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Preface

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Codebook Notes

Introduction

The Codebook for the ROCKWOOL–Duke Comparative Indigenous Child Welfare Database 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.

This code book includes information on the NDACAN archived version of the Comparative Indigenous data files to assist individuals in using the data.

User's should refer to the User's Guide for important considerations to understand when using the data.

Codebook Entry Guide

Codebook Entries correspond to each variable and contain the following information:

- Number: Unique numeric value corresponding to the variable
- Name: Unique descriptive name corresponding to variable
- Label: Brief description of the variable
- Description: Extended description of the variable
- Data Type: Description of the variable format (i.e. numeric or character)
- Details/Guidance: Detailed information about the variable, such as the categorical levels, information about measurement, data collection, or variable meaning or cautionary notes about data limitations.

Additional considerations

Not all variables are relevant for each country. In other words, not all countries have values in all variables. For example, the variable "boarding" only has values in Denmark where that variable is relevant. Variables "placement_type" and "placement_type_grps" only have values for Greenland where those variables are relevant. Refer to the User's Guide for additional information.

Acronyms and Abbreviations

The following abbreviations and acronyms are used in this document:

CPS - Child Protective Services

CP-NMDS – Child Protection National Minimum Dataset

CWS - Child Welfare System

FFY – Federal fiscal year

NCANDS - National Child Abuse and Neglect Data Series

NDACAN - National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect

US - United States

RDGCWD Variables by Position

Variable Number	Variable Name	Variable Label
1	Country	Country name
2	Year	Year of data
3	Contact	Type of child welfare contact
4	Measure	Type of measure of the child welfare outcome
5	Indigeneity	Indigeneity status of the respective counts and population
6	Age	Single-year ages
7	Age_groups	Age groups
8	Count	Count of child welfare events
9	Stderr	Standard error of count
10	Pop	Population
11	Boarding	Whether the count of child welfare events includes or excludes children in boarding schools or similar
12	Placement_type	Type of out-of-home placement
13	Placement_type_grps	Placement types, grouped

Codebook Entries

#1: Country

Name: Country

Label: Country Name

Definition: Name of country

Data Type: Character

Details/Guidance:

Values
Denmark
Greenland
United States

#2: Year

Name: Year

Label: Year of data

Definition: Year of the outcomes

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Year refers to the 12-month period over which incidents occurred for all measures of child maltreatment investigations, confirmed maltreatments, and children entering out-of-home care.

Data for Denmark and Greenland are reported by calendar year (Jan 1-Dec 31). Data for United States are reported by federal fiscal year (FY) (Sept 1-Aug 30), for example, FY 2020 goes from Sept 1, 2019-Aug 30, 2020. The reference date for the point-in-time measures of Greenland is January 1st of the given year; and Sept 30 for the point-in-time out-of-home measure in the United States.

#3: Contact

Name: Contact

Label: Tye of child welfare contact

Definition: Type of contact with the child welfare system

Data Type: Character

Details/Guidance:

Values	Value label
confirmation	Confirmed/substantiated maltreatment.
investigation	Maltreatment investigation, whether it was substantiated or not.
placement	Out-of-home placement or foster care.
notice	Notice or allegation of maltreatment, whether substantiated or not. Notices precede investigations and include all calls or reports made to the respective child welfare agency.

#4: Measure

Name: Measure

Label: Type of measure of the child welfare outcome

Definition: Measure describes what the counts represent, in other words, what is being counted. For example, reports vs children, point in time vs over a year, first event vs ever.

Data Type: Character

Details/Guidance:

Values	Value label
inc	Counts at the incident-level, i.e. report, placement, investigation
prev	Counts of distinct children experiencing the related child welfare event (e.g. maltreatment, removal from home) over the administrative year.
prev_first	Count of distinct children experiencing the related child welfare event (e.g. maltreatment, removal from home), for the first time in their life, over the administrative year.
prev_point	Count of distinct children experiencing the related child welfare event on a specific date.

#5: Indigeneity

Name: Indigeneity

Label: Indigeneity status of the respective counts and population

Definition: Indicator of whether the counts and population are over the Indigenous population or not. User's should refer to the User's Guide for details about Indigeneity within each country. Denmark and Greenland identify indigeneity by parental Greenlandic descent, therefore individuals from Greenland are all considered Indigenous here. The United States Indigenous population include those who identify as Native American or Native Alaskans, who are non-Hispanic and don't identify as any other race (i.e. not multiracial).

Data Type: Character

Details/Guidance:

Values
Indigenous
Nonindigenous

#6: Age

Name: Age

Label: Single-year age

Definition: Single-year ages for the respective counts and population

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Ages range from 0-17. Single year ages are missing for Greenland, except for age 0.

#7: Age groups

Name: Age_groups

Label: Age groups

Definition: Grouped ages, only used by Greenland

Data Type: Character

Details/Guidance: Grouped ages are only provided for Greenland, who did not provide single-age data (except for age 0).

Values	Value label
0-4	Ages 0-4
5-9	Ages 5-9
10-14	Ages 10-14
15-17	Ages 15-7
Total	Total population of children 0-17

#8: Count

Name: Count

Label: Count of child welfare events

Definition: Number of events (e.g. reports, children), as defined by the respective contact and measure.

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: No additional guidance.

#9: Standard error

Name: StdErr

Label: Standard error of count

Definition: Standard error of count from resulting from the imputations done for United States data (see User's Guide).

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: The standard error is only available for United States data where imputation as applied. Rubin's rules were used to compute the standard error, which is the sum of within-imputation variance and between-imputation variance.

#10. Population

Name: Pop

Label: Population

Definition: Number of children in the national population.

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Population values are with respect to the Indigenous status and children's age, where available. Refer to the User's Guide for the source of population values.

#11: Boarding

Name: Boarding

Label: Whether the count of child welfare events includes or excludes children in boarding schools or similar

Definition: Whether the count of child welfare events includes children who are in boarding schools, ship projects, own rooms or halls of residence.

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Boarding, and similar placements, are unique to Denmark and therefore only available for Denmark's data. Refer to the User's Guide for additional information.

Values
included
excluded

#12: Placement type

Name: Placement_type

Label: Type of out-of-home placement

Definition: Type of out-of-home placement where a child was placed after removal from the home.

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Greenland provided additional granularity in the details of their out-of-home counts, providing the type of out-of-home setting in which a child is placed. This variable has missing values for Denmark and United States.

Values	Value label
Kin foster care, no remuneration	Child living out-of-home with family or kin, no financial support provided
Kin foster care, remuneration	Child living out-of-home with family or kin, financial support provided
Residential care	Child living in institutional care for children or youth
Institutional care for individuals with disabilities	Child living in institutional care for children or youth with disabilities
Family foster care	Children living in non-relative foster family

#13: Placement type groups

Name: Placement_type_grps

Label: Placement types, grouped

Definition: Placement types grouped together

Data Type: Numeric

Details/Guidance: Greenland further grouped placement settings in order to provide placement types by age groups. By grouping placement types, Greenland wanted to avoid disclosing small cell counts and was then able provide to counts of placement type group by age groups.

Values	Value label
ALMI	Combination of placement types: "Kin foster care, remuneration" and "Family foster care"
INST	Combination of placement types: "Residential care" and "Institutional care for individuals with disabilities"
OVRI	Combination of placement types: "Kin foster care, no remuneration" and "Other"
INST + ALMI	Combination of INST and ALMI ("Kin foster care, remuneration", "Family foster care", "Residential care", and "Institutional care for individuals with disabilities")
Total	Total over all placements

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