Repeating Groups

The CLMS 1 layout file indicates that the variables in the INPA, WORK, SCHL, PLAY, and FAML segments appear as repeating groups. These variables have been expanded in the SAS and Stata data files so that all occurrences of the variable are listed with a unique variable name. Because multiple variables with the same name cannot be read into SAS, the variable names on these repeating groups have been changed from the names in the layout file to include the iteration number at the end. For example, the variable ACTCMPLT (in the INPA segment) repeats 15 times. In the SAS and Stata files, the variable name has been changed to ACTCMP01, ACTCMP02 through ACTCMP15, where the two-digit number at the end indicates a separate occurrence of the variable.

The frequencies provided in the codebook should be the sum of the frequencies for all occurrences of the repeating variable. Thus the sum of the frequencies of ACTCMP01 through ACTCMP15 should be the same as the frequencies listed in the codebook for ACTCMPLT.

Please note that many of the variables in the repeating groups have few or no observations, especially the later iterations of each variable.

Frequencies

Please note that the frequencies calculated for the FAML segment of the data do not match exactly with the frequencies provided in the codebook. The FAML segment has approximately 18 observations that differ from the frequencies in the codebook. Due to the age of the data and lack of documentation, these differences cannot be resolved.

Stata data files

Due to the limitation on the number of variables allowed in a standard Stata data set, the Stata version 6.0 data have been provided in 2 separate files, CLMS1a and CLMS1b. Both files include the IDNUM, QUARTER, and YEAR variables, which can be used to uniquely identify each record. The CLMS1a file includes the ROOT, FFOL, SFOL, TFOL, INPA, WORK, EXTR, and NISS segments, while the SCHL, PLAY, and FAML segments are included in the CLMS1b file. More information on the segments and the variables they contain can be found in the documentation files.