Release Notes for GSS 1972-2024 Release 1
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Datafile Release Notes

GSS Years Affected	Variables	Issue in the Previous Release	Fix in the Current Release
All years	EARNRS, HISPANIC, NUMEMPS, RACECEN1, RACECEN2, RACECEN3, SIBS, USCITZN	The GSS team developed an updated plan for the 2024 data release to reduce disclosure risks, especially for demographic variables. The GSS team has chosen to reduce the number of response categories reported for select demographic variables. The default variable names (e.g., EARNRS, HISPANIC) will have the reduced response option responses for all available years. New variables will contain the historically released responses using a standard suffix format of _XXYY, where XX represents the last two digits of the first year that the variable was active, and YY represents the last two digits of the last year that the variable was active (e.g., _0022 designates the trend was active from 2000 to 2022). For more information about these changes, please see Appendix E in the GSS 2024 Codebook.	Updated response categories Variables preserving the historical response categories: EARNRS_7222 HISPANIC_0022 NUMEMPS_0422 RACECEN1_0022 RACECEN2_0022 RACECEN3_0022 SIBS_7222 USCITZN_0822
Multiple years	MARHOMO, MARHOMO1, MARSAME, MARSAME1	Updated the name of MARHOMO to be MARSAME, and MARHOMO1 to be MARSAME1.	Updated
2022	CHNGTME, CHNGTIME	The variable name for CHNGTME was changed in 2022 to CHNGTIME to be consistent with the variable name in the questionnaire. Given no changes in the question wording or response options were implemented in association with this change, the responses from CHNGTIME should be moved into CHNGTME to increase ease of analysis of this variable over time.	Responses from CHNGTIME moved into CHNGTME CHNGTIME removed
2022	NEAELIGIBLE, NEXTELIGIBLE	NEASTATUS and NEXTSTATUS previously reported which cases completed the NEA follow-on and GSS Next follow-on, respectively. This indicator did not provide information regarding who was eligible to participate in the follow-on.	Included

2022	NMBRKIDS	An error exporting the “None” check box responses unexpectedly incorporated a value of 1 into the numeric field for this variable for 459 cases when it should have been reported as 0.	Recoded to 0
2022	RACOPENV, RACOPENY	Question RACOPEN is included in two experiments (gender-neutral wording and volunteered response). Per the 2022 GSS Codebook, RACOPENV was designated as the reported variable containing data for both experiment “as the -V and -NV effect appears stronger.” Despite this assertion, the variable was released as RACOPENY.	Responses from RACOPENY moved to RACOPENV RACOPENY removed
2022	WRKSTAT, SPWRKSTA	Verbatim answers to WRKSTAT and SPWRKSTA option 5 “Other” were not recoded into WRKSTAT and SPWRKSTA categories 1-7.	19 verbatim answers for WRKSTAT were recoded and 11 verbatim answers for SPWRKSTA were recoded
2021, 2022	ETHNIC	Respondents who skipped the ETHWORLD series were coded as .i “Not applicable”.	Updated to .d “Don’t Know”, .n “No Answer”, or .s “Skipped on web” as appropriate for each case
2021, 2022	ETHREGION95, ETHREGION96	A duplicate ETHREGION variable for Jamaica (originally ETHREGION95) was retained in the data when programmatically these responses were already moved to ETHREGION89, the assigned variable for Jamaica. Therefore, the historical version of ETHREGION95 is erroneous.	ETHREGION95 is now “Other Oceania” ETHREGION96 removed
2021, 2022	ZODIAC	Respondents who did not provide a birth day were incorrectly coded to .i “Not applicable”.	Updated to .n “No Answer”
2021	COHORT	Respondents where year of birth was not provided were temporarily coded 9999.	Updated to .n “No Answer”
2021	PRESTG105PLUS, SEI10EDUC, SEI10INC, SPPRES105PLUS, SPSEI10EDUC, SPSEI10INC, PAPRES105PLUS, PASEI10EDUC, PASEI10INC, MAPRES105PLUS, MASEI10EDUC,	A number of cases for each of these variables are denoted as .y “Not available in this year” when they should be .i “Not applicable.”	Cases affected recoded from .y “Not available in this year” to .i “Not applicable.”

	MASEI10INC, MAJOR1, RESPNUM		
2018	CHNGTME	Previously excluded from the data.	Included
2012, 2022	PAIDLV	Old category labels for PAIDLV were an artifact of an older version of PAIDLV. In Release 1 of the 1972-2022 Cumulative File, GSS combined the variables PAIDLV and PAIDLV1 into a single variable to increase analytic efficiency. With this change, category 0 should have been labeled as “No, there should be no paid leave” with the remaining categories representing the number of months of paid leave they felt a new parent should get. Unfortunately, the old value label for response 2 was retained from the old version of PAIDLV.	Updated
1972-1993	INCDEF, POVLINE	Cases considered not imputable for these variables were coded to reserve code .q, which is not an assigned reserve code. Reserve code .p is designated for this purpose.	Recoded to .p “Not imputable”