User guide to the Centre for Population Change GHS database 1979 - 2009

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1. INTRODUCTION
This is the User Guide for the ESRC Centre for Population Change (CPC) General Household Survey (GHS) time-series database covering the years 1979 to 2009. The key purpose of this database is to provide a consistent time series of demographic data collected in the GHS, particularly childbearing histories and marriage and cohabitation histories.

In 2005, the base for data collection switched from financial year to calendar year. Data for the last quarter of 2004-5 are included in the ONS datafiles for both 2004-05 and 2005 GHS rounds. Since our database includes both survey years, we did not retain this duplication and the last quarter of 2004-5 is allocated to the 2004-05 round only.

From 2005 on, the survey was restructured as a panel rather than as a cross-sectional survey. Three quarters of respondents interviewed in one year are re-interviewed the following year. Therefore, due to the rotating panel only a quarter of the sample in 2006-2009 are new respondents. New respondents in 2006-2009 are identified by code ‘1’ on WAVE. Respondents in waves 2-4 in 2006-2009 are omitted from this database.

Note that from GHS round 1998 onwards, dates of birth of respondents and dates of live births are available only in the special licence version of the GHS datasets deposited by ONS with the Data Archive.

1.1 USING THE CPC GHS TIME-SERIES DATASET
Along with the introductory notes and information on specific variables presented in this User Guide, prospective users of the CPC GHS time series dataset are advised to consult the following documents and papers for essential information on the structure of the dataset and quality of the data on specific topics:

1.1.1 SAMPLE SIZES
Annex H Sample sizes in the CPC time-series dataset with notes of some errors in the original GHS data files
1.1.2 WEIGHTING

1.1.3 FERTILITY HISTORIES
Annex A Quality checks and edits carried out on birth histories

1.1.4 MARRIAGE AND PARTNERSHIP HISTORIES
Annex B Quality checks and edits carried out on marriage histories 1979-1998
Annex C Quality checks and edits carried out on partnership histories from 2000-2007
Annex D Derivation of the quality flags for the marriage and partnership histories


1.1.5 VARIABLES CARRIED OVER FROM THE 1972-2004 GHS TIME SERIES DATASET

1.1.6 MERGING WITH THE ORIGINAL GHS DATA FILES
To merge records between the CPC GHS database and the original GHS data files provided by the UK Data Archive, use, in combination, the CPC variables year,
hhserial, and pno. See the Data Dictionary for the corresponding GHS variable names in various years.

Note that 2004-05 was the last year in which the survey was fielded on a financial-year basis, and the original dataset deposited with the ESDS Data Archive for this year includes the first quarter of 2005. In 2005, the survey changed back to a calendar year basis, and a full year’s sample size was collected in quarters 2, 3, and 4 of 2005. In the ESDS version of the 2005 GHS, the last quarter of 2004-5 is duplicated as the first quarter of 2005. Because the first quarter of 2005 is already present in the 2004-5 dataset, we have excluded it from the 2005 data in our time series dataset. The first quarter of 2005 can be identified in the 2004-5 dataset via sampq=4. Therefore to extract the original 2004-5 round data from the CPC dataset, choose year = 2004, and sampq = 1 or 2 or 3 or 4

To extract the data deposited as the 2005 round with the Archive, choose

**year = 2004 and sampq = 4 AND**

**year = 2005 and sampq = 2 or 3 or 4**

Note also that the household serial IDs in the original release of the 2005 GHS were changed in a subsequent release of the 2005 data file. The present version of the CPC database includes the revised 2005 household identifiers. If merging this database with the GHS datasets, you should check first that the household identifiers in your 2005 GHS data file are as in the revised data file.
1.2 STRUCTURE OF THE USER GUIDE

Documentation for each variable in the data dictionary starts on a new page. Where variables form part of a set — e.g. bthyr1-bthyr15—they appear on one page rather than on several. Some natural sets of variables – e.g. weights, and counts of persons in household – are grouped together (see variable list classified by theme).

The entry for each variable gives the CPC variable name and labels at the top of the page, shows which original GHS variables were used in the construction of the CPC variable and how the codes from the original variables were used to construct the CPC variable. In many cases, the variables used to derive new or consistent variables for the CPC database differ either in name or coding, or both, across GHS years.

1.2.1 1972-2004 GHS TIME-SERIES DATASET

Some of the variables in this database are carried over from the 1972-2004 GHS Time Series dataset for the years 1979-2004, with the variables for 2005-09 being constructed in the same way.

Note that for all the variables carried over from the 1972-2004 time-series, there was only one type of missing value (-5), and this coding was retained as missing for those variables in GHS rounds 2005 and after.

1.2.2 GHS ROUNDS 2008-2009

The database was originally assembled from GHS rounds 1979-2007 and data from GHS rounds 2008 and 2009 were added at a later stage.

- While the data for 2008 and 2009 are consistent with preceding years, the primary documentation of variables refers in most cases to the years 1979-2007. The coding for 2008 and 2009 is consistent with that for 2005-2007.
- Quality checks on the fertility histories, marriage histories and partnership histories were carried out for rounds 1979-2007 only.
- Quality flags have been generated for the 2008 and 2009 GHS rounds, but the results have been scrutinised much less closely than those of preceding years, and 2008-09 data are not included in Annexes A-C.
1.2.3 INCONSISTENCIES IN VARIABLES OVER TIME

In cases where there is a substantive change in the question asked in the GHS which would result in an inconsistency in the interpretation of a variable we have adopted a double digit system of coding.

1.2.4 CHANGING ELIGIBILITY

Some variables are applicable only to certain respondents. Much of the detailed childbearing and partnership history data come from the Family Information Section (FI) of the GHS questionnaire. Children and older persons are not eligible for this section, and men are not asked about their childbearing histories at all, and have been asked about their marriage histories only since 1986. The eligibility criterion for the FI has changed over the years and a summary of these changes is given on the eligfi page. See also Annex F and associated Excel file.

1.2.5 PARTNERSHIP

A “partnership” in this documentation refers to one of the following:

- a direct marriage
- a cohabitation followed by marriage to that partner, or
- a free-standing cohabitation.

From 2000 on, the history of such partnerships is near complete. Prior to 2000 the retrospective information collected on cohabitation was more limited; questions were asked about the current partnership which may be a cohabitating union, and also on whether a marriage was preceded by a spell of cohabitation (see Table 1 in Annex B).

1.2.6 MISSING VALUE CODES

For variables generated specifically for this database, a consistent set of missing values is used:

-8: not available/not known
-9: does not apply

However, some variables have been incorporated from the 1972-2004 time series database, and such variables have just one missing value: -5.

While the codes in the original GHS files that are used to arrive at a final coding of the variables in this database are usually separately listed on the page for each variable, in some cases a verbal summary is given in place of the exact codes. This
occurs because relevant values differ substantially across years. This is the case for some variables in relation to missing values, and so we simply summarise verbally by recording “missing values for NA” or “missing values for DNA” or where these are not distinguished “missing codes” to cover the variety of missing codes used (because prior to 1998, NA and DNA codes were not distinguished in the original GHS files). For all Family Information section variables, in the present database respondents are coded DNA (-9) if they are not eligible for the FI section, or that they are a proxy respondent. When the respondent is eligible but the information is missing the variable is coded NA (-8).

1.2.7 IMPUTATION
Only two kinds of imputation are made in this dataset. One is of the month of an event, where the year was known but the month missing. The imputation was flagged by adding 0.5 to the month. See Annexes A-C. The other imputation is the calculation of the respondent’s date of birth based on age at interview and interview date for GHS rounds 1979 to 1982. In the FI section, for survey years where dates of birth of the individuals were missing (1979-1981) or partly missing, these were calculated: using the month when it was known; attributing a month and deducing a year when necessary. Additional minor corrections have been made, described in Annex H.

1.3 ANNEXES
A. Quality checks and edits carried out on birth histories
B. Quality checks and edits carried out on marriage histories to 1998
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D. Derivation of the quality flags for the marriage and partnership histories
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<td>Month of end of nth partnership in partnership history</td>
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<td>Whether woman pregnant at time of interview</td>
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3. DATA DICTIONARY

Please note that the database initially contained data from GHS rounds 1979-2007 only, 2008 and 2009 being added at a later stage. The 2008 and 2009 coding is consistent with that of rounds 2005-2007, but the data dictionary has not been updated to reflect this.
acctyp91 ‘Type of accommodation’

1 purpose built flat
2 Other

This variable of stratification is available 1979-1996

acctyp01 ‘Type of accommodation’

1 Detached, semi-detached, terraced
2 Other

The variable is available from 1998 onwards only.

Variables used in the construction of acctyp91

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<td>2</td>
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<td>Terraced house</td>
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**age ‘Age of the respondent’**

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The variable age gives the age at last birthday.

In 2001, the respondent’s age in completed years has been top-coded at 85; thus for any person aged over 85 years in the 2001 GHS edition, this variable has the value 85. However, month and year of birth are present for these respondents, and so an exact age can be calculated.

Other survey years include a significant number of respondents whose reported age in completed years is more than one year different from the age implied by their reported date of birth. We have not edited the data to make these two reports consistent (see Annex H).
agelft ‘Age left full-time education’

Variable giving the age at end of school/studies, reconstructed from the variables AGELFTC and AGELFTS.

-9 DNA
-8 NA
98-99 still at school
1 never went to school
3-66 age at end of continuous education (integer)

Variables used in the construction of agelft

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<td>STUDCUR AGELFTS AGELFTC</td>
<td>STUDCUR AGELFTSC AGELFTFT</td>
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The filter variables have different names in 1979-82, 1983-84, 1985-92 and 1993-98.

From 2000-2007, agelft represents approximately the age at which the respondent completed their continuous full time education; see Ní Bhrolcháin and Beaujouan (2012) for a comparison with national statistics. In rounds before 2000, deficiencies have been found in this variable, as detailed in Annex G, and we do not consider the variable usable before the 2000 GHS round.
Age of persons in household: age variables derived by CPC

ageldchh ‘Age of the eldest child in the household’
ageldhh ‘Age of the eldest person in the household’
ageygcfu ‘Age of the youngest child in the family unit’
ageygchh ‘Age of the youngest child in the household’
agegsthh ‘Age of the youngest person in the household’
brthyr – brthmt ‘Year and month of birth of the respondent’


Prior to 1982, only age was asked. In all cases where date of birth was either not asked or missing, it has been attributed in the way described below.

Variables used in the construction of brthyr

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<tr>
<td>1896-1999</td>
<td>age, year in 2 digits, year in 2 digits, date format, year</td>
<td>1896-2007</td>
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<td>Missing values (NA)</td>
<td>Any missing codes ever used in GHS</td>
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Because this was originally a 2-digit year of birth, before 1996 we use the age to determine whether the true date is 1800+ 2-digit or 1900+2-digit

Variables used in the construction of brthmt

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<tr>
<td>1-12</td>
<td>month, month, month, Date format, month</td>
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<td>If year extracted from age</td>
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Where date of birth is missing or was not asked for, we calculate date of birth assuming that the respondent is aged “age+0.5 years” at the date of interview. Dates used in the file are coded in month and year only.
**bthmt1-bthmt15** ‘Month of birth of 1\textsuperscript{st} to 15\textsuperscript{th} live births in the original birth history’

**bthyr1-bthyr15** ‘Year of birth of 1\textsuperscript{st} to 15\textsuperscript{th} live births in the original birth history’

Year and month of live births to the respondent

Variables used in the construction of **bthyr1-bthyr15**

\( n \) indicates any ranges on which the variables are available the different years

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Variables used in the construction of **bthmt1-bthmt15**

\( n \) indicates whatever range of the variables is available - the maximum number of birth slots allowed for differs across years.

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bthmtr1-bthmtr15 ‘Month of birth of 1st to 15th live births in the revised birth history’

bthyrr1-bthyrr15 ‘Year of birth of 1st to 15th live births in the revised birth history’

Year and month of live births to the respondent in the revised birth history.
chdbenef ‘Whether receives child benefit’

-9 DNA
-8 NA
0 no child benefit
1 child benefits

This variable is constructed from the successive variables on child benefit:
1979-1982: CHLDBEN
1983-1991: CHBEN
1992-1996: STATBNM1
1998 2003-2007: BEN1Q1
2000-2002: BEN1QM1

Additionally, SCHED has been used as a filter together with these variables in order to determine the NA (-8) and DNA (-9).
**contrapt ‘Whether currently using contraception or not’**

1    yes
2    no
-9   DNA
-8   NA

The question is asked only of women and men aged under 50. As for all questions in the contraception section, it is asked for selected years only.

**Variables used in the construction of **contrapt**

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<td>16,17,18</td>
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<tr>
<td>Does not apply (DNA)</td>
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<td>DNA</td>
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The question is generally not asked of sterilized respondents, but in 1989 and 1991 sterilized persons were also asked the question. In 1998 and 2002, where it was known that both partners were sterilized, some respondents were nevertheless asked this question and reported that their partner had a vasectomy (original code 17): they were recoded -9 on variable **contrapt**.
curmmt ‘Month of current marriage”
curmyr ‘Year of current marriage”

Year and month of marriage current at survey, if there was a marriage at survey (curtype=2 or 3).

Variables used in the construction of curmyr

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Variables used in the construction of curmmt

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curtype ‘Type of current partnership (at survey)’

0  not currently in a partnership
1  cohabitation
2  direct marriage
3  marriage preceded by premarital cohabitation

Information about the current partnership is available since 1979. In 1979 and from 1981 onwards respondents were asked whether they had cohabited premaritally with their current (if currently married) or most recent (if not currently married) spouse. However in 1980 respondents were not asked whether they had cohabited premaritally with their current/most recent spouse. Therefore marriages in 1980 are all coded “2”.

Variables used in the construction of curtype

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<td>MARSTAT</td>
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<tr>
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<td>WHEREWED XSLIVTOG</td>
<td>WHEREWED TGTHR</td>
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<tr>
<td>direct marriage</td>
<td>MARITAL</td>
<td>MARSTAT</td>
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¹ Information on premarital cohabitation was not asked in 1980.
curmt ‘Month current partnership started’
cury ‘Year current partnership started’

Year and month of start of the current partnership = year
  - of start living together if cohabiting at survey
  - of beginning of premarital cohabitation if married at survey and cohabited premaritally
  - of marriage if married at survey and no premarital cohabitation

Variables used in the construction of **cury**

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defacto ‘Living with a partner/spouse’

1  Living with spouse-FI
2  Living with partner-FI
3  Not living with anyone- FI
4  Same sex civil partnership-FI
5  Same sex partner-FI
6  Under 16 (non FI)
11 Living with spouse- non FI
12 Living with partner- non FI
13 Not living with anyone- non FI
14 Same sex civil partnership- non FI
15 Same sex partner- non FI

-8  NA
-9  DNA

This variable is a best guess at the de facto partnership status current at the time of the survey. Our coding takes the declared marital status in the main section of the questionnaire as the default coding, and amends this according to FI information, where available. The marital status question is primarily about legal marital status, but cannot be relied on as accurate in that respect, and in any case includes the category ‘cohabiting’ for some years (1986-96).

We identify 5 possible partnership states:

1) Living with spouse
2) Living with partner
3) Not living with a partner
4) Living in same sex civil partnership
5) Living with same sex partner.

Two parallel sets of codes are used to distinguish cases where FI information is available (codes 1-5) and is not available (codes 10-15) to modify declared marital status. The accuracy with which de facto status can be determined depends on the availability of the Family Information section of the GHS. Availability of the FI varies by age, sex and survey year, whether the respondent was a proxy and whether the respondent completed the FI section.

The coding of defacto is explained by the following table and flow chart. The syntax is given in Annex E.
Flow chart describing defacto

Declared marital status

- Married (1979-2006)
- Cohabiting (1986-95/96)
- Single (1979-2006)
- Widowed/ Separated/ Divorced (1979-2006)
- Outlived/ dissolved civil partner (2006)
- Same-sex civil partnership (2006)
- Same sex cohabitation (93/94-96/96)

Are you currently living with someone? (1979-2006)

- Y
- N

Y

Are you currently living with someone? (1998-2006)

- Y
- N

11. Living with spouse
12. Living with partner
13. Not living with anyone
14. Living in same-sex civil partner
15. Living with same sex partner

Was the respondent eligible for the FI section? (1979-2006)

- N
- Y

Y

Was the respondent eligible for the FI section? (1979-2006)

- N
- Y

1. Living with spouse
2. Living with partner
3. Not living with anyone

Where did you in fact get married? (1979-2006)

- Civil/religious ceremony
- Living with partner

Are you living with a non-related adult? (1979-1998)

- Y
- N

Y

Are you living with a non-related adult? (1979-1998)

- N

1. Living with spouse-
2. Living with Partner-
3. Not living with anyone-FI

Note: Before 1986, those SWD who did not answer FI section may have been cohabiting, but this will not have been recorded. This is the only limitation on defacto classification. FI denotes that the respondent was eligible for Family Information module and responded completely.
### Table: Mapping from categories to component variables to defacto codes

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degree ‘Highest qualification = degree or higher’

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0 other or no qualification
1 degree or higher

For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.
For the additional years 2005-2007, the more detailed variable pedfull (derived itself from EDLEV00 which is also described in this userguide) has been used to derive the variable the way it was constructed in the 1972-2004 time-series.
eligfi ‘Eligible for the Family Information section’

1 eligible for FI section and not proxy
2 eligible but proxy
3 not eligible

This variable summarizes which individuals are interviewed in the Family Information section. Only individuals coded eligfi=1 are asked the FI section. Proxy respondents have been coded since 1980 and are never asked the Family Information (FI) section. Thus they are always coded “does not apply” on all the variables of the FI section.

In the FI section, an additional filter is active when asking all the details on births, fertility history and intentions: only women are asked these questions. Further details can be found in Annex F.

Who is eligible for the Family Information section across GHS rounds? Between 1979 and 1985 inclusive, non-proxy women aged 18-49 or married and aged 16-17, are asked the Family Information questions. From 1986 onwards, both men and women aged 16-59, who are not proxies, are asked the Family Information section, but men are not asked the birth history.

Variables used in the construction of eligfi:

age, sex, marst and sched

(SAS) Coding:

if year<=1985 then do;
    if sex=2 and ((16<=age<50 and marst=2) or 18<=age<50) then eligfi=1; *eligible;
    else eligfi=3; *not eligible;
    if sex=2 and ((16<=age<50 and marst=2) or 18<=age<50) and sched=2 then eligfi=2;
        *eligible but proxy;
end;
if year>1985 then do;
    if 16<=age<60 then eligfi=1;
    else eligfi=3;
    if 16<=age<60 and sched=2 then eligfi=2;
end;
The only variable that can be produced reasonably consistently across GHS rounds is a binary classification of ethnic group. For the years 1979-82, it is based on interviewer assessment of the respondents’ ethnic group rather than a direct question.

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funo ‘Family unit number’

Within each household, a number is given to each family unit. funo is a one-digit variable in 1979-1996, and is the household serial number plus one digit in 1998-2007.

Variables used in the construction of funo

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Not present for 2008 and 2009.
hhserial ‘Household serial number’

A household serial number is given each year to each household in the survey. Household serial numbers are re-used each year and hence the same serial number in two different survey years does not refer to the same household.

Variables used in the construction of hhserial

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See also section in Introduction on merging with original GHS datasets.
**intmt ‘Month of interview’**

**intyr ‘Year of interview’**

Year and month of interview. Note that intyr can differ from the survey year (year)

Variables used in the construction of **intyr**

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The interview year is not always equal to the survey edition’s year, and especially in 1996. This is developed in appendix.

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\(^1\) In the original ESDS GHS file for 1996-7 dates were represented as “days since 14 October 1582” with 15 October 1582 = 1.
The variable `lastft` is available only before 1998. The codes and value labels for each year of the GHS are as follows:

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<td>EDTYPE</td>
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<td>university</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<td>polytechnic</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nursing school or teaching hospital</td>
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<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>some other type of college</td>
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FURTHERRED and AGELFTS/AGELFTSC are used as filter variables, and people who have not prolonged their education but have been to school are considered as having been to an elementary/secondary school even if originally they are not directly coded as such.
livwth1-livwth15 ‘Does the 1\textsuperscript{st}-15\textsuperscript{th} live-born child in the original birth history live with the respondent’

1. yes
2. no, lives elsewhere
3. no, deceased

Whether the child lives with the respondent

Variables used in the construction of livwth1-livwth15

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<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>no, lives elsewhere</td>
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<td>No, deceased</td>
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livwthr1-livwthr15 ‘Does the 1\textsuperscript{st}-15\textsuperscript{th} live-born child in the revised birth history live with the respondent’

1 yes
2 no, lives elsewhere
3 no, deceased

Whether the child lives with the respondent. Note that all the live births recovered in the CPC revised birth history live with the respondent.
**mardmt1-mardmt7** ‘Month of divorce for n-th marriage in marriage history’

**mardyr1-mardyr7** ‘Year of divorce for n-th marriage in marriage history’

Year and month of divorce of each marriage of the respondent in the sequence of marriages.

Variables used in the construction of **mardyr1-mardyr7**

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maremt1-maremt7 ‘Month of end of n-th marriage in marriage history’

mareyr1-mareyr7 ‘Year of end of n-th marriage in marriage history’

Year and month of end (by separation or death of the partner) of each marriage of the respondent in the sequence of marriages.

Variables used in the construction of mareyr1-mareyr7

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<td>death of the partner</td>
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**marmt1-marmt7 ‘Month of n-th marriage in marriage history’**

**maryr1-maryr7 “Year of n-th marriage in marriage history”**

Year and month of marriage number n of the respondent in the sequence of marriages

Variables used in the construction of **maryr1-maryr7**

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marpmt1-marpmt7 ‘Month of premarital cohabitation for n-th marriage in marriage history’

marpyr1-marpyr7 ‘Year of premarital cohabitation for n-th marriage in marriage history’

maryr1-maryr7 ‘Year of n-th marriage in marriage history’

Year and month of premarital cohabitation before each marriage of the respondent in the sequence of marriages.

Note that in 1979 respondents were only asked whether they had cohabited prior to their current/most recent marriage and not the start date of this premarital cohabitation. In 1980 no information about premarital cohabitation was collected. In the period 1981-1988 inclusive, respondents were only asked about the duration of premarital cohabitation prior to their current/most recent marriage. From 1989 respondents are asked about the duration of premarital cohabitation prior to their current and previous marriages.

Variables used in the construction of marpyr1-marpyr7

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Variables used in the construction of marpmt1-marpmt7

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marpre1-marpre7 ‘Premarital cohabitation for n-th marriage in marriage history’

1  yes
2  no

Variables used in the construction of marpre1-marpre7

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<td>1</td>
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* for GHS rounds 1979, and 1981 to 1988 LIVEDTOG was asked only about the current/most recent marriage, and so is attributed to the relevant marriage in the marriage history. From 1989- the question was asked about all marriages. When the question was not asked, these variables are coded -9.

No information about premarital cohabitation was collected in 1980 and so the data are set to -9 for 1980.
marq1-marq7 ‘Quality of information on marriage number n in marriage history’

Quality flags generated by CPC for the marriage history, see Annex D.

Before 1989
0   no n-th marriage declared (nmar<n)
1   OK (marr date OK + end date OK + ordered)
2   OK after editing
3   partially OK
4   invalid date or date missing where nmar>n
-9  DNA: not eligible FI, proxy

From 1989 on
0   no n-th marriage declared (nmar<n)
10  OK (no precohab + marr date OK + end date OK)
11  OK (precohab date OK + marr date OK + end date OK)
12  OK (precohab date edited + marr date OK + end date OK)
13  OK (precohab date unresolved + marr date OK + end date OK)
20  OK after editing (no precohab + marr date + end date)
21  OK after editing (precohab date OK + edited marr or end date)
22  OK after editing (precohab date edited + edited marr or end date)
23  OK after editing (precohab date unresolved + edited marr or end date)
31  partially OK
41  invalid date or date missing where nmar>n
-9  DNA: not eligible FI, proxy

For the coding of “partially OK”, see also Annex D
marqual ‘Overall quality of the marriage history’

This variable is entirely CPC generated and is a summary of the individual marq1-ns.

0           no marriage
1           OK
2           OK after editing
3           partially OK
4           unusable
-9          DNA: not eligible FI, proxy

marqual is coded partially OK either if all marriages are partially OK, or some are OK and some partially OK on the marq1-n indicators. Partially OK does not include any histories with an unusable or missing spell.

marqual is coded OK after editing either if all marriages are OK after editing, or some are OK and some are OK after editing.
marst ‘Declared marital status’

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<td>MARSTAT</td>
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<td>1</td>
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<td>Divorced</td>
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<td>Separated</td>
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<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Widowed</td>
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<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cohabiting</td>
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<tr>
<td>Same sex cohabiting</td>
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<tr>
<td>Civil partnership</td>
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<tr>
<td>Separated from civil partnership</td>
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<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Civil partner died</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less than 16 years</td>
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MARSTAT is the declared marital status recorded for all individuals in the household in the main part of the questionnaire. In the years 1979-1984, valid responses for this variable are Married, Single, Widowed, Divorced and Separated. In the years 1985-92 there is an additional category for cohabiting with a partner. From 1998-present, cohabitation is not included as a pre-coded category of the marital status question, and hence the valid responses are identical to the period 1972-1984 ( Married, Single, Widowed, Divorce and Separated). In 2006-7, civil partnerships are added as response categories. Persons who dissolved a civil partnership are considered as single. The defacto variable provides further information on same-sex partnerships.
morechld ‘Whether intends to have more children’

1  yes
2  no
3  don’t know
11 yes
12 probably yes
13 probably not
14 no
15 don’t know
-9 DNA
-8 NA

Since the label values of the variable changed in 1991, we use the double digit coding to identify the potential inconsistency before and from that year.

Variables used in the construction of morechld

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Note that from 1991, this variable should be used in conjunction with probmore
moreposs ‘Could you (and your partner) have more children if you wanted to’

1 could have more children  
2 would be difficult, impossible  
-.9 DNA  
-.8 NA

The form of the question varies across survey years. We refer the user to the questionnaires for each round for precise details.

The sub-sample who were asked this question differs from the one to which contrapt relates, as follows:

before 1989  
women aged less than 45 and eligible for the FI section and not pregnant

1989  
women aged less than 45 and eligible for the FI section

from 1991 onwards  
women aged less than 50 and eligible for the FI section and not pregnant and not sterile

Variables used in the construction of moreposs

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<td>would be difficult, impossible</td>
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<td>would be difficult, impossible</td>
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nbirths ‘Number of live births declared in the Family Information section’

Number of live births reported by the respondents answering the fertility history questions (non-proxy women eligible for the FI section).

nbirths is built as a combination of the variable that indicates whether the respondent ever had a live birth and, if so, the number of her live births.

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nbirths is based on the original GHS variables. In a sizeable minority of cases this variable is erroneous, due to an over-reporting of childlessness, as documented in Murphy (2009). The errors are largely concentrated in the rounds from 1998 onwards--see Ní Bhrolcháin, Beaujouan and Murphy (2011) for an account of the source of the errors in the original fertility histories, and for the procedure used to correct these. An alternative variable, nchr, has been constructed by CPC giving the number of live births in the birth histories as revised by CPC.
nchr ‘Revised count of number of live births’

This variable gives the number of live births in the birth histories as revised by CPC. The birth histories were revised by using information on own children in the household, from the household grid. See Ni Bholcháin et al. (2011) for details. Revised fertility histories were produced from 1994 onwards only. For GHS rounds before 1994, the original and revised fertility histories are identical.

Quality indicator for revised fertility histories
Where nchr>=0, this means that an ordered sequence of births is available for analysis. Any negative code implies that the birth history is either not available or completely incorrect, and so unusable. Fertility histories that are partially in error—e.g. second or later birth date missing—are considered partially usable (e.g. for the date of first birth) and have nchr >=0.
Number of free-standing cohabitations originally reported by the respondents in the Family Information section, including the current cohabitation. They cover relationships “in which [respondent] lived together with someone as a couple but did not get married”. The questions on dates of all such cohabitation were asked only from 2000 onwards.\(^1\) In GHS rounds before 2000, the variable cannot be calculated and is coded -9.

Free standing cohabitations refer to spells of cohabitation that either had ended in separation or were current at survey.

Variables used in the construction of **ncoh**

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\(^1\) In 1998 a question was asked about whether the respondent had ever cohabited without marrying that partner, and if so, how many such partnerships they had. This variable for 1998 has not been included in the dataset.
**nextage ‘If intends to have more children, age at birth of next child’**

17 to 62 age at which next child expected
-9 DNA
-8 NA

Only asked of those who either intend to have at least one more child, or don’t know, or, from 1991 onwards, answered “probably yes” to MORECHLD or PROBMORE.

Variables used in the construction of **nextage**

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<tr>
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<td>when MORECHLD not eq.1 and not eq.3</td>
<td>when MORECHLD not eq.11,12 and PROBMORE not eq.1</td>
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Same conditions as for **totchld**.
**nmar ‘Number of marriages declared in the Family Information section’**

Number of marriages reported by respondents asked the Family Information section.

**Variables used in the construction of nmar**

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Detail of the construction of the variable can be found in the accompanying Excel file on “eligibility criteria”.

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^{2} **marst** here is the marital status variable that we have constructed from GHS marital status variable—i.e. the declared marital status variable that appears in the CPC database.
nmaru ‘Number of valid marriage dates in marriage history in the Family Information section’

Variable generated by CPC.

Number of marriage dates with a quality indicator coded either 1 to 3, or 10 to 31. That is final number of marriages for which we have at least partially valid information.

This variable is obtained by counting the number of marq1-n that are coded 1 to 3, or 10 to 31.
**npart ‘Number of partnerships reported in GHS rounds from 2000 onwards’**

Total number of partnerships reported in the Family Information section, constructed from the number of marriages and cohabitations reported (editing described in Annex C).

**Construction of npart:**
This is the total number of partnerships where a partnership is: direct marriage, cohabitation followed by marriage, cohabitation only (including those current at survey). It is constructed from ncoh and nmar.

Distinguish from npartu (next page), the number of valid partnerships in the history.

As for other variables relating to the (near-) complete partnership history, the number of partnerships is available only from GHS round 2000 onwards.

Note that the GHS questionnaire and documentation does not have a concept of partnership – only of marriages and cohabitations. The concept of a partnership in the CPC database combines these two.
npartu ‘Number of valid partnership dates in partnership history in the Family Information section’

This variable relates to the combined sequence of marriages and cohabitations, and is constructed from the edited sequence of partnerships (editing described in Annex C). Note that where a person who first cohabits and then marries their cohabiting partner, this is counted as one partnership.

From 2000 onwards:
Number of partnership dates with a quality indicator “ok” to “partially ok” (codes 1 to 3). This is the number of partnerships for which we have at least partially valid information.

This variable is obtained by counting the number of partq1-7 that are coded 1 to 3.

This variable applies to respondents in GHS rounds 2000 onwards only.
Number of persons in household: count variables

Count variables derived by CPC using the characteristics of people in the household or in the family unit(s) in the household. The derivation is based on age and sex.

A child in these variables is a person aged $\leq 15$, an adult a person aged $16+$. None of these variables has missing values because the age of the individuals in the counted units (household or family unit) is always known.

- **nadul60** ‘Number of adults aged 60+ in the household’
- **nadul65** ‘Number of adults aged 65+ in the household’
- **nadulmen** ‘Number of adult men in the household’
- **nadulwom** ‘Number of adult women in the household’
- **nchdhh** ‘Number of children in the household’
- **nfuhh** ‘Number of family units in the household’
- **npenshh** ‘Number of pensioners in the household’
- **npersfu** ‘Number of persons in the family unit’
- **npersshh** ‘Number of persons in the household’
pardmt1-pardmt7 ‘Month of divorce in partnership history’
pardyr1-pardyr7 ‘Year of divorce in partnership history’

Year and month of divorce, when there has been a marriage and a divorce during the partnership.

Variables used in the construction of pardyr1-pardyr7

| n indicates any ranges on which the variables are available the different years |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| **Value labels/names for the codes on the original GHS dataset** | **Codes from each year of the GHS** | **CPC code** |
| | 2000 to 2007 | pardyr1-pardyr7 |
| | YRDIV YRDIV2-7 | |
| **4 - digit calendar year** | **4 - digit calendar year** | |
| Missing (NA) | Missing codes in GHS | -8 |
| Does not apply (DNA) | Missing codes in GHS | -9 |

Variables used in the construction of pardmt1-pardmt7

| n indicates any ranges on which the variables are available the different years |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| **Value labels/names for the codes on the original GHS dataset** | **Codes from each year of the GHS** | **CPC code** |
| | 1998 to 2007 | pardmt1-pardmt7 |
| | MONDIV MONDIV2-7 | |
| **1-12 (+0.5 where attributed)** | **1-12 (+0.5 where attributed)** | |
| Missing (NA) | Missing codes in GHS | -8 |
| Does not apply (DNA) | Missing codes in GHS | -9 |

This variable applies to respondents in GHS rounds 2000 onwards only.
paremt1- paremt7 ‘Month of end of n-th partnership in partnership history’
pareyr1- pareyr7 ‘Year of end of n-th partnership in partnership history’

Where the partnership n ended by separation or death of the partner, year and month of end.

Variables used in the construction of pareyr1- pareyr7

$n$ indicates any ranges on which the variables are available the different years

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- **4-digit calendar year**
- **Missing (NA)**: Missing codes in GHS
- **Does not apply (DNA)**: Missing codes in GHS

Variables used in the construction of paremt1- paremt7

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- **1-12 (+0.5 where attributed)**
- **Missing (NA)**: Missing codes in GHS
- **Does not apply (DNA)**: Missing codes in GHS

This variable applies to respondents in GHS rounds 2000 onwards only.
**paren1-paren7 ‘Type of end of n-th partnership in partnership history’**

0  partnership current at survey  
1  stopped living together  
2  death of the partner  

Variables used in the construction of *paren1-paren7*

**Cohabitations:**

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**Marriages:**

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This variable applies to respondents in GHS rounds 2000 onwards only.
parmar1-parmar7 ‘Marriage during the n-th partnership in partnership history’

1 marriage
2 no marriage

This variable relates to the combined sequence of marriages and cohabitations. Note that where a person first cohabits and then marries their cohabiting partner, this is counted as one partnership.

Variables used in the construction of parmar1-parmar7

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Note: This variable records whether the respondent got married during the spell number n, i.e. whether a marriage date is available for this union. It is possible to deduce from this variable and the date of marriage in the partnership (below) a variable indicating whether the union: was a direct marriage, included a marriage, or was a cohabitation only. For instance, if in one spell parmar\(n\)=1 and date marriage= date partnership, then it was a direct marriage; if parmar\(n\)=1 and date marriage does not equal date partnership, then marriage occurred after a period of cohabitation. If in one spell parmar\(n\)=2 then it was/is a free standing cohabitation. This variable applies to respondents in GHS rounds 2000 onwards only.
parmmt1-parmmt7 ‘Month of marriage during the n-th partnership in partnership history’

parmyr1-parmyr7 ‘Year of marriage during the n-th partnership in partnership history’

Where respondent married during the partnership spell n, year and month of the marriage.

Variables used in the construction of parmyr1-parmyr7

\(n\) indicates any ranges on which the variables are available the different years

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Variables used in the construction of parmmt1-parmmt7

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Note that there could be e.g. a marriage during the first partnership, no marriage during the second (which therefore was a free-standing cohabitation) and another (second) marriage during the third partnership.

This variable applies to respondents in GHS rounds 2000 onwards only.
parmt1-parmt7 ‘Month of n-th partnership in partnership history’

paryr1-paryr7 ‘Year of n-th partnership in partnership history’

This variable relates to the combined (and ordered) sequence of marriages and cohabitations. Note that where a person who first cohabits and then marries their cohabiting partner, this is counted as one partnership.

Year and month of 1st-7th partnership

Variables used in the construction of paryr1-paryr7

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This variable applies to respondents in GHS rounds 2000 onwards only.
partq1-partq7 ‘Quality of information on partnership number n in partnership history’

The partnership history is an ordered sequence of partnerships of the respondent, where one partnership relates to cohabitation and/or marriage with one partner. In the survey there is no indication of minimum time spent in the cohabitation/marriage. Note that where a person who first cohabits and then marries their cohabiting partner, this is counted as one partnership.

Before 2000:
No retrospective information on the dates of free-standing cohabitations except if current at survey, and partq1-n not derived prior to 2000.

From 2000 onwards:
0 no date in the nth spell\(^3\)
1 OK (beg date OK + end date OK + ordered)
2 OK after editing
3 partially OK
4 unusable
-9 DNA: not eligible FI, proxy

This variable applies to respondents in GHS rounds 2000 onwards only.

\(^3\) Note that code 0 for PARTQ1-n differs slightly from code 0 for MARQ1-n: here 0 means no date in spell, irrespective of how many partnerships declared; in MARQ1-n 0 means no n-th marriage declared.
partqual ‘Overall quality of the partnership history’

This variable is entirely CPC generated and is a summary of the individual partq1-ns.

0 No partnership
1 OK
2 OK after editing
3 Partially OK
4 Unusable
-9 DNA: not eligible FI, proxy

partqual is coded partially OK either if all partnerships are partially OK, or some are OK and some partially OK on the partq1-n indicators. Partially OK does not include any histories with an unusable or missing spell.

partqual is coded OK after editing either if all partnerships are OK after editing, or some are OK and some are OK after editing.

This variable applies to respondents in GHS rounds 2000 onwards only.
pcigsmk ‘Number of cigarettes smoked per day’

-5      missing
1       20+ cigarettes a day
2       10-19 cigarettes a day
3       0-9 cigarettes a day
4       NA to cigarettes a day
5       ex-cigarette smoker
6       never smoked

For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable CIGSMK has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
**pcigsmk1 ‘Smoking status (ever smoked)’**

-5 missing  
1 current cigarette smoker  
2 ex-cigarette smoker  
3 never smoked  

For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable CIGSMK has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
pcob1 ‘Country of birth’

-5   missing
  0   UK
  1   England
  2   Scotland
  3   Wales
  4   N Ireland
  5   GB other
  6   Eire
  7   Europe
  9   Old Commonwealth
 10   India
 11   East Africa, new Com
 12   Bangladesh
 13   Caribbean Com
 14   Mediterranean Com
 15   Remainder new Com
 16   Pakistan
 17   Rest of world

For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable COB1 has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
pfcob1 ‘Father’s country of birth’

-5     missing  
0      UK  
1      England  
2      Scotland  
3      Wales  
4      N Ireland  
5      GB other  
6      Eire  
7      Europe  
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17     Rest of world  

For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable FCOB1 has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
### pcountry ‘UK country’

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For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable COUNTRY has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
pcutdown ‘Illness/Injury reduce activity’

-5 missing
1 yes
2 no

For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable CUTDOWN has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
pdvilo3a ‘Activity status’

-5 missing
1 in employment
2 unemployed
3 economically inactive

For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable DVILO3A has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
pedfull ‘Education level, full form’

-5 missing
0 No Qualifications
1 Higher Degrees
2 1st Degree
3 Teaching Qualification
4 Other Higher Qualification
5 Nursing Qualification
6 A-Level or equivalent (number not specified)
7 A-Level or equivalent (2+)
8 A-Level or equivalent (in 1 subject)
9 GCSE level or equivalent (5 or more)
10 GCSE level or equivalent 1-4, above grade C
11 GCSE level or equivalent 1-4, below grade C
12 Clerical and Commercial Qualification, no O-levels
13 CSE other
14 Apprenticeship
15 STDGRD 6-7NOAWRD 6-7noawrd (should be grouped with “other qualifications”)
16 Foreign Qualification
17 Other Qualification
18 O-levels (do not know number)
19 Never went to school

For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable EDLEV00 has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
pgenhlth ‘Health on the whole in last 12 months’

-5 missing
1 good
2 fairly good
3 not good

For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable GENHLTH has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
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<td>2</td>
<td>2+ unrelated adults</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>married couple, dependent children</td>
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<td>married couple, independent children</td>
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<td>married couple, no children</td>
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<td>lone parent, dependent children</td>
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<td>lone parent, independent children</td>
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<td>2+ families</td>
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<td>same sex cohab</td>
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<td>cohab couple, dependent children</td>
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<td>cohab couple, independent children</td>
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<td>couple household, independent children</td>
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<td>couple household, no children</td>
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For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable HHTYPF has been used to derive the variable in the same way. This variable is not available in 1979-83.
phhtype ‘Household type A (Grouped)’

-5 missing
1 1 adult aged 16-59
2 2 adults aged 16-59
3 youngest person aged 0-4
4 youngest person aged 5-15
5 3 or more adults
6 1 adult aged 60+
7 2 adults, one or both aged 60+

For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series dataset.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable HHTYPA has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
piliness ‘Any longstanding illness or disability’

-5 missing
1 yes
2 no

For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable ILLNESS has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
**plimitac ‘If longstanding illness limits activity’**

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<td>no</td>
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<td>missing</td>
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For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable LIMITACT has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
pmcob1 ‘Mothers country of birth’

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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>UK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>England</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Scotland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Wales</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>N Ireland</td>
</tr>
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<td>5</td>
<td>GB other</td>
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<td>Eire</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Europe</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Old Commonwealth</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>India</td>
</tr>
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<td>11</td>
<td>East Africa, new Com</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>Bangladesh</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>Caribbean Com</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>Mediterranean Com</td>
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<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Remainder new Com</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>Pakistan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>Rest of world</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable MCOB1 has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
pno ‘Person number of the respondent in the household’

A unique number for each person in the household.

Variables used in the construction of pno

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<th>CPC code</th>
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<td></td>
<td>1983 to 2007</td>
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<td>PERNO</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>PERSNO</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
pnnumveh ‘Number of cars’

-5  missing
0  no car available
1  one car
2  two cars
3  three or more cars

For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable NUMCARS has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
pregnant ‘Woman pregnant at time of interview’

1   yes
2   no
-8  not known
-9  DNA

Whether the respondent is pregnant, among eligible women.

This variable was filtered on several criteria. A table with eligibility is available in Annex F with the eligibility for the whole contraception/fertility intentions section.

Before 1986 women aged less than 45 and eligible for the FI section
From 1986 onwards women aged less than 50 and eligible for the FI section

Variables used in the construction of pregnant:

PREGNANT (always the same across years), but also age, eligfi and sex.
A subset of those eligible for the FI section is asked this question.

if year<=1985 then do;
    if sex ne 2 or eligfi ne 1 or age>=45 then pregnant=-9;
    else if pregnant notin (1,2) then pregnant=-8;
end;
if year>1985 then do;
    if sex ne 2 or eligfi ne 1 or age>=50 then pregnant=-9;
    else if pregnant notin (1,2) then pregnant=-8;
end;
preltohr ‘Relationship to head of household /household reference person’

-5  missing
0  head of household
1  spouse
2  cohabitee
3  son/daughter (inc adopted)
4  step-son/daughter
5  foster child
6  son-in-law/daughter-in-law
7  parent/guardian
8  step-parent
9  foster parent
10  parent-in-law
11  brother/sister (incl. adopted)
12  step-brother/sister
13  foster brother/sister
14  brother/sister-in-law
15  grand-child
16  grand-parent
17  other relative
18  other non-relative

This variable is carried over from the variable of the same name of the 1972-2004 GHS time-series dataset. For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable RELTOHRP has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
probmore ‘Further probe on more children for ‘don’t knows’ on morechld’

1  you will probably have any more children (probably yes)
2  you will probably not have any more children (probably not)
-9  DNA
-8  NA

This question is asked of respondents who said “don’t know” to the previous question, morechld.

This variable equals PROBMORE of GHS, with values of 3 and 9 recoded to -8.
### pseghrp ‘Socio-economic group of HOH/HRP’

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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>employers; large</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>managers; large</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>employers; small</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>managers; small</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>prof-self employed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>prof-employee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>interim non-man anc</td>
</tr>
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<td>8</td>
<td>interim non-man foremn</td>
</tr>
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<td>9</td>
<td>junior non-man</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>personal service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>manual; foremn/SV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>skilled manual</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>semi-skilled manual</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>unskilled manual</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>own acc non-prof</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>farmers; emp &amp; mgrs</td>
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<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>farmers; own acc</td>
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<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>agric workers</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td>armed forces</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>full time student</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>never worked</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>no usual occupation</td>
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For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable HRPNWSEG has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
ptenure ‘Tenure’

-5 missing
1 owns outright
2 buying with a mortgage
3 private Rented
4 social Rented

For the years 1979-2004, when the GHS 1972-2004 time series and the CPC GHS time series datasets overlap, this variable is carried over from the variable of the same name in the 1972-2004 time series.

For the additional years 2005-2007, the variable TENURE has been used to derive the variable in the same way.
sampq ‘Sample quarter’

1  First quarter
2  Second quarter
3  Third quarter
4  Fourth quarter
-9  not available that year

The calendar month corresponding to these codes differs according to whether the survey is carried out on a calendar year or a financial year basis. For calendar years, code 1 = January to March quarter. For financial years, code 1 = April to June quarter.

The 1998 GHS data file from ESDS was found to have an error in codes 3 and 4 and an attempt has been made to correct these using the month of interview. All interviews either coded 3 originally or coded 4 and taking place in November and December 1998 are now coded 3. The rest of those originally coded 4 retain the code 4. This is not exactly accurate as interviews scheduled for a particular quarter sometimes take place in a later quarter. So a few of those coded 4 in the 1998 survey may in fact belong to quarter 3 but the interview took place in January to March 1999.

Variables used in the construction of sampq

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<td>First quarter</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>SAMPQTR</td>
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<td>Second quarter</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Third quarter</td>
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<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fourth quarter</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not available that year</td>
<td>no value</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Missing (NA)</td>
<td>Any missing codes ever used in GHS</td>
<td>Any missing codes ever used in GHS</td>
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Note that 2004-05 was the last year in which the survey was fielded on a financial-year basis, and the original dataset deposited with the ESDS Data Archive for this year includes the first quarter of 2005. In 2005, the survey changed back to a calendar year basis, and a full year’s sample size was collected in quarters 2, 3, and 4 of 2005. In the ESDS version of the 2005 GHS, the last quarter of 2004-5 is duplicated as the first quarter of 2005. Because the first quarter of 2005 is already present in the 2004-5 dataset, we have excluded it from the 2005 data in our time series dataset. The first quarter of 2005 can be identified in the 2004-5 dataset via sampq=4.

Therefore to extract the original 2004-5 round data from the CPC dataset, choose year = 2004, and sampq = 1 or 2 or 3 or 4

To extract the data deposited as the 2005 round with the Archive, choose year = 2004 and sampq = 4 AND year = 2005 and sampq = 2 or 3 or 4
sched ‘Full or proxy interview’

1 Full interview
2 Proxy
3 Eligible but non-contact or refusal
4 Child under 16
5 No information available for this year (1979 only)

Variables used in the construction of sched

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<td>1983 to 2001</td>
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<td>COMPLETE</td>
<td>SCHEDTYP</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fully Co-op</td>
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<td>Eligible, proxy</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eligible, non-contact</td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eligible, refusal</td>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Child strictly under 16</td>
<td>Not coded</td>
<td>Not coded</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Full interview</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proxy</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eligible but NC or Refusal</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Missing (NA)</td>
<td>missing code and not a child</td>
<td>missing code and not a child</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that in 1979, no variable is available on which to base sched. Thus for that year, sched is coded 5.
selfcomr ‘Self completion of the FI section’

1 self-completion  
2 not self-completion  
-8 not known  
-9 DNA

This variable applies only to respondents who were eligible for the FI section. Given the complexity of the initial variables, the table has been simplified and the codes only are given, not the labels.

Variables used in the construction of selfcomr

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<td>1</td>
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<td><strong>Self completion laptop</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Self completion paper</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Not self completion</strong></td>
<td>2, 3</td>
<td>2, 3, 4, 5</td>
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<td><strong>Refused whole or partial section</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Does not apply (DNA)</strong></td>
<td>-6, -9</td>
<td>-6, -9</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Missing (NA)</strong></td>
<td>missing code</td>
<td>missing code</td>
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</table>
sex ‘Sex of the respondent’

1     male
2     female

The *sex* variable is consistent across time, and indicates the sex of the respondent.

Variables used in the construction of *sex*

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<td>1979 to 2007</td>
<td><em>sex</em></td>
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<td>SEX</td>
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<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>female</em></td>
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<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Missing (NA)</td>
<td>Any missing codes ever used in GHS</td>
<td>-8</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
sexbth1-sexbth15 ‘Sex of the 1st-15th live birth in the original birth history’

1 male
2 female

Sex of live births to respondent

Variables used in the construction of sexbth1-sexbth15

\( n \) indicates any ranges on which the variables are available the different years

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<td>\text{SEX1-( n )}</td>
<td>\text{BIRTHSEX}</td>
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<td>Male</td>
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<td>1</td>
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<td>Female</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<td>Missing (NA)</td>
<td>Missing codes in GHS</td>
<td>Missing codes in GHS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Does not apply (DNA)</td>
<td>Missing codes in GHS</td>
<td>Missing codes in GHS</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
sexbthr1-sexbthr15 ‘Sex of the 1ˢᵗ-1⁵ᵗʰ live birth in the revised birth history’

|   |  
|---|---|
| 1 | male |
| 2 | female |

Sex of live births to respondent in the revised birth history
sterild ‘Whether has been sterilized’

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>yes, woman</th>
<th>yes, man</th>
<th>yes, both</th>
<th>no</th>
<th>DNA</th>
<th>NA</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Codes from each year of the GHS</td>
<td>STERILSD + WHOSTLSD</td>
<td>1+1</td>
<td>1+DNA+1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1+DNA+2</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>STERCHKA</td>
<td>1+2</td>
<td>1+DNA+3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>(2 or 2) + DNA</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>STERILA + STERILB + WHOSTLSD</td>
<td>1+3</td>
<td>.</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>.</td>
<td>-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value of the codes on the original GHS dataset</td>
<td>.</td>
<td>.</td>
<td>.</td>
<td>. or -9</td>
<td>-9</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The variable combines the variables on sterilisation and the information on which partner has been sterilised.

From 1991 onwards, answers were coded separately for women with a partner (STERILA) and without partner (STERILB). We thus group the two variables. The variable available for 1989, STERCHKA, has been constructed in the original GHS using the questions on contraception. Users have to keep in mind that the way it is constructed differs from the other years, since no specific question on sterilization has been asked.

In all years where a contraception section exists, except 1989, a direct question was asked about whether the respondent and her partner were sterilized. In 1989 the information appears as a code on a question about current contraception.
**totchld ‘Total intended family size’**

1 to 25 range of the total number of children wanted

-9 DNA

-8 NA

Only asked of those who either intend to have at least one more child, or don’t know, or, from 1991 onwards, answered “probably yes” to *morechld* or *probmore*.

Variables used in the construction of **totchld**

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<td>morechld TOTCHILD</td>
<td>morechld TOTCHILD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>range 1 to 25</td>
<td>CHLDTOT</td>
<td>TOTCHILD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Missing (NA)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Does not apply (DNA)</td>
<td>when morechld not eq.1</td>
<td>when morechld not eq.1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
wave ‘Wave’

1  First wave
2  Second wave
3  Third wave
4  Fourth wave

This is the wave variable exactly as in the original datasets. This variable is used to represent the stage at which respondents are in the rolling sample from 2005. Those to be dropped in the following year are coded 4, those due to remain over three more years are coded 1. In 2005, all respondents are new. In 2006 all respondents, except those coded wave=4 in 2005, continue in the sample. For respondents new in a particular round, wave takes value 1, for the others the wave variable is incremented by 1. This applies between 2006 and 2009 rounds.
weightn ‘Original ONS weights’

Available for years 1996 to 2009 only.
Weights generated by CPC

Because ONS provided weights from 1996 only, CPC generated two principal sets of weights applicable to the entire 1979-2007 dataset. Variable names starting with \texttt{wgtcpc} refer to weights generated by CPC. See Beaujouan, Brown and Ní Bhrolcháin (2011) for details. New weights were produced in exactly the same way for 2008 and 2009.

All normalised weights are normalised by survey year; hence the sum of the normalised weights for a given GHS survey round equals the sample size in that round.

\texttt{wgtcpc} ‘Weights for all individuals in the CPC time-series’

\texttt{wgtcpcstd} ‘Weights for all individuals in the CPC time-series, normalised’

\texttt{wgtcpcfi} ‘Weights for individuals answering the Family Information section in the CPC time-series’

\texttt{wgtcpcfistd} ‘Weights for individuals answering the Family Information section in the CPC time-series, normalised and trimmed at 3’

The weights appropriate for different types of analysis are:

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The variable **year** gives the calendar year of the survey round (1979-87, and 2005-2007) or the first year of the two-year financial year span (e.g. 1988 for 1988-9 from 1988-9 to 2004-5). This is done in order to simplify the reading of the tables and to have a numeric variable, but of course the whole dataset corresponding to the original survey round, whether on a calendar or financial year basis, is present for that year.
ANNEX A QUALITY CHECKS AND EDITS CARRIED OUT ON BIRTH HISTORIES 1979-2007

Organisation of birth history files for cleaning

We first built a data file, extracted from the original GHS files for the years 1979-2007 with variables relevant to birth histories and cleaning. The variables were made consistent across years with standardized value labels. This original set of fertility histories is available in the deposited CPC dataset.

However, it was clear that a number of births had not been reported within the original fertility histories and so these original histories have been augmented using information on children living in the household. (See the end of this Annex and Ni Bhrolchain, Beaujouan and Murphy (2011) for further details.) It is this augmented file which was used as the basis for the data checks reported below. Variables from the CPC revised birth history appear in the dataset postscripted with an r.

Checks and edits for birth history

General principles

- In general, we count anomalies and list the frequency of anomalies by survey year.
- Valid date defined as: year present and <= year of interview and >= date of birth
- For convenience, dates of birth are referred to in this document as DOB; it will be clear from the context whether the date of birth in question relates to the respondent herself or to live births in the fertility history.

To summarize, the checks and edits are as follows:

(a) Checks on the year and month of live births
- order
- number of live births declared by the respondent and count of the number of dates of birth in the birth history
- frequency of missing month or year
- consistency with DOB and age of parents and with date of interview

The same checks have been carried out for the age of mother at live births as for the dates of live births, but tables in this document are confined to checks on the live birth dates.

Remark

It seems that the mother’s age at birth has been edited by ONS since 1988 (i.e. they have corrected some ages at birth when the childbearing history was not consistent) but the associated dates of live births were not edited correspondingly. In the original

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4 Quality flags were generated for the 2008 and 2009 rounds when these were added but they have not been examined closely; the tabulations in this Annex do not include the 2008 and 2009 data.
1996 data file, for some individuals the sequence of age of the mother at births were in reverse order, but the corresponding dates of birth were in the correct order (i.e. earliest birth first etc.). Sometimes, the dates of birth are out of order in the original datasets.

The age of mother at birth(s) (and all the variables that go with them) have been reordered when in complete reverse order. The years of birth (and all the variables that go with them if not already reversed in the process of reordering age of mother at birth(s)) have been reordered. For the births of children, the sequence of year of birth is updated using these corrected sequences of ages of mother at birth and the month of birth of the child when it exists. Before 1988 where we do not have the age of mother at birth and in 1996 where age sequences are problematic, the original years of live births are retained.

One special check is done to see how many individuals’ records have been edited. In all cases, checks are applied again after the edits described above. As a result, the tables below are in pairs, giving the results of the pre-edit and post-edit checks.

Following the editing process, two kinds of anomalies remain:

- years of live birth that are out of order (but not in exact reverse order), in very few cases that already had other amendments.
- difference between the declared number of births and number of dates of births actually present on the file.
Detail of the checks

Check 1
Declared number of births in FI section = number of valid dates of birth.
(0)  same number of births declared as number of valid birth dates
(1)  no valid birth dates despite at least one birth declared
(2)  number of valid dates of birth > number of births declared > 0
(3)  0 < number of valid dates of birth < number of births declared

Table BH1 gives the number of women in each GHS year for whom the number of dates of live birth differs from the declared number of births. We see that the number of people who do not give enough dates of births of children compared with their number of children is especially high in 1982 and 2006.

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Corrections
The 339 histories with fewer years of live birth than declared number of live births in 1982 are due to missing values for year of live birth in the middle of the birth history series.
Between 1988 and 2007:

- As noted above, it seems that the birth histories were cleaned by ONS, but they only edited the ages of the mother at birth, and left the original, unedited, and presumably mistaken, year of birth on the file.
- we have therefore recalculated the year of live birth using the recorded month of birth together with the date of birth of the mother, thus replacing the existing year when it is missing or in error.

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The number of missing years of live births has increased between Table BH1 and BH1c. This is because when there was a mistake in the reported age of the mother at birth, ONS suppressed the age of mother at birth but left the incorrect year of the child’s birth. The edit carried out restores a few problematic dates previously suppressed.
The declared number of births is not, as we see, always equal to the number of birth slots appearing on the file. We have no basis for choosing between these two counts of live births, and so we retain on the database the original declared number of births, although it may be inconsistent with the number of birth slots for some respondents.

Concerning the second last column (declared number of births> number of dates of birth), this occurs either (1) when there are gaps in the sequence of births; or (2) when the maximum number of birth slots provided for in the file is not high enough compared to the real maximum declared number of births. However the limitation due to the number of slots is very low and begins in 2001-02, as seen in the table BH1d below.

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**Check 2**

DOB respondent<dates of live birth<=date of interview

We created a quality indicator for each birth: '0'=‘no problem' '1'=‘born before parent' '2’=‘born before parent was 10' '3’=‘born after interview'.
Table BH2 shows that there are somewhat more inconsistencies from 2001 onwards in the dates of live birth relative to the mother’s date of birth.

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**Problem in 2001**

Many dates of birth of children are quite outside the valid limits and some of them are obviously mistyped.

**Edits**

- same general edits as in Check 1 using the ages of mother at birth already edited by ONS
- in addition and as far as possible, we attribute a corrected year to the birth. Two methods of attribution are used:
  - obvious data entry problems such as a year 2987 are replaced with e.g. 1987
  - the years of birth of the siblings are also used to derive a likely year
Check 3-4
3- Where date of live birth (i+1) exists, does date of live birth (i) exist?
4- Chronological sequence of years of birth dates correct? : i.e. date of live birth (1) <= date of live birth (2) <= date of live birth (3) etc.

**Quality indicator**
'0'='ordered no problem' '1'='missings in the middle' '2'='not ordered'

Table BH3 shows that 1982 is a problematic year, as explained before, with missing dates of births in the middle of many birth histories. The dates of births are more often out of sequence from 1998 onwards than earlier.

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Problems
For the missing values in the middle of the series of dates of live birth in 1982, the month, the sex, the age of the mother at birth and other variables concerning the children are often present, nevertheless.

Remark
Strangely, in the original file the year of birth of first, second… birth is a derived variable, while month etc. are original variables.

Edits
- The main edit described at the beginning of this document (replace date of birth with the ONS-edited age of mother at birth), resolved most of those classified (1) in Table BH3c and so an additional edit was not required for this particular issue
- For those classified (2) we reorder the births in ascending order, together with all associated variables.
Check 5
Frequency of missing months in dates of live birth.

No cases were found of a missing month when a valid year was present, and so no edits were required.

The distribution of month of live births was also checked and month 6 is not especially more frequent than other months, and so we infer that there is not a great deal of imputation to June. Thus the missing months, if they have been imputed by ONS, were distributed across the calendar year. In the original GHS data files the imputation of any part of the dates of live births is not flagged.
Following the five checks and edits detailed above, a temporary woman-level quality flag for the birth history, called bthhist\(^5\) in the tables below, was computed, as follows:

\textbf{BTHHIST}

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(2) no anomalies in birth history after edits  
(2) no date of live birth, but declared number of births >=1  
(3) number of dates of live birth >=1 and > declared number of births or < declared number of births  
(4) some invalid/missing dates of live birth; inconsistencies in history, cannot be resolved, unusable  
(-9) DNA: not eligible FI, proxy

\textbf{Remark}

From table BH4c, some errors remain in 1982 that we couldn’t correct.

In 2006, the especially high number of people not reporting births while they had some cannot be corrected. This is due to a small issue with the transition from a cross-sectional to a longitudinal design, and either these persons, whose most were present in 2005, have not given information to update their 2005 records, or their birth history has not been retrieved correctly from the previous year (where the dates of living births were present). The errors are not due to the erroneous recoding of some males to female in the second+ wave of the 2005-6 round, nor to problems with those who have just turned 16 and so were newly eligible for the FI section in 2006, but not in 2005.

\(^5\) Note bthhist is a working variable and does not appear in the final dataset.
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Recovered birth history

We describe here the procedure by which own children have been recovered in the GHS from 1994 onwards. First, we give an outline, then give details of the recovery, present some information on the numbers of recovered children and finally provide details of a consistency check against existing GHS derived variables.

Outline
In addition to the dated birth history collected in the Family Information (FI) section of the questionnaire (“original fertility history”), we have constructed a birth history which includes both the live births declared by women in the Family Information section, and those “own children” recorded in the household who were not declared in the FI section. We refer to these as “recovered” births, and we refer to the amended birth history that includes them as the “recovered birth history”. The recovery has been carried out from 1994 onwards only. This is because it is only from 1994 on that a full matrix of relationships between household members is available from which the relationship between a mother and child can be identified unambiguously. Recovered birth histories therefore differ from the original birth histories from 1994 on only; for 1979-1993, the two sets of histories are identical. Prior to 1994, an own child reconstruction is in principle possible using each person’s relationship to head of household, but that has not been attempted thus far (the birth histories did not appear to have major deficiencies up to 1994).

Our initial finding was that some women who had declared no births in the FI section had in fact previously reported own children in the household, at the household interview stage. We also found that the number of a woman’s own children in the household could sometimes be greater than the number of births declared in the FI section. In exploiting this information, three situations arise:

- For women declared childless in the FI section, attribute to them the live births deduced from the presence of own children in the household. That is, when there is/are own child(ren) in the household, assign their dates of birth as the dates of live birth of the woman. Note that in these cases, any children who are not present in the household are not identified, and so are missing from the recovered birth history.
- For women who have declared >=1 live birth in the FI section and have the same number of own children, or fewer, in the household, compare the dates of birth of the children in the household and the dates in the FI section birth history to see whether the children are the same, or appear to be different children. Recover the children when their birth dates are different from those given in the FI section, following the criteria set out below.
- For women who have declared >=1 live birth in the FI and have a greater number of own children in the household, do the same and recover the additional child/children, subject to the criteria set out below.

Detail of the recovery

Identifying own children in household
Each year since 1994, either the household or individual file gives a household grid that codes the relationship of each individual in the household to every other member of the household (before 1998: REL02T01 etc.; after 1998: RELTO01-14). These
include a code of “3” for “child”, including natural or adopted children; step and foster children are separately identified and coded. We define as a woman’s “own child”: any child coded “3” in the relationship to the woman. In each year from 1994 on, we recovered these own children in the household, together with their characteristics from the household section of the questionnaire. The relationships are not checked to be reciprocal – i.e. that a child is coded “child” of the woman and that the women is coded “mother” of the child. The matrix is however constructed symmetrically at the GHS data processing stage. In 1998, just one half of the matrix of relationships was coded (R01-09), and we have accordingly constructed the other half from it.

The characteristics recovered are:
- month and year of birth
- age at survey
- sex of the child
- child present in the household

Adding the children in the household to the recovered fertility history when absent from the original fertility history in the FI section

We merge the vector of own children in the household with the vector of children declared in the FI section. The three situations identified above raise different issues.

- For women childless according to the original fertility history (according to BABY/NUMBABY in the FI section), all own children in the household are considered as live births.
- Among women declaring 1+ live births in the original fertility history (FI), several cases arise:
  - one or more dates of birth of own children in the household and of children in the FI section are very similar: either the year of birth is the same but the month of birth is 9 months or less different; or the month of birth is exactly the same but the year is one year different: in these cases, we consider these are the same children in the two sources. The dates of birth of the children declared in the FI section are preferred to those given at the household interview stage, because we consider them more likely to be accurate
  - a date of birth is very different in the two series (i.e. not meeting the criteria of similarity identified above): we consider that this child was indeed not declared in the FI section and in this case, the child and associated characteristics are added to the vector of the FI section children, forming the “recovered vector”.

The table below gives the proportion of women who had at least one own child added by the recovery procedure to the original fertility history given in the Family Information section.
Table BHR2: Proportion of women with at least one recovered own child by original parity

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Consistency check
To verify our recovery procedure, we have compared a subset of the children recovered from the household, those under 16, with derived variables on the GHS files. Recovered children under 16 are used here for comparability with the GHS derived variables. We have compared these with

CHNFUOWN: number of children aged under 16 in the family unit (GHS documentation says that this includes stepchildren)

DPCHOWNA: number of dependent children in the household (children aged under 16 or 16-18 and in full-time education)

We would expect that our count of own children < 16 should be less than or equal to these variables, as CHNFUOWN may include step children and DPCHOWNA will include some children 16+ who are in full time education. Our recovery is almost perfectly in line with these variables (we show only the tabulation against CHNFUOWN below). Hence, we believe our procedure to be accurate.

Table BHR1 Number of own children aged less than 16 recovered from the household (biological or adopted), compared with the number of dependent children less than 16 in the Family unit given by the CHNFUOWN variable (own + step children)

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For further details and an assessment of the revised birth histories, see Ni Bhrolchain, Beaujouan and Murphy (2011) “Sources of error…”, Population Studies, 65 (3), 305-318.
ANNEX B QUALITY CHECKS AND EDITS CARRIED OUT ON MARRIAGE HISTORIES 1979-1998

The type of information collected on current and retrospective partnerships has developed over the life time of the GHS, reflecting the increasing complexity of individuals’ life course trajectories. This is shown in outline in Table 1.

In summary the following information was collected:
- 1979-1980 information on current and previous marriages
- 1981-1988 duration of premarital cohabitation before the current marriage was added
- 1989-1998 premarital cohabitation prior to all previous marriages as well as the current one added
- 2000-2007 information on up to three periods of cohabitation that did not end in marriage added

The cleaning the marriage and partnership histories was carried out separately for the years 1979-1998 and 2000-2007. The checks and edits are therefore described in two documents, one for each of these periods.

This is the first of these two documents and describes the checks and edits carried out on the marriage and partnership histories for GHS rounds 1979-1998.

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6 Quality flags were generated for the 2008 and 2009 rounds when these were added but they have not been examined closely. The tabulations in this Annex do not include the 2008 and 2009 data.
Table 1: Summary of type of marriage and partnership information collected within the GHS from 1979 to 2007

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1 Men were asked this information only from 1986

2 This information was not collected in the 1980 round
Executive Summary

The consistency of dates in the marriage histories for the period 1979-1998 is excellent as seen in Table 2 which shows the numbers of marriages that are either without error or without error following editing. These are shown in four groups of years treated separately due to their differing data structures. In total 0.8% of the marriage histories had some sort of error in them which meant that information on one or more marriage spells is unusable.

Table 2 Number of marriage histories containing an error

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For further details, see Berrington et al (2011) Evaluation of the Partnership Histories in the Centre for Population Change GHS Time Series Dataset. CPC Working Paper 12, Centre for Population Change, University of Southampton

Checks on GHS Marriage Histories 1979-1998

Section 1 sets out the checks and edits applied to the marriage histories for the period 1979-1998. The tables that follow present the results of these checks for four blocks of years:
Section 2 1979-1982 (Table 79.1 - Table 79.13b)
Section 3 1983-1987 (Table 83.1- Table 83.11)
Section 4 1988-1996 (Table 88.1 - Table 88.13b)
Section 5 1998 (Table 98.1 – 98.13)

The checks and edits are organised in this way because the names and formats of the variables and the structure of the datasets changes through this period, and so results are presented for blocks of years within which the structure of the data was fairly homogeneous.
1 General principles

We count anomalies and list the frequency of anomalies, sometimes by survey year. This includes cases with a missing month but a valid year of marriage. A valid marriage date is defined as: year present and <= year of interview and >= year of respondent’s birth (or after the year of birth when the date is unavailable).

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<td>For each marriage: date of marr (i) &lt; date of sep (i) &lt; date of div (i) &lt; date marr (i+1) if exists OR date of marr (i) &lt; date wid (i) &lt; date marr (i+1) if exists</td>
<td>T</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Dates of premarital cohabitation &lt; date of interview</td>
<td>T</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Frequency of invalid or incomplete dates or premarital cohabitation; missing/invalid month? Missing/invalid year?</td>
<td>T</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>For each marriage: date of start of premarital cohabitation (i) &lt; date of marriage (i)</td>
<td>T</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

At end of edits 1-12
(a) the quality of information for each marriage is classified in a set of flags: marq1-marqn and (b) the quality of the entire history is summarised in a flag named marqual

Key to Action column: L = list cases; T = tabulate frequency by type
2 GHS rounds 1979-1982: marriage history checks and edits

These findings relate to marriage histories for the years 1979-1982. Note that in the tables that follow, persons who were not eligible for the Family Information section are coded -9.

Check 1
This check evaluates whether event dates are more recent than the date of interview, given a valid year of marriage.

Table 79.1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of marriage dates more recent than interview date</th>
<th>N (total cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1st marriage</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>19145</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd marriage</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1557</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3rd marriage</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4th marriage</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The three erroneous dates are where the year of marriage is the same as the year of interview, and the month of marriage is greater than the month of interview. For these cases, the month of marriage has been edited to be the same as the month of interview. The month of marriage is flagged as erroneous dates with 0.5 added to it.

Check 2
This check examines the sequence of validity in marriage histories. There are 13 non-valid marriage dates for women married twice, all 13 being due to missing years of marriage (the month is present, but we are unable to impute).

Table 79.2

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Missing valid marriage date 1</th>
<th>Missing valid marriage date 2</th>
<th>Missing valid marriage date 3</th>
<th>Missing valid marriage date 4</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 3
This check evaluates whether the marriage start dates are in the correct temporal order. Error flags are defined as where the date of previous marriage (marriage i) occurs more recently than the marriage presented. There are no errors.

Table 79.3

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Error flags</th>
<th>Valid cases</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1557</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Check 4
This check evaluates whether the number of reported marriages is consistent with the number of marriage start dates. Table 79.4a identifies the number of valid marriages associated with each marriage order (to identify over-reporting), while Table 79.4b identifies the number of missing valid marriage dates at each order (to identify underreporting). There is no over-reporting of the number of marriages. There are 352 people who were married only once and do not have a valid first marriage date. 13 respondents were married twice but do not have a valid first marriage date and 22 respondents who were married twice but have no valid 2nd marriage date. These missing dates are represented by -8 in the dataset and the marriage histories are coded as 3 in the marqual variable.

Table 79.4a

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of marriages (CPC variable nmar)</th>
<th>N (Number of marriage order nmar)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>17931</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>1516</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 79.4b

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of marriages (CPC variable nmar)</th>
<th>N (Number of marriage order nmar)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>17931</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>1535</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Check 5
This check first examines the presence of months of marriage given the presence of a valid year of marriage. There are no errors as can be seen in Table 79.5a.

Table 79.5a

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of missing marriage months</th>
<th>N (Number of cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>19145</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1557</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The second part of the check examines the extent to which the month of marriage may have been imputed as June. When compared to an assumption of equal distribution, the excess of June months is presented in table 79.5b. This indicates that there is only a slight excess of June marriage dates, which probably reflects the true distribution rather than imputation.

Table 79.5b

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage</th>
<th>Excess June over uniform (% points)</th>
<th>N (total cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1st marriage</td>
<td>2.36</td>
<td>19298</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd marriage</td>
<td>0.91</td>
<td>1560</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3rd marriage</td>
<td>3.29</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4th marriage</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

We also examine the number of missing end months. These are presented in 79.5c. We find no errors for this check.

Table 79.5c

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of missing end months</th>
<th>N (Number of cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>19145</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1557</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 6
This check examines the presence of end causes for marriages given a higher order marriage date. There are no errors for this check.
Table 79.6

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of missing end causes</th>
<th>N (Number of cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1557</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 7
This check examines the consistency between the presence and type of end date and the type of end cause. There are no missing end dates for marriages that have been declared to have ended.

The only specific cause available with identifiable years is divorce (with independent dates), as there is a decree absolute available. Therefore, it is possible to identify excess dates of divorce, (i.e. a divorce date is presented for marriages ending in death). There are no errors for this check.

Table 79.7

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Terminal marriage order</th>
<th>Number of excess divorce dates</th>
<th>Number of marriage with a decree absolute date present (equals number ending in divorce)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2353</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>108</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 8.
This check ensures that given a valid start date for higher order marriage there is a valid end date for lower order marriages. There are 6 cases where there is a missing valid end date.

Table 79.8

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Missing end date for marriage 1</th>
<th>Missing end date for marriage 2</th>
<th>Missing end date for marriage 3</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 9.
This check ensures that the temporal ordering of the marriage history is correct. Note that erroneous dates of divorce are not counted as errors.
Table 79.9

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Marriage start occurs before end of previous marriage</th>
<th>Marriage occurs before divorce for previous marriage</th>
<th>End of this marriage occurs before start of this marriage</th>
<th>Date of divorce for this marriage occurs before end of marriage</th>
<th>N (number of cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>19145</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1557</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Checks 10-12
Note that dates of premarital cohabitation prior to all marriages was not collected over this period. Though we can recover the date of premarital cohabitation for the current marriage, these are derived from durations before the current marriage and therefore are by definition prior to the interview date and are non-negative and hence checks 10-12 are not carried out.

Check 13
This check presents the overall distribution of marriage history quality. There are 392 cases where marriage histories are partially OK, the majority of these occurring in 1982.

Table 79.13a

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage quality</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
<th>Percent</th>
<th>Valid Percent</th>
<th>Cumulative Percent</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Valid</td>
<td>All OK</td>
<td>19115</td>
<td>15.7</td>
<td>98.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>All OK after editing</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>At least one usable spell</td>
<td>392</td>
<td>.3</td>
<td>2.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Total</td>
<td>19510</td>
<td>16.0</td>
<td>100.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Missing</td>
<td>-9.00</td>
<td>102208</td>
<td>84.0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td></td>
<td>121718</td>
<td>100.0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 79.13b

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>YEAR OF INTERVIEW</th>
<th>All OK</th>
<th>All OK after editing</th>
<th>At least one usable spell</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>79</td>
<td>4894</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>80</td>
<td>4960</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>81</td>
<td>5156</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>68</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>82</td>
<td>4105</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>226</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>19115</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>392</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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<td>82</td>
<td>4105</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>226</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>19115</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>392</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
3 GHS rounds 1983-1987: Marriage history checks and edits

These are the results of the cleaning procedure agreed for the marital histories. These findings relate to histories extracted for the years 1983-87.

Check 1
This check evaluates whether event dates are more recent than the date of interview, given a valid year of marriage.

Table 83.1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of marriage dates more recent than interview date</th>
<th>N (total cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1\textsuperscript{st} marriage</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>32504</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2\textsuperscript{nd} marriage</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3258</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3\textsuperscript{rd} marriage</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>154</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4\textsuperscript{th} marriage</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The two erroneous dates on marriage 1 and the one erroneous date on marriage 3 are due to an error on the month. The year of marriage and interview are the same.
Edit: These marriages have been flagged as edited dates (0.5 added to the month) and the month set at the month of the interview.

Check 2
This check examines the set of validity in marriage histories. There are no errors.

Table 83.2

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Missing valid marriage date 1</th>
<th>Missing valid marriage date 2</th>
<th>Missing valid marriage date 3</th>
<th>Missing valid marriage date 4</th>
<th>N</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>3258</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>155</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 3
This check evaluates whether the marriage start dates are in the correct temporal order. Error flags are defined as where the date of previous marriage (marriage i) occurs more recently than the marriage presented. There are no errors for this check.

Table 83.3

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Error flags</th>
<th>Valid cases</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3258</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>155</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Check 4
This check ensures that the number of reported marriages is consistent with the number of marriage start dates. Table 83.4a identifies the number of valid marriages associated with each marriage order (to identify over reporting), while Table 83.4b identifies the number of missing valid marriage dates at each order (to identify underreporting). There are three cases where the entire marriage history appears to be missing.

Table 83.4a

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of marriages (CPC variable nmar)</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>4</th>
<th>Total no. with valid date in slot of this order</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Number of valid 1st marriage dates</td>
<td>29227</td>
<td>3122</td>
<td>147</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>32099</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of valid 2nd order marriage dates</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>3103</td>
<td>147</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>3218</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of valid 3rd marriage dates</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>147</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of valid 4th marriage dates</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total declaring this no. of marriages</td>
<td>28881</td>
<td>3122</td>
<td>147</td>
<td>8</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 83.4b

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of marriages (CPC variable nmar)</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>4</th>
<th>Total no. with invalid date in slot of this order</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Number of missing 1st marriage dates</td>
<td>273</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of missing 2nd marriage dates</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of missing 3rd marriage dates</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of missing 4th marriage dates</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total declaring this no. of marriages</td>
<td>28881</td>
<td>3122</td>
<td>147</td>
<td>8</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 5
This check first examines the presence of months of marriage given the presence of a usable marriage year. There are no errors for this check.
The second check examines the extent to which the month of marriage may have been imputed as the month of June. When compared to an assumption of equal distribution, the excess of June months is presented in Table 83.5b. This indicates that there is only a slight excess of June marriage dates, which probably reflects true preference rather than imputation.

### Table 83.5b

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage</th>
<th>Excess June over uniform (% points)</th>
<th>N (total cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1st marriage</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>32504</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd marriage</td>
<td>2.1</td>
<td>3258</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3rd marriage</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>155</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4th marriage</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

We also examine the number of missing end months. There are no missing months.

### Table 83.5c

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of missing end causes</th>
<th>N (Number of cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>6511</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>480</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 6
This check examines the presence of end causes for marriages given a higher order marriage date. There are no errors for this check.

### Table 83.6

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of missing end causes</th>
<th>N (Number of cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3218</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 7
This check examines the consistency between the presence and type of end date and the type of end cause. There are no missing end dates for marriages that have been declared to have ended.
The only specific cause available with identifiable years is divorce (with independent dates), as there is a decree absolute available. Therefore, it is possible to identify excess dates of divorce, (i.e. a divorce date is presented for marriages ending in death).

Table 83.7

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Terminal marriage order</th>
<th>Number of excess divorce dates</th>
<th>Number of marriage with a decree absolute date present (equals number ending in divorce)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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</tr>
<tr>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 8.
This check ensures that given a valid start date for higher order marriage there is a valid end date for lower order marriages. There are no errors for this check.

Table 83.8

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Missing end date for marriage 1</th>
<th>Missing end date for marriage 2</th>
<th>Missing end date for marriage 3</th>
<th>Ns</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
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<tr>
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<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 9.
This check ensures that the temporal ordering of the marriage history is correct. There is one erroneous case. Note that an erroneous divorce date is not counted as an error.

Table 83.9

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Marriage start occurs before end of previous marriage</th>
<th>Marriage occurs before divorce for previous marriage</th>
<th>End of this marriage occurs before start of this marriage</th>
<th>Date of divorce for this marriage occurs before end of marriage</th>
<th>N (number of cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
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<td>1</td>
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<td>NA</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>32504</td>
</tr>
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<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>3258</td>
</tr>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>0</td>
<td>155</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Checks 10-12.
Note that dates of premarital cohabitation prior to all marriages was not collected over this period. Though we can recover the date of premarital cohabitation for the current marriage, these are derived from durations before the current marriage and therefore are by definition prior to the interview date and are non-negative and hence checks 10-12 are not presented.
**Check 13**

**Table 83.10**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Marqual</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
<th>Percent</th>
<th>Valid Percent</th>
<th>Cumulative Percent</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
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<td>77.7</td>
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</tr>
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<td>32479</td>
<td>22.1</td>
<td>22.1</td>
<td>99.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>.0</td>
<td>.0</td>
<td>99.8</td>
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<td>At least one usable spell</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>.0</td>
<td>.0</td>
<td>99.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Error (inconsistent number)</td>
<td>292</td>
<td>.2</td>
<td>.2</td>
<td>100.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total (persons)</td>
<td>146972</td>
<td>100.0</td>
<td>100.0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 83.11**

| Count                          | Marqual*Intyear crosstabulation | Intyear | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---|---|---|---|---|
| marqual -9.00                  | 26070                           | 23844   | 25088 | 19564 | 19629 | 114195 |
| All OK                         | 4134                            | 4080    | 4120  | 9982  | 10163 | 32479  |
| All OK after editing           | 3                               | 0       | 0     | 0     | 0     | 3      |
| At least one usable spell      | 0                               | 0       | 0     | 1     | 2     | 3      |
| Error (inconsistent number)    | 66                              | 70      | 74    | 46    | 36    | 292    |
| Total                          | 30273                           | 27994   | 29282 | 29593 | 29830 | 146972 |

7 The rise in numbers here is due to men being asked a marriage history from 1986 onwards.
4 GHS rounds 1988-1996: marriage history checks and edits
These are the results of the cleaning procedure agreed for the marital histories. These findings relate to histories extracted for the years 1988-96.

Check 1
This check evaluates whether event dates are more recent than the date of interview.

Table 88.1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of marriage dates more recent than interview date</th>
<th>N (total cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1st marriage</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>81187</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd marriage</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>10258</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3rd marriage</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>756</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4th marriage</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5th marriage</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6th marriage</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7th marriage</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

We identify one error in this check. The date of marriage in this case appears to occur 10 months following the date of interview.
Edit: The date of marriage is corrected to the date of interview, with a flag of 0.5’ on month.

Check 2
This check tabulates missing dates of marriage by marriage order. We identify 4 cases where there are errors, with missing first marriage dates.

Table 88.2

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Missing valid marriage date 1</th>
<th>Missing valid marriage date 2</th>
<th>Missing valid marriage date 3</th>
<th>Missing valid marriage date 4</th>
<th>Missing valid marriage date 5</th>
<th>Missing valid marriage date 6</th>
<th>Cases</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>10258</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>756</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 3
This check evaluates whether the marriage start dates are in the correct temporal order. There are no errors.
Check4
This check evaluates the consistency between the number of reported marriages and the number of completed marital slots. Table 88.4a identifies the number of reported marriages compared with the marriage slots. This table is designed to identify over-reporting (i.e. there are reported slots higher than the reported marriages). We identify no over-reporting from this table. Table 88.4b identifies the number of missing marriage slots given a reported marriage. We identify 3 missing 2nd marriage dates and 4 missing first marriage dates for women married twice, and 55 missing marriage dates for women married once.

Table 88.4a

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Error flags</th>
<th>Valid cases</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
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<td>0</td>
<td>10258</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Table 88.4a

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>4</th>
<th>5</th>
<th>6</th>
<th>7</th>
<th>Total no. with valid date in slot of this order</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Number of valid 1\textsuperscript{st} marriage dates</td>
<td>70930</td>
<td>9501</td>
<td>716</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>81187</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of valid 2\textsuperscript{nd} order marriage dates</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>9502</td>
<td>716</td>
<td>38</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>10258</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of valid 3\textsuperscript{rd} marriage dates</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>716</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>756</td>
</tr>
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<td>40</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of valid 6\textsuperscript{th} marriage dates</td>
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<tr>
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</table>
Table 88.4b

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of missing 1st marriage dates</th>
<th>Number of missing 2nd marriage dates</th>
<th>Number of missing 3rd marriage dates</th>
<th>Number of missing 4th marriage dates</th>
<th>Number of missing 5th marriage dates</th>
<th>Number of missing 6th marriage dates</th>
<th>Number of missing 7th marriage dates</th>
<th>Total no. with valid date in slot of this order</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>55</td>
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<td>Total declaring this no. of marriages</td>
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<td>38</td>
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<td>1</td>
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</table>

Check 5
This check ensures the completeness of months of events, given the presence of a valid year of event. There is one missing month which is imputed.

Table 88.5.a

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of missing marriage months</th>
<th>N (Number of cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>10258</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>0</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
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<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The frequency of missing values is also evaluated for terminal events (divorce, separation, death). We find 3 missing divorce months, imputed at 6.5 months.

Table 88.5b

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Terminal marriage order</th>
<th>Number of missing (valid) divorce months</th>
<th>Number of missing (valid) separation months</th>
<th>Number of missing (valid) death months</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
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<tr>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 6
This check evaluates the completeness of end causes for marriages with a valid terminal date. For example, where a date of divorce exists, a date of separation should also be recorded. We identify no errors in this check.

Table 88.6

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of missing divorce causes (terminated divorces)</th>
<th>Number of missing death causes (terminated deaths)</th>
<th>Number of missing separation causes (terminated separations)</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
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</tr>
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<td>6</td>
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<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 88.7

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of excess dates for divorces (i.e. death dates present)</th>
<th>Number of excess dates for death (i.e. sep. and divorce dates)</th>
<th>Number of excess dates for separations (i.e. divorce and death dates)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
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<tr>
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<td>5</td>
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<td>1</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 8.
This check ensures that if a higher order marriage date exists, a valid end date exists for preceding marriages. There are 9 missing end dates for marriage 1 in total and 1 missing end date for marriage 2.

Table 88.8

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Missing end date for marriage 1</th>
<th>Missing end date for marriage 2</th>
<th>Missing end date for marriage 3</th>
<th>Missing end date for marriage 4</th>
<th>Missing end date for marriage 5</th>
<th>Missing end date for marriage 6</th>
<th>N (Number of cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
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<td>8</td>
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</table>

Check 9.
This check ensures that the temporal ordering of the marriage history is correct. There are 4 ‘errors’ in divorce dates, but these are not flagged as errors because we use the date of separation as the end date of the marriage.
Table 88.9

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Marriage start occurs before end of previous marriage</th>
<th>Marriage occurs before divorce for previous marriage</th>
<th>End of this marriage occurs before start of this marriage</th>
<th>Date of divorce for this marriage occurs before end of marriage</th>
<th>N (number of cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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</table>

Check 11
This check ensures that the dates of premarital cohabitations are complete. We assess the completeness of month of cohabitation, year of cohabitation and month and year of cohabitation. The table is truncated at marriage 4 for brevity (no marriage above 6 has a premarital cohabitation).

Table 98.11

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Year missing only</th>
<th>Month missing only</th>
<th>Year and month both missing</th>
<th>N (Number of reported premarital cohabitations)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>190</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>15982</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>173</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>6660</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 12
This check ensures that the dates of premarital cohabitation proceed the date of marriage. We identify on case where the premarital cohabitation starts after marriage, and this is corrected by imputation.

Table 88.12

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of premarital cohabitations with start following marriage</th>
<th>N (Number of reported premarital cohabitations)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>6660</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>0</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>24</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
Check 13

This check summarises the overall quality of the marital histories. There are 58 histories for this period which are totally unusable, and 264 spells where there is at least one spell where there is an error on at least one spell.

Table 88.13a

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Valid</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
<th>Percent</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>-9</td>
<td>135330</td>
<td>62.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All OK</td>
<td>81180</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>All OK after editing</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>At least one usable spell</td>
<td>264</td>
<td>.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Error</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Error (inconsistent number)</td>
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<td>.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>216835</td>
<td>100.0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 88.13b

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Survey year</th>
<th>-9</th>
<th>All OK</th>
<th>All OK after editing</th>
<th>At least one usable spell</th>
<th>Error</th>
<th>Error (inconsistent number)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1988</td>
<td>15603</td>
<td>9637</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1989</td>
<td>15501</td>
<td>9724</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1990</td>
<td>14665</td>
<td>8971</td>
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<td>27</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>1991</td>
<td>15158</td>
<td>9471</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>28</td>
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<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1992</td>
<td>15171</td>
<td>9335</td>
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<td>29</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1993</td>
<td>15157</td>
<td>8905</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1994</td>
<td>14993</td>
<td>8592</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1995</td>
<td>14784</td>
<td>8579</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1996</td>
<td>14298</td>
<td>7966</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>135330</td>
<td>81180</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>264</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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5 GHS 1998: marriage history checks and edits

These are the results of the cleaning procedure agreed for the marital histories. These findings relate to histories extracted for the years 1998.

Check 1
This check ensures that none of the reported marriages occur after the date of interview. In this survey year there were 6 missing interview dates. For the purposes of this check these cases have been ignored.

Table 98.1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Error flags</th>
<th>N (number of valid cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>7201</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

There is one marriage event identified where the interview occurred before the marriage. In this case the interview took place in January and the marriage reportedly of June 1998.

Edit: The marriage month is reassigned to the month of interview with 0.5 added to the year and month of marriage.

Check 2
This check examines the completeness of the marriage history, and the presence of preceding valid marriage dates given the existence of a valid marriage date. We identify 10 missing 1st marriage dates, a total of 3 missing 2nd marriage states and 1 missing 3rd marriage date.

Table 98.2

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Missing marriage date 1</th>
<th>Missing marriage date 2</th>
<th>Missing marriage date 3</th>
<th>Missing marriage date 4</th>
<th>N</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1101</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>94</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>8</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 3
This check ensures that for a given marriage the preceding marriages started at an earlier date. Error flags represent that the previous marriage start date occurs after the current marriage start date. There are no errors.
### Table 98.3

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of error flags</th>
<th>N (number of valid cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 4
This check ensures that the number of valid marriages dates and the number of reported marriages is consistent. Table 98.4a reports the number of valid marriage dates reported, to identify over-reporting. Table 98.4b identifies the number of missing marriage dates (underreporting). We identify some underreporting (17 histories), and no over-reporting.

### Table 98.4a

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of reported marriages</th>
<th>Number of valid 1st marriage date</th>
<th>Number of valid 2nd marriage date</th>
<th>Number of valid 3rd marriage date</th>
<th>Number of valid 4th marriage date</th>
<th>Number of valid 5th marriage date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>5771</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>953</td>
<td>962</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
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<td>Missing</td>
<td>390</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Table 98.4b

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of reported marriages</th>
<th>Number of missing 1st marriage date</th>
<th>Number of missing 2nd marriage date</th>
<th>Number of missing 3rd marriage date</th>
<th>Number of missing 4th marriage date</th>
<th>Number of missing 5th marriage date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>4</td>
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<td>1</td>
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<tr>
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<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Check 5  
This check examines the completeness of marriage months given a usable marriage year. There are 34 missing months which are imputed at the values of 6.5.

**Table 98.5a**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of missing marriage months</th>
<th>N (number of valid marriage years)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>7201</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>1101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 98.5b examines the extent to which the month of marriage may have been influenced by imputation at the month of June. There is no significant preference for the month of June (6) except in the case of marriage orders over 3 where the preference probably reflects the relatively small numbers of cases with over 3 marriages.

**Table 98.5b**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Excess June over uniform (% points)</th>
<th>N (Number of cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>3.61%</td>
<td>7174</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>3.24%</td>
<td>1097</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>8.69%</td>
<td>94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>16.67%</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>N/A (no observations)</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Missingness is also evaluated for the end causes of marriages, in table 98.5c. Note that there are no end causes for marriage 5 available.

**Table 98.5c**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of missing divorce months (total N)</th>
<th>Number of missing separation months (total N)</th>
<th>Number of missing death months (total N)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>131 (1823)</td>
<td>78 (2057)</td>
<td>0 (172)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>15 (203)</td>
<td>12 (252)</td>
<td>0 (29)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>2 (21)</td>
<td>1 (26)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Missing separation months are imputed at 6.5.
Check 6
This check ensures that the end cause of dissolved marriages is complete. We cannot impute these ends, since the dates for terminal event are not recorded in the dataset.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of missing causes</th>
<th>N (number of dissolved marriages)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2349</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>306</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 7
This check ensures that the dates presented for the end of marriage are consistent with the stated end causes. There are no errors.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of marriages ending in divorce with excess end dates</th>
<th>Number of marriages ending in separation with excess end dates</th>
<th>Number of marriages ending in death with excess end dates</th>
<th>N (number of dissolved marriages)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2346</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>305</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 8
This check ensures that where a valid higher order marriage date is present, lower marriage orders have a valid end date and cause. The majority of these are associated with marriage 2, with considerably smaller numbers for higher order marriages.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of missing previous end dates</th>
<th>N (number of dissolved marriages)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>1101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Check 9
This check examines the sequences of the entire marriage history. Error flags are presented for each marriage order. Since errors on date of divorce do not contribute to error flags, we identify two error flags. The first is in the second marriage where one marriage end date is earlier than the end and the second error results from the date of start of marriage 3 preceding the date of end of marriage 2. These are flagged as errors in marqual.

Table 98.9

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Marriage start occurs before end of previous marriage</th>
<th>Marriage occurs before divorce for previous marriage</th>
<th>End of this marriage occurs before start of this marriage</th>
<th>Date of divorce for this marriage occurs before end of marriage</th>
<th>N (number of cases)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>7201</td>
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<td>94</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
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<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 10
This check ensures that the dates of premarital cohabitations do not occur after the date of interview. There are no errors.

Table 98.10

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of premarital cohabitations after interview date</th>
<th>N (number of valid premarital cohabitation dates)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2185</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>803</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>72</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 11
This check ensures that the dates of premarital cohabitations are complete. We assess the completeness of month of cohabitation, year of cohabitation and month and year of cohabitation. This missingness is conditional on reported premarital cohabitation.
Table 98.11

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Year missing only</th>
<th>Month missing only</th>
<th>Year and month both missing</th>
<th>N (Number of reported premarital cohabitations)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>2196</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>810</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>73</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 12
This check ensures that the dates of premarital cohabitation proceed the date of marriage. There are two cases where this occurs, as evident form table 98.12. This is solved by imputing at 6.5, or at a random months (with an imputation flag) between January and marriage should the marriage occur before June.

Table 98.12

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage order</th>
<th>Number of premarital cohabitations with start following marriage</th>
<th>N (Number of reported premarital cohabitations)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2196</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>810</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>0</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check 13
The distribution of respondents according to the quality of their overall marriage history is shown in Table 98.13.

Table 98.13

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marqual</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>-9.</td>
<td>13179</td>
<td>64.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All OK</td>
<td>7063</td>
<td>34.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All OK after editing</td>
<td>101</td>
<td>.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>At least one usable spell</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Error (all invalid)</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Out of order</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>.0</td>
</tr>
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ANNEX C  QUALITY CHECKS AND EDITS CARRIED OUT ON PARTNERSHIP HISTORIES FROM 2000-2007

The type of information collected on current and retrospective partnerships has developed over the life time of the GHS, reflecting the increasing complexity of individuals’ life course trajectories. This is shown in outline in the Table 1 below.

In summary the following information was collected:

1979-1980  information on current and previous marriages
1981-1988  duration of premarital cohabitation before the current marriage was added
1989-1998  premarital cohabitation prior to all previous marriages as well as the current one added
2000-2007  information on up to three periods of cohabitation that did not end in marriage added

The cleaning of the marriage and partnership histories was carried out separately for the years 1979-1998 and 2000-2007. The checks and edits are therefore described in two documents, one for each of these periods.

This is the second of these two documents and describes the checks and edits carried out on the marriage and partnership histories for GHS rounds 2000-2007.

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8 Quality flags were generated for the 2008 and 2009 rounds when these were added but they have not been examined closely. The tabulations in this Annex do not include the 2008 and 2009 data.
Table 1: Summary of type of marriage and partnership information collected within the GHS from 1979 to 2007\(^1\)

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\(^1\) Men were asked this information only from 1986
Summary of key findings of cleaning of partnership and marriage histories, GHS 2000-2007.

1. Areas where the data quality are very good
1.1 Start and end dates of marriages
The reporting of start dates (year and month) of marriages, and their ordering relative to other marriages is very good. The main error is in 2004 where there are 116 cases with year of premarital cohabitation present but marriage year missing.
1.2 The reporting of marriage end dates is very good, at least in terms of year, although there are some missing months.

2. Areas where the data quality are reasonable
2.1 Number of partnerships & marriages
- There are a sizeable number of respondents whose reported total number of partnership declared does not tally with the number of available start dates (Table PH4). However, this problem is proportionately small, especially for marriages (1.8% of respondents report more marriages than provide marriage start dates, whilst 7.4% of respondents report more cohabitations than valid dates of start of cohabitations).
- In 2000-01 a few hundred respondents in each survey reported marriage dates without reporting the marriage, whilst in the later surveys there was a tendency for the opposite – for respondents to report marriages without reporting valid dates.
- It must be noted however that some of the mis-match between the number of reported cohabitations and the number of dates is due to respondents only being asked to provide details of their first 3 free-standing cohabitations. For instance in 2000, 117 respondents declared a greater number of cohabitations than valid dates. In 45 cases the respondents were limited in the number of valid dates they could report by the number of slots available.
- To clarify two variables were created for number of partnerships/marriages: the number of marriages/partnerships that are declared by the respondent, and the number of usable marriage/partnership slots.

2.2. Ordering
The ordering of free-standing cohabitations was less good than the ordering of marriages (PH14). Out of sequence cohabitations have been re-ordered.

2.3 Overlapping unions
Between 3% (lower order unions) and 18% (small number of higher order unions) of partnerships, almost all of which are free standing cohabitations) are overlapping, i.e. the first one is reported to have ended after the second one has begun. This seems to us a reasonable level of error given the subject matter and structure of the questionnaire.

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9 The term “partnership” in this document includes, as well as marriages, free-standing cohabitations, that is spells of cohabitation that do not end in marriage to the cohabiting partner.
3. Areas where the data quality are less good
3.1 Missing months
There is a sizeable number of missing months in the dataset. This is particularly the case for marriage separation dates (especially higher order marriages) and cohabitation start and end dates (Table PH5). These have been imputed as detailed later in this document.

3.2 No information on number of partnerships
Since 2000, there is an apparent increase in the extent of missing declarations of numbers of marriages and partnerships (npar or nmar). The same period also displays a rise in missing values in relation to the fertility histories: that is numbers coded NA on variables in the fertility history among people who neither refuse the Family Information section nor are proxies. For example, in 2007, 899 respondents have missing data (8.3% of the sample): that is, 8.3% of respondents who were eligible for the Family Information section are coded missing (-8, NA) on all the key partnership history variables.10

4. Overall quality
After completion of the editing and re-ordering of the partnership histories is complete, quality indicators were generated for each marriage (marq1-marq7) and each partnership (partq1-partq7) of all respondents.

The overall quality is very good. For example, just 1000 of approximately 57,000 first marriages reported are not coded “ok” or “ok after editing” (and just 187 out of 8806 second marriages). Only about 1100 of around 70,000 reported first partnerships are not coded “ok” or “ok after editing”; the figure is 258 of 18,788 reported second partnerships.

Overall the quality of the reported histories is good. After completion of the edits and re-ordering of the partnership histories, an indicator representing the quality of the marriage history as a whole was generated (marqual) and an indicator of quality of the partnership history as a whole (partqual). Approximately 56,000 marriage histories are “ok” out of around 58,000 histories reported (Table MH21q). About 66,600 partnership histories are “ok” out of a total of around 70,000 reported partnership histories (Table PH21q).

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10 One possibility is that this may be due to the introduction of telephone interviewing, but the cause has not been established at the time of writing this document.
Cleaning of the partnership and marriage histories for 2000-2007

These are the results of the cleaning procedure agreed for the partnership and marital histories for the GHS years 2000-2007. Cleaning and edits to the marriage and partnership histories for GHS rounds 1979-1998 are described in the preceding Annex.

Definitions
Valid date defined as: year present and <= year of interview and >= date of birth of the respondent
Key to Action column:
L = list cases; T = tabulate number by type
Event:
- for marriage = premarital cohabitation, marriage, stop living together/death of the partner, divorce.
- for cohabitation = beginning of the cohabitation, end of the cohabitation (stop living together and/or end of the relationship)
Checks 1-8 are carried out on all partnerships. In some cases the checks are shown separately for marriages (which may have been preceded by cohabitation) and free-standing cohabitations.
Checks 11 to 19 are carried out in two series: first for all partnerships including those that involve a marriage (i.e. group 3 on page 15), and second only for partnerships that include a marriage (i.e. group 2 on page 14). The corresponding tables are labelled PH and MH respectively.

Through the document, “.” and “missing” will be used interchangeably to identify missing values. Mostly we do not distinguish DNA and NA.

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    For each cohabitation: year of cohab (i) < year of sep (i) | T by year and order |
| 7   | Are the declarations of event consistent with valid end years?  
    For instance, if cause = separation/divorce/widowhood, do valid dates of separation/separation and divorce/widowhood exist?  
    Conversely, is the cause reported missing? | T by order |
| 8   | same by year | T by year |

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    For each cohabitation: year of cohab (i) < year of sep (i) | T by year and order |
| 17  | Where date of marriage (i+1) exists, does date of beginning/end or divorce(i) exist? In that case, do we always have year event (i)<year beg (i+1) | T by year |
| 18  | Number of overlapping marriages/partnerships: once the marriages/partnerships are ordered by date at beginning, do some relationships overlap with the beginning of the next one? | T by year and order |
| 19  | Do some relationships have the same date of beginning, or end, or both? | T by year and order |

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    - Indicator of quality specific to each marriage  
    marq1-marq7  
    - Indicator of quality specific to each cohabitation  
    partq1-partq7 | Tabulate by year |
| 22  | After the edits, classify each individual (see user guide):  
    - Global indicator of quality of the marriage history  
    marqual  
    - Global indicator of quality of the relationship history  
    partqual | Tabulate by year |
Detail of the checks

Check 1
This check evaluates whether
- event dates occur earlier than the date of interview
- events occur after age 10
- events occur after the birth of the eligible person

Notes:
• the absence, in some of these tables, of a column that appears in others denotes that no cases of the kind in question occur in that table.
• for selected years, a question was asked not only about the end of cohabitation but also about whether the end of cohabitation was the end of the relationship or just the end of the couple’s living together; the date of whichever of these was not originally given was then asked. For that reason, three types of end of cohabitation are tabulated: the overall end of cohabitation, the end of the relationship, and the end of living together.

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A few small edits have been applied manually to these deficient dates. The tables above do not reflect these minor edits.

Check 2
This check evaluates whether the marriage and cohabitation (without marriage) start dates are in the correct temporal order (column “ordered no problem”), only when there is no missing in the middle of the series of start dates (column “missings in the middle”). Respondents with only one marriage or cohabitation are included in the tables.
We define error flags in this check as where the start date of previous marriage/cohabitation \((\text{start marriage/cohabitation } i)\) occurs at a later date than the marriage / cohabitation that follows it \((\text{start marriage/cohabitation } i+1)\).

### Tables PH2

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The edit following this check is to reorder when the series is out of sequence and this is done later in the process. There is no action when there are missing values in the middle.

### Check 3

This check evaluates whether the next marriage begins after the end date of the previous one, and does the same for free-standing cohabitations. This check is done before re-ordering the out of order sequences that are identified in check 2. Additionally, it includes overlapping slots, parts of which are edited manually afterwards.
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**Check 4**

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Marriages of people who have a missing number of marriages but give valid years are accepted as proper marriages of the individual.

As seen below, the number of valid years of cohabitation is partly limited by the number of slots available for cohabitation dates (limited to 3). The maximum number of marriages occurring does not exceed the number of slots available.
For instance in 2000, 117 persons declare too many cohabitation dates, but among them 45 were limited by the number of slots available.

**Check 5**
This checks the completeness of months of events, given the presence of a valid year of event. It also gives the total number of valid dates relating to relationships, assuming that missing months will be attributed.

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|                                |          |          |          |          |          |
| year marriage                  | order 1  | order 2  | order 3  | order 4  | order 5  |
| valid year and month           |          |          |          |          |          |
| valid year but month missing   |          |          |          |          |          |
| total valid years              |          |          |          |          |          |

|                                |          |          |          |          |
|                                |          |          |          |          |
| year death partner             |          |          |          |          |
| valid year and month           |          |          |          |          |
| valid year but month missing   |          |          |          |          |
| total valid years              |          |          |          |          |

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The check below examines the extent to which the month of marriage may have been influenced by imputation of the month of June. When compared to an assumption of equal distribution, there is strong evidence of an excess of June months (6), apart from marriage months. Additionally, in 2004 it appears there is an error in the registration
of the month of marriage, since nobody has a month of August (8). It seems those August marriage months were miscoded -8 and so where the year of marriage is present in 2004, these -8 values on month have been recoded to 8. (The sample sizes of the right order of magnitude).

Table PH5b: Distribution of the months of each event

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Figure PH5b: distribution of the months of marriage in first relationship
Check 6  
This checks whether the temporal ordering of events within the marriage/cohabitation slots is correct.

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**Check 7**
This evaluates the consistency between the reported end cause and the type of end date present.
For premarital cohabitation, when a person answers yes to the question “Before getting married, did you and your husband/wife live together as a couple?”, we consider they declare a premarital cohabitation. Thus if they do not have a valid date of premarital cohabitation for that marriage, we consider the date is missing (in the “declaration but no valid year” row). Similarly, we use the answer to the question on the type of end of marriage to see whether the marriage ended and how, and then to see whether the end date is missing or not.

For marriage and cohabitation there is no direct question, but a question on the number of marriages/cohabitations the person has had. Then we use this at each order to suppose whether the person had or not a marriage/cohabitation and whether there is a valid date that corresponds.

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(1) where cause is missing: if valid date of (a) widowhood, (b) divorce or (c) separation exists, assign widowhood, divorce or separation as cause;
(2) where no valid date of end present, assign type of end from stated marital status if this = latest marriage and stated marital status = separated, divorced or widowed; otherwise (3) cause of end = not known (-8)

**Check 8**

Shows the consistency of end causes declared and the presence of end dates.
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Reordering the partnership histories

Following the above checks, the partnership histories were reordered, and a further set of checks was run.

In all cases, reordering is based on the earliest year within any set of partnership dates.

General process

1- Vector of dates concerning non married relationships

As described in check 1, the date of end of relationship is asked in two steps in the questionnaires for the years under study. If the partnership ends with a breakup, we choose the date when the individual actually stops living with the partner in the same household (decohabitation). The number of events is given in check 6.

2- Vector of dates concerning relationships that include a marriage.
3- Vector created for the combined partnership histories (combining relationships including a marriage with free standing cohabitations)

Remarks
To re-order this vector, we take the minimum (earliest) of the dates present in a slot and re-order by that minimum date.
In general the date of separation is used to identify the end of a marriage. If year of separation is absent but divorce year is present, we use divorce year + month (see postcheck 11).

Verification of the combined partnership history

Postcheck 11
This check compares the number of partnerships declared and the number of valid partnership dates.
Number of partnerships declared (npart) is a CPC-derived variable generated by adding the original GHS variables that give the number of cohabitations and marriages (renamed nmar and ncoh). Two other variables have been created in the construction of the dataset, namely npartu and nmaru, which give the number of valid marriage and partnership dates, as described in the flag variables parqn and marqn.

The missing column in the table below refers to cases where either nmar or ncoh is missing. Note that the -8s in PH11nc increase from the year 2000 to reach 1,200 cases in 2007. Note that npart is equal to the minimum number of partnerships reported in that it reflects the sum of ncoh and nmar OR one of these where the other is missing. Missing values on npart will therefore reflect people missing on both variables.
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| 2007 | 1203 | 7106| 1885|484 |115|31 |4  |5  | 2  |10836 |
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Postcheck 12
Distribution of the type of relationship and of the type of end.

Checks are given for the 6 first relationships, since there are too few later ones to justify additional tables.

Note that the type of partnership, i.e. whether it was a free-standing cohabitation, a marriage preceded by premarital cohabitation or a direct marriage are derived from putting together information from the separate marriage histories and cohabitation histories. In other words, respondents are not asked directly, for each of their partnerships, about its type. For the end type however, we use the direct answer to the question on the type of end of the relationship (when it ended).

The missing column includes people who either did not have a first, second, etc. partnership, or for whom first, second etc. partnership information is missing.

Note in table PH12b, the category ‘No actual separation, just decohab.’ refers to people who continued in their relationship but stopped cohabiting, i.e. became ‘Living Apart Together’. There are so few of these, and the question was asked for so few years, that the coding is not retained in the final database.
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Check the order of the component dates of the relationships within the respondent’s entire relationship history (including marriages and free-standing cohabitations).

- Table PH14 gives the data before re-ordering in which `ordstrtv`, `ordmav` and `ordendlvv` represent the start dates, marriage dates and end dates prior to re-ordering.

- Table PH14c gives the corresponding data following reordering, with `ordstr`, `ordma` and `ordendlv` representing start date, marriage dates and end dates after re-ordering.

Note that the numbers “out of sequence” or “missing in the middle” vary according to whether the consistency of the start, or end, or marriage date is tabulated.

Because we have ordered these according to the minimum date within each history, those with a missing date can be identified as in the middle by *some* date within that partnership slot.
The number of “missings in the middle” in ordma of table PH14c is large, because some of these partnerships are not marriages, and so the marriage dates are absent.

Note that end dates for marriages are based on date of separation rather than date of divorce, as divorce dates appear to have more errors associated with them.

The “missing” column includes the persons who have not declared any date of start of relationship, marriage, etc.

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Note that the column giving the end date greater than divorce date is provided here for information but these are not flagged as errors, because we do not place much reliance on the divorce dates.

The column ‘missing’ includes those who did not report any start date for this relationship order.

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We note that relatively high proportions of partnerships of order 3 and 4 have an end date earlier than the beginning date.

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Note that to appear in anything other than the missing column of table PH17, a person must have had at least two relationships.
In these cases, we ask whether we have the elements of the $i^{th}$ relationship and did they all happen before the beginning of the $i+1^{th}$?

Note that the column on divorce date is provided here for information but these are not flagged as errors, because we do not place much reliance on the divorce dates.

At present, we do not see that there is a straightforward defensible edit that can be applied to the cases that have no end date for $i$ but a start date for $i+1$.

In relation to end date $i$ greater than start date $i+1$, these would be considered in the overlap checks PH18 etc.

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**Postcheck 19**

These tables show whether the person has declared two partnerships with the same beginning or/and end dates.
The following tables include only individuals who have at least two partnerships.

Before the construction of these tables, the following edit was made for respondents who have exactly the same beginning and end date for their first relationship and another one:
- where the relationships involved are two cohabitations: we delete one of these relationships.
- where one of the relationships is a marriage no action is taken.

As a matter of fact, the “other” relationship is always of order 2.

The five cases remaining with a same beginning and end dates involve a cohabitation with a marriage.
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Classification of errors 21

This check examines the frequencies of erroneous partnership histories. partq1-partqn given the checks internal to each partnership spell of each individual. partqual corresponds to the overall quality of the partnership spell of each individual. only one such variable is derived for each individual.
The check only looks at beginning and end of partnerships, and does not check any intermediate or following event like marriage and divorce.

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Explanation:
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Code 2: where code 1 applies but that at least one of the dates present has been edited.
Code 3: where a beginning date is present but an end date which should be present is missing.
Code 4: missing beginning date or beginning and end date out of sequence.

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`partqual`=0 for people who declared they didn’t experience any partnership.

If they declare at least one partnership but don’t have the right number of valid dates of beginning of partnership (after editing), then `partqual`=41.

If their number of start dates is the same as the number of partnerships declared, then we do additional checks:

If there is no problem at all, then `partqual`=1.

If at least two partnerships are overlapping, then `partqual`=42.

If there are neither overlaps nor other problems but some dates have been edited, then `partqual`=2.

If all the start dates are present but some end dates are missing, the series is considered as partially valid (`partqual`=3).

If there is another problem that makes the series unusable, for instance that the start and end dates are out of sequence, then `partqual`=43

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These coding conventions are summarized in the table below:
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**Postcheck marriage 11**

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Postcheck marriage 18

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**Explanation:**
- Code 1 “no problem”: when the marriage has at least a beginning date, an end date (if this applies) and that the end date > beginning date.
- Code 2: where code 1 applies but that at least one of the dates present has been edited.
- Code 3: where a beginning date is present but an end date which should be present is missing.
- Code 4: missing beginning date or beginning and end date out of sequence.

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MARRIAGE AND PARTNERSHIP HISTORIES

See also annex C for fuller details.

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ANNEX E SPSS CODING OF DEFACTO (DE FACTO PARTNERSHIP STATUS)

SPSS Syntax consistent for years 1979-1996/7 using the year 1979 as an example. In later years the exact variable levels and variable names differ. Some categories in defacto in this set of years cannot be generated as the category does not apply (e.g. civil partnership).

```
compute defacto=-9.
execute.
*default to NA code.
do if (marital=1).
recode
defacto
(-9=11).
end if.
execute.
*marital=1 indicates respondent is married.
do if ((marital=2)|(marital=3)|(marital=4)|(marital=5)).
recode
defacto
(-9=13).
end if.
execute.
*2=single, 3,4, 5 indicates widowed, separated and divorced.
variable labels defacto 'defacto indicator'.
value labels defacto
1 'Living with spouse- FI' 2 'Living with partner- FI' 3 'Not living with anyone-FI'
11 'Living with spouse- non FI' 12 'Living with partner- non FI' 13 'Not living with anyone- non FI' 14 ' Same sex civil partnership- non FI' 15 'Living with same sex partner- non FI'.
*Set value labels.
do if (age<16).
compute defacto=-9.
end if.
execute.
*exclude the under 16s from the coding process.
missing values age().
do if (age=-9).
compute defacto=-9.
end if.
execute.
*exclude those with missing age from the coding process.
do if (fiself<4).
recode
defacto
(11=1) (12=2) (13=3).
end if.
execute.
do if (fiself<0).
recode
defacto
(1=11) (2=12) (3=13).
end if.
execute.
*recode those eligible for the Family information to the relevant code.
```
do if (wherewed=5).
recode
defacto
(1=2).
end if.
execute.
*Those not actually married are recoded from married to cohabiting.

do if (wherewed=4).
recode
defacto
(1=2) (3=2).
end if.
execute.
*Those WDS not married are recoded from married to cohabiting.

missing values wherewed husaway xslivtog ()
do if (wherewed=8).
recode
defacto
(1=11) (2=12) (3=13).
end if.
execute.
*Exclude those with missing wherewed values from the FI codes.

do if (husaway=3).
recode
defacto
(1=3).
end if.
execute.
*Identify the respondents whose spouse is not in the household due to
*marital dissolution.

do if (husaway=8).
recode
defacto
(1=11) (2=12) (3=13).
end if.
execute.
*Exclude the respondents with a missing husbaway code.

do if (xslivtog=1).
recode
defacto
(1=2) (3=2).
end if.
execute.
*Identify the single respondents and recode to cohabiting if living with a partner.

do if (xslivtog=8).
recode
defacto
(1=11) (2=12) (3=13).
end if.
execute.
*Exclude the respondents with a missing xslivtog code.

*Syntax consistent for years 1998/99-2007 using the year 2000 as an example*.
* In years after 2000 the exact variable levels and variable names may differ*.
compute defacto=-9.
execute.
*Start from the position of NA.

variable labels defacto 'Partnership indicator'.
value labels defacto
1 'Living with spouse- FI' 2 'Living with partner- FI' 3 'Not living with anyone-FI'
11 'Living with spouse- non FI' 12 'Living with partner- non FI' 13 'Not living with anyone- non FI' 14 'Same sex civil partnership- non FI' 15 'Living with same sex partner- non FI'.
*Set up the variable and value labels.

do if (marstat=2).
recode
defacto (-9=11).
end if.
execute.
*Those married defined as married.

doi f (((marstat=1)||(marstat=3)||(marstat=4)||(marstat=5))).
recode
defacto (-9=13).
end if.
execute.
*Those who are single, widowed, separated and divorced as defined as not living with anyone.

doi f (livewith=1).
recode
defacto (-9=12) (11=12) (13=12).
end if.
execute.
*Those who reported living with a partner are defined as cohabiting.

return if (livewith=3).
recode
defacto (-9=15) (13=15).
end if.
execute.
*Same sex cohabitation.

doi f (age<16).
compute defacto=-9.
end if.
execute.
*Exclude the under-16s from the coding process.

doi f (selfcom3=1).
recode
defacto (11=1) (12=2) (13=3).
end if.
execute.
doi f (selfcom3=2).
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(11=1) (12=2) (13=3).
end if.
execute.
do if (selfcom3=3).
recode
defacto
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end if.
execute.
*Identify the respondents who respond to the Family information.
do if (wherewed=4).
recode
defacto
(1=2).
end if.
execute.
*Those who are not actually married are defined as cohabiting.
missing values wherewed husbaway tgthr2 ()
do if (wherewed=-8).
recode
defacto
(1=11) (2=12) (3=13).
end if.
EXECUTE.
*Respondents with a missing wherewed code are defined as non-respondents to the FI.
do if (husbaway=2).
recode
defacto
(1=3).
end if.
execute.
*Defining those with a spouse not in the household due to marital breakdown are defined as not living with anyone.
do if (husbaway=-8).
recode
defacto
(1=11) (2=12) (3=13).
end if.
EXECUTE.
*Non respondents to husbaway are defined as not responding to FI.
do if (tgthr2=1).
recode
defacto
(1=2) (3=2).
end if.
execute.
*Those single and living with a non-related partner are defined as cohabiting.
do if (tgthr2=-8).
recode
defacto
(1=11) (2=12) (3=13).
end if.
EXECUTE.
*Non respondents to tgthr are defined as not responding to FI.
ANNEX F  ELIGIBILITY FOR THE
CONTRACEPTION/FERTILITY INTENTIONS QUESTIONS.

See accompanying Excel file on eligibility for several Family Information section
questions.
ANNEX G QUALITY CHECKS ON AGE AT LEAVING FULL TIME EDUCATION 1979-2007

Aim:
To construct a variable ‘age at the end of the full time education’ that is consistent over time.

Construction:
Variables giving the age at end of school and/or at end of full time education:
Until 1998, the age at leaving school is asked first, and after a few other questions and filters, the age at end of full time education. From 2000, only one age is asked of everybody, which is the age at end of the continuous full time education. For check, the means are produced in this Figure G1.

Figure G1
Mean age depending on the question and the survey year

Source: GHS 1979-2007
Sample: Persons aged 16-69 at survey

We combined the variables of age at end of school and end of full time education (for a selected group) into one variable (named agelft), in an attempt to produce an age at end of full time education for everyone, and intended to have the same definition as the variable EDAGE that is present from 2000 onwards.

Using the variable FURTHED which indicates whether the person attended further education after school (only for people aged 16-49 before 1991) and the variable LASTSCH (EDTYPE before 1983) which is a further filter giving details on the type
of courses attended after school\textsuperscript{12} for everybody, we assigned to the new variable \textit{agelft} the value of AGELFTS(C) if the person did not go on to further study after leaving school, and AGELFTC(FT) if the person continued studying after school. The mean and age distribution of the new variable are shown in Figures G2a and G2b, for men and women aged 16-69.

\textbf{Figures G2a and G2b}

\textit{Mean age at end of full time education}

\begin{figure}
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\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{figures/G2a.png}
\caption{Mean age at end of full time education}
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\textit{Distribution by age at end of education by year of survey}

\begin{figure}
\centering
\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{figures/G2b.png}
\caption{Distribution by age at end of education by year of survey}
\end{figure}

\textbf{Source: GHS 1979-2007}
\textbf{Sample: persons aged 16-69 at survey}

\textsuperscript{12} Now thinking of your full-time education, what type of school or college did you last attend full-time? Was it: “elementary or secondary school”, “university”, “polytechnic”, nursing school or teaching hospital”, “or some other type of college?”
There is an anomaly in the mean age at the end of full time education between 1991 and 1998.

To understand where this hump comes from, we first looked at the distribution of respondents in the different types of education (Figure G3: we can’t continue the curve after 1998 because there is no equivalent to that question).

![Figure G3](image)

**Proportion of people who last attended...**

- University
- Polytechnic
- Nursing school or teaching hospital
- Some other type of college

**Source:** GHS 1979-2007

**Sample:** Persons aged 16-69 at survey and who have had education

It appears that the proportion of people who have attended university rose very rapidly after 1991, which is believable, but 1998 looks too high compared with the previous years. There is also a discontinuity for the “other type of college” answer in 1998.

One particularly important change in the questionnaire occurs between 1990 and 1991: the age filter on the question FURTHRED has changed, from 16-49 to 16-69. This suggests looking at the mean age at end of full time education by age group at survey (Figure G4).
The problem in 1991-1998 appears limited to people age 35+ at survey. In 1992 there is a change in the order of the questions, with a stronger separation of people currently studying vs. others. Even if this does not seem to have a direct impact, and if the rest of the wording of the questions has not changed, it is possible that it changes the way of understanding the question on age at end of the full time education, and people would more often give other courses they have had in between, possibly including part-time courses.

For example among persons who have studied in nursing school or at teaching hospital, we see a strong increase in the proportion of persons who declare having finished nursing studies after age 30 (Figure G5).
We notice more generally that there appears to be an especially strong proportion of persons who finish their studies after age 30 in the problematic years (Figure G6).

To deal with this implausible rise in age at end of full time education between 1991 and 1998, it is possible to compute the mean age at end of full time education only for people who finished their studies before a certain age.
Figure G7 shows this calculation for various age limits (for instance people aged 2-19 at the end of their studies, then people aged 2-20, etc.).

Figure G7

Considering only people who declared having finished before 25, there is some continuity over time. But the essential problem remains and there is no obvious solution. If taking the declared ages up to 24 and then top-coding the variable at 25+, there are two potential difficulties: (a) an especially high proportion of persons will still have finished at age 25+ using this solution (see Figure G8) and (b) most of those apparently completing at very late ages will almost certainly have left continuous education at a much earlier age, and so this potentially introduces a bias. As noted earlier, it is very likely that these persons are in fact persons who declared the age at end of part-time study or other forms of training.

The large increase in 1998 is probably linked with the especially large proportion of persons interviewed this year who declared having attended the university or some other type of college.
Figure G8

Source: GHS 1979-2007
Sample: Persons aged 16-49 at survey and who are not currently enrolled in education

Figure G9 plots the standard deviation of the age at leaving full time education (\texttt{agelft} in the CPC file) by both survey year and cohort (c1935=1935-39, 1940=c1940-44). We see that up to survey year 1998 the within cohort standard deviation increases systematically and substantially, well after the age at which one would have expected the within-cohort dispersion to stabilise. After 2000, however, when the question was revised, the standard deviation declines to a level that is both more stable and within a relatively narrow range. We take this as evidence of the greater validity of the variable \texttt{agelft} (in the CPC file; “\texttt{edage}” in the GHS file) from GHS round 2000 onwards.

Figure G9

\textbf{Standard deviation of age at end of studies, by birth cohorts}
ANNEX H SAMPLE SIZES IN THE CPC TIME-SERIES DATASET WITH NOTES OF SOME ERRORS IN THE ORIGINAL GHS DATA FILES

Samples sizes by survey year

The datasets provided by ESDS have been merged by household serial number or by household serial number and person number when necessary.

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We have retained only the Main sample, without the Scottish Supplement. In 1982, 7 entries were duplicated. We have kept only one of each, thus 7 observations are dropped. The 1972-2004 time-series dataset had 4 more individuals than in the original GHS and they have not been retained in the CPC dataset.
Year of birth

Date of birth is not available for respondents in GHS rounds 1979 to 1981. In 1982 to 1985 date of birth is available only for those answering the FI section. Date of birth is available for all respondents from GHS round 1986. In all years, age was collected for all respondents.

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Table 3b: Number of individual by quarter and year, revised quarter variable

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The 1998 GHS data file from ESDS was found to have an error in codes 3 and 4 of SAMPQTR and an attempt has been made to correct these using the month of interview. All interviews either coded 3 originally or coded 4 and taking place in November and December 1998 are now coded 3. The rest of those coded 4 originally retain the code 4. This is not exactly accurate as interviews scheduled for a particular quarter sometimes take place in a later quarter. So a few of those retaining the code 4 in the 1998 survey may in fact belong to quarter 3 although the interview took place in January to March 1999.

Errors in the coding of sex

In 2006, some men appear to have answered the fertility history of the Family Information section, but this is due to an error in the coding of the variable SEX. These are, in fact, women who were correctly coded as female in the 2005 round, but mistakenly recoded as male in 2006 (in the second wave as the survey has become longitudinal in that year). They are not present in the CPC database for 2006-2009, only respondents in the survey for the first time (wave=1) were retained.

Ineligible women answering the FI section

Also in 2006, some women aged 60+ appear to have answered the FI section but these are women who were eligible in 2005 and who in 2006 on the repeat interview had reached their 60th birthday. We have not established why these respondents have answers recorded in the FI section in 2006, despite their ineligibility on age grounds. Possibly ONS recovered the history from the 2005 dataset or continued in 2006 using the same filter as the previous year. Again, they are not present in the CPC database as they were in the second or later wave in 2006-2009.
Year of interview

There are four years where a few dates of interview are missing (in all, 13 cases between 1998 and 2002). The year of survey has then been attributed as the year of interview and the month as 6.5.

The year of interview sometimes does not correspond to the year of the survey. When the interview year is after the survey year it is most often due to the normal process of interviews that can take place until six months after the planned date. However we cannot explain what happens when the interview year is earlier than the actual year of the survey (see Table 4). Some years that had been obviously miscoded (e.g. 1989 instead of 1998 for the 1998 survey year) have been recoded manually.

Table 4: Cases in which the recorded year of interview is before the year of the survey

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Age and year of birth

The age calculated using the date of birth together with the date interview is not always consistent with the age reported in the survey. For some the difference is just one year, which may be mainly due to the fact that the day of birth and of interview are not available.
However, Table 5 shows that the difference between the reported and calculated age can be greater than a year. This is especially the case in 2001, due to the top-coding of age at 85 (ages 85 and higher being coded 85+). For some other survey years it appears as a miscoding, sometime obvious when the calculated age is 10 or 20 years different from the reported age.

These inconsistencies have not been corrected in the CPC dataset. Users may choose how to handle the issue.

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