the mother gave birth.

Random noise in the data

Some random noise has been introduced into the data to ensure that respondents' census tracts cannot be identified on the basis of the characteristics provided in this file. This noise should have no impact on analyses.

Variable naming convention

Variable names are a maximum of 8 characters long. The first four characters are a prefix, described below, and the last four characters are an abbreviated description of the tract characteristic. The prefixes are constructed as follows:

Position	Character	Indicates
1	t	**t**ract-level measure
2	m	**m**other's tract characteristic
	f	**f**ather's tract characteristic
3	1	the tract is from the wave **1** (baseline) address
4	p	the characteristic is a **p**ercent
	m	the characteristic is a **m**edian or **m**ean

Examples

`tf1phisp` is the percent of the population in the father's census tract at baseline that is Hispanic

`tm1mrent` is the median monthly gross rent in the mother's census tract at baseline

Census tract measures

The census tract measures on this file are taken from Summary Files 1 and 3 of the 2000 Census. Each measure is provided separately for mothers and fathers. The following census tract characteristics are included on the file (listed below for mothers; the fathers' variables are similar but are prefixed by `tf1` rather than `tm1`):

Demographics

`tm1phisp`	Percent of population Hispanic
`tm1pwhte`	Percent of population non-Hispanic White
`tm1pblck`	Percent of population non-Hispanic Black
`tm1pamin`	Percent of population non-Hispanic American Indian/Native American
`tm1pasia`	Percent of population non-Hispanic Asian
`tm1ppaci`	Percent of population non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
`tm1pothr`	Percent of population non-Hispanic other race
`tm1pfrgn`	Percent foreign born
`tm1pchbr`	Percent of female population of childbearing age (15-49)
`tm1pfhhr`	Percent of family HHs with kids <18 headed by females
`tm1mpphh`	Mean number of persons per HH

Education

`tm1psch`	Percent of pop 16-19 enrolled in school
`tm1p25hs`	Percent of 25+ population with HS+ educ
`tm1p25b`	Percent of 25+ population with bachelor's or higher

Employment

`tm1pemp`	Percent of civilian labor force (16+) employed
`tm1puemp`	Percent of civilian labor force (16+) unemployed

Housing conditions and rent

`tm1pvach`	Percent of housing units vacant
`tm1pbf40`	Percent of housing units built before 1940
`tm1prent`	Percent of occupied housing units renter-occupied
`tm1pnoph`	Percent of occupied housing units without phone service
`tm1pplum`	Percent of housing units lacking complete plumbing
`tm1mrphi`	Median gross rent as percent of HH income, 1999
`tm1mrent`	Median monthly gross rent, 1999
`tm1mhval`	Median housing value, 1999
`tm1myear`	Median year housing structure built

Income and public assistance

`tm1ppuba`	Percent of households on public assistance
`tm1pfbpl`	Percent of families below poverty level in 1999
`tm1pb10k`	Percent of families with 1999 income <$10K
`tm1p1014`	Percent of families with 1999 income $10K to $14,999
`tm1p1524`	Percent of families with 1999 income $15K to $24,999
`tm1p2534`	Percent of families with 1999 income $25K to $34,999
`tm1p3549`	Percent of families with 1999 income $35K to $49,999
`tm1p5074`	Percent of families with 1999 income $50K to $74,999

`tm1p7599`	Percent of families with 1999 income $75K to $99,999
`tm1p100k`	Percent of families with 1999 income $100K to $149,999
`tm1p150k`	Percent of families with 1999 income $150K+
`tm1mhinc`	Median HH income in 1999
`tm1p50pl`	Percent of persons with income less than .50 of poverty line
`tm1p74pl`	Percent of persons with income .50 to .74 of poverty line
`tm1p99pl`	Percent of persons with income .75 to .99 of poverty line
`tm1p124p`	Percent of persons with income 1.00 to 1.24 of poverty line
`tm1p149p`	Percent of persons with income 1.25 to 1.49 of poverty line
`tm1p174p`	Percent of persons with income 1.50 to 1.74 of poverty line
`tm1p184p`	Percent of persons with income 1.75 to 1.84 of poverty line
`tm1p199p`	Percent of persons with income 1.85 to 1.99 of poverty line
`tm1p200p`	Percent of persons with income 2.00 & over poverty line

Note: The denominator of the poverty status variables `tm1p50pl` – `tm1p200p` is the number persons in the tract *whose poverty status has been determined*.

**Census Tract Measures for Fragile Families
Mothers and Fathers at 12-Month Followup**

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The ffgeo_12b1.dta file contains tract-level Census 2000 data for the tracts where the Fragile Families mothers and fathers lived at the time of the first followup interview. The census data on this file are from 44 states. This is the first release of tract characteristics for the 12-month data.

File layout

The file contains 4,898 observations (one per FF family) and is sorted by `idnum`. In addition to `idnum`, there are 94 tract-level variables. The 47 mothers' tract characteristics appear first, followed by the 47 fathers' tract characteristics.

Missing values

Census data for the parents' tracts of residence at 12-months is available for 4,262 mothers and 3,616 fathers.

Census tract information is missing for 636 mothers and 1,282 fathers due to incomplete address information, refusal, nonresponse, lack of participation in the survey wave, and residence outside the US. In addition, some mothers and fathers may be missing information on individual tract characteristics, such as when the denominator of a percent was zero. Missing values on this file are *not* represented by negative codes.

Tract numbers

To protect the privacy of the respondents, their actual state, county, and tract of residence are not included on this file. The variables `tm2tract` and `tf2tract` included on the file are not actual census tracts, but are provided to indicate which respondents live in the same census tract. There is no county or state information embedded in `tm2tract` and `tf2tract`.

The tract numbers are consistent between mothers and fathers and across waves. Thus, they can be used as an indicator of whether the respondents have stayed in the same neighborhood from one survey wave to the next.

Random noise in the data

Some random noise has been introduced into the data to ensure that respondents' census tracts cannot be identified on the basis of the characteristics provided in this file. This noise should have no impact on analyses.

Variable naming convention

Variable names are a maximum of 8 characters long. The first four characters are a prefix, described below, and the last four characters are an abbreviated description of the tract characteristic. The prefixes are constructed as follows:

Position   Character   Indicates

1	t	**t**ract-level measure
2	m	**m**other's tract characteristic
	f	**f**ather's tract characteristic
3	2	the tract is from the wave **2** (12-month followup) address
4	p	the characteristic is a **p**ercent
	m	the characteristic is a **m**edian or **m**ean

Examples

`tf2phisp` is the percent of the population in the father's census tract at 12 months that
     is Hispanic
`tm2mrent` is the median monthly gross rent in the mother's census tract at 12 months

Census tract measures

The census tract measures on this file are taken from Summary Files 1 and 3 of the 2000 Census. Each measure is provided separately for mothers and fathers. The following census tract characteristics are included on the file (listed below for mothers; the fathers' variables are similar but are prefixed by `tf2` rather than `tm2`):

Demographics

`tm2phisp`	Percent of population Hispanic
`tm2pwhte`	Percent of population non-Hispanic White
`tm2pblck`	Percent of population non-Hispanic Black
`tm2pamin`	Percent of population non-Hispanic American Indian/Native American
`tm2pasia`	Percent of population non-Hispanic Asian
`tm2ppaci`	Percent of population non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
`tm2pothr`	Percent of population non-Hispanic other race
`tm2pfrgn`	Percent foreign born
`tm2pchbr`	Percent of female population of childbearing age (15-49)
`tm2pfhhr`	Percent of family HHs with kids <18 headed by females
`tm2mpphh`	Mean number of persons per HH

Education

`tm2psch`	Percent of pop 16-19 enrolled in school
`tm2p25hs`	Percent of 25+ population with HS+ educ
`tm2p25b`	Percent of 25+ population with bachelor's or higher

Employment

`tm2pemp`	Percent of civilian labor force (16+) employed
`tm2puemp`	Percent of civilian labor force (16+) unemployed

Housing conditions and rent

tm2pvach	Percent of housing units vacant
tm2pbf40	Percent of housing units built before 1940
tm2prent	Percent of occupied housing units renter-occupied
tm2pnoph	Percent of occupied housing units without phone service
tm2pplum	Percent of housing units lacking complete plumbing
tm2mrphi	Median gross rent as percent of HH income, 1999
tm2mrent	Median monthly gross rent, 1999
tm2mhval	Median housing value, 1999
tm2myear	Median year housing structure built

Income and public assistance

tm2ppuba	Percent of households on public assistance
tm2pfbpl	Percent of families below poverty level in 1999
tm2pb10k	Percent of families with 1999 income <$10K
tm2p1014	Percent of families with 1999 income $10K to $14,999
tm2p1524	Percent of families with 1999 income $15K to $24,999
tm2p2534	Percent of families with 1999 income $25K to $34,999
tm2p3549	Percent of families with 1999 income $35K to $49,999
tm2p5074	Percent of families with 1999 income $50K to $74,999
tm2p7599	Percent of families with 1999 income $75K to $99,999
tm2p100k	Percent of families with 1999 income $100K to $149,999
tm2p150k	Percent of families with 1999 income $150K+
tm2mhinc	Median HH income in 1999
tm2p50pl	Percent of persons with income less than .50 of poverty line
tm2p74pl	Percent of persons with income .50 to .74 of poverty line
tm2p99pl	Percent of persons with income .75 to .99 of poverty line
tm2p124p	Percent of persons with income 1.00 to 1.24 of poverty line
tm2p149p	Percent of persons with income 1.25 to 1.49 of poverty line
tm2p174p	Percent of persons with income 1.50 to 1.74 of poverty line
tm2p184p	Percent of persons with income 1.75 to 1.84 of poverty line
tm2p199p	Percent of persons with income 1.85 to 1.99 of poverty line
tm2p200p	Percent of persons with income 2.00 & over poverty line

Note: The denominator of the poverty status variables tm2p50pl – tm2p200p is the number persons in the tract *whose poverty status has been determined*.

Census Tract Measures for Fragile Families
Mothers and Fathers at 30-Month Followup

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The ffgeo_30b4.dta file contains tract-level Census 2000 data for the tracts where the Fragile Families mothers and fathers lived at the time of the second followup interview. The census data on this file are from 44 states. This is the first release of tract characteristics for the 30-month data (versions ffgeo_30b1 through ffgeo_30b3 were not released).

File layout

The file contains 4,898 observations (one per FF family) and is sorted by idnum. In addition to idnum, there are 94 tract-level variables. The 47 mothers' tract characteristics appear first, followed by the 47 fathers' tract characteristics.

Missing values

Census data for the parents' tracts of residence at 30 months is available for 4,078 mothers and 3,268 fathers.

Census tract information is missing for 820 mothers and 1,630 fathers due to incomplete address information, refusal, nonresponse, lack of participation in the survey wave, and residence outside the US. In addition, some mothers and fathers may be missing information on individual tract characteristics, such as when the denominator of a percent was zero. Missing values on this file are *not* represented by negative codes.

Tract numbers

To protect the privacy of the respondents, their actual state, county, and tract of residence are not included on this file. The variables tm3tract and tf3tract included on the file are not actual census tracts, but are provided to indicate which respondents live in the same census tract. There is no county or state information embedded in tm3tract and tf3tract.

The tract numbers are consistent between mothers and fathers and across waves. Thus, they can be used as an indicator of whether the respondents have stayed in the same neighborhood from one survey wave to the next.

Random noise in the data

Some random noise has been introduced into the data to ensure that respondents' census tracts cannot be identified on the basis of the characteristics provided in this file. This noise should have no impact on analyses.

Variable naming convention

Variable names are a maximum of 8 characters long. The first four characters are a prefix, described below, and the last four characters are an abbreviated description of the tract characteristic. The prefixes are constructed as follows:

Position	Character	Indicates
1	t	**t**ract-level measure
2	m	**m**other's tract characteristic
	f	**f**ather's tract characteristic
3	3	the tract is from the wave **3** (30-month followup) address
4	p	the characteristic is a **p**ercent
	m	the characteristic is a **m**edian or **m**ean

Examples

Tf3phisp is the percent of the population in the father's census tract at 30 months that is Hispanic

Tm3mrent is the median monthly gross rent in the mother's census tract at 30 months

Census tract measures

The census tract measures on this file are taken from Summary Files 1 and 3 of the 2000 Census. Each measure is provided separately for mothers and fathers. The following census tract characteristics are included on the file (listed below for mothers; the fathers' variables are similar but are prefixed by tf3 rather than tm3):

Demographics

tm3phisp	Percent of population Hispanic
tm3pwhte	Percent of population non-Hispanic White
tm3pblck	Percent of population non-Hispanic Black
tm3pamin	Percent of population non-Hispanic American Indian/Native American
tm3pasia	Percent of population non-Hispanic Asian
tm3ppaci	Percent of population non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
tm3pothr	Percent of population non-Hispanic other race
tm3pfrgn	Percent foreign born
tm3pchbr	Percent of female population of childbearing age (15-49)
tm3pfhhr	Percent of family HHs with kids <18 headed by females
tm3mpphh	Mean number of persons per HH

Education

tm3psch	Percent of pop 16-19 enrolled in school
tm3p25hs	Percent of 25+ population with HS+ educ
tm3p25b	Percent of 25+ population with bachelor's or higher

Employment

tm3pemp	Percent of civilian labor force (16+) employed

`tm3puemp`   Percent of civilian labor force (16+) unemployed

Housing conditions and rent

`tm3pvach`   Percent of housing units vacant
`tm3pbf40`   Percent of housing units built before 1940
`tm3prent`   Percent of occupied housing units renter-occupied
`tm3pnoph`   Percent of occupied housing units without phone service
`tm3pplum`   Percent of housing units lacking complete plumbing
`tm3mrphi`   Median gross rent as percent of HH income, 1999
`tm3mrent`   Median monthly gross rent, 1999
`tm3mhval`   Median housing value, 1999
`tm3myear`   Median year housing structure built

Income and public assistance

`tm3ppuba`   Percent of households on public assistance
`tm3pfbpl`   Percent of families below poverty level in 1999
`tm3pb10k`   Percent of families with 1999 income <$10K
`tm3p1014`   Percent of families with 1999 income $10K to $14,999
`tm3p1524`   Percent of families with 1999 income $15K to $24,999
`tm3p2534`   Percent of families with 1999 income $25K to $34,999
`tm3p3549`   Percent of families with 1999 income $35K to $49,999
`tm3p5074`   Percent of families with 1999 income $50K to $74,999
`tm3p7599`   Percent of families with 1999 income $75K to $99,999
`tm3p100k`   Percent of families with 1999 income $100K to $149,999
`tm3p150k`   Percent of families with 1999 income $150K+
`tm3mhinc`   Median HH income in 1999
`tm3p50pl`   Percent of persons with income less than .50 of poverty line
`tm3p74pl`   Percent of persons with income .50 to .74 of poverty line
`tm3p99pl`   Percent of persons with income .75 to .99 of poverty line
`tm3p124p`   Percent of persons with income 1.00 to 1.24 of poverty line
`tm3p149p`   Percent of persons with income 1.25 to 1.49 of poverty line
`tm3p174p`   Percent of persons with income 1.50 to 1.74 of poverty line
`tm3p184p`   Percent of persons with income 1.75 to 1.84 of poverty line
`tm3p199p`   Percent of persons with income 1.85 to 1.99 of poverty line
`tm3p200p`   Percent of persons with income 2.00 & over poverty line

Note: The denominator of the poverty status variables `tm3p50pl` – `tm3p200p` is the number persons in the tract *whose poverty status has been determined*.