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CODE BOOK

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INTRODUCTION

The Code Book for the AFCARS Adoption File 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.

To assist individuals using the NDACAN AFCARS Adoption File, this code book includes information on the NDACAN version of the AFCARS Adoption File (Ad). The NDACAN adoption data file differs from the version of the data that States send to the Children's Bureau. See the User's Guide for details on differences.

Terminology

This section defines terms used in the Table of Contents and throughout the code book.

Variable Number: The number assigned for each item of information in the NDACAN file, in the order they appear in the data file. There are 61 variables in the code book.

AFCARS Element: These are the elements States are required to submit according to 45 CFR1355.40. There are 49 required adoption elements.

Derived variable: These are items added by NDACAN that combine and/or uses AFCARS elements. They are intended to make the data easier to work with, to reduce the workload on the user, and to assure consistent definition of terms across users of the data.

NDACAN AFCARS Adoption Variables

There are two tables that list the contents of the file, headed “NDACAN AFCARS Adoption Variables.” One is arranged by the order of the variables in the data; the other alphabetically by variable name. Both lists have the same columns.

Column “Var#” is the order of the variable in the data.

Column “Regulation” has the location of the variable in the federal regulation at [45 CFR 1355](#). The specific elements required by AFCARS are defined in [Appendix A](#) of CFR 1355.

Codebook Entries

Each codebook entry has the following information:

- **Page Title:** The variable label
- **Name:** The variable name
- **Definition:** The definition of the variable (from 45 CFR 1355, or by NDACAN if derived)
- **Data Type:** Text, numeric, or date
- **Element #:** The element number in the AFCARS system

AFCARS ADOPTION VARIABLES, BY POSITION

Var#	Page	Reg	Name	Label	Type
1	8	D00	FY	Federal Fiscal Year of the Adoption	Integer
2	9	01	STATE	State	Integer
3	10	D10	St	State Abbreviation	String(2)
4	11	02y	REPDATYR	Report End Date, Year	Integer
5	12	02m	REPDATMO	Report End Date, Month	Integer
6	13	03	RECNUM	Record Number	String(12)
7	14	04	AGNYINVL	State Agency Involvement	Integer
8	15	D01	DOB	Child Date of Birth	DateTime
9	16	06	SEX	Child Sex	Integer
10	17	07a	AMIAKN	Child Amer Indian/AK Native	Integer
11	18	07b	ASIAN	Child Asian	Integer
12	19	07c	BLKAFRAM	Child Black/African American	Integer
13	20	07d	HAWAIIPI	Child Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Integer
14	21	07e	WHITE	Child White	Integer
15	22	07f	UNTODETM	Unable To Determine Child Race	Integer
16	23	08	HISORGIN	Child Hispanic Origin	Integer
17	24	09	AGYSPNDS	Child Special Needs	Integer
18	25	10	BASSPNDS	Special Needs Basis	Integer
19	26	11	MR	Mental Retardation	Integer
20	27	12	VISHEAR	Visually Or Hearing Impaired	Integer
21	28	13	PHYDIS	Physically Disabled	Integer
22	29	14	DSMIII	Emotionally Disturbed	Integer
23	30	15	OTHRMED	Other Diagnosed Condition	Integer
24	31	16	DOBYRMOM	Biological Mother Year of Birth	Integer
25	32	17	DOBYRDAD	Biological Father Year of Birth	Integer
26	33	18	MOMARRD	Biological Mother Married	Integer
27	34	D08	TPRMomDate	Birth Mother TPR Date	DateTime
28	35	D09	TPRDadDate	Birth Father TPR Date	DateTime
29	36	22	ADPFAMST	Adoptive Family Structure	Integer
30	37	23	ADMOMYR	Adoptive Mother Year of Birth	Integer
31	38	D02	AdoptDate	Date Adoption was Finalized	DateTime
32	39	24	ADDADYR	Adoptive Father Year of Birth	Integer
33	40	25a	AMIAKNM	Adoptive Mom Amer Indian/AK Native	Integer
34	41	25b	ASIANM	Adoptive Mom Asian	Integer
35	42	25c	BLAFRAMM	Adoptive Mom Black/African American	Integer
36	43	25d	HAWIIPIM	Adoptive Mom Hawaiian/Pacific Island	Integer
37	44	25e	WHITEM	Adoptive Mom White	Integer

Var#	Page	Reg	Name	Label	Type
38	45	25f	UNTODEMM	Adoptive Mom Unable to Determine Race	Integer
39	46	26	HOMOM	Adoptive Mother Hispanic Origin	Integer
40	47	27a	AMIAKND	Adoptive Dad Amer Indian/AK Native	Integer
41	48	27b	ASIAND	Adoptive Dad Asian	Integer
42	49	27c	BLAFRAMD	Adoptive Dad Black/African American	Integer
43	50	27d	HAWIIPID	Adoptive Dad Hawaiian/Pacific Island	Integer
44	51	27e	WHITED	Adoptive Dad White	Integer
45	52	27f	UNTODEMD	Adoptive Dad Unable to Determine Race	Integer
46	53	28	HODAD	Adoptive Father Hispanic Origin	Integer
47	54	29	STPARENT	Pre-Adoptive Relation: Step-parent	Integer
48	55	30	OTHEREL	Pre-Adoptive Relation: Other Relative	Integer
49	56	31	FOSPARCH	Pre-Adoptive Relation: Foster Parent	Integer
50	57	32	NONREL	Pre-Adoptive Relation: Non-Relative	Integer
51	58	33	CHPLDFRM	Location Of Custodial Agency/Individual	Integer
52	59	34	CHPLDBY	Agency/Individual Placing Child	Integer
53	60	35	MONSUBSY	Receiving Monthly Subsidy	Integer
54	61	36	MONAMNT	Monthly Amount of Subsidy	decimal
55	62	37	IVEAA	IV-E Assistance Claimed	Integer
56	63	D03	AgeAtAdopt	Age on Date of Adoption	Integer
57	64	D04	ChildRace	Race of Child as One Variable	Integer
58	65	D05	MomRace	Race of Adoptive Mother as One Variable	Integer
59	66	D06	DadRace	Race of Adoptive Father as One Variable	Integer
60	67	D07	Transracial	Transracial Adoption	Integer
61	68	D08	StFCID	St & RecNumbr (AFCARS ID)	String(14)

AFCARS ADOPTION VARIABLES, ALPHABETICALLY

Var#	Page	Reg	Name	Label	Type
32	39	24	ADDADYR	Adoptive Father Year of Birth	Integer
30	37	23	ADMOMYR	Adoptive Mother Year of Birth	Integer
31	38	D02	AdoptDate	Date Adoption was Finalized	DateTime
29	36	22	ADPFAMST	Adoptive Family Structure	Integer
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40	47	27a	AMIAKND	Adoptive Dad Amer Indian/AK Native	Integer
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18	25	10	BASSPNDS	Special Needs Basis	Integer
42	49	27c	BLAFRAMD	Adoptive Dad Black/African American	Integer
35	42	25c	BLAFRAMM	Adoptive Mom Black/African American	Integer
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57	64	D04	ChildRace	Race of Child as One Variable	Integer
52	59	34	CHPLDBY	Agency/Individual Placing Child	Integer
51	58	33	CHPLDFRM	Location Of Custodial Agency/Individual	Integer
59	66	D06	DadRace	Race of Adoptive Father as One Variable	Integer
8	15	D01	DOB	Child Date of Birth	DateTime
25	32	17	DOBYRDAD	Biological Father Year of Birth	Integer
24	31	16	DOBYRMOM	Biological Mother Year of Birth	Integer
22	29	14	DSMIII	Emotionally Disturbed	Integer
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Federal Fiscal Year of the Adoption

Name: FY

Definition: Federal Fiscal Year of the Adoption. The FY of an annual Adoption File is based on the date of the finalization of the adoption (AdoptDate).

Data Type: Integer

Element #: Derived

State FIPS Code

Name: STATE

Definition: Federal FIPS Code for State

Data Type: Integer

Element #: 01

Value	Value Label		
1	Alabama	30	Montana
2	Alaska	31	Nebraska
4	Arizona	32	Nevada
5	Arkansas	33	New Hampshire
6	California	34	New Jersey
8	Colorado	35	New Mexico
9	Connecticut	36	New York
10	Delaware	37	North Carolina
11	District of Columbia	38	North Dakota
12	Florida	39	Ohio
13	Georgia	40	Oklahoma
15	Hawaii	41	Oregon
16	Idaho	42	Pennsylvania
17	Illinois	44	Rhode Island
18	Indiana	45	South Carolina
19	Iowa	46	South Dakota
20	Kansas	47	Tennessee
21	Kentucky	48	Texas
22	Louisiana	49	Utah
23	Maine	50	Vermont
24	Maryland	51	Virginia
25	Massachusetts	53	Washington
26	Michigan	54	West Virginia
27	Minnesota	55	Wisconsin
28	Mississippi	56	Wyoming
29	Missouri	72	Puerto Rico

State Abbreviation

Name: St

Definition: United States Postal Service 2-character state abbreviation

Data Type: String(2)

Element #: D10

St	State	St	State
AL	Alabama	MT	Montana
AK	Alaska	NE	Nebraska
AZ	Arizona	NV	Nevada
AR	Arkansas	NH	New Hampshire
CA	California	NJ	New Jersey
CO	Colorado	NM	New Mexico
CT	Connecticut	NY	New York
DE	Delaware	NC	North Carolina
DC	District of Columbia	ND	North Dakota
FL	Florida	OH	Ohio
GA	Georgia	OK	Oklahoma
HI	Hawaii	OR	Oregon
ID	Idaho	PA	Pennsylvania
IL	Illinois	RI	Rhode Island
IN	Indiana	SC	South Carolina
IA	Iowa	SD	South Dakota
KS	Kansas	TN	Tennessee
KY	Kentucky	TX	Texas
LA	Louisiana	UT	Utah
ME	Maine	VT	Vermont
MD	Maryland	VA	Virginia
MA	Massachusetts	WA	Washington
MI	Michigan	WV	West Virginia
MN	Minnesota	WI	Wisconsin
MS	Mississippi	WY	Wyoming
MO	Missouri	PR	Puerto Rico

Report End Date, Year

Name: REPDATYR

Definition: RepDatYr and RepDatMo specify which of the 2 possible 6-month state submissions this record comes from.

Data Type: Integer

Element #: 02y

Report End Date, Month

Name: REPDATMO

Definition: RepDatYr and RepDatMo specify which of the 2 possible 6-month state submissions this record comes from.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 02m

Record Number

Name: RECNUM

Definition:

The 12-character code (AFCARS ID) that the title IV-E agency uses to transmit data to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Some states assign a new identifier to adopted children. See the Excel spreadsheet "FC-Ad Linkable Records by State.xlsx" in the Documentation folder provided from NDACAN.

Data Type: String

Element #: 03

State Agency Involvement

Name: AGNYINVL

Definition:

Indicates whether the state Title IV-B/IV-E agency had any involvement in the adoption, that is, whether the adopted child belongs to one of the following categories:

- 1) A child who had been in foster care under the responsibility and care of the state child welfare agency and who was subsequently adopted whether special needs or not and whether a subsidy was provided or not;
- 2) A special needs child who was adopted in the state, whether or not he/she was in the public foster care system prior to his/her adoption and for whom non-recurring expenses were reimbursed; or
- 3) A child for whom an adoption assistance payment or service is being provided based on arrangement made by or through the state agency.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 04

Value	Value Label
1	Yes
2	No

Child Date of Birth

Name: DOB

Definition: Month and year of the child's birth. If the child was abandoned or the date of birth is otherwise unknown, this is an approximate date of birth.

All dates of birth are set to the 15th of the month, so that the variable could be formatted as a date.

Data Type: Date

Element #: D01

Child Sex

Name: SEX

Definition: Child's gender

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 06

Value	Value Label
1	Male
2	Female

Child American Indian or AK Native

Name: AMIAKN

Definition: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 07a

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Child Asian

Name: ASIAN

Definition: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 07b

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Child Black/African American

Name: BLKAFRAM

Definition: A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 07c

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Child Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Name: HAWAIIPI

Definition: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 07d

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Child White

Name: WHITE

Definition: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 07e

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Unable to Determine Child Race

Name: UNTODETM

Definition: The child is very young or severely disabled and no person is available to determine the child's race.

"Unable to Determine" is also used if the parent, relative, or guardian is unwilling to identify the child's race.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 07f

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Child Hispanic Origin

Name: HISORGIN

Definition:

The child is of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American origin, or a person of other Spanish cultural origin. Whether or not a person is Hispanic or Latino is determined by how they define themselves or by how others define them. In the case of young children, parents determine the ethnicity of the child.

Origin can be view as the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States.

People who identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino may be of any race.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 08

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to determine

Child Special Needs

Name: AGYSPNDS

Definition: Meets the title IV-E agency's definition of special needs as it pertains to a child eligible for an adoption subsidy under title IV-E.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 09

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to determine

Special Needs Basis

Name: BASSPNDS

Definition:

The primary factor or condition for categorization as special needs as it is defined by the title IV-E agency.

Racial/Original Background—Primary condition or factor for special needs is racial/original background as defined by the title IV-E agency.

Age—Primary factor or condition for special needs is age of the child as defined by the title IV-E agency.

Membership in a sibling group to be placed for adoption together—Primary factor or condition for special needs is membership in a sibling group as defined by the title IV-E agency.

Medical Conditions of Mental, Physical, or Emotional Disabilities—Primary factor or condition for special needs is the child's medical condition as defined by the title IV-E agency, but clinically diagnosed by a qualified professional. *When this is the response to this question, then items #11-15 must be answered with at least one being "yes, applies."*

Other [as defined by the title IV-E agency]

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 10

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Racial/original background
2	Age
3	Sibling group member
4	Medical condition or disabilities
5	Other

Intellectual Disability

Name: MR

Definition:

Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional of significantly sub-average general cognitive and motor functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior manifested during the developmental period that adversely affect a child/youth's socialization and learning. (Formerly labeled as "Mental Retardation").

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 11

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Visually or Hearing Impaired

Name: VISHEAR

Definition:

Having a visual impairment that may significantly affect educational performance or development; or a hearing impairment, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects educational performance. (Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional).

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 12

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Physically Disabled

Name: PHYDIS

Definition: A physical condition that adversely affects the child's day-to-day motor functioning, such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, orthopedic impairments and other physical disabilities. (Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional).

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 13

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Emotionally Disturbed

Name: DSMIII

Definition:

A condition exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree:

- an inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships;
- inappropriate types of behavior or feelings under normal circumstances;
- a general pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression;
- a tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal problems.

The term includes persons who are schizophrenic or autistic. The term does not include persons who are socially maladjusted, unless it is determined that they are also seriously emotionally disturbed. The diagnosis is based the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM III), Third Edition, or the most recent edition. (Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional).

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 14

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Other Diagnosed Condition

Name: OTHRMED

Definition:

Conditions other than those specified in AFCARS under types of medical conditions or disabilities (Elements 11-14) which require special medical care such as chronic illnesses. Included are children diagnosed as HIV positive or with AIDS.

(Clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional).

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 15

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Biological Mother Year of Birth

Name: DOBYRMOM

Definition: The year of birth for mother, if known. If the child was abandoned and no information was available, value will be blank.

Data Type: Integer

Element #: 16

Biological Father Year of Birth

Name: DOBYRDAD

Definition: The year of birth for the biological father, if known. If the child was abandoned and no information was available, value will be blank.

Data Type: Integer

Element #: 17

Biological Mother Married

Name: MOMARRD

Definition: Indicates whether the mother was married at time of the child's birth; includes common law marriage if legal in the State or Tribe.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 18

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to determine

Birth Mother TPR Date

Name: TPRMomDate

Definition: The month, day, and year that the court terminated mother's parental rights. If the mother is known to be deceased, this should be the date of death.

Data Type: Date

Element #: D08

Birth Father TPR Date

Name: TPRDadDate

Definition: The month, day, and year that the court terminated father's parental rights. If the father is known to be deceased, this should be the date of death.

Data Type: Date

Element #: D09

Adoptive Family Structure

Name: ADPFAMST

Definition:

Select from the four alternatives -- married couple, unmarried couple, single female, single male -- the category which best describes the nature of the adoptive parent(s) family structure. If response is "1" or "2," there should be data for both parents' year of birth (elements 23 and 24). If response is "3" or "4," there should be data only for the appropriate parent's year of birth (element 23 or 24).

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 22

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Married couple
2	Unmarried couple
3	Single female
4	Single male
5	Unable to determine

Adoptive Mother Year of Birth

Name: ADMOMYR

Definition: The calendar year in which the adoptive mother was born

Data Type: Integer

Element #: 23

Date Adoption was Finalized

Name: AdoptDate

Definition: The date the court issued the final adoption decree. This is the official date of adoption.

This is the date that determines which annual file (FY) the record is in.

Data Type: Date

Element #: D02

Adoptive Father Year of Birth

Name: ADDADYR

Definition: The calendar year in which the adoptive father was born

Data Type: Integer

Element #: 24

Adoptive Mom American Indian or AK Native

Name: AMIAKNM

Definition:

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 25a

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Adoptive Mom Asian

Name: ASIANM

Definition: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 25b

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Adoptive Mom Black/African American

Name: BLAFRAMM

Definition: A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 25c

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Adoptive Mom Hawaiian / Pacific Islander

Name: HAWIIPIM

Definition: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 25d

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Adoptive Mom White

Name: WHITEM

Definition: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 25e

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Adoptive Mom Unable to Determine Race

Name: UNTODEMM

Definition: Unable or unwilling to identify the race.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 25f

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Adoptive Mother Hispanic Origin

Name: HOMOM

Definition:

Of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American origin, or a person of other Spanish cultural origin. Whether or not a person is Hispanic or Latino is determined by how they define themselves or by how others define them. In the case of young children, parents determine the ethnicity of the child.

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People who identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino may be of any race.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 26

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to determine

Adoptive Dad American Indian or AK Native

Name: AMIAKND

Definition: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 27a

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Adoptive Dad Asian

Name: ASIAND

Definition: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 27b

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Adoptive Dad Black/African American

Name: BLAFRAMD

Definition: A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 27c

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Adoptive Dad Hawaiian / Pacific Islander

Name: HAWIIPID

Definition: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 27d

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Adoptive Dad White

Name: WHITED

Definition: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 27e

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Adoptive Dad Unable to Determine Race

Name: UNTODEMD

Definition: Unable or unwilling to identify a race.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 27f

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Adoptive Father Hispanic Origin

Name: HODAD

Definition:

Of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American origin, or a person of other Spanish cultural origin. Whether or not a person is Hispanic or Latino is determined by how they define themselves or by how others define them. In the case of young children, parents determine the ethnicity of the child.

Origin can be view as the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States.

People who identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino may be of any race.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 28

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to determine

Pre-Adoptive Relation: Step-parent

Name: STPARENT

Definition: One of the adoptive parents is the spouse of the child's birth mother or birth father.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 29

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Pre-Adoptive Relation: Other Relative

Name: OTHEREL

Definition: One of the adoptive parents is a relative of one of the birth parents by blood or marriage.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 30

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Pre-Adoptive Relation: Foster Parent

Name: FOSPARCH

Definition: Child was placed in a non-relative foster family home with a family that later adopted him or her. The initial placement could have been for the purpose of adoption or for the purpose of foster care.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 31

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Pre-Adoptive Relation: Non-Relative

Name: NONREL

Definition:

Adoptive parent's prior relationship to child fits into none of the specified categories (step-parent, other relative of child by birth or marriage, foster parent of child).

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 32

Value	Value Label
0	No
1	Yes

Location of Custodial Agency/Individual

Name: CHPLDFRM

Definition:

Indicate the location of the individual or agency that had custody or responsibility for the child at the time of initiation of adoption proceedings.

Within State or Tribal service area—Responsibility for the child resided with an individual or agency within the State or service area of the Tribal title IV-E agency filing the report.

Another State or Tribal service area—Responsibility for the child resided with an individual or agency in another State, Tribal service area, or territory of the United States.

Another Country—Immediately prior to the adoptive placement, the child was residing in another country and was not a citizen of the United States.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 33

Value	Value Label
1	Within state
2	Another state
3	Another country

Agency/Individual Placing Child

Name: CHPLDBY

Definition:

The type of individual or agency which placed the child for adoption.

- Public Agency—A unit of State or local government.
- Private Agency—A for-profit or non-profit agency or institution.
- Tribal Agency—A unit within one of the federally recognized Indian Tribes, Indian Tribal Organizations, or Indian Tribal consortia.
- Independent Person—A doctor, a lawyer or some other individual.
- Birth Parent—The parent(s) placed the child directly with the Adoptive parent(s).

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 34

Value	Value Label
1	Public agency
2	Private agency
3	Tribal agency
4	Independent person
5	Birth parent

Receiving Monthly Subsidy

Name: MONSUBSY

Definition:

Enter yes if the child was adopted with an adoption assistance agreement under which any of the following apply:

1. regular subsidies (federal or state) are paid;
2. the child is eligible for services under titles XIX or XX; or
3. Federal or state funds are made available for other types of assistance or services (including the nonrecurring costs of adoption).

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 35

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to determine

Monthly Amount of Subsidy

Name: MONAMNT

Definition:

The monthly amount of the adoption subsidy rounded to the nearest dollar.

Zero means the subsidy includes only benefits under titles XIX or XX of the Social Security Act.

Data Type: Decimal (2)

Element #: 36

IV-E Assistance Claimed

Name: IVEAA

Definition:

If the adoptive family is receiving a monthly subsidy (element #35 is yes), indicates whether the subsidy is claimed by the state for reimbursement under title IV-E. This item does not include title IV-E non-recurring costs.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: 37

Value	Value Label
0	Not applicable
1	Yes
2	No
3	Unable to determine

Age on Date of Adoption

Name: AgeAtAdopt

Definition: Child's age on the date the adoption was finalized

Data Type: Integer

Element #: D03

Value	Value Label
99	Missing or Out of Range

Race of Child as One Variable

Name: ChildRace

Definition:

- If only one race selected, then that race
- If more than one race, then 6
- If Hispanic origin, then 7, regardless of race

Data Type: Byte

Element #: D04

Value	Value Label
1	White
2	Black
3	AmInd
4	Asian
5	HawaiiPI
6	More than One Race
7	Hispanic Origin

Race of Adoptive Mother as One Variable

Name: MomRace

Definition:

- If only one race selected, then that race
- If more than one race, then 6
- If Hispanic origin, then 7, regardless of race

Data Type: Byte

Element #: D05

Value	Value Label
1	White
2	Black
3	AmInd
4	Asian
5	HawaiiPI
6	More than One Race
7	Hispanic Origin

Race of Adoptive Father as One Variable

Name: DadRace

Definition:

- If only one race selected, then that race
- If more than one race, then 6
- If Hispanic origin, then 7, regardless of race

Data Type: Byte

Element #: D06

Value	Value Label
1	White
2	Black
3	AmInd
4	Asian
5	HawaiiPI
6	More than One Race
7	Hispanic Origin

Transracial Adoption

Name: Transracial

Definition:

The adoption is transracial if...

- There are two adoptive parents, and the child is not the same race as either (i.e. if one of the parents in the same race, the adoption is *not* transracial),
or...
- There is one parent, and the child is not the same race as that parent.

Data Type: Byte

Element #: D07

Value	Value Label
0	Not Transracial
1	Child not White; Parents White
2	Child White; Parents not White
3	Other Transracial
9	Insufficient Race Info

State Foster Care ID

Name: StFCID

Definition:

The purpose of this variable is to aid in linking files by providing one consistently-named variable across NDACAN administrative datasets. The StFCID is the combination of the variables "St" (the state 2-character code) and "RecNumbr", the encrypted child's AFCARS identifier. This same variable can be found in the NYTD Outcomes File, the AFCARS Foster Care File, and the NCANDS Child File.

This variable is also the easiest way to distinguish individual children, since a RecNumbr can possibly duplicated in some other state, one would have to include St along with RecNumbr in any process that involves distinct children (e.g., counting, selecting, grouping, etc).

Data Type: String(14)