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SUMMARY: This collection, the second wave of a panel survey, provides household-level retrospective and current data for Peninsular Malaysian women and their husbands and covers traditional topics of demographic research such as fertility, nuptiality, migration, and mortality as well as social and economic factors affecting family decision-making. The overall purpose of the data collection was to study household behavior in diverse settings during a period of rapid demographic and socioeconomic change. Eight survey instruments were used in this study. The tracking instrument, MFLS-2, was used on all households where an interview was attempted, and recorded information such as disposition of survey and questionnaires, number of eligibles, and respondent identifiers. The MF20 instrument, Household Members, was administered to all Panel sample households that were located. It solicited information on the status of the household members and included items such as location, marital status, education, and birthdate. The MF21 form, Household Roster, was used on all households interviewed in the survey. This form collected demographic information on current and very recent household members. The MF22 form, Female Life History, surveyed the Panel women and their selected daughters and daughters-in-law, and the New Sample women. Information collected by this form included pregnancy history and related events; marital, work, and migration histories; family background; and education. The MF23 form, Male Life History, collected data from husbands of the Panel women, selected sons and sons-in-law, and husbands of New Sample women. Data on marital, work, and migration histories; education; and family background were recorded. The MF24 form, Senior Life History, was administered to selected persons aged 50 or more and contained questions on marriages, children living elsewhere, literacy, work experience, migration history, health, and family background. The MF25 form, Household Economy, collected data on household economy from all households interviewed in this wave. Forms MF26 and MF27 were used to generate community-level data subfiles for this collection. Part 97 (MF26DIST--District-Level Data) contains one record for each of the 78 districts of Peninsular Malaysia. This file provides information (most of which pertains to 1988, but some of which dates back to 1970) on health services (e.g., number of hospitals, health centers, and doctors); family planning services (e.g., number of family planning clinics, contraceptive use); birth, death, and fertility rates; number of

primary and secondary schools; ethnic distributions; and industrial and occupational distributions. Part 98 (MF26EB--Community-Level Data) contains one record for each of the 398 Enumeration Blocks selected for MFLS-2 and the 52 Primary Sampling Units used in MFLS-1. This file gives the current status of family planning services, general health services, schools, water and sanitation, housing costs, agriculture, transportation, population, urban/rural status, and government programs. Part 99 (MF27COMM--Community-Level Data) offers data for the same units as Part 98 and contains similar information, along with retrospective data on family planning services, health services, schools, and water treatment.

UNIVERSE: (1) All married women aged 50 or younger living in Peninsular Malaysia, (2) all children aged 18 or older living in Peninsular Malaysia, (3) all women under age 18 ever married and women between 18 and 49 living in Peninsular Malaysia, (4) all persons aged 50 and older living in Peninsular Malaysia.

SAMPLING: Four samples were drawn for this study: Panel, Children, New, and Senior. (1) Those eligible for the Panel Sample were 1,262 women who were the primary respondents in the First Malaysian Family Life Survey in 1976. At that time, all had been married and were aged 50 or younger. In the second wave, 889 of these Panel respondents completed the Female Life History Questionnaire, a follow-up rate of 72 percent of those eligible. The husbands of these respondents were also interviewed if living in the household. (2) The Children Sample consisted of children of the women eligible for the study aged 18 or older. There were interviews with one child, selected at random, living elsewhere in Peninsular Malaysia. (3) The New Sample consisted of women aged 18-49 (regardless of marital status) or ever-married women under age 18. (4) The Senior Sample consisted of 1,357 persons aged 50 or older.

NOTE: The codebook, data collection instruments, and other documentation are provided as Portable Document Format (PDF) files. The PDF file format was developed by Adobe Systems Incorporated and can be accessed using PDF reader software, such as the Adobe Acrobat Reader. Information on how to obtain a copy of the Acrobat Reader is provided through the ICPSR Website on the Internet.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 99 data files + machine-readable documentation (PDF) + SAS data definition statements + SPSS data definition statements + data collection instruments (PDF)

EXTENT OF PROCESSING: CONCHK.PR/ UNDOCCHK.PR/ DDEF.ICPSR/  
REFORM.DATA/ REFORM.DOC/ SCAN



DATA FORMAT: Logical Record Length with SAS and SPSS data definition statements

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File Structure: rectangular  
 Cases: 78 to 15,371 cases per part  
 Variables: 4 to approx. 390 variables per part  
 Record Length: 26 to 1,388 per part  
 Records Per Case: 1

Part 100: Codebook Volume 1:  
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Part 101: Codebook Volume 2:  
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## PREFACE

This document contains the Codebook for data collected in the Second Malaysian Family Life Survey (MFLS-2), carried out in Peninsular Malaysia in 1988–1989. MFLS-2 was a collaborative project of RAND and the National Population and Family Development Board (NPFDB) of Malaysia, with support from the (United States) National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Institute on Aging. Julie DaVanzo and John Haaga were the RAND project directors. Tan Boon Ann and Tey Nai Peng were the NPFDB project directors. Ellen Starbird assisted with the development of the questionnaires and with the interviewer training in Malaysia. Christine Peterson has been the chief programmer for the MFLS-2 data.

MFLS-2 was, in part, a follow-up to the original Malaysian Family Life Survey, which was fielded in three rounds in 1976–1977. Both surveys produced household-level retrospective and current data from women and their husbands, covering traditional topics of demographic research (fertility, nuptiality, migration, mortality, employment, household composition), as well as social, economic, and community-level factors affecting family decisionmaking. MFLS-2 added a sample of older Malaysians (the Senior Sample) to support research on their living standards, health, and intergenerational transfers.

This document will be essential for all those using the MFLS-2 data for analyses. The Codebook provides detailed descriptions of all variables and their locations in the MFLS-2 data files. The Codebook also presents information on cases that are known anomalies.

Other RAND publications essential for users of the MFLS-2 data include:

- MR-106-NICHD/NIA, *The Second Malaysian Family Life Survey: Overview and Technical Report*, by John Haaga, Julie DaVanzo, Christine Peterson, Tey Nai Peng, and Tan Boon Ann. This document provides some background information about Malaysia and discusses the purpose, design, training, fieldwork, and response rates for MFLS-2.
- MR-107-NICHD/NIA, *The Second Malaysian Family Life Survey: Survey Instruments*, by Julie DaVanzo, John Haaga, Tey Nai Peng, Ellen Starbird, and Christine E. Peterson with the Staff of the

Population Studies Center of the National Population and Family Development Board of Malaysia. The document presents the actual questionnaires used in MFLS-2 and the Interviewer's Instruction Manual. The development of the instruments is discussed, as are the findings of debriefings with the field staff during and after the fieldwork.

- MR-109-NICHD/NIA, *The Second Malaysian Family Life Survey: User's Guide*, by Christine Peterson. This document provides descriptions of the MFLS-2 data format and the MFLS-2 data files and presents guidelines regarding how to use the data, with special focus on identifying individuals of interest and linking the various types of data.

Another document that may be useful to MFLS-2 users is:

- MR-110-NICHD (forthcoming), *The Second Malaysian Family Life Survey: Quality of Retrospective Data*, by Jeffrey Sine and Christine Peterson. This document assesses the quality of the retrospective data for the MFLS-2 New Sample on marital status, fertility, infant and fetal mortality, birthweight, contraception, breastfeeding, and education.

Persons interested in learning more about the 1976–1977 Malaysian Family Life Survey (MFLS-1) or using data from that survey should consult the following RAND publications:

- R-2351-AID, *The Malaysian Family Life Survey: Summary Report*, March 1978, by William P. Butz and Julie DaVanzo.
- R-2351/1-AID, *The Malaysian Family Life Survey: Appendix A, Questionnaires and Interviewer Instructions*, March 1978, by William P. Butz, Julie DaVanzo, Dorothy Z. Fernandez, Robert Jones, and Nyle Spoelstra.
- R-2351/3-AID, *The Malaysian Family Life Survey: Appendix C, Field and Technical Report*, March 1978, by Robert Jones and Nyle Spoelstra.
- R-2351/4-AID, *The Malaysian Family Life Survey: Appendix D, Descriptions of Sample Communities*, March 1978, by Fahmi Omar.

- R-2351/5-AID, *The Malaysian Family Life Survey: Appendix E, Master Codebook*, January 1982, by Terry Fain and Tan Poh Kheong.

The MFLS-1 data have been reorganized into files that more closely resemble the format of the MFLS-2 data, to make it easier for users to combine the MFLS-1 and MFLS-2 data in analyses. These reformatted MFLS-1 files are described in:

- MR-111-NICHD, *The First Malaysian Family Life Survey: Documentation for Subfiles*, 1993, by Christine Peterson and Nancy Campbell.



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Second Malaysian Family Life Survey (MFLS-2) database consists of 58 separate subfile types, each of which represents a section of the MFLS-2 survey. Two versions of each file type exist (with the exception of MF20, the roster update from the First Malaysian Family Life Survey (MFLS-1), and MF24, the Senior questionnaire): one for the New and Senior samples, and one for the Panel and Children samples. This Codebook describes the variables included in each of the 58 subfiles. The descriptions apply to both sets of samples. The Codebook also presents special notes about many variables that help provide further insight into the observed responses. In addition, the Codebook describes the three community data files, one at the district level and two at the Enumeration Block (EB)/Primary Sampling Unit (PSU) level.

This Codebook should be used in conjunction with the *Survey Instruments*<sup>1</sup> and the *MFLS-2 User's Guide*.<sup>2</sup> While the Codebook describes the contents of the MFLS-2 subfile data sets, the Survey Instruments report provides the details regarding the actual questions asked and the motivation behind those questions. The User's Guide discusses the file structure of the MFLS-2 database and addresses issues about identifying individuals of interest and linking the various subfile types to produce analytic files.

A fourth document, the *Overview and Technical Report*,<sup>3</sup> provides detailed information on the sampling frame, fieldwork, and response rates.

Below we briefly describe the samples collected in MFLS-2. We then review the contents of this Codebook and present descriptions of a few key variables found throughout the subfiles. The sort order of the data is then presented and is followed by a quick overview of the Codebook page layout.

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<sup>1</sup>*The Second Malaysian Family Life Survey: Survey Instruments*, MR-107-NICHD/NIA, Julie DaVanzo, John G. Haaga, Tey Nai Peng, Ellen Starbird, and Christine E. Peterson, RAND, 1993.

<sup>2</sup>*The Second Malaysian Family Life Survey: User's Guide*, MR-109-NICHD/NIA, Christine E. Peterson, RAND, 1993.

<sup>3</sup>*The Second Malaysian Family Life Survey: Overview and Technical Report*, MR-106-NICHD/NIA, John G. Haaga, Julie DaVanzo, Christine E. Peterson, Tey Nai Peng, and Tan Boon Ann, RAND, forthcoming.

## **SAMPLES COLLECTED IN MFLS-2**

Four samples of the household population of Peninsular Malaysia were interviewed in MFLS-2: Panel, Children, New and Senior.

Those eligible for the **Panel Sample** were 1,262 women who were the primary respondents to MFLS-1 in 1976. At that time, all had been married and were aged 50 or younger. In MFLS-2, 889 of these Panel respondents completed the Female Life History questionnaire, a follow-up rate of 72 percent of those eligible. The husbands of Panel respondents were also interviewed if living in the household (768 husbands, of which 717 had been interviewed in MFLS-1).

The **Children Sample** consisted of children aged 18 or older of the women interviewed as primary respondents for MFLS-1; that is, sons or daughters of the women eligible for the MFLS-2 Panel Sample. There were interviews with one child, selected at random, still living in the same household with the Panel respondent, and as many as two children, selected at random, living elsewhere in Peninsular Malaysia. There were 1,096 primary respondents in the Children Sample (73 percent of those selected for interview), of whom 499 were living in the Panel household and 597 were living elsewhere. Of the primary respondents interviewed, 587 were daughters and 509 were sons of original MFLS-1 respondents. If the selected child was married, the spouse was also interviewed (303 husbands and 191 wives completed life histories).

The **New Sample** consisted of women aged 18-49 (regardless of her marital status) or an ever-married woman under age 18. There were 2,184 primary respondents in the New Sample, of whom six were ever-married women under age 18, and 338 had never been married. Husbands of married respondents were interviewed if living in the household (1,642 husbands in total were interviewed). Response rates were very high for this sample: 98 percent of women and 96 percent of their husbands.

The **Senior Sample** consisted of 1,357 persons (671 men and 686 women) aged 50 or older. Of these, 633 lived in the same households as members of the New Sample. Unlike the previous three samples, the spouses of senior respondents were not interviewed. Of the seniors selected, 97 percent were interviewed.

Households for the New and Senior samples were located in 398 EBs, randomly selected to be representative of Peninsular Malaysia. Households headed by Indians were sampled at twice the rate of other ethnic groups to provide sufficient sample sizes for analyses within each of Malaysia's major ethnic groups.

Community-level data were collected for each of the 398 EBs covered by the New and Senior samples, as well as for the 52 Primary Sampling Units that composed the sample for MFLS-1.

## **CODEBOOK CONTENTS**

The MFLS-2 database comes in two forms: raw rectangular files and SAS® transport files.<sup>4</sup> For each subfile, the Codebook provides variable locations for use with raw data versions and variable names for use with the SAS data versions. The question number represented by the variable is listed to provide an easy link between the questionnaire and the Codebook variables in the questionnaire's associated subfiles. The question number also helps the user relate the discussions in the Interviewer's Instruction Manual to a given variable.

Special notes are presented at the end of each subfile's documentation. These notes include more detailed information on selected variables and/or their values plus citations for specific cases that may be of interest to the user.

The Codebook contains numerous appendices. Malaysian state code definitions are in Appendix A, Malaysian district code definitions are in Appendix B, Appendix C contains the occupation code descriptions, and Appendix D presents a list of the sampling areas used in MFLS-2 and MFLS-1. Appendices E to AA provide facility names for the community data files.

## **CODEBOOK ORGANIZED BY MFLS-2 QUESTIONNAIRES**

The subfiles are grouped by MFLS-2 questionnaire. Each questionnaire represents a section of this Codebook. Table 1.1, which follows the questionnaire section descriptions below, provides a quick reference to the subfiles described in this Codebook. Below we briefly describe the seven household survey and three community data questionnaires covered in this Codebook.

### **Section 2: Tracking (Response to MFLS-2)**

Tracking data were collected on all households chosen for interview in MFLS-2. The tracking form gathered information on the overall disposition of the MFLS-2 survey and for the relevant individual questionnaires. The numbers of individuals eligible for the New, Senior, and Children samples were recorded as well for households that were at least partially interviewed.

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<sup>4</sup>SAS is a database management and statistical software package produced by the SAS Institute of Cary, North Carolina, and is widely used throughout the research community.

**Section 3: MF20 (MFLS-1 Roster Update and List of Eligible Children)**

MF20 was administered to the Panel Sample respondents. It collected information on the current location of all persons who lived in MFLS-1 households and of all other own children of MFLS-1 primary respondents. MF20 was used to trace those children living elsewhere who were eligible for the Children Sample.

**Section 4: MF21 (MFLS-2 Household Roster)**

MF21 elicited data on the characteristics of all current members of all MFLS-2 households, plus those who had lived in the household for at least 3 of the past 12 months.

**Section 5: MF22 (Female Life History)**

MF22 was administered to all female primary respondents in the Panel, Children, and New samples, and to the wives of all male primary respondents in the Children Sample. MF22 collected retrospective data on pregnancies and related events, marriages, migration, education and training, and work, and it also included data on child care and educational expenses, family background, and intergenerational transfers between the respondent and her parents and between the respondent and her children.

**Section 6: MF23 (Male Life History)**

MF23 was administered to all male primary respondents in the Children Sample and to current husbands of all female primary respondents in the Panel, Children, and New samples. (In the New Sample, 129 husbands aged 50 and over were selected as respondents for the Senior Sample because they were the only household member eligible for the Senior Sample. These husbands were administered MF24 instead of MF23). MF23 collected retrospective data on marriages, migration, education and training, and work, and it also included data on family background and on intergenerational transfers between the respondent and his parents.

**Section 7: MF24 (Senior Life History)**

MF24 was administered to all respondents in the Senior Sample. It collected retrospective data on marriages, children, migration, and work, and it also included data on family background, intergenerational transfers, and health and functional status.



#### **Section 8: MF25 (Household Economy)**

MF25 was administered to all MFLS-2 households and collected information, for each individual household member, on all sources of income during the 12 months preceding the survey. These include jobs; businesses; cottage industry; fishing; farming; interest, dividends, and pensions; and transfer payments from the government and from individuals outside the household. Some information on housing, property ownership, and household expenditures was also collected.

#### **Section 9: MFLS-2 Community Data Introduction**

This section describes the three community data files: MF26 community-level data (MF26EB), MF27 community-level data (MF27COMM), and district-level data (MF26DIST). The section also includes a discussion of the overlap of MF26 and MF27 data and data quality issues, and it presents information on how to link the community data files to the rest of the MFLS-2 database.

#### **Section 10: MF26EB (MF26 Community-Level Data)**

MF26EB was administered in each of the 398 Enumeration Blocks selected for MFLS-2 and the 52 Primary Sampling Units used in MFLS-1. This file provides information on a large number of topics related to the current status of family planning services, general health services, schools, water and sanitation, housing costs, agriculture, transportation, population, urban/rural status, and government programs.

#### **Section 11: MF27COMM (MF27 Community-Level Data)**

MF27COMM was administered in each of the 398 Enumeration Blocks selected for MFLS-2 and the 52 Primary Sampling Units used in MFLS-1. MF27COMM provides information on the current status of family planning services, general health services, and schools, plus retrospective data regarding family planning services, health services, schools, and water treatment. The retrospective data refer to the facilities and services that were available immediately prior to the current ones. Some of the information found in MF26EB was recollected for MF27COMM.

#### **Section 12: MF26DIST (District-Level Data)**

MF26DIST contains one record for each of the 78 administrative districts of Peninsular Malaysia. It provides information on health services (e.g., number of

hospitals, number of health centers, and number of doctors), family planning services (e.g., number of family planning clinics and of contraceptive users), birth rates, death rates, fertility rates, number of primary and secondary schools, ethnic distributions, and industrial and occupational distributions. Most variables have 1988 values available; some have values back to 1970.

#### **IDENTIFIER VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS: HOUSEHOLD SURVEY**

The key identification variables across all household survey subfiles regardless of sample are: CASE, SPLIT, PERSON, SERIES, and HHTYPE. Below we will describe each variable rather than repeat the descriptions throughout the Codebook. Community data identifier variables are also discussed below.

##### **CASE: Household Number**

The variable CASE contains the household identification number. For those in the Panel and Children sample, CASE ranges from 1 to 2198 and is the same case number used in the 1976 MFLS-1 survey. The values of CASE greater than 3000 represent households in the New and Senior sample. Households with case numbers 3001 to 6999 are households selected for the New Sample whose household members aged 50 or older were eligible for the Senior Sample. Households with case numbers 7000 to 8999 represent households picked solely for the Senior Sample. This additional set of Senior-only households was picked to ensure an adequate sample of seniors. This is described in more detail in the MFLS-2 Overview and Technical Report.

##### **SPLIT: Split-off Household**

For the Panel and Children sample, the variable SPLIT indicates whether the household is the main Panel household (which may also contain one child still living at home who is in the Children Sample) or a "split-off" household containing one of the selected children living elsewhere (CLE). SPLIT=0 represents the Panel household; SPLIT=1 refers to the first CLE household and SPLIT=2 refers to the second CLE household, if CLE households exist.

Within the New and Senior sample, the variable SPLIT indicates whether a Senior respondent living in the same living quarter (LQ) as the New Sample woman respondent actually belongs to a separate household.<sup>5</sup> SPLIT=0 for all but 4 cases in

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<sup>5</sup>A separate household exists if the Senior does not eat from the same pot as the family of the New Sample respondent.

the New and Senior data. In those 4 cases, interviewers determined that the Senior respondent lived in a separate household from the New Sample respondent and assigned SPLIT=1 to those 4 senior households while keeping the CASE value the same as for the New Sample respondent.

**Table 1.1**  
**MFLS-2 Subfiles and Sample Sizes<sup>a</sup>**

File Name	File Description	Sample Sizes	
		New and Senior	Panel and Children
TRACKING	Tracking data information	4557	2209
MF20SUM	Summary information for MF20 <sup>b</sup>	na	926
MF20CHLD	Update on MFLS-1 woman's children age 18+	na	3032
MF20OTH	Update on other MFLS-1 household members	na	3637
MF21SUM	Summary information for MF21	2917	1523
MF21ROST	Demographic data on MFLS-2 household members	15371	8447
MF22SUM	Summary information for MF22	2184	1676
MF22MARR	Marriage history: marriage changes	2302	1867
MF22PSUM	Summary of pregnancy outcomes	1846	1446
MF22PREG	Pregnancy history	8933	8753
MF22CONT	Contraceptive use history	8933	8753
MF22MENS	Menstrual history/desire for children	1846	1446
MF22CARE	Child care for children under age 6	1845	1443
MF22EDEX	Education expenses for children in school	3533	2670
MF22ED	Literacy and education experiences	2184	1675
MF22TRN	Training: two longest events	2184	1676
MF22MIG	Migration history: dwelling changes	9904	7255
MF22WORK	Work history: type of work changes	3903	2930
MF22BACK	Family background	2181	1675
MF22HP1	Help given to non-resident parents	2182	1676
MF22HP2	Help received from non-resident parents	1602	1017
MF22HC1	Help given to non-resident grown children	2182	1676
MF22HC2	Help received from non-resident grown children	257	603
MF22EVAL	Evaluation of MF22 interview <sup>c</sup>	2182	1675
MF23SUM	Summary information for MF23	1513	1550
MF23MARR	Marriage history: marriage changes	1622	1804
MF23ED	Literacy and education experiences	1513	1550
MF23TRN	Training: two longest events	1513	1550

Table 1.1—continued

File Name	File Description	Sample Sizes		
		New and Senior	Panel and Children	
MF23MIG	Migration history: district changes	6709	5815	
MF23WORK	Work history: type of work changes	4924	4678	
MF23BACK	Family background	1513	1550	
MF23HP1	Help given to non-resident parents	1512	1550	
MF23HP2	Help received from non-resident parents	1135	738	
MF23EVAL	Evaluation of MF23 interview	1513	1550	
MF24SUM	Summary information for MF24	1357	na	
MF24MARR	Marital history	1357	na	
MF24CHLD	Demographics for children living elsewhere	4755	na	
MF24LANG	Literacy and language capability	1357	na	
MF24MIG	Migration history: district changes	4317	na	
MF24MIG2	Water and sanitation facilities (if no MF22)	1357	na	
MF24WORK	Work history	1357	na	
MF24BACK	Family background	1357	na	
MF24HP1	Help given to non-resident parents	1357	na	
MF24HC1	Help given to non-resident grown children	1357	na	
MF24HC2	Help received from non-resident grown children	1187	na	
MF24HO1	Help given to other relatives: money/food	1357	na	
MF24HO2	Help given to other relatives: child/home care	1357	na	
MF24HO3	Help given to other relatives: business	1356	na	
MF24HO4	Help received from other relatives: money/food	1357	na	
MF24HO5	Help received from other relatives: home care/business	1357	na	
MF24HLTH	Health status	1357	na	
MF24EVAL	Evaluation of M24 interview	1357	na	
MF25SUM	Summary information for MF25	2899	1512	
MF25POS1	Household possessions	2899	1512	
MF25POS2	Home ownership and household expenses	2899	1512	
MF25INC	Income earning activities of household members	6191	3705	
MF25OTH	Other income sources	2458	1498	
MF25EVAL	Evaluation of MF25 interview	2898	1512	
MF26EB	MF26 Community-level data information (EB/PSU)	398	450	52
MF27COMM	MF27 Community-level data information (EB/PSU)	398	450	52
MF26DIST	District-level data information (DISTRICT)	78	78	78

<sup>a</sup>Sample sizes vary because of unit of observation, skip patterns, and non-response to subsections of questionnaires. For example, MF22PREG has pregnancies as the unit of observation; MF22PSUM is answered only by ever-married women; MF22EVAL has fewer than 2184 records in the New Sample because the evaluation was not completed for two women.

<sup>b</sup>Summary information subfiles contain items such as respondent identifiers, interview dates, interview length, questionnaire disposition, geographic location, weighting variables (where relevant), and the number of records in each subfile associated with the questionnaire.

<sup>c</sup>Evaluation subfiles contain the interviewer's opinion/observations about the overall quality of the respondent's answers to the questionnaire, namely how interested the respondent was in the interview, and how reliable the interviewer felt the respondent's answers may be.

**PERSON: Person Number**

The variable PERSON represents the individual's person number from the Household Roster (MF21). The values run from 1 to the number of people listed in the roster. The variables CASE, SPLIT, and PERSON, then, uniquely define an individual across all households. For the Panel and Children sample, PERSON is not related to the individual's person identifier found in the MFLS-1 survey. A separate variable called MFLS1, found on the MF21 Household Roster and the MF20 files, contains the original person identifier from the 1976 survey.

**SERIES: Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household**

The variable SERIES indicates whether the given record is the first or second respondent to the given questionnaire within the same household. The first digit represents the questionnaire (0=MF20, 1=MF21, 2=MF22, 3=MF23, 4=MF24, and 5=MF25) and the second digit has a value of 1 or 2 depending on whether the record belongs to the first or second person to get the questionnaire.

SERIES only comes into play with the Panel and Children sample and then only for MF22 and MF23 records. A Panel household where both the Panel woman and her daughter or daughter-in-law were interviewed will have two MF22 respondents; two MF23 respondents may exist if both the Panel woman's husband and her son/son-in-law are interviewed. A CLE household may also have two people with an MF22 and/or MF23 if both selected CLEs share the same household.<sup>6</sup> The variable SERIES provides an easy way of locating the second MF22 or MF23 within Panel and Children sample households. As long as users link MF22/MF23 subfiles using CASE, SPLIT, and PERSON, users need not worry about mistakenly matching data from the first MF22/MF23 with that of the second.

In MF20, MF21, MF24, and MF25 files, SERIES is a static number with values of 1, 11, 41, and 51, respectively. For the New Sample, SERIES is also a static variable in MF22 and MF23 with values of 21 and 31, respectively. But for MF22 and MF23 in the Panel and Children samples, there are cases where SERIES=22 and 32 as well as the majority of the cases where it equals 21 or 31.

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<sup>6</sup>There are 14 such households in the Panel and Children sample. The CASE numbers for those households are presented in the TRACKING data section of the Codebook.

### **HHTYPE: Household Type**

The variable HHTYPE defines what types of respondents are found in the household; that is, persons who were interviewed. In the Panel and Children sample, HHTYPE indicates if a household has only a Panel respondent (HHTYPE=4), only a Children Sample respondent (HHTYPE=5), or both (HHTYPE=6). Panel and Children sample households with SPLIT>0 are always HHTYPE=5; SPLIT=0 households may have HHTYPE=5 if the Panel woman did not complete MF22.

In the 398 EBs selected for the New and Senior samples there are three alternative household types: Households may have only a New Sample respondent (HHTYPE=7), only a Senior Sample respondent (HHTYPE=8), or both (HHTYPE=9). A household that had respondents eligible for both MF22 and MF24 will be HHTYPE=8 if MF22 could not be completed and HHTYPE=7 if MF24 could not be completed. Households selected solely for the Senior Sample (CASE>7000) will only be HHTYPE=8 (even if the household also contained a woman who would have been eligible for the New Sample).

### **COMMUNITY LOCATION VARIABLES**

There are two sets of community location variables in MFLS-2: EB and EBSECT for the New and Senior sample; and PSU for the Panel and Children sample. EB and EBSECT appear only in the New and Senior TRACKING and MF summary subfiles; PSU appears only in the Panel and Children TRACKING, MF20, and MF summary subfiles. The district location variable, DISTRICT, is common across all four MFLS-2 samples. A fourth location identifier, SERIALNO, appears only on the MF26 and MF27 community data files (MF26EB and MF27COMM).

### **EB and EBSECT: Enumeration Block Identifiers**

These variables uniquely define the Enumeration Block from which the LQ containing the New/Senior household was drawn and is the finest geographic breakdown describing the household's current location. EB is a 7-digit number and EBSECT is a 3-digit *character* variable that identifies an EB sector. Many EBs have only one sector and in those cases, EBSECT is 000. The EB and EBSECT variables can be linked to the MF26 Community-Level Data, which contain information on family planning and health services, schools, and other infrastructure measures for the 398 enumeration blocks from which the New/Senior sample was selected. Appendix D provides a listing of the district and state location for each EB/EBSECT code.

**PSU: Primary Sampling Unit from the MFLS-1 Survey**

The variable PSU, on the other hand, does not necessarily represent the current location of Panel and Children Sample respondents. PSU is simply the 6-digit code for the original Primary Sampling Unit from which the MFLS-1 households were drawn in 1976.<sup>7</sup> Thus, PSU does not necessarily represent the current residence of the Children Sample members nor that of Panel Sample households that have moved since 1976. Because of this, the interviewers recorded the district of current residence (the variable DISTRICT) on the tracking form. PSU-level data in the MF26 community data are only relevant for Panel households that have not changed district since 1976. For Panel and Children households that do live in a different district from where the MFLS-1 household lived in 1976, the only contemporaneous community data available are district-level data.

The MFLS-1 follow-up aspect of the MFLS-2 survey meant that the Panel respondents and their selected children were found all over Malaysia. Had interviewers been able to determine the Enumeration Block in which the located Panel/Children household resided (a difficult and time-consuming task), the resulting number of Enumeration Blocks would have been very large and may have had little if any overlap with the 398 Enumeration Blocks used in the New/Senior sample and in the MF26 community data survey.

Appendix D lists the PSU codes found in the MFLS-1 sample and their attendant district and state locations.

**DISTRICT: District Code**

The variable DISTRICT is found on all three community data files, on the TRACKING data file, and on the migration history subfiles (MF22MIG, MF23MIG, and MF24MIG). The coding is the same across all files and thus can be used to link district-level data among them. The district codes used in MFLS-2 represent those used in the 1980 Malaysian Census. The 1980 district codes differ somewhat from the district codes used in 1976 for MFLS-1. Appendix B presents a crosswalk between the MFLS-2 and MFLS-1 district codes.

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<sup>7</sup>There is not a one-to-one mapping between PSUs and EBs. PSUs are no longer used in Malaysia and have been replaced by the much smaller Enumeration Block.

### **SERIALNO: Sequence Number for Community-Level Data**

The variable SERIALNO found on the MF26 and MF27 community-level data files represents the sequence number of the EB/PSU record. This sequence number is the same across both the MF26 and MF27 files and can be used to easily link those two files. SERIALNO appears on no other MFLS-2 database subfile.

### **SORT ORDER FOR MFLS-2 SUBFILES**

Table 1.2 lists the sort order for the subfiles within a given MF questionnaire. Most subfiles are sorted by CASE, SPLIT, and PERSON. The exceptions, which are noted in Table 1.2, are the MF20 subfiles (which have no SPLIT or PERSON variables), the TRACKING subfiles (which do not have PERSON), and all but two of the MF25 subfiles. MF25 is basically a household-level questionnaire; only the income activity files are at the person level. The community data files use different sort variables: MF26EB and MF27COMM are sorted by SERIALNO, and MF26DIST is sorted by DISTRICT.

### **CODEBOOK PAGE LAYOUT**

Within a given subfile, the variables are presented in the order in which they appear on the file. The subfile is identified at the bottom of the page; the MF questionnaire (e.g., MF22, MF23) containing the variables is listed at the top of the page.

For each variable, we provide the column location (for use with the raw file versions of the data), the length of the variable, the variable name (this name matches that used in the SAS file versions of the data), a brief variable description, and definition of code values. The question number within the MF relating to the variable is also presented so that users can easily link a variable to its location in the MF questionnaire.



**Table 1.2**  
**Sort Order of Subfiles by MF Questionnaire**

<b>MF Questionnaire</b>	<b>Sorted By</b>	<b>Comments/Exceptions</b>
<b>TRACKING</b>	<b>CASE SPLIT</b>	
<b>MF20</b>	<b>CASE MFLS1</b>	<b>MF20SUM is household level only and is sorted by just CASE</b>
<b>MF21</b>	<b>CASE SPLIT PERSON</b>	<b>MF21SUM is household level only and is just sorted by CASE SPLIT</b>
<b>MF22</b>	<b>CASE SPLIT PERSON</b>	<b>Subfiles with multiple records per person are sorted by CASE SPLIT PERSON and the relevant sequence number variable</b>
<b>MF23</b>	<b>CASE SPLIT PERSON</b>	<b>Subfiles with multiple records per person are sorted by CASE SPLIT PERSON and the relevant sequence number variable</b>
<b>MF24</b>	<b>CASE SPLIT PERSON</b>	<b>Subfiles with multiple records per person are sorted by CASE SPLIT PERSON and the relevant sequence number variable</b>
<b>MF25</b>	<b>CASE SPLIT</b>	<b>MF25INC and MF25OTH are sorted by CASE SPLIT PERSON to identify the individual associated with a given income activity</b>
<b>MF26EB and MF27COMM</b>	<b>SERIALNO</b>	<b>Sequence number represents no particular order; data is not sorted by STATE or DISTRICT</b>
<b>MF26DIST</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>District numbers run 1 to 78 with the districts of STATE=1 appearing first and STATE=12 appearing last</b>



2. TRACKING SUBFILE

MFLS-2 TRACKING RECORD

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type
			4 = Panel
			5 = Children
			6 = Panel and Children
			7 = New
			8 = Senior
			9 = New and Senior
2-3	2	QNO	Questionnaire Number
			0 = Tracking Record
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number
			1-2198 = Panel or Children
			3000-6999 = New or Senior
			7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household
			0 = Not split off
			1 = First split-off
			2 = Second split-off
			See discussion in Section I

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Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-15	7	EB/PSU	Sampling Unit Location Identifier EB for New/Senior data (1988 place) PSU for Panel/Children data (1976 place)  See Appendix D for codes See discussion in Section I
16-18	3	EBSECT	EB Sector Identifier for New/Senior data only (Character data)  A00 B00 C00 ... ... etc.  To be used with EB to define a location See Appendix D for codes
19-21	3	LQ	Living Quarter Number (New/Senior only)

Cols Length Variable Name Description and Codes

22-23	2	DISP	Final Disposition Code
Codes for New and Senior Samples:			
0 = No eligible respondent for New or Senior Samples			
20 = Complete			
21 = Partially complete (not all required forms completed)			
22 = LQ demolished			
23 = LQ vacant			
24 = LQ not a dwelling unit			
25 = Never home			
26 = Complete refusal			
27 = Language problem			
28 = Other final outcome (specify)			
Codes for Panel and Children Samples:			
30 = Complete			
31 = Partially complete (not all required forms completed)			
32 = Panel Sample member died, children not located			
33 = Moved, unable to locate			
34 = Complete refusal			
35 = Language problem			
36 = Other final outcome (specify)			
Additional Codes for New and Senior Samples:			
71 = Ill, deaf, bedridden, senile			
72 = Family returned to kampung while husband away on navy duty			
73 = Went to home village to give birth (confinement)			
74 = Moved or died by time of follow-up round			

24-25	2	DISTRICT	District Code of Current Residence
See Appendix B for codes			
See Notes below			

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Cols   Length   Variable Name   Description and Codes

26-27	2	NVISITS	Number of Visits Made to Household
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28-29	2	DAYCOMP	Day Case Completed 1-31
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30-31	2	MTHCOMP	Month Case Completed 1 = January 2 = February 3 = March 4 = April 5 = May 6 = June 7 = July 8 = August 9 = September 10 = October 11 = November 12 = December
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32-33	2	YEARCOMP	Year Case Completed 88 = 1988 89 = 1989
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34-36	3	MFLS1	MFLS-1 ID Number for Selected Child (Panel/Children Sample Only)  See Notes below
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Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
37-38	2	PCMF20	MF20 Completion Code (Panel/Children Sample Only)
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 = Not applicable</li> <li>41 = Completed</li> <li>42 = Respondent died</li> <li>43 = Respondent moved, address unknown</li> <li>44 = Respondent moved outside Peninsular Malaysia</li> <li>45 = Respondent moved elsewhere in Peninsular Malaysia</li> <li>46 = Break-off</li> <li>47 = Refusal</li> <li>48 = Language problem</li> <li>49 = Respondent never home</li> <li>50 = Respondent ill</li> <li>51 = Pending: call again</li> <li>52 = Pending: appointment made</li> <li>53 = Appointment broken</li> <li>54 = Other (specify)</li> </ul>
39-40	2	PCRSEL	Completion Code for Respondent Selection for Children Sample (Panel/Children Sample Only)
			See codes for PCMF20
41-42	2	PCMF21	MF21 Completion Code for Panel and/or Children Sample (Panel/Children Sample Only)
			See codes for PCMF20

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Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
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43-44	2	PCMF22A	MF22 Completion Code for Panel and/or Children Sample (Panel/Children Sample Only)  See codes for PCMF20  See Notes below
45-46	2	PCMF22B	Completion Code for Second MF22 for Panel and/or Children Sample (Panel/Children Sample Only)  See codes for PCMF20  See Notes below
47-48	2	PCMF23A	MF23 Completion Code for Panel and/or Children Sample (Panel/Children Sample Only)  See codes for PCMF20
49-50	2	PCMF23B	Completion Code for Second MF23 for Panel and/or Children Sample (Panel/Children Sample Only)  See codes for PCMF20 See Notes below
51-52	2	PCMF25	MF25 Completion Code for Panel and/or Children Sample (Panel/Children Sample Only)  See codes for PCMF20



Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

53-54	2	NHOME	Total Number of Persons Living at Home Eligible for Children Sample (Panel/Children Sample Only)
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55-56	2	NAWAY	Total Number of Persons Living Elsewhere Eligible for Children Sample (Panel/Children Sample Only)
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See Notes below

57-58	2	NSRSEL	Completion Code for Respondent Selection for New and/or Senior Sample (New/Senior Sample Only)
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- 0 = Not applicable
- 1 = Completed
- 2 = Breakoff
- 3 = Refusal
- 4 = Language problem
- 5 = Respondent never home
- 6 = Respondent ill
- 7 = Pending: call again
- 8 = Pending: appointment made
- 9 = Appointment broken
- 10 = Other (specify)

59-60	2	NSMF21	MF21 Completion Code for New and/or Senior Sample (New/Senior Sample Only)
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See codes for NSRSEL

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Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
61-62	2	NSMF22	MF22 Completion Code for New Sample (New/Senior Sample Only)  See codes for NSRSEL
63-64	2	NSMF23	MF23 Completion Code for New Sample (New/Senior Sample Only)  See codes for NSRSEL  See Notes below
65-66	2	NSMF24	MF24 Completion Code for Senior Sample (New/Senior Sample Only)  See codes for NSRSEL
67-68	2	NSMF25	MF25 Completion Code for New and/or Senior Sample (New/Senior Sample Only)  See codes for NSRSEL
69-70	2	NNEW	Total Number of Women Eligible for New Sample (New/Senior Sample Only)
71-72	2	NSENIOR	Total Number of Persons Eligible for Senior Sample (New/Senior Sample Only)

Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

73-79	7	none	Blank
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80-80	1	RACE	Race of Respondent
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1 = Malay
2 = Chinese
3 = Indian
4 = Other

NOTES:

**DISTRICT (Col. 24-25):** Values for the New and Senior samples were added based on EB and were not originally recorded by interviewers. **DISTRICT** was recorded for Panel and Children households, but is blank for those Panel and Children households that could not be located. For the Panel/Children sample, there is no correlation between **PSU** and **DISTRICT**. As mentioned in Section I, **PSU** is the **PSU** code of the 1976 residence and not the 1988 residence represented by the district code.

**MFLS1 (Col. 34-36):** For **SPLIT=0** households, **MFLS1** is the ID from the first **MFLS** survey for the selected child living with the panel member; for **SPLIT=1** and **SPLIT=2** households, **MFLS1** is the ID for selected children living elsewhere. **MFLS1** is blank for **SPLIT=0** households if no eligible child at home existed. **MFLS1** is also blank for those few **SPLIT>0** households that had no **MFLS-1** id recorded because they could not be located.

There are 15 cases where both selected children living elsewhere (CLE) lived together in the same household. The CLE household is represented by **SPLIT=1** but only one of the two CLE had his/her **MFLS-1** person number recorded. The second **MFLS-1** id for those 15 cases are:

CASE	SPLIT	MFLS1 for 2nd CLE
140	1	17
339	1	17
346	1	13
471	1	13
710	1	12
716	1	13
775	1	14
799	1	13
1038	1	82
1060	1	12

1188	1	16
1327	1	12
1466	1	12
1862	1	14
1919	1	13

**PCMF22A**(Cols. 43-44): The code for a Panel woman that died is not always 42; the field may have been coded as a 0 (not applicable) or as a blank. In some cases, the selected daughter (or daughter-in-law) at home is coded in **PCMF22A** and the deceased Panel woman has no disposition listed at all. To determine which panel members had died, the best method is check the Panel woman's record in MF200TH and see if the variable **WHERE** says "died". The Panel woman is the **MFLS1 = 2** record in MF200TH.

There are 2 cases where the panel woman had died but a child living elsewhere was interviewed. These cases are 1802-1 and 1947-1.

**PCMF22B**(Cols. 45-46): The value of this variable will be non-zero/non-missing in only two types of households: 1) In a Panel and Children Sample household (**HHTYPE = 6**), a second MF22 form would be administered to the daughter or daughter-in-law of the Main Respondent, depending on the sex of the selected child living at home. 2) If both selected children living away share a household, a second MF22 form would be required if a) both children were female; b) both children were male and both were married (their wives would be the respondents for the two MF22s); or, (c) one child was female and the other was male and married (his wife would be the respondent for the second MF22).

**PCMF23B**(Cols. 49-50): This variable is the equivalent, for male respondents, to **PCMF22B**. Its value will be non-zero/non-missing in only two types of households: 1) In a Panel and Children Sample household (**HHTYPE = 6**), a second MF23 form would be administered to the son or son-in-law of the Main Respondent, depending on the sex of the selected child living at home and assuming that the Main Respondent herself is married. 2) If both selected children living away share a household, a second MF23 form would be required if a) both children were male; b) both children were female and both were married (their husbands would be the respondents for the two MF23s); or, (c) one child was male and the other was female and married (her husband would be the respondent for the second MF23).

**NAWAY** (Cols. 55-56): This variable is only relevant for **SPLIT=0** households in the Panel and Children Sample. For all but two Panel households where the original **MFLS-1** respondent died prior to the **MFLS-2** survey, **NAWAY** equals zero as no children living away were to be interviewed. For two households (1802 and 1947), the Panel woman had died but children living away were still interviewed; **NAWAY** has a nonzero value for those two cases. **NAWAY** is also zero for the six

cases where the original MFLS-1 respondent was not selected as the Panel respondent because another household member claimed to be the MFLS-1 respondent. Those six cases are: 519, 1104, 1118, 1213, 1531 and 2111.

NSMF23 (Cols. 63-64): The variable is coded "not applicable" for the 129 cases where the New sample husband was given MF24 instead of MF23. Those husbands received MF24 because they were the only person age 50 and over in the household. MF23 was not additionally administered for fear of overburdening the respondent.

CASE 3872 has NSMF23 coded as "not applicable" even though the husband is listed in the MF21 household roster. The interviewer said that the husband was not a regular member of the household and was not eligible for MF23.



## 3. MF20 SUBFILES: UPDATE ON 1976 HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

## MF20SUM--1976 HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS--Summary Record

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 0 = MF20
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 1 = Summary Record
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-12	5	none	blank

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
13-19	7	PSU	Primary Sampling Unit Location Identifier from MFLS-1 (1976 place)  See Appendix D for codes See discussion in Section I
20-23	4	none	blank
24-24	1	OLDRACE	Race Coded on MFLS-1  1 = Malay 2 = Chinese 3 = Indian 4 = Other
25-26	2	none	Blank
27-28	2	LANGUAGE	Language of Interview from MFLS-1  1 = Malay 2 = Tamil 3 = English 4 = Cantonese 5 = Hokkien 6 = Mandarin 7 = Hakka 8 = Hainanese 9 = Teochew 10 = Other
29-73	45	none	Blank



Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
74-75	2	MF20CHLD	Number of MF20CHLD (List of Eligible Children of MFLS-1 Respondent) records
76-77	2	MF20OTH	Number of MF20OTH (List of All Others From MFLS-1 Household) records
78-79	2	MF20TOT	Total Number of MF20 records
80-80	1	none	Blank
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household  1 = First MF20 for household  Only one MF20 was administered per household; all records have SERIES=1  See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:

## MF20CHLD--1976 HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS--LIST OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 0 = MF20
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 2 = Eligible children
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	none	Blank
9-10	2	SEQNO	Sequence Number 1 = Only one record of this type per respondent

Cols Length Variable Name Description and Codes

11-12	2	none	Blank
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13-18	6	PSU	Primary Sampling Unit Location Identifier from MFLS-1 (1976 place)  See Appendix D for codes See discussion in Section I
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19-21	3	MFLS1	Person Number from MFLS-1  1 = Male head of household 2 = Female head of household 3 = Other wife of male head 11- 30 = Children of head and wife 31- 40 = Children of female head 41- 50 = Children of male head 51- 60 = Adopted children 61- 80 = Children of head and wife not living in household 81- 90 = Children of female head only not living in household 91- 99 = Children of male head only not living in household 101-110 = Husbands/wives of 011-060 111-120 = Grandchildren of head 121-130 = Adopted grandchildren 131-150 = Siblings of male head 151-160 = Siblings of female head 201-210 = Nephews/nieces of male head 211-220 = Nephews/nieces of female head
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Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

19-21	3	MFLS1	Person Number from MFLS-1 (continued)
			300 = Father of male head
			301 = Mother of male head
			310 = Grandfather of female head
			311 = Grandmother of female head
			320 = Father of female head
			321 = Mother of female head
			330 = Grandfather of female head
			331 = Grandmother of female head
			341-350 = Uncles/aunts of male head
			351-360 = Uncles/aunts of female head
			361-380 = Other related individuals
			401-410 = Servants/helpers
			501-530 = Non-related boarders/ visitors
			999 = Unknown or not applicable
			See Notes below

22-29	8	BIRTHDATE	Date of Birth (Character Data)
			See Notes below

30-30	1	SEX	Sex of Child
			1 = Male
			2 = Female

31-31	1	WHERE	Where Living
			0 = In Household
			1 = Another house in Malaysia
			2 = Another country
			3 = Person has died
			9 = Unknown
			See Notes below

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
32-33	2	DISTRICT	District of Current Residence if not in household  See Appendix B for codes.
34-35	2	MTHLEFT	Month Left or Died if not in household  1 = January 2 = February 3 = March 4 = April 5 = May 6 = June 7 = July 8 = August 9 = September 10 = October 11 = November 12 = December 13 = Early part of year 14 = Middle of year 15 = Later part of year 99 = Don't know
36-37	2	YEARLEFT	Year Left or Died if not in household (e.g., 79 = 1979)  99 = Don't know
38-38	1	MARST	Marital Status if not in household  0 = Never married 1 = Currently married 2 = Widowed 3 = Divorced 4 = Separated 9 = Unknown

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
39-40	2	EDUC	Highest Level of School Completed if not in household
0 = None 1 = 1st grade (Primary) 2 = 2nd grade (Primary) 3 = 3rd grade (Primary) 4 = 4th grade (Primary) 5 = 5th grade (Primary) 6 = 6th grade (Primary) 7 = Remove, SMC (Primary) 8 = Form 1 (Lower Secondary) 9 = Form 2 (Lower Secondary) 10 = Form 3 (Lower Secondary) 11 = Form 4 (Secondary) 12 = Form 5 (Secondary) 13 = Lower Form 6 (Postsecondary) 14 = Upper Form 6 (Postsecondary) 15 = One or more years of college 88 = Preschool 99 = Don't know  See Notes below			
41-42	2	OWNCHLD	Number of Own Children if not in household
43-44	2	DAYBORN1	Day of Birth from BIRTHDATE  99 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
45-46	2	MTHBORN1	Month of Birth from BIRTHDATE
			1 = January 2 = February 3 = March 4 = April 5 = May 6 = June 7 = July 8 = August 9 = September 10 = October 11 = November 12 = December 13 = Early part of year 14 = Middle of year 15 = Later part of year 99 = Don't know
47-48	2	YRBORN1	Year of Birth from BIRTHDATE
			99 = Don't know
49-80	32	none	Blank
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			1 = First MF20 for household
			Only one MF20 was administered per household; all records have SERIES=1
			See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:

**MFLS1 (Col. 19-21):** The value of MFLS1 is the identifier for the child from the MFLS-1 survey in 1976. The variable is the same as MFLS1 in the MF21 Household Roster.

**CASE 296, MFLS1=61:** Mother now says this child was adopted, and thus child was not included in the list from which the children sample was draw. In 1976, this child was listed in pregnancy history.

**CASE 1431, MFLS1=61:** Mother now says this child is not hers and thus the child was not included in the list from which the children sample was draw. In 1976, this female child, born when the woman was age 18, was listed in pregnancy history as the first pregnancy; in the 1988 MFLS-2 pregnancy history, the first pregnancy is listed as a live birth, female, now living elsewhere, also born when the mother the age 18. Whether this child is hers or not is not clear at all.

**CASE 2015 :** The MF20CHLD is incomplete. Ten of the woman's children are missing from MF20CHLD (MFLS1=11,12,61-68). LPPKN could not locate the original MF20 recording form and thus we could not fill in the missing data. All of the children, who all live elsewhere in 1988, appear in the MF21

**BRTHDATE (Col.22-29):** Format of date values varies across records due to the form of the information available in MFLS-1. For example, records can have values like "11JUL62", "1 JUN 58", "1969", "MID'70", or "28/9/52". Dates are presented as day-month-year. The variables DAYBORN1, MTHBORN1, and YRBORN1 are numeric variables derived from BRTHDATE. These variables should be used when working with date variables.

**WHERE (Col. 31-31):** The definition of "IN HOUSEHOLD" means living in the household at the time of the interview and thus may not correspond with the presence of the same individual in MF21ROST. Those MF20 individuals who appear in MF21ROST and have a value of STAYED > 0 in MF21ROST may have WHERE > 0 in MF20CHLD. In addition, individuals who visited the household on weekends or were away temporarily at the time of interview (but would return in less than 3 months) were also coded as "IN HOUSEHOLD".

**EDUC (Col. 39-40):** The Malaysian education system parallels that of Great Britain. The first 6 years are primary education and begin at age 6. At age 12, children enter lower secondary (Forms 1-3) which lead to their first public examination, the SRP (Lower Certificate of Education). If they pass the SRP, students enter secondary school (Forms 4-5) after which their second public examination, the SPM (Malaysia Certificate of Education) is administered. Successful completion of the SPM leads to



postsecondary school (Form 6 lower and upper). At the end of Form 6, students take the STP (Higher School Certificate) examination. Strong results on the STP permit admission to university. Teacher's and nurse's colleges and polytechnics generally only require the SPM and not the STP.

## MF200TH--1976 HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS--ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MFLS-1 HOUSEHOLD

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type  4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number  0 = MF20
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type  3 = Those not eligible for children sample
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number  1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	none	Blank
9-10	2	SEQNO	Sequence Number  1 = Only one record of this type per respondent

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
11-12	2	none	Blank
13-18	6	PSU	Primary Sampling Unit Location Identifier from MFLS-1 (1976 place)  See Appendix D for codes See discussion in Section I
19-21	3	MFLS1	Person Number from MFLS-1  1 = Male head of household 2 = Female head of household 3 = Other wife of male head 11- 30 = Children of head and wife 31- 40 = Children of female head 41- 50 = Children of male head 51- 60 = Adopted children 61- 80 = Children of head and wife not living in household 81- 90 = Children of female head only not living in household 91- 99 = Children of male head only not living in household 101-110 = Husbands/wives of 011-060 111-120 = Grandchildren of head 121-130 = Adopted grandchildren 131-150 = Siblings of male head 151-160 = Siblings of female head 201-210 = Nephews/nieces of male head 211-220 = Nephews/nieces of female head  (Continued on next page)

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
19-21	3	MFLS1	Person Number from MFLS-1 (continued)
			300 = Father of male head
			301 = Mother of male head
			310 = Grandfather of female head
			311 = Grandmother of female head
			320 = Father of female head
			321 = Mother of female head
			330 = Grandfather of female head
			331 = Grandmother of female head
			341-350 = Uncles/aunts of male head
			351-360 = Uncles/aunts of female head
			361-380 = Other related individuals
			401-410 = Servants/helpers
			501-530 = Non-related boarders/ visitors
			999 = Unknown or not applicable
			See Notes below
22-29	8	BIRTHDATE	Date of Birth (Character Data)
			See Notes below
30-30	1	SEX	Sex of Child
			1 = Male
			2 = Female
31-31	1	WHERE	Where Living
			0 = In Household
			1 = Another house in Malaysia
			2 = Another country
			3 = Person has died
			9 = Unknown
			See Notes below

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
32-33	2	DISTRICT	District of Current Residence if not in household  See Appendix B for codes.
34-35	2	MTHLEFT	Month Left or Died if not in household  1 = January 2 = February 3 = March 4 = April 5 = May 6 = June 7 = July 8 = August 9 = September 10 = October 11 = November 12 = December 13 = Early part of year 14 = Middle of year 15 = Later part of year 99 = Don't know
36-37	2	YEARLEFT	Year Left or Died if not in household (e.g., 79 = 1979)  99 = Don't know
38-39	2	DAYBORN1	Day of Birth from BRTHDATE  99 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
40-41	2	MTHBORN1	Month of Birth from BIRTHDATE
			1 = January 2 = February 3 = March 4 = April 5 = May 6 = June 7 = July 8 = August 9 = September 10 = October 11 = November 12 = December 13 = Early part of year 14 = Middle of year 15 = Later part of year 99 = Don't know
42-43	2	YRBORN1	Year of Birth from BIRTHDATE
			99 = Don't know
34-80	37	none	Blank
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			1 = First MF20 for household
			Only one MF20 was administered per household; all records have SERIES=1
			See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:

**MFLS1** (Col. 19-21:) The value of **MFLS1** is the MFLS-1 survey identifier for the individual in 1976. The variable is the same as **MFLS1** in the MF21 Household Roster.

**MF200TH--MF20** All Other Members of the MFLS-1 Household

**CASE 911, MFLS1=61:** This child is missing from MF200TH (child is age 17 in 1988) but does appear in the MF21ROST and MF22PREG data.

**CASE 1259, MFLS1=61:** This child is missing from MF200TH (child is age 13 in 1988) but does appear in the MF21ROST and MF22PREG data.

**CASE 1669, MFLS1=15:** This child is missing from the MF200TH file (child is age 17 in 1988). LPPKN could not locate the original MF20 recording form and thus we could not fill in the missing data. The child, who lives elsewhere in 1988, does appear in the MF22PREG data.

**BIRTHDATE (Col. 22-29):** Format of date values varies across records due to the form of the information available in MFLS-1. For example, records can have values like "11JUL62", "1 JUN 58", "1969", "MID'70", or "28/9/52". Dates are presented as day-month-year. The variables DAYBORN1, MTHBORN1, and YRBORN1 are numeric variables derived from BIRTHDATE. These variables should be used when working with date variables.

**WHERE (Col. 31-31):** The definition of "IN HOUSEHOLD" means living in the household at the time of the interview and thus may not correspond with the presence of the same individual in MF21ROST. Those MF20 individuals who appear in MF21ROST and have a value of **STAYED** > 0 in MF21ROST may have **WHERE** > 0 in MF20CHLD. In addition, individuals who visited the household on weekends or were away temporarily at the time of interview (but would return in less than 3 months) were also coded as "IN HOUSEHOLD".





## 4. MF21 SUBFILES: MFLS-2 HOUSEHOLD ROSTER

## MF21SUM--HOUSEHOLD ROSTER--Summary Record

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 1 = MF21
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 0 = Summary Record
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household  0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off  See discussion in Section I
9-9	1	none	Blank
10-16	7	EB/PSU	Sampling Unit Location Identifier EB for New/Senior data (1988 place) PSU for Panel/Children data (1976 place)  See Appendix D for codes See discussion in Section I
17-19	3	EBSECT	EB Sector Identifier for New/Senior data only (Character data)  A00 B00 C00 ... ... etc.  To be used with EB to define a location See Appendix D for codes
20-21	2	RESP1	Line Number from MF21 Roster for Main Respondent (usually 1)

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
22-24	3	LQ	Living Quarter Number (New/Senior only)
25-27	3	none	Blank
28-29	2	RESP2	Line Number from MF21 Roster for Proxy Respondent  See Notes below
30-34	5	none	Blank
35-37	3	INTNO	Interviewer ID
38-40	3	WITNESS	Witness (Supervisor) ID
41-41	1	DISP	Final Disposition  1 = Completed 2 = Refusal 3 = Breakoff 4 = Language problem 5 = Never home 6 = Other
42-45	4	none	Blank

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
46-47	2	DAYCOMP	Day of Month Interview Completed
			1-31 99 = Unknown
48-49	2	MTHCOMP	Month Interview Completed
			1 = January 2 = February 3 = March 4 = April 5 = May 6 = June 7 = July 8 = August 9 = September 10 = October 11 = November 12 = December 13 = First of year 14 = Middle of year 15 = End of year 99 = Unknown
50-51	2	YEARCOMP	Year Interview Completed
			88 = 1988 89 = 1989 99 = Unknown
52-54	3	LENGTH	Length of Interview (in minutes)
			999 = Unknown
			Very high values (e.g., 760) represent interviews conducted over more than one day where waiting time was included.

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
55-56	2	LANGUAGE	Language of Interview
			1 = Malay
			2 = Tamil
			3 = English
			4 = Cantonese
			5 = Hokkien
			6 = Mandarin
			7 = Hakka
			8 = Hainanese
			9 = Teochew
			10 = Other
57-58	2	NPERSONS	Total Number of Persons Living in Household
			Equals number of records in MF21ROST
			See Notes below
59-76	18	none	Blank
77-79	2	MF21ROST	Number of MF21 Household Roster Records for this Household
80-80	1	RACE	Ethnic Group of MF21 Respondent
			1 = Malay
			2 = Chinese
			3 = Indian
			4 = Other

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			11 = First MF21 for household
			Only one MF21 was administered per household; all records have SERIES=11
			See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:

**RESP1 (Col. 20-21)/RESP2 (Col. 28-29):** If the main respondent (i.e., the first person listed on the household roster) is not available, someone else in the household may respond as a proxy. In these cases, **RESP1** will be blank. Sometimes the main respondent required help from another household member. In these cases, **RESP1** will have a value along with **RESP2**.

**CASE 5903-0, CASE 2032-0** did not complete MF21ROST. Case 5903-0 completed only MF24 and case 2032-0 completed only MF23 and MF25. For ease of merging, a dummy record was created for each case containing minimal information. **RESP1** and **RESP2** are both blank for these cases. **DISP** is set to the appropriate "did not complete" code.

**CASE 1807, SPLIT 0:** the MF21 proxy respondent was not a regular member of the household. The value of **RESP2** is 54 and is the youngest daughter of the original MFLS-1 respondent. The value of 54 comes from adding **EVENTNO** from that child's birth record in MF22PREG to the number 50.

**CASE 5791:** the MF21 proxy respondent was not a regular member of the household. The value of **RESP2** is 55 for that case and represents the fifth child listed in MF24CHLD, who was visiting the MF24 respondent at the time.

**NPERSONS (Col. 57-57):** Will include those who have lived in the household for at least 3 of the last 12 months, but who are not in the household at time of interview. Thus, **NPERSONS** is not necessarily the number of people living in the the household at the time of interview.

MF21ROST--HOUSEHOLD ROSTER

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 1 = MF21
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 1 = Household Roster
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household 0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off See discussion in Section I

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Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
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9-10	2	PERSON	Person Number  1 = Main respondent 2 & up = Other household members  See Notes below
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11-11	1	none	Blank
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12-12	1	SEX	Sex  1 = Male 2 = Female
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Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
13-14	2	RELATE	Relationship to Main Respondent
			1 = Main respondent 2 = Spouse 3 = Own child 4 = Step child 5 = Adopted Child 11 = Parent, step parent 12 = Brother/sister, step sibling 13 = Grandparent 14 = Grandchild 15 = Aunt/Uncle 16 = Niece/Nephew 17 = Cousin 20 = Other (Specity) 31 = Mother/father in-law 32 = Son/daughter in-law (spouse of own/step/adopted child) 33 = Sister/brother in-law 34 = Grandparent of spouse 35 = Aunt/uncle of spouse 36 = Niece/nephew of spouse 40 = Other relative of spouse 51 = 2nd wife 52 = 3rd wife 53 = 4th wife 61 = Non-relatives 99 = Unknown  See Notes below

15-16	2	SPOUSE	Person Number of Spouse Living in Household
			See Notes below

17-18	2	MOTHER	Person Number of Mother Living in Household
			See Notes below

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
19-20	2	FATHER	Person Number of Father Living in Household  See Notes below
21-22	2	YRSINHH	Length of Time (In Years) Living with Main Respondent  88 = Always 99 = Don't know  Refers to non-immediate family relatives and nonrelatives who make a contribution to the household currently living in the household.
23-24	2	STAYED	Length of time (In Months) Lived with Main Respondent in last 12 Months  88 = Always 99 = Don't know  Refers to relatives and nonrelatives who slept and ate in the household for at least 3 months in the last 12 months and who made contributions to the household, but who are not living in the household now.
25-25	1	DOCINSP	Document Presented at Interview  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Unknown  See Notes below

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
26-27	2	DAYBORN	Day of Birth
			99 = Don't know
28-29	2	MTHBORN	Month of Birth
			1 = January
			2 = February
			3 = March
			4 = April
			5 = May
			6 = June
			7 = July
			8 = August
			9 = September
			10 = October
			11 = November
			12 = December
			13 = Early part of year
			14 = Middle of year
			15 = Later part of year
			99 = Don't know
30-31	2	YEARBORN	Year of Birth
			99 = Don't know
32-34	3	AGE	Age at Last Birthday
			999 = Don't know
			See AGE_FLG (Col. 77)
			to find imputed ages

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
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35-35	1	MARST	Marital Status
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0 = Never married  
1 = Currently married  
2 = Widowed  
3 = Divorced  
4 = Separated  
9 = Don't know

Asked only if age 12 or older

36-36	1	RACE	Ethnic Group
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1 = Malay  
2 = Chinese  
3 = Indian  
4 = Other

See Notes below

37-37	1	EDSTAT	Education Status
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1 = Currently a student in school  
2 = Did attend school at one time  
3 = Never attend school  
9 = Don't know

Asked only if age 3 or older

See Notes below

Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

38-39	2	EDLEVL	Highest Level of School Completed
			0 = None
			1 = 1st grade (Primary)
			2 = 2nd grade (Primary)
			3 = 3rd grade (Primary)
			4 = 4th grade (Primary)
			5 = 5th grade (Primary)
			6 = 6th grade (Primary)
			7 = Remove, SMC (Primary)
			8 = Form 1        (Lower Secondary)
			9 = Form 2        (Lower Secondary)
			10 = Form 3       (Lower Secondary)
			11 = Form 4       (Secondary)
			12 = Form 5       (Secondary)
			13 = Lower Form 6 (Postsecondary)
			14 = Upper Form 6 (Postsecondary)
			15 = One or more years of college
			88 = Preschool
			99 = Don't know

Asked only if age 3 or older

See Notes below

40-40	1	EDCERT	Highest Certificate/Diploma Ever Received
			0 = None
			1 = SRP (Lower Certificate of Education taken after Form 3)
			2 = SPM (Malaysia Certificate of Education taken after Form 5)
			3 = SPVM (Malaysia Certificate of Vocational Education)
			4 = STPM (Higher School Certificate taken after Form 6 upper and is needed for university)
			5 = Diploma, Certificate (College)
			6 = Bachelors (University)
			7 = Masters
			8 = Ph.D., M.D., Other Doctorate
			9 = Don't know

Asked only if EDLEVL>=8

See Notes below

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
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41-43	3	MFLS1	Person Number from MFLS-1
			1 = Male head of household
			2 = Female head of household
			3 = Other wife of male head
			11- 30 = Children of head and wife
			31- 40 = Children of female head
			41- 50 = Children of male head
			51- 60 = Adopted children
			61- 80 = Children of head and wife not living in household
			81- 90 = Children of female head only not living in household
			91- 99 = Children of male head only not living in household
			101-110 = Husbands/wives of 011-060
			111-120 = Grandchildren of head
			121-130 = Adopted grandchildren
			131-150 = Siblings of male head
			151-160 = Siblings of female head
			201-210 = Nephews/nieces of male head
			211-220 = Nephews/nieces of female head
			300 = Father of male head
			301 = Mother of male head
			310 = Grandfather of female head
			311 = Grandmother of female head
			320 = Father of female head
			321 = Mother of female head
			330 = Grandfather of female head
			331 = Grandmother of female head
			341-350 = Uncles/aunts of male head
			351-360 = Uncles/aunts of female head
			361-380 = Other related individuals
			401-410 = Servants/helpers
			501-530 = Non-related boarders/ visitors
			999 = Unknown or not applicable
			See Notes below

44-76	32	none	blank
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Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
77-77	1	AGE_FLG	<p>Indicates Whether AGE is an Exact Report or an Estimate Based on Partial Dates</p> <p>0 = exact age reported            Either full dates were provided or person only reported AGE and no date</p> <p>1 = estimated age where had both event mth/year and mth/year of birth, but had at least one "guesstimated" month</p> <p>2 = estimated age where had month/year for either the event or birthdate but not both:                if event in 1st half of year, assumed no birthday yet.                if birthday in first half of year, assumed had birthday before the event</p> <p>3 = estimated age where only year of event and year of birth available, i.e., no months at all were reported</p> <p>4 = estimated age where only had event year and used estimated year of birth based on age at interview</p>
78-80	3	none	blank

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Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			11 = First MF21 for household
			Only one MF21 was administered per household; all records have SERIES=11
			See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:

**PERSON** (Col. 9-10): The main respondent, **PERSON**=1, is the MF22 respondent when a woman eligible for MF22 is present. Thus, in Children sample households, for example, the selected child is a son, he will only be the main respondent if he has no spouse. If the household is a "Senior only" household (i.e., there is no eligible woman age 18-49), the main respondent is the selected senior.

**CASE 5903-0, CASE 2032-0** did not complete MF21ROST. Case 5903-0 completed only MF24 and case 2032-0 completed only MF23 and MF25. For ease of merging, a dummy record was created for each case containing demographic information based on responses to MF24 and MF23 respectively.

**RELATE** (Col. 13-14): Other wives of the Main respondent's husband may appear with **RELATE**=40. Cases 241, 3632, 4129, and 5593 have the second wife living in the household coded as **RELATE**=40; cases 15 and 484 have second wives code as **RELATE**=51.

**SPOUSE** (Col. 15-16), **MOTHER** (Col. 17-18), and **FATHER** (Col. 19-20): Identifies spouse, mother, and father of a given household member if the spouse, mother, and/or father are also members of the household. The code is the corresponding value of **PERSON** for the individual in the household who is the spouse, mother or father of the given household member. NOTE that **MOTHER** and **FATHER** may not be the biological parents of the individual and may be step parents.

**DOCINSP** (Col. 25): Interviewers encountered two major problems in asking for identity cards and birth certificates to verify birthdates: 1) respondents were sensitive about ID/birth certificate requests and interviewers were afraid of alienating respondents with repeated requests for such documentation; 2) in urban areas, many respondents kept ID cards/birth certificates in safety deposit boxes and thus these documents were not available at time of interview. Interviewers did request verification of birthdates for those at the borderline ages of 18, 49 and 50 in the New/Senior sample, and for those whom interviewers felt did not give satisfactory answers. The above problems resulted in a lower rate of document verified birthdates than was observed in MFLS-1.



**RACE (Col. 36):** Malays include persons of Indonesian descent and other indigenous people like the Oran Asli, Kadazans, Muruts, Dayaks, and other people from Sabah and Sarawak. Indians include Sri Lankans, Pakistanis, Indian Muslims, Nepalese, and Gurkhas. The "Other" category includes Europeans, Thais, Burmese, Filipinos, Arabs, Persians, etc.

**EDSTAT (Col. 37):** In some cases, interviewers coded those home on school holiday as **EDSTAT=2** (attended school sometime but not at present). If the person had a corresponding record in MF22EDEX (education expenses for children), **EDSTAT** was recoded to 1 (currently attending). For individuals who are not children of the MF22 respondent, it is difficult to tell whether a young person with **EDSTAT=2** may actually still be in school. The combination of age and education level may provide some clues. For example, someone age 17 with **EDSTAT=2** and **EDLEVL=4** is most likely not in school; however, if **EDLEVL** is, say, 12, the person may actually be in school and home on holiday.

**EDLEVL (Col. 38-39), EDCERT (Col. 40-40):** The Malaysian education system parallels that of Great Britain. The first 6 years are primary education and begin at age 6. At age 12, children enter lower secondary (Forms 1-3) which lead to their first public examination, the SRP, *Sigil Rendah Pelajaran* (Lower Certificate of Education). If they pass the SRP, students enter secondary school (Forms 4-5) after which their second public examination, the SPM, *Sigil Pelajaran Malaysia* (Malaysia Certificate of Education), is administered. Successful completion of the SPM leads to postsecondary school (Form 6 lower and upper). At the end of Form 6, students take the STP, *Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran* (Higher School Certificate), examination. Strong results on the STP permit admission to university. Teacher's and nurse's colleges and polytechnics generally only require the SPM and not the STP.

**MFLS1 (Col. 41-43):** This variable applies only to members of the Panel and Children data and is blank for New and Senior sample members. **MFLS1** is the person number from the MFLS-1 survey. Children of the MFLS-1 respondent and all individuals present in the household at the time of the MFLS-1 survey were given a person number in 1976. Members entering a Panel household after 1976 do not have values for **MFLS1**. For children of an MFLS-1 woman present in the current household who were born before the MFLS-1 survey, the value of the variable **MFLS1** is the person number (**MFLS1**) coded in **MF20CHLD**.



5. MF22 SUBFILES: FEMALE LIFE HISTORY

MF22SUM--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--Summary Record

Cols Length Variable Name Description and Codes

1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type  4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number  2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type  0 = Summary record
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number  1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household  0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off  See discussion in Section I

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-9	1	none	Blank
10-16	7	EB/PSU	Sampling Unit Location Identifier EB for New/Senior data (1988 place) PSU for Panel/Children data (1976 place)  See Appendix D for codes See discussion in Section I
17-19	3	EBSECT	EB Sector Identifier for New/Senior data only (Character data)  A00 B00 C00 ... ... etc.  To be used with EB to define a location See Appendix D for codes
20-21	2	PERSON	Line Number of Eligible Female Respondent from MF21 Household Roster  See Notes below
22-23	2	DAYBORN	Day of Birth of Respondent  1-31 99 = Unknown

Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

24-25	2	MTHBORN	Month of Birth of Respondent
			1 = January
			2 = February
			3 = March
			4 = April
			5 = May
			6 = June
			7 = July
			8 = August
			9 = September
			10 = October
			11 = November
			12 = December
			13 = First of year
			14 = Middle of year
			15 = End of year
			99 = Unknown

26-27	2	YEARBORN	Year of Birth of Respondent
			00-88
			99 = Unknown

28-28	1	OTHERS	Others Present at Interview
			1 = Yes
			2 = No
			9 = Unknown

29-29	1	RESP3	Relationship of Others Present at Interview to Respondent (1st person)
			1 = Spouse
			2 = Children
			3 = Others
			9 = Unknown
			Blank if OTHERS (Col. 28) > 1

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
30-30	1	RESP4	Relationship of Others Present at Interview to Respondent (2nd person if applicable)  See codes for RESP3 (Col. 29).
31-31	1	RESP5	Relationship of Others Present at Interview to Respondent (3rd person if applicable)  See codes for RESP3 (Col. 29).
32-32	1	HELPERS	Others Helped with Interview  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Unknown  No proxy respondent was permitted; however, others may have helped with the recollection of some events
33-34	2	none	Blank
35-37	3	INTNO	Interviewer ID
38-40	3	WITNESS	Witness (Supervisor) ID

Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

41-41	1	DISP	Final Disposition of Interview
			1 = Completed
			2 = Refusal
			3 = Breakoff
			4 = Language problem .
			5 = Never home
			6 = Other
42-45	4	none	blank
46-47	2	DAYCOMP	Day of Month Interview Completed
			See codes for DAYBORN (Col. 22-23) .
48-49	2	MTHCOMP	Month Interview Completed
			See codes for MTHBORN (Col. 24-25) .
50-51	2	YEARCOMP	Year Interview Completed
			88 = 1988
			89 = 1989
			99 = Unknown
52-54	3	LENGTH	Length of Interview (in minutes)
			999 = Unknown
			Very high values (e.g., 760) represent interviews conducted over more than one day where waiting time was included.

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
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55-56	2	LANGUAGE	Language of Interview  1 = Malay 2 = Tamil 3 = English 4 = Cantonese 5 = Hokkien 6 = Mandarin 7 = Hakka 8 = Hainanese 9 = Teochew 10 = Other
57-57	1	MF22MARR	# of MF22 Marriage Records for this Main Respondent
58-58	1	MF22PSUM	# of MF22 Pregnancy Summary Records for this Main Respondent  Will be zero for never married women
59-60	2	MF22PREG	# of MF22 Pregnancy Records for this Main Respondent  Will be zero for never married women
61-62	2	MF22CONT	# of MF22 Contraception Records for this Main Respondent  Will be zero for never married women



Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
63-63	1	MF22MENS	# of MF22 Menstruation/Desire for Children Records for this Main Respondent  Will be zero for never married women
64-64	1	MF22CARE	# of MF22 Child Care Records for this Main Respondent  Will be zero for never married women
65-65	1	MF22EDEX	# of MF22 Children's Educational Expenses Records for this Main Respondent  Will be zero for never married women
66-66	1	MF22ED	# of MF22 Education Records for this Main Respondent
67-67	1	MF22TRN	# of MF22 Training Records for this Main Respondent
68-69	2	MF22MIG	# of MF22 Migration Records for this Main Respondent
70-71	2	MF22WORK	# of MF22 Work History Records for this Main Respondent

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Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
72-72	1	MF22BACK	# of MF22 Family Background Records for this Main Respondent
73-73	1	MF22HP1	# of MF22 Help for Parents Records for this Main Respondent
74-74	1	MF22HP2	# of MF22 Help from Parents Records for this Main Respondent  Respondents with no parents living elsewhere will have no records
75-75	1	MF22HC1	# of MF22 Help for Children Records for this Main Respondent
76-76	1	MF22HC2	# of MF22 Help from Children Records for this Main Respondent  Respondents with no grown children living elsewhere will have no records
77-77	1	MF22EVAL	# of MF22 Interview Evaluation Records for this Main Respondent
78-79	2	MF22TOT	Total Number of MF22 Records

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
80-80	1	RACE	Ethnic Group of MF22 Respondent
			1 = Malay
			2 = Chinese
			3 = Indian
			4 = Other
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable : Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			21 = First MF22 for household
			22 = Second MF22 for household
			New sample only has SERIES=21
			See discussion in Section I
83-90	8	WWEIGHT	Weight for All Women Age 18-49 NEW SAMPLE ONLY
			Has form xxx.xxxx: 4 decimal places
			See Notes below
91-98	8	EWEIGHT	Weight for Ever-Married Women age 15-49 NEW SAMPLE ONLY
			Has form xxx.xxxx: 4 decimal places
			See Notes below

## NOTES:

**PERSON (Col. 20-21):** There are 7 cases where the original MFLS-1 respondent was in the household but was not interviewed for the Panel Sample. She was not interviewed because another woman in the household claimed to be the MFLS-1 respondent. The relevant case numbers are: 519, 1104, 1118, 1213, 1531, and 1575 and 2111. For case 1531, however, the actual MFLS-1 respondent was interviewed, but as the CHILD of the "panel"

woman. For case 1575, the actual MFLS-1 respondent had died. In the remaining cases, the original MFLS-1 respondent was not selected for interview.

**WWEIGHT (Cols. 83-90):** **WWEIGHT** should be used for tabulations based on all women age 18-49 (e.g., education or marital status) which use the New sample data. **WWEIGHT** is blank for the 6 married women under age 18; women under age 18 were only interviewed if married and are not a representative sample of women under age 18. **WWEIGHT** corrects for the oversampling of Indian Malays and adjusts for cases where more than one eligible woman age 18-49 lived in the household. (See the *Overview and Technical Report, MR-106* for more details). **WWEIGHT** has been normalized to make the sum of **WWEIGHT** equal the number of MF22 respondents age 18-49 (2178). The scaling factor for normalization was 0.88527. Nonnormalized weights can be generated by dividing **WWEIGHT** by the scaling factor. **WWEIGHT** does not exist for Panel and Children respondents.

**EWEIGHT (Cols. 91-98):** **EWEIGHT** should be used for tabulations based on ever-married women age 15-49 (e.g., breastfeeding rates or divorce rates) which use the New sample data. **EWEIGHT** is blank for the women who have never been married (338 cases). **EWEIGHT** corrects for the oversampling of Indian Malays and adjusts for cases where more than one eligible ever-married woman age 15-49 lived in the household. (See the *Overview and Technical Report, MR-106* for more details). **EWEIGHT** has been normalized to make the sum of **EWEIGHT** equal the number of ever-married MF22 respondents age 15-49 (1846). The scaling factor for normalization was 1.04916. Nonnormalized weights can be generated by dividing **EWEIGHT** by the scaling factor. **EWEIGHT** does not exist for Panel and Children respondents.

## MF22MARR--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--MARRIAGES

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 1 = Marriage
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household 0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off See discussion in Section I

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-10	2	MARR_NUM	Marriage Record Number
11-11	1	none	Blank
12-13	2	NMARR	Total Number of Marriages
		Q. A3	If equals zero, STATUS (col. 20) was set to zero and respondent skipped to Section F (education)
14-15	2	MTHMARR	Month This Marriage Took Place
		Q. A2,A4	1 = January 2 = February 3 = March 4 = April 5 = May 6 = June 7 = July 8 = August 9 = September 10 = October 11 = November 12 = December 13 = Early part of the year 14 = Middle of the year 15 = Late part of the year 99 = Don't know
16-17	2	YEARMARR	Year This Marriage Took Place
		Q. A2,A4	(e.g., 1979=79) 99 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
18-19	2	AGEMARR	Respondent's Age at Start of Marriage
		Q. A2,A4	99 = Don't know
			See AGEM_FLG (Col. 76) to find imputed ages
20-20	1	STATUS	Outcome of This Marriage
		Q. A1,A5	0 = Never married (Skip to Section F: Education and Training)
			1 = Continuing (current) marriage (Skip to Section B: Pregnancies)
			2 = Widowed
			3 = Divorced
			4 = Separated
			9 = Don't know
21-22	2	MTHEND	Month This Marriage Ended
		Q. A6	1 = January
			2 = February
			3 = March
			4 = April
			5 = May
			6 = June
			7 = July
			8 = August
			9 = September
			10 = October
			11 = November
			12 = December
			13 = Early part of the year
			14 = Middle of the year
			15 = Late part of the year
			99 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
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23-24	2	YEAREND	Year When This Marriage Ended
		Q. A6	99 = Don't know

25-26	2	AGEEND	Respondent's Age When Marriage Ended
		Q. A6	99 = Don't know
			See AGEE_FLG (Col. 77) to find imputed ages

27-28	2	HUSBOCC	Husband's Occupation in This Marriage (Character data)
		Q. A7	See Appendix C for codes

29-75	47	none	Blank
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Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
76-76	1	AGEM_FLG	Indicates Whether AGEMARR is an Exact Report or an Estimate Based on Partial Dates  0 = exact age reported Either full dates were provided or person only reported AGE and no date  1 = estimated age where had both event mth/year and mth/year of birth, but had at least one range value month  2 = estimated age where had month/year for either the event or birthdate but not both: if event in 1st half of year, assumed no birthday yet. if birthday in first half of year, assumed had birthday before the event  3 = estimated age where only year of event and year of birth available, i.e., no months at all were reported  4 = estimated age where only had event year and used estimated year of birth based on age at interview
77-77	1	AGEE_FLG	Indicates Whether AGEEND is an Exact Report or an Estimate Based on Partial Dates  Same codes as for AGEM_FLG
78-79	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF  Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
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80-80	1	RACE	Race of Respondent
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1 = Malay
2 = Chinese
3 = Indian
4 = Other

81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable : Multiple Questionnaires per Household
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21 = First MF22 for household
22 = Second MF22 for household

New sample only has SERIES=21
See discussion in Section I

NOTES:

## MF22PSUM--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--SUMMARY OF PREGNANCIES

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type
			4 = Panel
			5 = Children
			6 = Panel and Children
			7 = New
			8 = Senior
			9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number
			2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type
			2 = Fertility history
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number
			1-2198 = Panel or Children
			3000-6999 = New or Senior
			7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household
			0 = Not split off
			1 = First split-off
			2 = Second split-off
			See discussion in Section I

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-10	2	SEQNO	Sequence Number  1 = Only one record of the type per respondent
11-11	1	SUBTYPE	Record Subtype  0 = Summary of pregnancies
12-13	2	NINHH  Q. B1	Number of Children in Household
14-15	2	NOUTHH  Q. B2	Number of Children Outside Household
16-17	2	NDIED  Q. B3	Number of Children Who Have Died
18-19	2	NONLIVE  Q. B4	Number of Non-live Births
20-20	1	NOWPREG  Q. B5	Is Respondent Currently Pregnant  0 = No 1 = Yes 9 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
21-22	2	NPREG	Total Number of Pregnancy Records
		Q. B6	Sum of NINHH, NOUTH, NDIED, NONLIVE, and NOWPREG
			If NPREG=0, rest of Section B skipped.
			For women with twins/triplets, NPREG is greater than the actual number of pregnancies.
23-77	55	none	Blank
78-79	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF
			Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST
80-80	1	RACE	Race of Respondent
			1 = Malay
			2 = Chinese
			3 = Indian
			4 = Other
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			21 = First MF22 for household
			22 = Second MF22 for household
			New sample only has SERIES=21
			See discussion in Section I

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## MF22PREG--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--PREGNANCIES

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 2 = Fertility History
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household 0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off See discussion in Section I

Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

9-10	2	EVENTNO	Pregnancy Number
			0 = Before first pregnancy 1 = First pregnancy 2 = Second pregnancy ..... etc.
			Will not equal pregnancy number for women with multiple births since each twin/triplet is coded on a separate line

11-11	1	SUBTYPE	Record Subtype
			1 = Pregnancy history

12-12	1	OUTCOME	Pregnancy Outcome
		Q. B7, B13, B14	0 = Before first pregnancy 1 = Live birth 2 = Stillbirth 3 = Miscarriage 4 = Induced abortion 5 = Currently pregnant
			See Notes below

13-14	2	DURATION	Pregnancy Duration if non-live birth or currently pregnant (blank for live births)
		Q. B12, B16	1-9 = Months pregnant 99 = Unknown

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
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15-15	1	SEX	Sex of Child
		Q. B9	1 = Male 2 = Female 9 = Unknown

  

16-16	1	TWIN	Multiple Birth
		Q. B9a	blank = Single birth 2 = Twin 3 = Triplet
			Information for each child is recorded on a separate line; information about the pregnancy is repeated for each twin/triplet

  

17-18	2	DAY	Day of Pregnancy Outcome
		Q. B10,B15	1-31 99 = Unknown



Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

19-20    2           MONTH           Month of Pregnancy Outcome

Q. B10,B15           1 = January  
                       2 = February  
                       3 = March  
                       4 = April  
                       5 = May  
                       6 = June  
                       7 = July  
                       8 = August  
                       9 = September  
                      10 = October  
                      11 = November  
                      12 = December  
                      13 = First of year  
                      14 = Middle of year  
                      15 = End of year  
                      99 = Unknown

21-22    2           YEAR           Year of Pregnancy Outcome

Q. B10,B15           00-88  
                       99 = Unknown

23-24    2           AGE           Mother's Age at Pregnancy Outcome

Q. B10,B15           99 = Unknown

See AGE\_FLG (Col. 77)  
 to find imputed ages

25-25    1           BRTHCERT       Birth Document Seen by Interviewer

Q. B11               1 = Yes  
                       2 = No  
                       9 = Unknown

See Notes below

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
26-27	2	SOURCE	Source of Antenatal Care
		Q. B17	0 = No antenatal care 1 = General/university hospital 2 = District hospital 3 = Government clinic 4 = Government midwife clinic 5 = Private hospital 6 = Private clinic 7 = Estate clinic 8 = Traditional healer 9 = Other (specify) 99 = Unknown
28-28	1	EARLY	Child Born Earlier than Expected
		Q. B18	1 = Earlier than expected 2 = When expected or later 9 = Unknown
29-30	2	WEEKS	No. of Weeks Premature
		Q. B18	blank = Child born on time or later 0-40 weeks 99 = Unknown
31-32	2	POUNDS	Exact Birth Weight - Pounds
		Q. B19	0-15 pounds 99 = Unknown
33-34	2	OUNCES	Exact Birth Weight - Ounces
		Q. B19	0-15 ounces 99 = Unknown

Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

35-35	1	SIZE	Approximate Birth Weight (if exact unknown)
		Q. B19	blank = Exact weight known 1 = Very low 2 = Less than average 3 = Average 4 = Above average 5 = Heavy 9 = Don't know

36-36	1	PLACE	Place of Birth
		Q. B20	1 = General/university hospital 2 = District hospital 3 = Government clinic 4 = Private hospital 5 = Private clinic 6 = Estate clinic 7 = Home (own, relative's) 8 = Other (specify) 9 = Unknown

37-37	1	ATTEND	Birth Attendant
		Q. B21	1 = Doctor 2 = Nurse 3 = Government midwife 4 = Traditional midwife 5 = Relative 6 = Other (specify) 9 = Unknown

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
38-38	1	WHERE NOW	Child's Current Location
		Q. B22	1 = In respondent's household 2 = In Malaysia 3 = In foreign country 4 = Dead 9 = Unknown
			See Notes below
39-40	2	AGEDIED	Child's Age at Death/When Left Home
		Q. B23, B24	blank = Still alive and living with respondent  99 = Unknown
			Must be combined with UNITDIED (Col. 41).
			Equals age at death if WHERE NOW=4 Equals age left home if WHERE NOW=2 or 3
41-41	1	UNITDIED	Time Unit of Age Died/Left Home
		Q. B23, B24	1 = Hours 2 = Days 3 = Weeks 4 = Months 5 = Years 9 = Unknown

Cols Length Variable Name Description and Codes

42-42	1	EDUCGRPC	Highest Level of Education Completed by Child (child living elsewhere only)
		Q. B25	0 = None 1 = Primary (first 6 years) 2 = Secondary (Forms 1 to 5) 3 = Post-secondary (Form 6 and higher) 9 = Don't know
			See Notes below

43-43	1	INSCHOOL	Child Currently Attending School (child living elsewhere only)
		Q. B26	1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know

44-44	1	VISITS	How Often Mother Sees Child (child living elsewhere only)
		Q. B27	1 = Every day 2 = Several times per week (3-6) 3 = Once or twice a week 4 = 1-3 times a month 5 = Several times a year (3-11) 6 = Once or twice a year 7 = Less than once per year 8 = Never 9 = Don't know

45-45	1	EVERBF	Was Child Ever Breastfed
		Q. B28	1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know

Cols Length Variable Name Description and Codes

46-47	2	BFTIME	Duration of Breastfeeding
		Q. B30	88 = Still breastfeeding 99 = Don't know
Must be combined with BFUNIT (Col. 48)			

48-48	1	BFUNIT	Time Unit of Breastfeeding Duration
		Q. B30	1 = Hours 2 = Days 3 = Weeks 4 = Months 5 = Years 8 = Still breastfeeding 9 = Don't know

49-50	2	REASON	Reason for Not/Stopping Breastfeeding
		Q. B29,B31	1 = Respondent ill/weak/breasts hurt 2 = Respondent working 3 = Inconvenient 4 = Respondent wanted to take birth control pills 5 = Respondent wanted to become pregnant 6 = Respondent became pregnant 7 = No milk/not enough milk/milk stopped 8 = Child died 9 = Child in incubator 10 = Child sick 11 = Child did not grow 12 = Child did not want 13 = Child old enough to stop 14 = Respondent and child separated 15 = MD/midwife advised 16 = Husband did not want respondent to breastfeed 20 = Other (specify) 88 = Currently breastfeeding

Cols Length Variable Name Description and Codes

51-52	2	FFTIME	Child's Age When First Given Regular Food or Beverage
		Q. B32	88 = Not yet (still breastfeeding) 99 = Don't know
			Must be combined with FFUNIT (Col. 54-55)
			Equals BFTIME if mother never supplemented and is no longer breastfeeding

53-53	1	FFUNIT	Time Unit of Unsupplemented Breastfeeding
		Q. B32	1 = Hours 2 = Days 3 = Weeks 4 = Months 5 = Years 8 = Not yet (still breastfeeding) 9 = Don't know
			Equals BFUNIT if mother never supplemented and is no longer breastfeeding

54-55	2	PPATIME	Time to Return of Menses After Pregnancy
		Q. B33	88 = No menstruation in interval 99 = Don't know
			Must be combined with PPAUNIT (Col. 56)

56-56	1	PPAUNIT	Time Unit of Return of Menses
		Q. B33	2 = Days 3 = Weeks 4 = Months 8 = No menstruation in interval 9 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
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57-58	2	CHILD_ID	Household Person No. for Reference Child  blank if non-live birth or child died 2-30 = Person No. from MF21 Household Roster if child currently living in HH 50 + EVENTNO = Child living elsewhere  Used to link children back to MF21 household roster and to Education Expenses
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59-76	20	none	Blank
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Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
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77-77	1	AGE_FLG	Indicates Whether AGE is an Exact Report or an Estimate Based on Partial Dates
			<p>0 = exact age reported            Either full dates were provided or person only reported AGE and no date</p> <p>1 = estimated age where had both event mth/year and mth/year of birth, but had at least one range value month</p> <p>2 = estimated age where had month/year for either the event or birthdate but not both:                if event in 1st half of year, assumed no birthday yet.                if birthday in first half of year, assumed had birthday before the event</p> <p>3 = estimated age where only year of event and year of birth available, i.e., no months at all were reported</p> <p>4 = estimated age where only had event year and used estimated year of birth based on age at interview</p>

78-79	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF
			Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
80-80	1	RACE	Ethnic Group
			1 = Malay
			2 = Chinese
			3 = Indian
			4 = Other
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			21 = First MF22 for household
			22 = Second MF22 for household
			New sample only has SERIES=21
			See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:

**OUTCOME (Col. 12):** In MFLS2, stillbirths are defined as a pregnancy of 7 months or longer that resulted in a child born with no signs of life. In MFLS-1, infants who died very shortly after birth (within a few hours) were recorded as stillbirths.

**BRTHCERT (Col. 25):** Interviewers encountered two major problems in asking for identity cards and birth certificates to verify birthdates: 1) respondents were sensitive about ID/birth certificate requests and interviewers were afraid of alienating respondents with repeated requests for such documentation; 2) in urban areas, many respondents kept ID cards/birth certificates in safety deposit boxes and thus these documents were not available at time of interview. Interviewers did request verification of birthdates for those whom interviewers felt did not give satisfactory answers. The above problems resulted in a lower rate of document verified birthdates than was observed in MFLS-1.

**Information in Cols. 28-53 asked for live births only.**

**WHERE NOW (Col. 38):** Children with **WHERE NOW** = 1 appear in the MF21 household roster; children with **WHERE NOW** = 2 or 3 may appear in the MF21 household roster if they lived in the household for at least 3 months during the past year. Such children will have **STAYED** > 0 on their MF21 roster record. There is one case where a child died (**WHERE NOW** = 4) but the child appears in the MF21 household roster because it lived in the household for more than 3 months during the past year (CASE 3393, **EVENTNO**=4, **PERSON**=6 in MF21ROST).

**EDUCGRPC (Col. 42):** Post-secondary includes any schooling or

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training course which lasted for 2 years or more and which required a minimum qualification of completed Form 5 or the equivalent. Thus, post-secondary includes, in addition to university, schooling such as technical, nurses' and teachers' colleges, public health inspector training, laboratory technologist training.

## MF22CONT--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--CONTRACEPTION

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type  4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 9 = New and Senior
12-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number  2 = MF22
13-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type  2 = Fertility history
14-7	4	CASE	Household Number  1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior Only
18-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household  0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-Off  See discussion in Section I

Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

9-10	2	EVENTNO	Pregnancy Interval
			0 = Before first pregnancy
			1 = Between first and second pregnancy
			2 = Etc.
			See Notes below

11-11	1	SUBTYPE	Record Subtype
			2 = Contraception history

12-12	1	EVERCON	Ever Used Contraception
		Q. C1	1 = Yes
			2 = No (Skip to APART [Col. 32])

13-13	1	CONTNOW	Using Contraception at Interview
		Q. C10	1 = Yes
			2 = No (includes menopausal and sterilized women)

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
14-15	2	NOWMETH1	Method 1 at Interview
		Q. C10a	0 = No contraception 1 = Tubal ligation 2 = Vasectomy 3 = Pill 4 = IUD 5 = Injection 6 = Other female method (foam, jelly, diaphragm) 7 = Condom 8 = Abstinence 9 = Safe time/rhythm 10 = Withdrawal 11 = <i>Majun</i> for contraception (specific herb) 12 = <i>Jamu</i> for contraception (specific herb) 13 = Other herbs for contraception 14 = Exercise for contraception 15 = Massage for contraception 16 = Womb tilting for contraception 17 = Incantation for contraception 18 = Breastfeeding for contraception 20 = Other (specify) 99 = Unknown blank = not currently using (CONTNOW=2)  See Notes below
16-17	2	NOWMETH2	Method 2 at Interview
		Q. C10a	See codes for NOWMETH1 (Col. 14-15).
18-19	2	NOWMETH3	Method 3 at Interview
		Q. C10a	See codes for NOWMETH1 (Col. 14-15).

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
20-20	1	USEANY	Contraception Used in Interval
		Q. C2	1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Unknown
21-22	2	CONTRA1	Method Used Longest in Interval
		Q. C3a	See codes for NOWMETH1 (Col. 14-15). If USEANY=2 then field is blank.  See Notes below
23-24	2	CONTRA2	Method Used Next Longest in Interval
		Q. C3b	See codes for NOWMETH1 (Col. 14-15). If USEANY=2 then field is blank.
25-26	2	BEGAN1	No. of Months After Marriage (if before first pregnancy)/Pregnancy Respondent Began Using CONTRA1
		Q. C4	98 = 98 months or more 99 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
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27-28	2	OBTAINED	Source of Contraceptive Supplies
		Q. C5	1 = LPPKN (National Population and Family Development Board) 2 = FPA (Family Planning Association) 3 = MOH (Ministry of Health) Clinic 4 = Government hospital 5 = Private clinic/hospital 6 = Traditional midwife 7 = Chinese medicine shop 8 = Pharmacy 9 = Other shop 10 = Friends, relatives 11 = Other (specify) 99 = Don't know
			See Notes below

29-30	2	WHYSTOP	Reason for Stopping Use of CONTRA1
		Q. C6,C7	1 = Method failed 2 = Wanted to become pregnant 3 = Side effects 4 = Health concerns/medical person advised to stop 5 = Inconvenient 6 = Husband objected 7 = Too costly 8 = Access/availability 9 = Infrequent sex 10 = Husband died/left or was away 11 = Reached menopause 12 = Other (specify) 88 = Currently using method (for open interval only) 99 = Unknown



Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
31-31	1	SAMETIME	Whether Used More Than One Method Simultaneously During Interval
		Q. C9	1 = Same time 2 = Some overlap 3 = Different time 9 = Don't know
32-32	1	APART	Whether Ever Apart More Than 3 Consecutive Months
		Q. C11	1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Unknown
33-33	1	APARTINT	Whether Apart More Than 3 Consecutive Months in the Interval
		Q. C12	1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Unknown
34-35	2	TIMAPART	Length of Time Apart in Interval (in months)
		Q. C13	99 = Unknown

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
136-137	2	CHILD_ID	Household Person No. for Reference Child  blank if non-live birth or child died 2-30 = Person No. from MF21 Household Roster if child currently living in HH 50 + EVENTNO = Child living elsewhere  See Notes below
138-177	40	none	Blank
178-179	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF  Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST
180-180	1	RACE	Ethnic Group  1 = Malay 2 = Chinese 3 = Indian 4 = Other
181-182	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household  21 = First MF22 for household 22 = Second MF22 for household  New sample only has SERIES=21 See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:

EVENTNO (Cols. 9-10): EVENTNO links the information in the  
contraception history to the information in the pregnancy history. For

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example, **EVENTNO** = 1 in the pregnancy history refers to the outcome of the woman's first pregnancy; **EVENTNO** = 1 in the contraception history refers to the period between the first and the second pregnancy. Thus the pregnancy interval is the one following the pregnancy outcome identified by **EVENTNO**. Information about contraceptive use in the interval following a multiple birth is attached to each child of that multiple birth, i.e., **EVENTNO** does not necessarily coincide with pregnancy number.

**NOWMETH1-NOWMETH3** (Cols. 14-19): The respondent was asked to list all the contraceptive methods she was currently using. Up to three were recorded by the interviewer. **NOWMETH1** may not necessarily be the primary method used. Please note that women who have been sterilized or whose husband's have had a vasectomy will have blanks for **NOWMETH1-NOWMETH3** since such women were not asked this question. To compute **CURRENT** contraceptive use, use the **LAST** record for each woman. The values of **CONTRA1** and **CONTRA2** will give current methods that will include sterilization.

**CASE 5367** had a tubal ligation shortly before the survey and has **NOWMETH1** = 1 but **CONTRA1** and **CONTRA2** do not list the tubal ligation because it was not one of the two methods used longest in the interval.

**CONTRA1-CONTRA2** (Cols. 21-24): The respondent was asked to list all methods used in the interval. If two methods were used, **CONTRA1** contains the one used longest. If both methods were used at the same time, **CONTRA1** contains the more efficient method of the two. If more than two methods were listed, **CONTRA1** is the longest used and **CONTRA2** the second longest. If used at the same time, **CONTRA1** and **CONTRA2** contain the two most efficient methods.

In **MFLS-2**, breastfeeding is coded as a contraceptive method only if the woman said she used it for family planning purposes. In **MFLS-1**, however, interviewers were instructed to list breastfeeding as one of the contraceptive methods if the woman breastfed in the interval, whether or not the woman reported using it as a method of contraception. Thus, use of breastfeeding for contraception appears much higher in **MFLS-1** due to the change in definition and not to changes in behavior.

**OBTAINED** (Cols. 27-28): If the respondent went to more than one place to obtain contraceptives, **OBTAINED** contains the the place used most often. If the respondent used a contraceptive method that does not require supplies (e.g., rhythm method, abstinence, withdrawal), a non-zero value for **OBTAINED** indicates where she received advice about that method.

**CHILD\_ID** (Cols. 36-37): This variable is used to link children back to the MF21 Household Roster (rename variable to **PERSON**) and to the Educational Expenses section (variable is **CHILD\_ID** there as well). It refers to the child born at the beginning of the interval.



MF22MENS--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--MENSTRUATION HISTORY AND DESIRE FOR CHILDREN

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 2 = Fertility history
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household 0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off See discussion in Section I

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-10	2	SEQNO	Sequence Number  1 = Only one record of this type per respondent
11-11	1	SUBTYPE	Record Subtype  3 = Menstruation/Desire for children
12-13	2	MENARCHE	Age Began Menstruation  Q. D1                      99 = Don't know
14-14	1	PAUSE	Has Respondent Begun Menopause (Asked only of women age 40 and up)  Q. D2  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know
15-16	2	AGEMENO	Age When Began Menopause (Asked only of women age 40 and up)  Q. D2a                      99 = Don't know  If menopausal, skip to Section E: Child Care

Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

17-17	1	STERILE	Is Respondent or Husband Sterilized
		Q. D3	1 = Yes (Skip to Section E: Child Care) 2 = No 9 = Don't know
			Not asked if currently pregnant

18-18	1	ABLE	Is Respondent Able to Have Children
		Q. D4	1 = Yes 2 = No (Skip to Section E: Child Care) 9 = Don't know
			Only asked if currently married and not currently pregnant

19-19	1	WANTMORE	Does Respondent Desire More Children
		Q. D5	1 = Yes 2 = No (Skip to Section E: Child Care) 9 = Don't know
			Only asked if currently married

20-21	2	NWANTED	Additional Number of Children Desired (excludes existing children and current pregnancies)
		Q. D6	99 = Don't know/Doesn't matter
			Only asked if currently married

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
22-22	1	TRYPREG	Is Respondent Trying to Become Pregnant
		Q. D7	1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Already pregnant 9 = Unknown
			Only asked if currently married
23-77	55	none	Blank
78-79	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF
			Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST
80-80	1	RACE	Race of Respondent
			1 = Malay 2 = Chinese 3 = Indian 4 = Other
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			21 = First MF22 for household 22 = Second MF22 for household
			New sample only has SERIES=21 See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:



MF22CARE--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--CHILD CARE

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 3 = Child care/Education expenses
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household 0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off See discussion in Section I

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-10	2	SEQNO	Sequence Number  1 = Only one record of this type per respondent
11-11	1	SUBTYPE	Record Subtype  1 = Child care
12-12	1	CHILDREN  Q. E1	Any Children Under Age 6 at Interview  1 = Yes 2 = No (Skip to Section E: Education Expenses)  Can include step and adopted children not listed in MF22PREG; may refer to a child not currently living with the respondent (e.g., child lives with grandparents)
13-13	1	HELPI  Q. E2	First Type of Child Care  0 = No help 1 = Husband 2 = Your or your husband's parents 3 = Child's older siblings 4 = Other relative 5 = Neighbor, friend 6 = Servant 7 = Other person in their or your home 8 = Children care center, preschool, or school 9 = Unknown

Cols Length Variable Name Description and Codes

14-16	3	HOURS1	Hours per Week Use Child Care: Type 1
		Q. E3	1 = 1 or fewer hours/week 888 = all the time 999 = Don't know
			If child lives with care provider, code 888 is used

17-17	1	HELP2	Second Type of Child Care
		Q. E2	See codes for HELP1 (Col. 13).

18-20	3	HOURS2	Hours per Week Use Child Care: Type 2
		Q. E3	See codes for HOURS1 (Col. 14-16)

21-21	1	HELP3	Third Type of Child Care
		Q. E2	See codes for HELP1 (Col. 13).

22-24	3	HOURS3	Hours per Week Use Child Care: Type 3
		Q. E3	See codes for HOURS1 (Col. 14-16)

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
25-25	1	HELP4	Fourth Type of Child Care
		Q. E2	See codes for HELP1 (Col. 13).
26-28	3	HOURS4	Hours per Week Use Child Care: Type 4
		Q. E3	See codes for HOURS1 (Col. 14-16)
29-32	4	AMTPAY	Amount Paid for Child Care
		Q. E4	Must be combined with UNITPAY (Col. 33).
33-33	1	UNITPAY	Time Unit of Pay for Child Care
		Q. E4	0 = Does not pay for help 1 = Hour 2 = Day 3 = Week 4 = Month 5 = Year 6 = One time only
34-77	44	none	Blank
78-79	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF  Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST

<i>Cols</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Variable Name</i>	<i>Description and Codes</i>
80-80	1	RACE	Race of Respondent
			1 = Malay
			2 = Chinese
			3 = Indian
			4 = Other
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			21 = First MF22 for household
			22 = Second MF22 for household
			New sample only has SERIES=21
			See discussion in Section I

NOTES:

## MF22EDEX--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--EDUCATION EXPENSES

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 3 = Child care/Education expenses
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household 0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off See discussion in Section I

Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

9-10	2	SEQNO	Sequence Number
			1 = First child listed 2 = Second child listed etc.

11-11	1	SUBTYPE	Record Subtype
			2 = Education expenses

12-13	2	CHILD_ID	Household Member Number of Child Currently Attending School
			2-30 = Person No. from MF21 Household Roster if child currently living in HH
			50 + EVENTNO (from Pregnancy Section MF22PREG) = Child living elsewhere
			blank = no children attending school, subsequent variables are all blank
			See Notes below

14-18	5	AMOUNT	Amount Needed for Education Expenses for Child
		Q. E6	99999 = Don't know
			(Malaysian dollars)
			Must be combined with UNIT (Col. 18)
			See Notes below

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
19-19	1	UNIT	Time Unit for Amount Needed
		Q. E6	1 = Monthly 2 = Yearly 3 = Per term 9 = Unknown
20-20	1	SCHOLAR	Is Child Receiving a Scholarship
		Q. E8	1 = Yes 2 = No  Will be blank if child receives neither a scholarship nor a loan
21-25	5	AMTSCH	Value of Scholarship for This School Year
		Q. E8a	99999 = Don't know  (Malaysian dollars)
26-26	1	LOAN	Is Child Receiving a Loan
		Q. E9	1 = Yes 2 = No  Will be blank if child receives neither a scholarship nor a loan
27-27	1	LOANTYPE	Type of Loan Received
		Q. E9a	1 = Government 2 = Private



Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
28-32	5	AMTLOAN	Value of Loan Received
		Q. E9b	99999 = Don't know (Malaysian dollars)

33-33	1	HELP	Do Others Help Pay for Education of All Children Combined
		Q. E10	1 = Yes 2 = No (skip to Section F: Education and Training)
			This is a static variable; i.e., it has the same value for each child listed

34-34	1	HELPER1	First Person Who Helps Pay
		Q. E10a	1 = Child's grandparents 2 = Child's brothers, sisters 3 = Child's aunts, uncles 4 = Other relative 5 = Non relative 9 = Unknown
			This is a static variable; i.e., it has the same value for each child listed

35-40	6	AMTHELP1	Amount Given in Last 12 Months by First Person Who Helps Pay
		Q. E10b	999999 = Don't know  (Malaysian dollars)
			This is a static variable; i.e., it has the same value for each child listed

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
41-41	1	HELPER2	Second Person Who Helps Pay (if applicable)
		Q. E10a	See codes for HELPER1 (Col. 33).  This is a static variable; i.e., it has the same value for each child listed
42-47	6	AMTHELP2	Amount Given in Last 12 Months by Second Person Who Helps Pay
		Q. E10b	999999 = Don't know  (Malaysian dollars)  This is a static variable; i.e., it has the same value for each child listed
48-48	1	HELPER3	Third Person Who Helps Pay (if applicable)
		Q. E10a	See codes for HELPER1 (Col. 33).  This is a static variable; i.e., it has the same value for each child listed
49-54	6	AMTHELP3	Amount Given in Last 12 Months by Third Person Who Helps Pay
		Q. E10b	999999 = Don't know  (Malaysian dollars)  This is a static variable; i.e., it has the same value for each child listed

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
55-77	23	none	Blank
78-79	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF  Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST
80-80	1	RACE	Race of Respondent  1 = Malay 2 = Chinese 3 = Indian 4 = Other
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household  21 = First MF22 for household 22 = Second MF22 for household  New sample only has SERIES=21 See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:

**CHILD\_ID** (Cols. 12-13): This variable is used to link children still living at home with the MF21 Household Roster (rename variable to PERSON) when **CHILD\_ID** < 50, and to link all living children to the MF22 Pregnancy History (called **CHILD\_ID** there as well). This variable is coded only for the children who are going to school. **CHILD\_ID** may refer to the respondent's step children and adopted children as well as her own children, and thus a child listed here may not appear in the pregnancy history.

A child may also appear more than once. A few cases exist where the mother reported an annual expense and then a monthly expense for a given child, rather than combining those expenses into one amount. For example, the family may pay \$200M a year for tuition and pay \$50M per month in expenses.

CASE 4131, **CHILD\_ID** 56 is an adopted daughter living elsewhere,

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thus she does not appear in either MF22PREG  
or MF21ROST

CASE 999, SPLIT 0, CHILD\_ID 3 has two MF22EDEX records; one is  
for monthly expenses and the second  
is for an annual lump received in  
addition to the monthly

The following children are listed in MF21ROST or in MF22PREG as  
currently attending school; however, there was no information listed  
for them on the Education Expenses recording form.

CASE	SPLIT	CHILD_ID	CASE	SPLIT	CHILD_ID
801	0	3 and 4	4030	0	3
957	0	2 and 3	4071	0	3
1177	0	12	4111	0	5
1894	0	51	4310	0	5
2003	0	5	4464	0	3
2062	0	3	4894	0	3
3436	0	3 and 4	5020	0	6
3480	0	4	5117	0	6
3763	0	4	5434	0	5

AMOUNT (Col. 14-18): CASE 5966 has 3 children who are in  
private school where the expenses are very high (\$11,000-13,000M). The  
amounts listed are the actual expenses listed on the recording form.

A few women reported annual expenses separately from monthly expenses  
for a given child, rather than combining them into one cost figure. For  
example, one line reports an annual expense like tuition, and a second  
line reports the monthly expenses associated with school.

MF22ED--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--EDUCATION

1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type
			4 = Panel
			5 = Children
			6 = Panel and Children
			7 = New
			8 = Senior
			9 = New and Senior

  

2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number
			2 = MF22

  

3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type
			4 = Education and Training

  

4-7	4	CASE	Household Number
			1-2198 = Panel or Children
			3000-6999 = New or Senior
			7000-8999 = Senior only

  

8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household
			0 = Not split off
			1 = First split-off
			2 = Second split-off
			See discussion in Section I

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-10	2	SEQNO	Sequence Number 1 = Only one record of this type per respondent
11-11	1	SUBTYPE	Record Subtype 1 = Education
12-12	1	SPEAK1	Language(s) Respondent Can Speak Q. F1 1 = Malay 2 = Chinese 3 = Tamil 4 = English 5 = Arabic 6 = Thai 7 = Other
13-13	1	SPEAK2	Second Language Respondent Can Speak if Speaks More than One Q. F1 See codes for SPEAK1 (Col. 12).
14-14	1	SPEAK3	Third Language Respondent Can Speak if Speaks More than Two Q. F1 See codes for SPEAK1 (Col. 12).

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
15-15	1	SPEAK4	Fourth Language Respondent Can Speak if Speaks More than Three
		Q. F1	See codes for SPEAK1 (Col. 12).
16-16	1	READ1	Language(s) Respondent Can Read
		Q. F2	0 = None 1 = Malay 2 = Chinese 3 = Tamil 4 = English 5 = Arabic 6 = Thai 7 = Other
17-17	1	READ2	Second Language Respondent Can Read if Reads More than One
		Q. F2	See codes for READ1 (Col. 16).
18-18	1	READ3	Third Language Respondent Can Read if Reads More than Two
		Q. F2	See codes for READ1 (Col. 16).
19-19	1	READ4	Fourth Language Respondent Can Read if Reads More than Three
		Q. F2	See codes for READ1 (Col. 16).

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
20-20	1	WRITE1	Language(s) Respondent Can Write
		Q. F3	0 = None 1 = Malay 2 = Chinese 3 = Tamil 4 = English 5 = Arabic 6 = Thai 7 = Other  Refers to the ability to write more than one's own name
21-21	1	WRITE2	Second Language Respondent Can Write if Writes More than One
		Q. F3	See codes for WRITE1 (Col. 20).
22-22	1	WRITE3	Third Language Respondent Can Write if Writes More than Two
		Q. F3	See codes for WRITE1 (Col. 20).
23-23	1	WRITE4	Fourth Language Respondent Can Write if Writes More than Three
		Q. F3	See codes for WRITE1 (Col. 20).



Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
24-24	1	EDUCGRP	Highest Level of Schooling Completed
		Q. F4	0 = Never attended (Skip to Q. F7 which deals with Training) 1 = Primary only (Skip to Q. F7 which deals with Training) 2 = Secondary 3 = Post-secondary 9 = Don't know
			See Notes below
25-25	1	LIVES1	Who Lived With During Secondary School (first person)
		Q. F5	0 = Alone or with parents 1 = Grandparents 2 = Brother/sister 3 = Other relative 4 = Board/dorm in Malaysia 5 = Board/dorm abroad 6 = Non-relative 7 = Other 9 = Don't know
26-26	1	LIVES2	Who Lived With During Secondary School (second person--separate household from LIVES1 person)
		Q. F5	See codes for LIVES1 (Col. 25. )
27-27	1	LIVES3	Who Lived With During Secondary School (third person--separate household from LIVES1 and LIVES2 persons)
		Q. F5	See codes for LIVES1 (Col. 25).

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
28-28	1	LIVES4	Who Lived With During Secondary School (fourth person--separate household from LIVES1-LIVES3 persons)
		Q. F5	See codes for LIVES1 (Col. 25).
29-29	1	LIVEC1	Who Lived With During College/University (first person)
		Q. F5	0 = Alone or with parents 1 = Grandparents 2 = Brother/sister 3 = Other relative 4 = Board/dorm in Malaysia 5 = Board/dorm abroad 6 = Non-relative 7 = Other 9 = Don't know
30-30	1	LIVEC2	Who Lived With During College/University (second person--separate household from LIVEC1 person)
		Q. F5	See codes for LIVEC1 (Col. 29).
31-31	1	LIVEC3	Who Lived With During College/University (third person--separate household from LIVEC1 and LIVEC2 persons)
		Q. F5	See codes for LIVEC1 (Col. 29).
32-32	1	LIVEC4	Who Lived With During College/University (fourth person--separate household from LIVEC1-LIVEC3 persons)
		Q. F5	See codes for LIVEC1 (Col. 29).

Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

33-33	1	PAIDS1	Who Paid for Secondary School (first person)
		Q. F6	
			1 = Respondent or husband
			2 = Parents
			3 = Grandparents
			4 = Brother/sister
			5 = Other relative
			6 = Scholarship
			7 = Loan
			8 = Other
			9 = Don't know

34-34	1	PAIDS2	Who Paid for Secondary School (second person--if applicable)
		Q. F6	
			See codes for PAIDS1 (Col. 33).

35-35	1	PAIDS3	Who Paid for Secondary School (third person--if applicable)
		Q. F6	
			See codes for PAIDS1 (Col. 33).

36-36	1	PAIDS4	Who Paid for Secondary School (fourth person--if applicable)
		Q. F6	
			See codes for PAIDS1 (Col. 33).

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
37-37	1	PAIDC1	Who Paid for College/University (first person)
		Q. F6	1 = Respondent or husband 2 = Parents 3 = Grandparents 4 = Brother/sister 5 = Other relative 6 = Scholarship 7 = Loan 8 = Other 9 = Don't know
38-38	1	PAIDC2	Who Paid for College/University (second person--if applicable)
		Q. F6	See codes for PAIDC1 (Col. 37).
39-39	1	PAIDC3	Who Paid for College/University (third person--if applicable)
		Q. F6	See codes for PAIDC1 (Col. 37).
40-40	1	PAIDC4	Who Paid for College/University (fourth person--if applicable)
		Q. F6	See codes for PAIDC1 (Col. 37).
41-77	37	none	Blank
78-79	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF
			Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
80-80	1	RACE	Race of Respondent
			1 = Malay
			2 = Chinese
			3 = Indian
			4 = Other
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			21 = First MF22 for household
			22 = Second MF22 for household
			New sample only has SERIES=21
			See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:

**EDUCGRP (Col. 24):** Primary education corresponds to the first six years of school, secondary to the next 5 years (Forms 1-5), and post-secondary to 11 years or more (Form 6 and higher). Post-secondary includes any schooling or training course which lasted for 2 years or more and which required a minimum qualification of completed Form 5 or the equivalent. Thus, post-secondary includes, in addition to university, schooling such as technical, nurses' and teachers' colleges, public health inspector training, laboratory technologist training.

## MF22TRN--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--TRAINING

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 4 = Education and Training
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household 0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off See discussion in Section I

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-10	2	SEQNO	Sequence Number  1 = Only one record of this type per respondent
11-11	1	SUBTYPE	Record Subtype  2 = Training
12-13	2	NTRAIN  Q. F7	Number of Job-related Training Programs Respondent Has Taken  0=none (skip to Section G: Migration and Housing) 99=Unknown  See Notes below
14-15	2	TYPE1  Q. F8	Type of Job-related Training Program: Longest Program  1 = Business, secretarial, or technical school 2 = Company training 3 = Apprenticeship 4 = In-service training (teachers, nurses,...) 5 = MARA (government program) 6 = KEMAS (government program) 7 = Other government 8 = Cooperative or trade union 9 = Armed forces 10 = Other 99 = Unknown  See Notes Below

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
16-17	2	MONTH1	Month Began Job-related Training Program: Longest Program
		Q. F9	1 = January 2 = February 3 = March 4 = April 5 = May 6 = June 7 = July 8 = August 9 = September 10 = October 11 = November 12 = December 13 = Early part of the year 14 = Middle of the year 15 = Late part of the year 99 = Unknown
18-19	2	YEAR1	Year Began Job-related Training Program: Longest Program
		Q. F9	99 = Unknown
20-21	2	AGE1	Age When Began Job-related Training: Longest Program
		Q. F9	99 = Unknown
			See AGE1_FLG (Col. 76) to find imputed ages
22-23	2	TIME1	Length of Time in Job-related Training: Longest Program
		Q. F10	99 = Unknown
			Must be combined with UNIT1 (Col. 24)



Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
24-24	1	UNIT1	Time Unit for Length of Time in Job-related Training: Longest Program
		Q. F10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 = Hours</li> <li>2 = Days</li> <li>3 = Weeks</li> <li>4 = Months</li> <li>5 = Years</li> <li>9 = Unknown</li> </ul>
25-25	1	FULL1	Full-time or Part-time Status: Longest Program
		Q. F11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 = Regular morning and/or afternoon session (full-time)</li> <li>2 = 5-20 hours/week (part-time)</li> <li>3 = Fewer than 5 hours/week (part-time)</li> <li>9 = Unknown</li> </ul>
26-27	2	PAID11	Who Paid for Job-related Training-- First Source: Longest Program
		Q. F12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 = No expenses</li> <li>1 = Respondent, spouse</li> <li>2 = Parents</li> <li>3 = Grandparents</li> <li>4 = Brother or sister</li> <li>5 = Other relative</li> <li>6 = Army</li> <li>7 = Government</li> <li>8 = Employer</li> <li>9 = Scholarship</li> <li>10 = Loan</li> <li>11 = Other</li> <li>99 = Unknown</li> </ul>

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
28-29	2	PAID21	Who Paid for Job-related Training-- Second Source: Longest Program
		Q. F12	See codes for PAID11 (Col. 26-27).
30-31	2	PAID31	Who Paid for Job-related Training-- Third Source: Longest Program
		Q. F12	See codes for PAID11 (Col. 26-27).
32-33	2	PAID41	Who Paid for Job-related Training-- Fourth Source: Longest Program
		Q. F12	See codes for PAID11 (Col. 26-27).
34-35	2	TYPE2	Type of Job-related Training Program: Second Longest Program
		Q. F8	See codes for TYPE1 (Col. 14-15).
36-37	2	MONTH2	Month Began Job-related Training Program: Second Longest Program
		Q. F9	See codes for MONTH1 (Col. 16-17).
38-39	2	YEAR2	Year Began Job-related Training Program: Second Longest Program
		Q. F9	99 = Unknown

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
40-41	2	AGE2 Q. F9	Age When Began Job-related Training: Second Longest Program  99 = Unknown  See AGE2_FLG (Col. 77) to find imputed ages
42-43	2	TIME2 Q. F10	Length of Time in Job-related Training: Second Longest Program  99 = Unknown  Must be combined with UNIT2 (Col. 44)
44-44	1	UNIT2 Q. F10	Time Unit for Length of Time in Job-related Training: Second Longest Program  See codes for UNIT1 (Col. 24)
45-45	1	FULL2 Q. F11	Full-time or Part-time Status: Second Longest Program  See codes for FULL1 (Col. 25).
46-47	2	PAID12 Q. F12	Who Paid for Job-related Training-- First Source: Second Longest Program  See codes for PAID11 (Col. 26-27).

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Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
48-49	2	PAID22	Who Paid for Job-related Training-- Second Source: Second Longest Program
		Q. F12	See codes for PAID11 (Col. 26-27).
50-51	2	PAID32	Who Paid for Job-related Training-- Third Source: Second Longest Program
		Q. F12	See codes for PAID11 (Col. 26-27).
52-53	2	PAID42	Who Paid for Job-related Training-- Fourth Source: Second Longest Program
		Q. F12	See codes for PAID11 (Col. 26-27).
54-75	22	none	Blank

MF22TRN--MF22F. Training

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
76-76	1	AGE1_FLG	Indicates Whether AGE1 is an Exact Report or an Estimate Based on Partial Dates
			0 = exact age reported Either full dates were provided or person only reported AGE and no date
			1 = estimated age where had both event mth/year and mth/year of birth, but had at least one range value month
			2 = estimated age where had month/year for either the event or birthdate but not both: if event in 1st half of year, assumed no birthday yet. if birthday in first half of year, assumed had birthday before the event
			3 = estimated age where only year of event and year of birth available, i.e., no months at all were reported
			4 = estimated age where only had event year and used estimated year of birth based on age at interview

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
77-77	1	AGE2_FLG	Indicates Whether AGE2 is an Exact Report or an Estimate Based on Partial Dates  Same codes as for AGE1_FLG
78-79	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF  Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST
80-80	1	RACE	Race of Respondent  1 = Malay 2 = Chinese 3 = Indian 4 = Other
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable : Multiple Questionnaires per Household  21 = First MF22 for household 22 = Second MF22 for household  New sample only has SERIES=21 See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:

**NTRAIN (Col. 12-13):** Training is defined as job-related training, held either at the place of work or elsewhere that lasted at least one week (5 working days). It includes apprenticeships, pre-service training, in-service training and any training course that a person attended while working. If respondent attended more than 2 training programs, information about the two longest programs is recorded. If the respondent attended many short courses, all of about the same length, the two most recent ones were recorded.

**TYPE1 (Col. 14-15)/TYPE2 (Col. 34-35):** The code representing MARA indicates a government training program sponsored by the Majlis Amanah

Rakyat (Council of Trust for the Indigenous People). Likewise, the code representing KEMAS indicates a government training program sponsored by Bahagian Kemajuan Masyarakat (Community Development Division, Ministry of National and Rural Development). See Interviewer Instructions for complete description of what types of training fall into a given category.

## MF22MIG--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--MIGRATION AND HOUSE CHARACTERISTICS

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type  4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number  2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type  5 = Migration
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number  1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household  0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off  See discussion in Section I



Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-10	2	MIG_NUM	Migration Event Number
11-11	1	none	Blank
12-13	2	NMOVES	Total Number of Moves Since Age 15
		Q. G4	See Notes Below
14-15	2	MTHMOVE	Month This Move Took Place
		Q. G5	1 = January 2 = February 3 = March 4 = April 5 = May 6 = June 7 = July 8 = August 9 = September 10 = October 11 = November 12 = December 13 = Early part of the year 14 = Middle of the year 15 = Late part of the year 99 = Don't know  Not recorded for residence at birth or at age 15
16-17	2	YEARMOVE	Year This Move Took Place
		Q. G5	(e.g., 79=1979)  99 = Don't know  Not recorded for residence at birth or at age 15

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
18-19	2	AGEMOVE	Respondent's Age at This Move
		Q. G5	0 = Residence at birth 15 = Residence at age 15 99 = Don't know
			See AGMV_FLG (Col. 77) to find imputed ages
20-20	1	TYPE	Type of Place At Time of Move
		Q. G2,G3b,G7	1 = Kampung 2 = Estate 3 = Land scheme 4 = New village 5 = Small town 6 = Large town 7 = City 8 = Other (e.g., Likut Naval Base) 9 = Don't know
21-22	2	DISTRICT	District
		Q. G1,G3a,G6	See Appendix B for codes
23-24	2	STATE	State or Country
		Q. G1,G3a,G6	See Appendix A for codes

Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

25-25    1            DRINK            Main Source of Drinking Water in This  
House For Most of Time Lived There

Q. G8a

- 1 = Private pipe
- 2 = Other pipe
- 3 = Well
- 4 = Pump
- 5 = Cistern
- 6 = Rainwater
- 7 = River
- 8 = Other (e.g. mountain water)
- 9 = Don't know

Not asked for place of birth

26-26    1            WASH            Main Source of Water for Washing in This  
House for Most of Time Lived There

Q. G8b

See codes for DRINK (Col. 25).

Not asked for place of birth

27-27    1            TOILET          Type of Toilet Facilities in This  
House for Most of Time Lived There

Q. G9

- 1 = Flush
- 2 = Pour flush
- 3 = Bucket
- 4 = Pit latrine
- 5 = River
- 6 = Bushes/jungle
- 7 = Other (specify)
- 9 = Don't know

Not asked for place of birth

28-76    49            none            Blank

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
77-77	1	AGMV_FLG	<p>Indicates whether AGEMOVE is an Exact Report or an Estimate Based on Partial Dates</p> <p>0 = exact age reported            Either full dates were provided or person only reported AGE and no date</p> <p>1 = estimated age where had both event mth/year and mth/year of birth, but had at least one range value month</p> <p>2 = estimated age where had month/year for either the event or birthdate but not both:            if event in 1st half of year, assumed no birthday yet.            if birthday in first half of year, assumed had birthday before the event</p> <p>3 = estimated age where only year of event and year of birth available, i.e., no months at all were reported</p> <p>4 = estimated age where only had event year and used estimated year of birth based on age at interview</p>
78-79	2	PERSON	<p>Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF</p> <p>Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST</p>
80-80	1	RACE	<p>Race of Respondent</p> <p>1 = Malay            2 = Chinese            3 = Indian            4 = Other</p>

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			21 = First MF22 for household 22 = Second MF22 for household
			New sample only has SERIES=21 See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:

**NMOVES (Col. 12-13):** Refers to the number of changes of residence since age 15. For MF22 respondents, a move is a change of house, thus a move across the street is counted as well as moves to another district or state. In MF23 (male retrospective) and MF24 (senior retrospective), moves are recorded only for changes in district of residence.

**CASE 3583** has **NMOVES** = 99 because she did not answer the question.

**CASE 5947** refused to recall her migration history. She said she always lived in Kuala Lumpur but would not give any information about changes of residence.

For **CASE 3583**, the district of the last move is 99; the recording form could not be located to check for a missing move.

For **CASE 5735**, the district of the last move is different from that associated with the EB of 1988 residence; the recording form could not be located to check for a missing move.

## MF22WORK--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--WORK HISTORY

1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type
			4 = Panel
			5 = Children
			6 = Panel and Children
			7 = New
			8 = Senior
			9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number
			2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type
			6 = Work History
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number
			1-2198 = Panel or Children
			3000-6999 = New or Senior
			7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household
			0 = Not split off
			1 = First split-off
			2 = Second split-off
			See discussion in Section I

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-10	2	JOB_NUM	Employment Line Number (not a job number)  01 = First 02 = Second 03 = Etc.  See Notes below
11-11	1	none	Blank
12-12	1	EVERWORK	Ever Worked  Q. H1 1 = Yes 2 = No (Skip to REASON1 [Col. 41-42])  See Notes below
13-14	2	OCC	Occupation (Character data)  Q. H2, H10 See Appendix C for codes  The occupation code for housewife was not used; periods where the respondent was solely a housewife are treated as nonemployment  See Notes below

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
15-15	1	WORST	Employment Status in this Occupation
		Q. H2a	1 = Paid employee 2 = Self-Employed/own account worker 3 = Employer 4 = Unpaid family worker/helper 9 = Don't know
			See Interviewer Instructions for detailed descriptions of each type
16-17	2	MTHJOB	Month Employment Began in this Occupation
		Q. H3	1 = January 2 = February 3 = March 4 = April 5 = May 6 = June 7 = July 8 = August 9 = September 10 = October 11 = November 12 = December 13 = Early part of the year 14 = Middle of the year 15 = End of the year 99 = Don't know
18-19	2	YEARJOB	Year Employment Began in this Occupation
		Q. H3	99 = Don't know
			See Notes below



Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
20-21	2	AGEBEGAN	Age When Began Working at this Occupation
		Q. H3	99 = Don't know
			See AGEB_FLG (Col. 77) to find imputed ages
			See Notes below
22-23	2	YRSWORK	Years Employed at this Occupation
		Q. H4	0 = Less than one year 01 = One year 02 = Etc. 88 = Still working at this occupation 99 = Don't know
24-25	2	AGESTOP	Age When Stopped Working at this Occupation
		Q. H4	99 = Don't know
26-30	5	EARNSTRT	Monthly Earnings at Start of this Occupation
		Q. H5	99999 = Don't know (Malaysian dollars)
			Not required if unpaid family worker

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
31-31	1	KIND1	First Type of Payment in Kind
		Q. H6	0 = None 1 = Meals 2 = Housing 3 = Food, products for own use 9 = Unknown  Not required if unpaid family worker or self-employed
32-32	1	KIND2	Second Type of Payment in Kind
		Q. H6	See codes for KIND1 (Col. 31).
33-33	1	KIND3	Third Type of Payment in Kind
		Q. H6	See codes for KIND1 (Col. 31).
34-34	1	FULLTIME	Employed Fulltime or Parttime per Week
		Q. H7	1 = Fulltime (8 hours/day) 2 = Parttime 9 = Unknown
35-35	1	ALLYEAR	Term of Employment in this Occupation
		Q. H8	1 = All year 2 = Most of year 3 = Part of year 9 = Unknown

Cols Length Variable Name Description and Codes

36-40	5	EARNEND	Monthly Earnings at End of Employment in this Occupation
		Q. H9	99999 = Don't know (Malaysian dollars)
			Not asked if currently working (i.e., YRWORK=88); current earnings are reported in MF25INC

41-42	2	REASON1	First Reason for Not Working
		Q. H1a,H11a	1 = To care for children 2 = To care for other relatives 3 = Health reasons 4 = School/training 5 = Look for work 6 = No work available 7 = Housework 8 = Retired 9 = Did not want to work 10 = Husband did not want to work 11 = Have baby 20 = Other 99 = Don't know
			Asked only if never worked or if had a gap of a year or more between employments

43-44	2	REASON2	Second Reason for Not Working
		Q. H1a,H11a	See codes for REASON1 (Col. 41-42).

45-46	2	REASON3	Third Reason for Not Working
		Q. H1a,H11a	See codes for REASON1 (Col. 41-42).

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
47-47	1	LEAVE	Received Paid Maternity Leave
		Q. H12	1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Unknown
			Asked only if respondent has borne children.
48-76	29	none	Blank

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
77-77	1	AGEB_FLG	<p>Indicates Whether AGEBEGAN is an Exact Report or an Estimate Based on Partial Dates</p> <p>0 = exact age reported  Either full dates were provided or person only reported AGE and no date</p> <p>1 = estimated age where had both event mth/year and mth/year of birth, but had at least one range value month</p> <p>2 = estimated age where had month/year for either the event or birthdate but not both:  if event in 1st half of year, assumed no birthday yet.  if birthday in first half of year, assumed had birthday before the event</p> <p>3 = estimated age where only year of event and year of birth available, i.e., no months at all were reported</p> <p>4 = estimated age where only had event year and used estimated year of birth based on age at interview</p>
78-79	2	PERSON	<p>Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF</p> <p>Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST</p>
80-80	1	RACE	<p>Race of Respondent</p> <p>1 = Malay  2 = Chinese  3 = Indian  4 = Other</p>

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
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81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			21 = First MF22 for household
			22 = Second MF22 for household
			New sample only has SERIES=21
			See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:

**JOB\_NUM (Col. 9-10):** Represents line number of the type of work listed and does not reflect separate jobs. A promotion from one job to another without a change in occupation codes is not considered a change in type of work and thus is not recorded. However, a change in employment status without a change in occupation is considered a change in type of work and is entered as a separate record.

**EVERWORK (Col. 12):** Refers to work done for at least 3 months since age 15. Work is defined as any jobs the respondent may have had, any work done for her own or a family business or farm, any products she may have made for sale, or services she has performed. Please see the Interviewer Instructions for a complete description of the "definition of work".

**OCC (Col. 13-14):** The MF22 work history records changes in type of work, changes in work status within a type of work, and long breaks between episodes of a type of work. The occupation code used is a 2-digit level code assigned by office staff. Changes in type of work, however, may occur at the 3-digit occupation code level. Such changes do not show a change in the value of OCC. For example, a woman may have worked as a padi farm worker and then later become a rubber tapper. In both cases, the OCC code would be 62, agricultural worker. In addition, multiple job holding is common in Malaysia and jobs are often related within the broader 2-digit category.

**YEARJOB (Col. 18-19)/AGEBEGAN (Col. 20-21):** Date job began could be before respondent was age 15. If she was working at age 15, the job may well have started before her 15th birthday. In addition, in some cases jobs that began and ended before age 15 were inadvertently coded. Users may wish to delete these records since jobs completed before age 15 were not routinely recorded.

MF22BACK--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--FAMILY BACKGROUND

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type  4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number  2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type  7 = Family background
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number  1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household  0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off  See discussion in Section I

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-10	2	SEQNO	Sequence Number  1 = Only one record of this type per respondent
11-11	1	none	Blank
12-12	1	RELIGION	Religion of Respondent  Q. I1 1 = Muslim 2 = Buddhist, Confucianist, Taoist 3 = Hindu 4 = Sikh 5 = Catholic 6 = Other Christian 7 = Other 8 = No religion 9 = No response
13-14	2	OLDBROS	Number of Older Living Brothers (includes adopted)  Q. I2 99 = Don't know
15-16	2	OLDSIS	Number of Older Living Sisters (includes adopted)  Q. I3 99 = Don't know



Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
17-18	2	YOUNGBRO	Number of Younger Living Brothers (includes adopted)
		Q. I4	99 = Don't know
19-20	2	YOUNGSIS	Number of Younger Living Sisters (includes adopted)
		Q. I5	99 = Don't know
21-22	2	FOCCODE	Father's Occupation When Respondent Was Age 5-15 (Character data)
		Q. I6A	See Appendix C for codes  Question was skipped if father died before respondent's fifth birthday
23-23	1	FATHED	Father's Education
		Q. I7A	0 = None 1 = Primary 2 = Secondary 3 = Post-secondary 9 = Don't know  Primary education corresponds to the first 6 years of school, secondary to the next 5 years (Forms 1-5), and post-secondary to 11 years or more (Form 6 and higher)

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
24-26	3	FATHAGE	Father's age at time of survey
		Q. I8A	0 = Father is dead (Skip to FATHDIED [Col. 33-34]) 999 = Don't know
27-27	1	FATHLIV1	With Whom Does Father Live (first person)
		Q. I9A	1 = Respondent 2 = Alone 3 = Spouse 4 = Other children 5 = Other relatives 6 = Friends 7 = Institution 8 = Other 9 = Don't know  Coded as living with respondent if father eats and sleeps in the respondent's home
28-28	1	FATHLIV2	With Whom Does Father Live (second person--if applicable)
		Q. I9A	See codes for FATHLIV1 (Col. 27).
29-29	1	FATHLIV3	With Whom Does Father Live (third person--if applicable)
		Q. I9A	See codes for FATHLIV1 (Col. 27).

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
30-30	1	FATHLIV4	With Whom Does Father Live (fourth person--if applicable)
		Q. I9A	See codes for FATHLIV1 (Col. 27).
31-31	1	FATHSEE	How Often Respondent Sees Father if Not in Same Household
		Q. I10A	1 = Every day 2 = Several times a week (3-6) 3 = Once or twice a week 4 = One to three times a month 5 = Several times a year (3-11) 6 = Once or twice a year 7 = Less than once a year 8 = Never 9 = Don't know
32-32	1	FATHLTH	Father's health status
		Q. I11A	1 = Good 2 = Fair 3 = Poor 9 = Don't know
33-34	2	FATHDIED	Number of Years Ago Father Died
		Q. I12A	0 = Less than 1 year ago Blank if father still alive 99 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
35-36	2	FATHIN1	Inheritance from Father (if dead) (first type)
		Q. I13Aa	0 = None 1 = Land (See FATHLAND [Col. 43-45]) 2 = House 3 = Farm equipment 4 = Animals 5 = Boat 6 = Business 7 = Car, truck 8 = Jewelry 9 = Money (See FATHCASH [Col. 47-48]) 10 = Other 99 = Don't know
37-38	2	FATHIN2	Inheritance from Father (if dead) (second type)
		Q. I13Aa	See codes for FATHIN1 (Col. 35-36)
39-40	2	FATHIN3	Inheritance from Father (if dead) (third type)
		Q. I13Aa	See codes for FATHIN1 (Col. 35-36)
41-42	2	FATHIN4	Inheritance from Father (if dead) (fourth type)
		Q. I13Aa	See codes for FATHIN1 (Col. 35-36)

Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

43-45	3	FATHLAND	Amount of Land Inherited from Father (if dead)
		Q. I13Ab	
			999 = Don't know Must be Combined with FATHUNIT (Col. 46).

46-46	1	FATHUNIT	Unit for Amount of Land Inherited (if dead)
		Q. I13Ab	
			1 = Acres 2 = Hectares 3 = Relongs (about 0.7 acres) 4 = Other 9 = Don't know

47-48	1	FATHCASH	Amount of Cash Inherited from Father (if dead)
		Q. I13Ac	
			1 = Less than \$1000 (Malaysian) 2 = \$1000-\$4999 3 = \$5000-\$9999 4 = More than \$10,000 9 = Don't know

49-50	2	MOCCODE	Mother's Occupation When Respondent Was Age 5-15
		Q. I6B	(Character data)
			See Appendix C for codes
			Question was skipped if mother died before respondent's fifth birthday

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
51-51	1	MOTHEd	Mother's Education
		Q. I7B	0 = None 1 = Primary 2 = Secondary 3 = Post secondary. 9 = Don't know  Primary education corresponds to the first 6 years of school, secondary to the next 5 years (Forms 1-5), and post-secondary to 11 years or more (Form 6 and higher)
52-54	3	MOTHAGE	Mother's age at time of survey
		Q. I8B	0 = Mother is dead (Skip to MOTHDIED [Col. 61-62]) 999 = Don't know
55-55	1	MOTHLIV1	With Whom Does Mother Live (first person)
		Q. I9B	1 = Respondent 2 = Alone 3 = Spouse 4 = Other children 5 = Other relatives 6 = Friends 7 = Institution 8 = Other 9 = Don't know  Coded as living with respondent if mother eats and sleeps in the respondent's home

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
56-56	1	MOTHLIV2	With Whom Does Mother Live (second person--if applicable)
		Q. I9B	See codes for MOTHLIV1 (Col. 55)
57-57	1	MOTHLIV3	With Whom Does Mother Live (third person--if applicable)
		Q. I9B	See codes for MOTHLIV1 (Col. 55)
58-58	1	MOTHLIV4	With Whom Does Mother Live (fourth person--if applicable)
		Q. I9B	See codes for MOTHLIV1 (Col. 55)
59-59	1	MOTHSEE	How Often Respondent Sees Mother if Not in Same Household
		Q. I10B	1 = Every day 2 = Several times a week (3-6) 3 = Once or twice a week 4 = One to three times a month 5 = Several times a year (3-11) 6 = Once or twice a year 7 = Less than once a year 8 = Never 9 = Don't know
60-60	1	MOTHLTH	Mother's health status
		Q. I11B	1 = Good 2 = Fair 3 = Poor 9 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
61-62	2	MOTHDIED	Number of Years Ago Mother Died
		Q. I12B	0 = Less than 1 year ago Blank if mother still alive 99 = Don't know
63-64		MOTHIN1	Inheritance from Mother (if dead) (first type)
		Q. I13Ba	0 = None 1 = Land (See MOTH LAND [Col. 71-73]) 2 = House 3 = Farm equipment 4 = Animals 5 = Boat 6 = Business 7 = Car, truck 8 = Jewelry 9 = Money (See MOTH CASH [Col. 75-76]) 10 = Other 99 = Don't know
65-66	2	MOTHIN2	Inheritance from Mother (if dead) (second type)
		Q. I13Ba	See codes for MOTHIN1 (Col. 63-64)
67-68	2	MOTHIN3	Inheritance from Mother (if dead) (third type)
		Q. I13Ba	See codes for MOTHIN1 (Col. 63-64)



Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
69-70	2	MOTHIN4 Q. I13Ba	Inheritance from Mother (if dead) (fourth type)  See codes for MOTHIN1 (Col. 63-64)
71-73	3	MOTHLAND Q. I13Bb	Amount of Land Inherited from Mother (if dead)  999 = Don't know Must be combined with MOTHUNIT (Col. 74).
74-74	1	MOTHUNIT Q. I13Bb	Unit for Amount of Land Inherited (if dead)  1 = Acres 2 = Hectares 3 = Relongs (about 0.7 acres) 4 = Other 9 = Don't know
75-76	2	MOTHCASH Q. I13Bc	Amount of Cash Inherited from Mother (if dead)  1 = Less than \$1000 (Malaysian) 2 = \$1000-\$4999 3 = \$5000-\$9999 4 = More than \$10,000 9 = Don't know
77-77	1	none	Blank
78-79	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF  Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
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80-80	1	RACE	Race of Respondent
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1 = Malay
2 = Chinese
3 = Indian
4 = Other

81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
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21 = First MF22 for household
22 = Second MF22 for household

New sample only has SERIES=21
See discussion in Section I

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MF22HP1--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--HELP FOR OWN PARENTS

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 8 = Help for/from Relatives
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household 0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off See discussion in Section I

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-10	2	SEQNO	Sequence Number  1 = Only one record of this type per respondent
11-11	1	SUBTYPE	Record Subtype  1 = Help given to own parents  Includes step and adoptive parents; assistance refers to that given by the respondent or their spouse; respondents who do not have parents living elsewhere will have data in col. 1-11 only
12-12	1	none	Blank
13-13	1	MLASTTP  Q. J1A	Given Money to Own Parents in Last 12 Months  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know
14-15	2	MYRHLPTP  Q. J2A	Number of Years Have Given Money to Own Parents  0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
16-16	1	MFREQTP Q. J3A	How Frequently Give Money to Own Parents 1 = Every day 2 = Several times a week (3-6) 3 = Once or twice a week 4 = 1 to 3 times a month 5 = Several times a year (3-11) 6 = 1 to 2 times a year 7 = Less than once a year 8 = One time only 9 = Don't know
17-22	6	MMONEYTP Q. J4A	Amount of Money Given in Last 12 Months to Own Parents 999999 = Don't know (Malaysian dollars)
23-23	1	FLASTTP Q. J1B	Given Food/Other Goods to Own Parents in Last 12 Months 1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know
24-25	2	FYRHLPTP Q. J2B	Number of Years Have Given Food/Goods to Own Parents 0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
26-26	1	FFREQTP Q. J3B	How Frequently Give Food/Goods to Own Parents  See codes for MFREQTP (Col. 16).
27-32	6	FMONEYTP Q. J4B	Value of Food/Goods Given in Last 12 Months to Own Parents  999999 = Don't know (Malaysian dollars)
33-33	1	HLASTTP Q. J1C	Done Household Chores for Own Parents in Last 12 Months  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know  Refers to both household chores and personal care. Personal care is defined help with walking, eating, or hygiene.
34-35	2	HYRHLPTP Q. J2C	Number of Years Done Household Chores for Own Parents  0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know
36-36	1	HFREQTP Q. J3C	How Frequently Done Household Chores for Own Parents  See codes for MFREQTP (Col. 16).

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
37-37	1	BLASTTP	Helped Own Parents with the Family Business in Last 12 Months
		Q. J1D	1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know
38-39	2	BYRHLPTP	Number of Years Helped Own Parents with the Family Business
		Q. J2D	0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know
40-40	1	BFREQTP	How Frequently Help Own Parents with The Family Business
		Q. J3D	See codes for MFREQTP (Col. 16).
41-77	37	none	Blank
78-79	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF
			Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST
80-80	1	RACE	Race of Respondent
			1 = Malay 2 = Chinese 3 = Indian 4 = Other

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Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
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81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			21 = First MF22 for household
			22 = Second MF22 for household
			New sample only has SERIES=21
			See discussion in Section I

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MF22HP2--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--HELP FROM OWN PARENTS

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 8 = Help for/from Relatives
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household 0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off See discussion in Section I

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-10	2	SEQNO	Sequence Number  1 = Only one record of this type per respondent
11-11	1	SUBTYPE	Record Subtype  2 = Help from own parents  Administered only to those with at least one parent living elsewhere
12-12	1	none	Blank
13-13	1	MLASTFP  Q. J5A	Received Money from Own Parents in Last 12 Months  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know
14-15	2	MYRHLPPF  Q. J6A	Number of Years Have Received Money from Own Parents  0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know

Cols    Length    Variable Name    Description and Codes

16-16	1	MFREQFP	How Frequently Receive Money from Own Parents
		Q. J7A	
			1 = Every day
			2 = Several times a week (3-6)
			3 = Once or twice a week
			4 = 1 to 3 times a month
			5 = Several times a year (3-11)
			6 = 1 to 2 times a year
			7 = Less than once a year
			8 = One time only
			9 = Don't know

17-22	6	MMONEYFP	Amount of Money Received from Own Parents in Last 12 Months
		Q. J8A	
			999999 = Don't know (Malaysian dollars)

23-23	1	FLASTFP	Received Food/Other Goods from Own Parents in Last 12 Months
		Q. J5B	
			1 = Yes
			2 = No
			9 = Don't know

24-25	2	FYRHLPPF	Number of Years Have Received Food/Goods from Own Parents
		Q. J6B	
			0 = Less than one year
			88 = Always
			99 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
26-26	1	FFREQFP Q. J7B	How Frequently Receive Food/Goods from Own Parents  See codes for MFREQFP (Col. 16).
27-32	6	FMONEYFP Q. J8B	Value of Food/Goods Received from Own Parents in Last 12 Months  999999 = Don't know (Malaysian dollars)
33-33	1	KLASTFP Q. J5C	Received Free Child Care from Own Parents in Last 12 Months  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know
34-35	2	KYRHLFPF Q. J6C	Number of Years Received Child Care from Own Parents  0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know
36-36	1	KFREQFP Q. J7C	How Frequently Receive Child Care from Own Parents  See codes for MFREQFP (Col. 16).

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
37-37	1	HLASTFP	Had Household Chores Done by Own Parents in Last 12 Months
		Q. J5D	1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know  Refers to both household chores and personal care. Personal care is defined help with walking, eating, or hygiene.
38-39	2	HYRHLPPF	Number of Years Household Chores Done by Own Parents
		Q. J6D	0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know
40-40	1	HFREQFP	How Frequently Household Chores Done by Own Parents
		Q. J7D	See codes for MFREQFP (Col. 16).
41-41	1	BLASTFP	Helped in Family Business by Own Parents in Last 12 Months
		Q. J5E	1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know
42-43	2	BYRHLPPF	Number of Years Helped in Family Business by Own Parents
		Q. J6E	0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
44-44	1	BFREQFP	How Frequently Helped in Family Business by Own Parents
		Q. J7E	See codes for MFREQFP (Col. 16).
45-77	33	none	Blank
78-79	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF
			Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST
80-80	1	RACE	Race of Respondent
			1 = Malay 2 = Chinese 3 = Indian 4 = Other
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			21 = First MF22 for household 22 = Second MF22 for household
			New sample only has SERIES=21 See discussion in Section I

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MF22HC1--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--HELP FOR GROWN CHILDREN

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 8 = Help for/from Relatives
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household 0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off See discussion in Section I

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-10	2	SEQNO	Sequence Number  1 = Only one record of this type per respondent
11-11	1	SUBTYPE	Record Subtype  3 = Help given to grown children, (over age 18) not living in household  Includes step and adoptive children; assistance refers to that given by the respondent or their spouse; respondents who do not have grown children living elsewhere will have data in col. 1-11 only
12-12	1	none	Blank
13-13	1	MLASTTC Q. J10A	Given Money in Last 12 Months to Grown Children Who Have Left Home  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know
14-15	2	MYRHLPTC Q. J11A	Number of Years Have Given Money to Grown Children Who Have Left Home  0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know



Cols Length Variable Name Description and Codes

16-16 1 MFREQTC How Frequently Give Money to Grown Children Who Have Left Home

Q. J12A

- 1 = Every day
- 2 = Several times a week (3-6)
- 3 = Once or twice a week
- 4 = 1 to 3 times a month
- 5 = Several times a year (3-11)
- 6 = 1 to 2 times a year
- 7 = Less than once a year
- 8 = One time only
- 9 = Don't know

17-22 6 MMONEYTC Amount of Money Given in Last 12 Months to Grown Children

Q. J13A

999999 = Don't know  
(Malaysian dollars)

23-23 1 FLASTTC Given Food/Other Goods in Last 12 Months to Grown Children Who Have Left Home

Q. J10B

- 1 = Yes
- 2 = No
- 9 = Don't know

24-25 2 FYRHLPTC Number of Years Have Given Food/Goods to Grown Children Who Have Left Home

Q. J11B

- 0 = Less than one year
- 88 = Always
- 99 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
26-26	1	FFREQTC Q. J12B	How Frequently Give Food/Goods to Grown Children Who Have Left Home  See codes for MFREQTC (Col. 16).
27-32	6	FMONEYTC Q. J13B	Value of Food/Goods Given in Last 12 Months to Grown Children  999999 = Don't know (Malaysian dollars)
33-33	1	KLASTTC Q. J10C	Provided Free Child Care in Last 12 Months to Grown Children Who Left Home  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know
34-35	2	KYRHLPTC Q. J11C	Number of Years Provided Child Care to Grown Children Who Have Left Home  0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know
36-36	1	KFREQTC Q. J12C	How Frequently Provide Child Care to Children Who Have Left Home  See codes for MFREQTC (Col. 16).

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
37-37	1	HLASTTC Q. J10D	Done Household Chores in Last 12 Months for Grown Children Who Left Home  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know  Refers to both household chores and personal care. Personal care is defined help with walking, eating, or hygiene.
38-39	2	HYRHLPTC Q. J11D	Number of Years Done Household Chores for Grown Children Who Have Left Home  0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know
40-40	1	HFREQTC Q. J12D	How Frequently Done Household Chores for Children Who Have Left Home  See codes for MFREQTC (Col. 16).
41-41	1	BLASTTC Q. J10E	Helped With Family Business in Last 12 Months for Grown Children Who Left Home  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know
42-43	2	BYRHLPTC Q. J11E	Number of Years Helped With Family Business for Grown Children  0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
44-44	1	BFREQTC	How Frequently Help With Family Business for Grown Children Who Left Home
		Q. J12E	See codes for MFREQTC (Col. 16).
45-77	33	none	Blank
78-79	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF
			Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST
80-80	1	RACE	Race of Respondent
			1 = Malay 2 = Chinese 3 = Indian 4 = Other
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			21 = First MF22 for household 22 = Second MF22 for household
			New sample only has SERIES=21 See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:

## MF22HC2--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--HELP FROM GROWN CHILDREN

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 8 = Help for/from Relatives
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household 0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off See discussion in Section I

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-10	2	SEQNO	Sequence Number  1 = Only one record of this type per respondent
11-11	1	SUBTYPE	Record Subtype  4 = Help from grown children, (over age 18) not living in household  Administered only to those with grown children living elsewhere
12-12	1	none	Blank
13-13	1	MLASTFC  Q. J14A	Received Money in Last 12 Months from Grown Children Who Have Left Home  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know
14-15	2	MYRHLPFC  Q. J15A	Number of Years Have Received Money from Grown Children Who Have Left Home  0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
16-16	1	MFREQFC	How Frequently Receive Money from Grown Children Who Have Left Home
		Q. J16A	1 = Every day 2 = Several times a week (3-6) 3 = Once or twice a week 4 = 1 to 3 times a month 5 = Several times a year (3-11) 6 = 1 to 2 times a year 7 = Less than once a year 8 = One time only 9 = Don't know
17-22	6	MMONEYFC	Amount of Money Received in Last 12 Months from Grown Children
		Q. J17A	999999 = Don't know (Malaysian dollars)
23-23	1	FLASTFC	Received Food/Other Goods in Last 12 Months from Grown Children
		Q. J14B	1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know
24-25	2	FYRHLPPFC	Number of Years Have Received Food/Goods from Grown Children Who Have Left Home
		Q. J15B	0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
26-26	1	FFREQFC Q. J16B	How Frequently Receive Food/Goods from Grown Children Who Have Left Home  See codes for MFREQFC (Col. 16).
27-32	6	FMONEYFC Q. J17B	Value of Food/Goods Received in Last 12 Months from Grown Children  999999 = Don't know (Malaysian dollars)
33-33	1	KLASTFC Q. J14C	Received Free Child Care in Last 12 M Months from Grown Children Who Left Home  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know
34-35	2	KYRHLPC Q. J15C	Number of Years Received Child Care from Grown Children Who Have Left Home  0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know
36-36	1	KFREQFC Q. J16C	How Frequently Receive Child Care from Children Who Have Left Home  See codes for MFREQFC (Col. 16).



Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
37-37	1	HLASTFC Q. J14D	Had Household Chores Done in Last 12 Months by Grown Children Who Left Home  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know  Refers to both household chores and personal care. Personal care is defined help with walking, eating, or hygiene.
38-39	2	HYRHLPFC Q. J15D	Number of Years Household Chores Done by Grown Children Who Have Left Home  0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know
40-40	1	HFREQFC Q. J16D	How Frequently Household Chores Done by Children Who Have Left Home  See codes for MFREQFC (Col. 16).
41-41	1	BLASTFC Q. J14E	Helped in Family Business in Last 12 Months by Grown Children Who Left Home  1 = Yes 2 = No 9 = Don't know
42-43	2	BYRHLPFC Q. J15E	Number of Years Helped in Family Business by Grown Children  0 = Less than one year 88 = Always 99 = Don't know

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Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
44-44	1	BFREQFC Q. J16E	How Frequently Helped in Family Business by Grown Children Who Left Home  See codes for MFREQFC (Col. 16).
45-77	33	none	Blank
78-79	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF  Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST
80-80	1	RACE	Race of Respondent  1 = Malay 2 = Chinese 3 = Indian 4 = Other
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household  21 = First MF22 for household 22 = Second MF22 for household  New sample only has SERIES=21 See discussion in Section I

## NOTES:

MF22EVAL--FEMALE LIFE HISTORY--INTERVIEW EVALUATION

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
1-1	1	HHTYPE	Household Type 4 = Panel 5 = Children 6 = Panel and Children 7 = New 8 = Senior 9 = New and Senior
2-2	1	QNO	Questionnaire Number 2 = MF22
3-3	1	RECTYPE	Record Type 9 = Interview evaluation
4-7	4	CASE	Household Number 1-2198 = Panel or Children 3000-6999 = New or Senior 7000-8999 = Senior only
8-8	1	SPLIT	Whether Split-off Household 0 = Not split off 1 = First split-off 2 = Second split-off See discussion in Section I

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Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
9-10	2	SEQNO	Sequence Number  1 = Only one record of this type per respondent
11-11	1	none	Blank
12-12	1	RELIABLE	Reliability of Respondent's Answers  Q. K1 1 = Very good 2 = Good 3 = Average 4 = Unsatisfactory 5 = Very unsatisfactory 9 = Don't know
13-13	1	INTEREST	Interest Level of Respondent Towards the Interview  Q. K2 1 = Very interested 2 = Somewhat interested 3 = Not interested 9 = Don't know
14-77	64	none	Blank
78-79	2	PERSON	Person Number of Main Respondent for this MF  Matches PERSON in MF22SUM and MF21ROST

MF22EVAL--MF22K. Interview Evaluation

Cols	Length	Variable Name	Description and Codes
80-80	1	RACE	Race of Respondent
			1 = Malay
			2 = Chinese
			3 = Indian
			4 = Other
81-82	2	SERIES	Sort Variable for Multiple Questionnaires per Household
			21 = First MF22 for household
			22 = Second MF22 for household
			New sample only has SERIES=21
			See discussion in Section I

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