

NATIONAL YOUTH IN TRANSITION  
DATABASE (NYTD)

NYTD  
OUTCOMES FILE

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**CODE BOOK**

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NATIONAL DATA ARCHIVE ON  
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

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## NYTD OUTCOMES VARIABLES – BY POSITION

| Page | Element | Variable Name | Variable Label                                       | Type     |
|------|---------|---------------|--|----------|
| 6    | D       | Wave          | 1 = Baseline (age 17); 2 = Age 19; 3 = Age 21        | tinyint  |
| 7    | D       | StFCID        | St and RecNumbr (for linking)                        | char(14) |
| 8    | #1      | StFIPS        | #1: State FIPS Code                                  | tinyint  |
| 9    | D       | St            | Two-letter USPS code for state                       | char(2)  |
| 10   | #3      | Recnumbr      | #3: AFCARS Unique Child ID (Encrypted)               | char(12) |
| 11   | #2      | Repdate       | #2: Report Date                                      | char(6)  |
| 12   | #4      | DOB           | #4: Date Of Birth                                    | date     |
| 13   | #5      | Sex           | #5: Sex  | tinyint  |
| 14   | #6      | Amiakn        | #6: Race – American Indian Or Alaskan Native         | tinyint  |
| 15   | #7      | Asian         | #7: Race – Asian                                     | tinyint  |
| 16   | #8      | Blkafram      | #8: Race – Black Or African American                 | tinyint  |
| 17   | #9      | Hawaiiipi     | #9: Race – Native Hawaiian Or Other Pacific Islander | tinyint  |
| 18   | #10     | White         | #10: Race – White                                    | tinyint  |
| 19   | #11     | Raceunkn      | #11: Race – Unknown                                  | tinyint  |
| 20   | #12     | Racedcln      | #12: Race – Declined                                 | tinyint  |
| 21   | #13     | Hisorgin      | #13: Hispanic Or Latino Ethnicity                    | tinyint  |
| 22   | #34     | OutcmRpt      | #34: Outcomes Reporting Status                       | tinyint  |
| 24   | #35     | OutcmDte      | #35: Date Of Outcome Data Collection                 | date     |
| 25   | #36     | OutcmFCS      | #36: Foster Care Status At Outcomes Collection       | tinyint  |
| 26   | #37     | CurrFTE       | #37: Current Full Time Employment                    | tinyint  |
| 27   | #38     | CurrPTE       | #38: Current Part-Time Employment                    | tinyint  |
| 28   | #39     | EmplySkills   | #39: Employment Related Skills                       | tinyint  |
| 29   | #40     | SocSecrty     | #40: Social Security                                 | tinyint  |
| 30   | #41     | EducAid       | #41: Educational Aid                                 | tinyint  |
| 31   | #42     | PubFinAs      | #42: Public Financial Assistance                     | tinyint  |
| 32   | #43     | PubFoodAs     | #43: Public Food Assistance                          | tinyint  |
| 33   | #44     | PubHousAs     | #44: Public Housing Assistance                       | tinyint  |
| 34   | #45     | OthrFinAs     | #45: Other Financial Support                         | tinyint  |
| 35   | #46     | HighEdCert    | #46: Highest Educational Certification Received      | tinyint  |
| 36   | #47     | CurrEnroll    | #47: Current Enrollment And Attendance               | tinyint  |
| 37   | #48     | CnctAdult     | #48: Connection To Adult                             | tinyint  |
| 38   | #49     | Homeless      | #49: Homelessness                                    | tinyint  |
| 39   | #50     | SubAbuse      | #50: Substance Abuse Referral                        | tinyint  |
| 40   | #51     | Incarc        | #51: Incarceration                                   | tinyint  |
| 41   | #52     | Children      | #52: Children  | tinyint  |
| 42   | #53     | Marriage      | #53: Marriage At Child’S Birth                       | tinyint  |
| 43   | #54     | Medicaid      | #54: Medicaid  | tinyint  |

| Page | Element | Variable Name | Variable Label  | Type    |
|------|---------|---------------|---|---------|
| 44   | #55     | OthrHlthIn    | #55: Other Health Insurance Coverage                      | tinyint |
| 45   | #56     | Medicalln     | #56: Health Insurance Type: Medical                       | tinyint |
| 46   | #57     | MentlHlthIn   | #57: Health Insurance Type: Mental Health                 | tinyint |
| 47   | #58     | Prescripin    | #58: Health Insurance Type: Prescription Drugs            | tinyint |
| 48   | D       | Baseline      | Youth is in the Baseline Population                       | tinyint |
| 49   | D       | FY17Cohort    | Youth meets requirements for membership in the Cohort     | tinyint |
| 50   | D       | Elig19        | Youth is Eligible for the Age 19 Followup Survey (Wave 2) | tinyint |
| 51   | D       | Elig21        | Youth is Eligible for the Age 21 Followup Survey (Wave 3) | tinyint |
| 52   | D       | SampleState   | This State Opted to Sample for Followup Surveys           | tinyint |
| 53   | D       | InSample      | Youth is in the sample                                    | tinyint |
| 54   | D       | Responded     | Responded to At Least One Survey Question                 | tinyint |
| 55   | D       | Race          | Derived Race without Ethnicity                            |         |
| 56   | D       | RaceEthn      | Derived Race with Ethnicity                               |         |
| 57   | D       | FIPS5         | Local Agency FIPS Code                                    |         |

## NYTD OUTCOMES VARIABLES – ALPHABETICALLY

| Page | Element | Variable Name | Variable Label  | Type     |
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| 14   | #6      | Amiakn        | #6: Race – American Indian Or Alaskan Native              | tinyint  |
| 15   | #7      | Asian         | #7: Race – Asian  | tinyint  |
| 48   | D       | Baseline      | Youth is in the Baseline Population                       | tinyint  |
| 16   | #8      | Blkafram      | #8: Race – Black Or African American                      | tinyint  |
| 41   | #52     | Children      | #52: Children   | tinyint  |
| 37   | #48     | CnctAdult     | #48: Connection To Adult                                  | tinyint  |
| 36   | #47     | CurrEnroll    | #47: Current Enrollment And Attendance                    | tinyint  |
| 26   | #37     | CurrFTE       | #37: Current Full Time Employment                         | tinyint  |
| 27   | #38     | CurrPTE       | #38: Current Part-Time Employment                         | tinyint  |
| 12   | #4      | DOB           | #4: Date Of Birth   | date     |
| 30   | #41     | EducAid       | #41: Educational Aid                                      | tinyint  |
| 50   | D       | Elig19        | Youth is in the Followup Population                       | tinyint  |
| 51   | D       | Elig21        | Youth is Eligible for the Age 21 Followup Survey (Wave 3) | tinyint  |
| 28   | #39     | EmplySkills   | #39: Employment Related Skills                            | tinyint  |
| 49   | D       | FY17Cohort    | Youth meets requirements for membership in the Cohort     | tinyint  |
| 17   | #9      | Hawaiiipi     | #9: Race – Native Hawaiian Or Other Pacific Islander      | tinyint  |
| 35   | #46     | HighEdCert    | #46: Highest Educational Certification Received           | tinyint  |
| 21   | #13     | Hisorgin      | #13: Hispanic Or Latino Ethnicity                         | tinyint  |
| 38   | #49     | Homeless      | #49: Homelessness   | tinyint  |
| 40   | #51     | Incarc        | #51: Incarceration  | tinyint  |
| 53   | D       | InSample      | Youth is in the sample                                    | tinyint  |
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| 20   | #12     | Racedcln      | #12: Race – Declined                                      | tinyint  |
| 19   | #11     | Raceunkn      | #11: Race – Unknown                                       | tinyint  |
| 10   | #3      | Recnumbr      | #3: AFCARS Unique Child ID (Encrypted)                    | char(12) |

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|-------------|----------------|----------------------|---|-------------|
| <b>11</b>   | <b>#2</b>      | Repdata              | #2: Report Date                                 | char(6)     |
| <b>54</b>   | <b>D</b>       | Responded            | Responded to At Least One Survey Question       | tinyint     |
| <b>52</b>   | <b>D</b>       | SampleState          | This State Opted to Sample for Followup Surveys | tinyint     |
| <b>13</b>   | <b>#5</b>      | Sex                  | #5: Sex   | tinyint     |
| <b>29</b>   | <b>#40</b>     | SocSecrty            | #40: Social Security                            | tinyint     |
| <b>9</b>    | <b>D</b>       | St                   | Two-letter USPS code for state                  | char(2)     |
| <b>7</b>    | <b>D</b>       | StFCID               | St and RecNumbr (for linking)                   | char(14)    |
| <b>8</b>    | <b>#1</b>      | StFIPS               | #1: State FIPS Code                             | tinyint     |
| <b>39</b>   | <b>#50</b>     | SubAbuse             | #50: Substance Abuse Referral                   | tinyint     |
| <b>6</b>    | <b>D</b>       | Wave                 | 1 = Baseline (age 17); 2 = Age 19; 3 = Age 21   | tinyint     |
| <b>18</b>   | <b>#10</b>     | White                | #10: Race – White                               | tinyint     |

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# Wave

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**Variable Label:** Which of Three Outcomes Surveys for this Cohort

**Definition:**

Each cohort will have three outcomes surveys, one at age 17 when they are still in foster care, a followup at age 19, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> followup at age 21.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** Derived

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b>     |
|--------------|------------------------|
| 1            | Age 17 Baseline Survey |
| 2            | Age 19 Followup        |
| 3            | Age 21 Followup        |

# StFCID

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**Variable Label:** St and RecNumbr (for linking)

**Definition:**

The purpose of this variable is to aid in linking files by providing one consistently-named variable across datasets. The StFCID is the combination of the variables "St" (the state 2-character code) and "RecNumbr", the encrypted child's AFCARS identifier. This same variable can be found in the NYTD Outcomes File, the AFCARS Foster Care File, and the NCANDS Child File.

**Data Type:** NCHAR(14)

**NYTD Element:** Derived



# StFIPS

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**Variable Label:** #1: State FIPS Code

**Definition:**

The Federal Information Processing Standard FIPS code for the State submitting the report to ACF.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #1

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b>   |    |                |
|--------------|----------------------|----|----------------|
|              |                      | 29 | Missouri       |
|              |                      | 30 | Montana        |
| 01           | Alabama              | 31 | Nebraska       |
| 02           | Alaska               | 32 | Nevada         |
| 04           | Arizona              | 33 | New Hampshire  |
| 05           | Arkansas             | 34 | New Jersey     |
| 06           | California           | 35 | New Mexico     |
| 08           | Colorado             | 36 | New York       |
| 09           | Connecticut          | 37 | North Carolina |
| 10           | Delaware             | 38 | North Dakota   |
| 11           | District of Columbia | 39 | Ohio           |
| 12           | Florida              | 40 | Oklahoma       |
| 13           | Georgia              | 41 | Oregon         |
| 15           | Hawaii               | 42 | Pennsylvania   |
| 16           | Idaho                | 44 | Rhode Island   |
| 17           | Illinois             | 45 | South Carolina |
| 18           | Indiana              | 46 | South Dakota   |
| 19           | Iowa                 | 47 | Tennessee      |
| 20           | Kansas               | 48 | Texas          |
| 21           | Kentucky             | 49 | Utah           |
| 22           | Louisiana            | 50 | Vermont        |
| 23           | Maine                | 51 | Virginia       |
| 24           | Maryland             | 53 | Washington     |
| 25           | Massachusetts        | 54 | West Virginia  |
| 26           | Michigan             | 55 | Wisconsin      |
| 27           | Minnesota            | 56 | Wyoming        |
| 28           | Mississippi          | 72 | Puerto Rico    |

# St

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**Variable Label:** Two-letter USPS code for state

**Definition:**

The two-letter U.S. Postal Service code for the state.

**Data Type:** CHAR(2)

**NYTD Element:** Derived

**Value Value Label**

|    |                      |    |                |
|----|----------------------|----|----------------|
| AL | Alabama              | MT | Montana        |
| AK | Alaska               | NE | Nebraska       |
| AZ | Arizona              | NV | Nevada         |
| AR | Arkansas             | NH | New Hampshire  |
| CA | California           | NJ | New Jersey     |
| CO | Colorado             | NM | New Mexico     |
| CT | Connecticut          | NY | New York       |
| DE | Delaware             | NC | North Carolina |
| DC | District of Columbia | ND | North Dakota   |
| FL | Florida              | OH | Ohio           |
| GA | Georgia              | OK | Oklahoma       |
| HI | Hawaii               | OR | Oregon         |
| ID | Idaho                | PA | Pennsylvania   |
| IL | Illinois             | PR | Puerto Rico    |
| IN | Indiana              | RI | Rhode Island   |
| IA | Iowa                 | SC | South Carolina |
| KS | Kansas               | SD | South Dakota   |
| KY | Kentucky             | TN | Tennessee      |
| LA | Louisiana            | TX | Texas          |
| ME | Maine                | UT | Utah           |
| MD | Maryland             | VT | Vermont        |
| MA | Massachusetts        | VA | Virginia       |
| MI | Michigan             | WA | Washington     |
| MN | Minnesota            | WV | West Virginia  |
| MS | Mississippi          | WI | Wisconsin      |
| MO | Missouri             | WY | Wyoming        |

# RecNumbr

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**Variable Label:** #3: AFCARS Unique Child ID (Encrypted)

**Definition:**

The record number is the encrypted, unique person identification number for the youth. The State agency must apply and retain the same encryption routine or method for the person identification number across all reporting periods. The record number must be encrypted in accordance with ACF standards. In their encryption software, some states use substitution characters that are beyond the ASCII range.

**Data Type:** NCHAR(12)

**NYTD Element:** #3

# RepDate

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**Variable Label:** #2: Report Date

**Definition:**

The month and year at the end of the current 6-month reporting period.

**Data Type:** CHAR(6)

**NYTD Element:** #2

# DOB

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**Variable Label:** #4: Date of Birth

**Definition:**

The month, day, and year of the youth's date of birth. The day part of all DOBs has been set to the 15th of the month to reduce the possibility of identification of individuals.

**Data Type:** Date

**NYTD Element:** #4

# Sex

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**Variable Label:** #5: Sex

**Definition:**

The youth's gender.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #5

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 1            | male               |
| 2            | female             |

# AmiAKN

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**Variable Label:** #6: Race – American Indian or Alaskan Native

**Definition:**

In general, a youth’s race is determined by the youth or the youth’s parents. An American Indian or Alaska Native youth has origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America (including Central America), and maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #6

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 77           | Unknown            |

# Asian

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**Variable Label:** #7: Race – Asian

**Definition:**

In general, a youth's race is determined by the youth or the youth's parents. An Asian youth has origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #7

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 77           | Unknown            |



# BlkAfrAm

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**Variable Label:** #8: Race – Black or African American

**Definition:**

In general, a youth's race is determined by the youth or the youth's parents. A Black or African American youth has origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #8

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 77           | Unknown            |

# HawaiiPI

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**Variable Label:** #9: Race – Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**Definition:**

In general, a youth's race is determined by the youth or the youth's parents. A Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander youth has origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #9

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 77           | Unknown            |

# White

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**Variable Label:** #10: Race – White

**Definition:**

In general, a youth's race is determined by the youth or the youth's parents. A White youth has origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #10

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 77           | Unknown            |

# RaceUnkn

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**Variable Label:** #11: Race – Unknown

**Definition:**

“Yes” means the race, or at least one race of the youth is unknown, or the youth and/or parent is not able to communicate the youth’s race.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #11

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 77           | Unknown            |

# RaceDcln

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**Variable Label:** #12: Race – Declined

**Definition:**

“Yes” means the youth or parent has declined to identify a race.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #12

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 77           | Unknown            |

# HisOrigin

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**Variable Label:** #13: Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity

**Definition:**

In general, a youth's ethnicity is determined by the youth or the youth's parents. A youth is of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity if the youth is a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #13

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 3            | unknown            |
| 77           | Unknown            |

# OutcmRpt

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**Variable Label:** #34: Outcomes Reporting Status

**Definition:**

The outcomes reporting status represents the youth's participation, or lack thereof, in the outcomes data collection. If a youth is in the baseline or followup sample or population, but the State agency was unable to collect the information, the reason is indicated. The valid response options for this element are described below.

- Youth participated: The youth participated in the Outcomes Survey, either fully or partially.
- Youth declined: The State agency located the youth successfully and invited the youth's participation, but the youth declined to participate in the data collection.
- Parent declined: The State agency invited the youth's participation, but the youth's parent/guardian declined to grant permission. This response may be used only when the youth has not reached the age of majority in the State and State law or policy requires a parent/guardian's permission for the youth to participate in information collection activities.
- Incapacitated: The youth has a permanent or temporary mental or physical condition that prevents him or her from participating in the outcomes data collection.
- Incarcerated: The youth is unable to participate in the outcomes data collection because of his or her incarceration.
- Runaway/missing: A youth in foster care is known to have run away or be missing from his or her foster care placement.
- Unable to locate/invite: The State agency could not locate a youth who is not in foster care or otherwise invite such a youth's participation.
- Death: The youth died prior to his participation in the outcomes data collection.
- Not in sample: The 19-year-old youth participated in the outcomes data collection as a part of the baseline population at age 17, but the youth is not in the State's followup sample. This response option applies only

when the outcomes data collection is required on the followup population of 19-year-old youth.

- Blank: Allowed as a value only if the youth is not in the baseline population or if his/her birthday falls within 45 days of the end of the report period.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #34

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 1            | participated       |
| 2            | declined           |
| 3            | parent declined    |
| 4            | incapacitated      |
| 5            | incarcerated       |
| 6            | runaway or missing |
| 7            | unable to locate   |
| 8            | death              |
| 9            | not in sample      |
| 77           | blank              |



# OutcmDte

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**Variable Label:** #35: Date Of Outcome Data Collection

**Definition:**

The date of outcome data collection is the latest date that the agency collected outcomes survey data from a youth.

**Data Type:** Date

**NYTD Element:** #35

# OutcmFCS

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**Variable Label:** #36: Foster Care Status at Outcomes Collection

**Definition:**

The youth is in foster care if the youth is under the placement and care responsibility of the State Title IV-B/IV-E agency in accordance with the definition of foster care in 45 CFR 1355.20.

“Yes” means the youth is in foster care on the date of outcome data collection.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #36

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 77           | blank              |

# CurrFTE

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**Variable Label:** #37: Current Full Time Employment

**Definition:**

A youth is employed full-time if employed at least 35 hours per week, in one or multiple jobs, as of the date of the outcome data collection.

“Yes” means the youth is employed fulltime.

“Declined” means the youth did not answer this question.

“Blank” means the youth did not participate in the survey.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #37

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |

# CurrPTE

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**Variable Label:** #38: Current Part-Time Employment

**Definition:**

A youth is employed part-time if employed between one and 34 hours per week, in one or multiple jobs, as of the date of the outcome data collection.

“Yes” means the youth is employed part-time.

“Declined” means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #38

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |

# EmplySkills

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**Variable Label:** #39: Employment Related Skills

**Definition:**

A youth has obtained employment-related skills if the youth completed an apprenticeship, internship, or other on-the-job training, either paid or unpaid, in the past year. The experience must help the youth acquire employment related skills, such as specific trade skills such as carpentry or auto mechanics, or office skills such as word processing or use of office equipment.

“Yes” means the youth has obtained employment-related skills.

“Declined” means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #39

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |

# SocSecrty

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**Variable Label:** #40: Social Security

**Definition:**

A youth is receiving Social Security if they are receiving SSI or SSDI payments, either directly or as a dependent beneficiary as of the date of the outcome data collection.

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments are made to eligible low-income persons with disabilities.
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) payments are made to persons with a certain amount of work history who become disabled. A youth may receive SSDI payments through a parent.

“Yes” means the youth is receiving Social Security payments.

“Declined” means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #40

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |

# EducAid

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**Variable Label:** #41: Educational Aid

**Definition:**

A youth is receiving educational aid if using a scholarship, voucher (including education or training vouchers pursuant to section 477(h)(2) of the Social Security Act), grant, stipend, student loan, or other type of educational financial aid to cover educational expenses as of the date of the outcome data collection. Scholarships, grants, and stipends are funds awarded for spending on expenses related to gaining an education. "Student loan" means a government- guaranteed, low-interest loan for students in post-secondary education.

"Yes" means the youth is receiving educational aid.

"Declined" means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #41

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |

# PubFinAs

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**Variable Label:** #42: Public Financial Assistance

**Definition:**

A youth is receiving public financial assistance if receiving ongoing cash welfare payments from the government to cover some of his or her basic needs, as of the date of the outcome data collection. Public financial assistance does not include government payments or subsidies for specific purposes, such as unemployment insurance, child care subsidies, education assistance, food stamps or housing assistance.

“Yes” means the youth is receiving public financial assistance.

“Declined” means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #42

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |
| 88           | not applicable     |



# PubFoodAs

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**Variable Label:** #43: Public Food Assistance

**Definition:**

A youth is receiving public food assistance if receiving food stamps in any (i.e. government-sponsored checks, coupons or debit cards) to buy eligible food at authorized stores as of the date of the outcome data collection. This definition includes receiving public food assistance through the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program.

“Yes” means the youth is receiving some of public food assistance.

“Declined” means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #43

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |
| 88           | not applicable     |

# PubHousAs

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**Variable Label:** #44: Public Housing Assistance

**Definition:**

A youth is receiving public housing assistance if the youth is living in government-funded public housing, or receiving a government-funded housing voucher to pay for part of his/her housing costs as of the date of the outcome data collection. CFCIP room and board payments are not included in this definition.

“Yes” means the youth is receiving housing assistance.

“Declined” means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #44

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |
| 88           | not applicable     |

# OthrFinAs

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**Variable Label:** #45: Other Financial Support

**Definition:**

A youth has other financial support if receiving periodic and/or significant financial resources or support from a source not listed in the elements 41 through 44 as of the date of outcome data collection. Such support can include:

- payments from a spouse or family member (biological, foster or adoptive),
- child support that the youth receives for him or herself, or
- funds from a legal settlement.

This definition does not include:

- occasional gifts, such as birthday or graduation checks or small donations of food or personal incidentals,
- child care subsidies,
- child support for a youth's child, or
- other financial support which does not benefit the youth directly in supporting himself or herself.

“Yes” means the youth is receiving other financial support.

“Declined” means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #45

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |

# HighEdCert

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**Variable Label:** #46: Highest Educational Certification Received

**Definition:**

A youth has received an education certificate if the youth has a high school diploma or general equivalency degree (GED), vocational certificate, vocational license, associate's degree (e.g., A.A.), bachelor's degree (e.g., B.A. or B.S.), or a higher degree as of the date of the outcome data collection. Indicate the highest degree that the youth has received. The valid responses options for this data element are described below:

- High school diploma/GED
- A vocational certificate is a document stating that a person has received education or training that qualifies him for a particular job, e.g. auto mechanics or cosmetology.
- A vocational license is a document that indicates that the State or Local government recognizes an individual as a qualified professional in a particular trade or business.
- An associate's degree is generally a two-year degree from a community college.
- A bachelor's degree is a four-year degree from a college or university.
- A higher degree indicates a graduate degree, such as a Master's Degree or a Jurist Doctor (J.D.).
- "None of the above" means that the youth has not received any of the above educational certifications.
- "Declined" means the youth did not answer the question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #46

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b>     |
|--------------|------------------------|
| 1            | high school or ged     |
| 2            | vocational certificate |
| 3            | vocational license     |
| 4            | associate degree       |
| 5            | bachelor degree        |
| 6            | higher degree          |
| 7            | none of the above      |
| 8            | declined               |
| 77           | blank                  |

# CurrEnroll

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**Variable Label:** #47: Current Enrollment And Attendance

**Definition:**

“Yes” means the youth is enrolled in and attending high school, GED classes, or postsecondary vocational training or college, as of the date of the outcome data collection. A youth is still considered enrolled in and attending school if the youth would otherwise be enrolled in and attending a school that is currently out of session.

“Declined” means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #47

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |

# CnctAdult

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**Variable Label:** #48: Connection To Adult

**Definition:**

A youth has a connection to an adult if, as of the date of the outcome data collection, the youth knows an adult who he or she can go to for advice or guidance when there is a decision to make or a problem solve, or for companionship when celebrating personal achievements. The adult must be easily accessible to the youth, either by telephone or in person. This can include, but is not limited to adult relatives, parents or foster parents. The definition excludes spouses, partners, boyfriends or girlfriends and current caseworkers.

“Yes” means the youth has such a connection with an adult.

“Declined” means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #48

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |

# Homeless

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**Variable Label:** #49: Homelessness

**Definition:**

A youth is considered to have experienced homelessness if the youth had no regular or adequate place to live. This definition includes situations where the youth is living in a car or on the street, or staying in a homeless or other temporary shelter.

- For a 17-year-old youth in the baseline population, the data element relates to a youth's lifetime experiences.
- For a 19- or 21-year-old youth in the followup population, the data element relates to the youth's experience in the past two years.

"Yes" means the youth has been homeless.

"Declined" means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #49

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |

# SubAbuse

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**Variable Label:** #50: Substance Abuse Referral

**Definition:**

A youth has received a substance abuse referral if the youth was referred for an alcohol or drug abuse assessment or counseling.

- For a 17-year-old youth in the baseline population, the data element relates to a youth’s lifetime experience.
- For a 19- or 21-year-old youth in the followup population, the data element relates to the youth’s experience in the past two years.

This definition includes either a self-referral or referral by a social worker, school staff, physician, mental health worker, foster parent, or other adult. Alcohol or drug abuse assessment is a process designed to determine if someone has a problem with alcohol or drug use.

“Yes” means the youth had a substance abuse referral.

“Declined” means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #50

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |



# Incarc

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**Variable Label:** #51: Incarceration

**Definition:**

A youth is considered to have been incarcerated if the youth was confined in a jail, prison, correctional facility, or juvenile or community detention facility in connection with allegedly committing a crime (misdemeanor or felony).

- For a 17-year-old youth in the baseline population, the data element relates to a youth's lifetime experience.
- For a 19- or 21-year-old youth in the followup population, the data element relates to the youth's experience in the past two years.

"Yes" means the youth was incarcerated with a "yes" or "no".

"Declined" means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #51

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |

# Children

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**Variable Label:** #52: Children

**Definition:**

A youth is considered to have a child if the youth has given birth herself, or the youth has fathered any children who were born.

- For a 17-year-old youth in the baseline population, the data element relates to a youth's lifetime experience.
- For a 19- or 21-year-old youth in the followup population, the data element relates to the youth's experience in the past two years only.

This refers to biological parenthood.

"Yes" means the youth had a child.

"Declined" means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #52

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |

# Marriage

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**Variable Label:** #53: Marriage At Child'S Birth

**Definition:**

A youth is married at the time of the child's birth if he or she was united in matrimony according to the laws of the State to the child's other parent. "Yes" means the youth was married to the child's other parent at the time of the birth of any child reported in the element described in Element 52.

If the youth does not answer this question, indicate "declined."

If the answer to the element described in Element 52 is "no," this question is "not applicable."

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #53

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 77           | blank              |
| 88           | not applicable     |

# Medicaid

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**Variable Label:** #54: Medicaid

**Definition:**

A youth is receiving Medicaid if the youth is participating in a Medicaid-funded State program, which is a medical assistance program supported by the Federal and State government under title XIX of the Social Security Act as of the date of outcomes data collection.

“Yes” means the youth receives Medicaid.

“Declined” means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #54

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 3            | do not know        |
| 77           | blank              |

# OthrHlthIn

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**Variable Label:** #55: Other Health Insurance Coverage

**Definition:**

A youth has other health insurance if the youth has a third party (other than Medicaid) pay for all or part of the costs of medical care, mental health care, and/or prescription drugs, as of the date of the outcome data collection. This definition includes group coverage offered by employers, schools or associations, an individual health plan, self-employed plans, or inclusion in a parent's insurance plan. This also could include access to free health care through a college, Indian Health Service or other source. Medical or drug discount cards or plans are not insurance.

"Not applicable" applies to a youth participating solely in Medicaid.

"Declined" means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #55

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 3            | do not know        |
| 77           | blank              |
| 88           | not applicable     |

# MedicalIn

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**Variable Label:** #56: Health Insurance Type: Medical

**Definition:**

If the youth has indicated that he or she has health insurance coverage in Element 55, "Yes" means the youth has insurance that pays for all or part of medical health care services.

"Not applicable" applies if the youth did not indicate any health insurance coverage.

"Declined" means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #56

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 3            | do not know        |
| 77           | blank              |
| 88           | not applicable     |

# MentlHlthIn

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**Variable Label:** #57: Health Insurance Type: Mental Health

**Definition:**

If the youth has indicated that he or she has medical health insurance coverage as described in Element 56, "Yes" means the youth has insurance that pays for all or part of the costs for mental health care services, such as counseling or therapy.

"Not applicable" applies if the youth did not indicate having medical health insurance coverage in Element 56.

"Declined" means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #57

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 3            | do not know        |
| 77           | blank              |
| 88           | not applicable     |

# Prescripin

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**Variable Label:** #58: Health Insurance Type: Prescription Drugs

**Definition:**

If the youth has indicated that he or she has medical health insurance coverage as described in Element 56, then “Yes” means the youth has insurance coverage that pays for part or all of the costs of some prescription drugs.

“Not applicable” applies if the youth did not indicate having medical health insurance coverage in Element 56.

“Declined” means the youth did not answer this question.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** #58

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |
| 2            | declined           |
| 3            | do not know        |
| 77           | blank              |
| 88           | not applicable     |



# Baseline

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**Variable Label:** Youth is in the Baseline Population

**Definition:**

Youth was in Foster Care within the 45-day period following their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday in the cohort year.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** Derived

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |

# FY17Cohort

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**Variable Label:** Youth meets requirements for membership in the FY 2017 Cohort

**Definition:**

- (1) Reached age 17 during the federal fiscal 2017 (Oct 1, 2016 through Sep 30, 2017),
- (2) Was in foster care on the day of the survey
- (3) The youth was contacted and completed the survey during the 45-day period following their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, and
- (4) Provided a useful response to at least 1 survey question

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** Derived

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |

# Elig19

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**Variable Label:** Youth is Eligible for the Age 19 Followup Survey

**Definition:**

All youth in the cohort are eligible except those in sampling states where the youth was not selected for the sample.

- *Elig19* is only relevant to Wave 2
- *Elig19* = 1 is equivalent to:  
*Wave = 2 AND*  
(  
*SampleState=0 OR (SampleState=1 AND InSample=1)*  
)

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** Derived

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |

# Elig21

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**Variable Label:** Youth is Eligible for the Age 21 Followup Survey

**Definition:**

All youth in the cohort are eligible except those in sampling states where the youth was not selected for the sample. The sampling pool for Wave 3 is the same pool as for Wave 2, so it's possible a youth who did not respond to the Wave 2 survey could respond to the Wave 3 survey.

- *Elig21* is only relevant to Wave 3
- *Elig21* = 1 is equivalent to:  
*Wave = 3 AND*  
(  
*SampleState=0 OR (SampleState=1 AND InSample=1)*  
)

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** Derived

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |

# SampleState

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**Variable Label:** This state opted to sample for followup surveys

**Definition:**

Rather than survey all youth who responded to the baseline survey, the State opted to follow a random sample of its Cohort for follow up at ages 19 and 21. Sampling is done once – both followups use the same sample.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** Derived

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 0            | no                 |
| 1            | yes                |

# InSample

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**Variable Label:** Youth is in the sample

**Definition:**

Youth is included in the follow up sample for those states that opted to sample

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** Derived

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b>                        |
|--------------|---|
| 0            | not in sample, or in a non-sampling state |
| 1            | yes                                       |

# Responded

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**Variable Label:** Responded to At Least One Survey Question

**Definition:**

At least one response to Elements 37-58 is a valid value -- not missing or "declined" or "not applicable". The respondent may or may not be in the Cohort.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** Derived

| Value | Value Label |
|-------|-------------|
| 0     | no          |
| 1     | yes         |

# Race

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**Variable Label:** Derived Race without Ethnicity

**Definition:**

Derived from the five race variables.

If only one race is chosen, then that race.

If more than one race is chosen, then value "6."

A person of any race can be of Hispanic ethnicity.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** Derived

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Value Label</b>                             |
|--------------|--|
| 1            | White Only                                     |
| 2            | Black Only                                     |
| 3            | American Indian / Alaska Native Only           |
| 4            | Asian Only                                     |
| 5            | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Only |
| 6            | More than One Race                             |
| 99           | Race Unknown                                   |



# RaceEthn

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**Variable Label:** Derived Race with Ethnicity

**Definition:**

Derived from race variables and Hispanic ethnicity.

If only one race is chosen, then that race.

If more than one race is chosen, then set to 6.

If Hispanic ethnicity is chosen, then set to 7 (regardless of races chosen).

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** Derived

| Value | Value Label  |
|-------|--|
| 1     | Non-Hispanic, White Only                                     |
| 2     | Non-Hispanic, Black Only                                     |
| 3     | Non-Hispanic, American Indian / Alaska Native Only           |
| 4     | Non-Hispanic, Asian Only                                     |
| 5     | Non-Hispanic, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Only |
| 6     | Non-Hispanic, More than One Race                             |
| 7     | Hispanic (Regardless of Race)                                |
| 99    | Race and Hispanic Ethnicity Unknown                          |

# FIPS5

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**Variable Label:** Local Agency FIPS Code

**Definition:**

The 5-digit Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) of the county or equivalent unit which has responsibility for the case.

**Data Type:** TinyInt

**NYTD Element:** Derived