Codebook for Table 5: National-Level Outcomes by Birth Cohort, Parental Income, Race, and Gender

Description

This table reports outcomes for children born between 1978 and 1992 at the national level by race, gender, and parent percentile. There is exactly one row per birth cohort. The statistics reported in this table have been cleared by the Census Bureau's Disclosure Review Board release authorization numbers CBDRB-FY23-0375 and CBDRB-FY24-0143.

We provide predictions of outcomes at the 1st, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 100th percentile of the parent national income distribution by race and gender for all birth cohorts between 1978 and 1992.

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Variable	Type	Description
cohort	Num	Child birth cohort (1978-1992)
[outcome]_[race]_[gender]_p[pctile]	Num	Mean predicted outcome for children of a given, race, gender, and with parents at a given percentile in the national household income distribution. • [race] is either pooled, white, black, hisp (Hispanic), asian, aian (American Indian and Alaskan Native). • [gender] is either pooled, male, or female. • [pctile] is either 1, 25, 50, 75, 100.
[race]_pooled_count	Num	Number of children under 18 in each birth cohort and race, pooled across gender.
[race]_pooled_blw_p50_count	Num	Number of children in each birth cohort and race, pooled across gender, with parents who earn less than the national median parent income.

The predictions are defined for the following outcomes (referred to as "[outcome]" in the codebook above):

Outcome	Description
kfr	Mean percentile rank (relative to other children born in the same year) in the national distribution of household income (i.e., own plus spousal income) measured at child age 27
kir	Mean percentile rank (relative to other children born in the same year) in the national distribution of individual income (i.e., own income) measured at child age 27
fpw	Fraction of parents (of children in a given birth cohort) who are employed. Parental employment status is measured at child age 27
emp	Fraction of children who are employed at age 27

| kfi | Mean household income at child age 27 (in 2023 $) obtained by converting percentile ranks (kfr) to dollars using the percentile-dollar crosswalk |
| kii | Mean individual income at child age 27 (in 2023 $) obtained by converting percentile ranks (kir) to dollars using the percentile-dollar crosswalk |