The Survey of Family Income and Expenditure, 1976

User Guide

I.   The Center for Survey Research (CSR), Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences Academia Sinica reorganizes and releases the data offered by Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics, Executive Yuan. The released files include user guide, questionnaire, SPSS dataset, STATA dataset, ASCII dataset, SAS program, code book.

II.   Released File Description

1. User guide

userguide1976.doc	Including released file description, guideline for data validation and usage, guideline for citation and contact us etc.

2. Questionnaire

ques1976.doc	Questionnaire

3. Datasets

inc1976.sav	SPSS dataset
inc1976.dta	STATA dataset
inc1976.dat	ASCII dataset

4. Program

prog1976.sas	SAS Program for running inc1976.dat

5. Code book

code1976.doc	Code book

III.   Guideline for data validation and usage

1. In order to facilitate analyzing cross-year data, CSR unifies the variable names of household equipment and appliance as the cross-year index for merge. For example, the quantity of stereos each year is named as f10. In addition, the variable of investigated year is added to distinguish the data by year.

2. The description of income and outlay variable code 500 (other variable codes of income and outlay are described in the appendix 2 of code book):

   Serial No. 500= Serial No. 400 + Serial No. 808

3. Data of income and outlay are shown as "serial no." and "amount/ratio". According to data features, there are 539 serial numbers of income and outlay in 1976. To look up certain household income, for example, the sub-total amount of wages and salaries, shown as the total amount of serial no. 210, is to sum up 539 amounts.

4. The column widths of variable label and value description in the STATA are limited to 80 and 40 bytes, respectively, so the STATA dataset shows only the first 80 bytes as variable label, and the first 40 bytes as value description. In case of cut-off contexts, please see questionnaire (or code book).

5. CSR has checked wild codes and out-of-range values, to validate and clean data. Our findings are shown as follows:

   (1) Regarding valuable name c32 (If your family intend to deposit, which way will you adopt:), CSR only offer the description of the value labels 995, 996, 997, other codes shall be recognized as wild codes.

   (2) Wild codes and out-of-range values

Variable name	Wild Codes and Out-of-range Values	Frequency
a21	0	9442
b41_1	4	2
b41_2	4	2
b41_3	4	2
b41_4	4	2
b41_5	4	2
b41_6	4	2
b41_7	4	2
c21	10	837
c21	30	4
c21	31	24

6. Please be attentive if "system missing" may not be listed in the variable value because of the design of skip question (N/A), missing/no response, and so on.

IV. Guideline for citation

Citation, based upon the requirement of various journals, theses or dissertations, can be revised.

Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics, Executive Yuan (2012). The Survey of Family Income and Expenditure, 1976 (AA170001) [data file]. Available from Survey Research Data Archive, Academia Sinica. doi:10.6141/TW-SRDA-AA170001-1.

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