

APPENDIX 21

Month and Year Since Left School - 1968-73
Decision Rules for Revising the Twelve Variables
Representing Month and Year Since Leaving School

A. Respondents Not Enrolled in School in Any of the Survey Weeks, 1968-1973

If either the month or year (date) the respondent was last enrolled in school was reported in at least one-half of the years it was used. However, the year selected had to be consistent with the age of the respondent. Otherwise, the next closest reported year was used. If no date was reported in at least one-half of the years, the 1968 response was selected provided it was consistent with the respondent's age. In the case of an inconsistency, the next closest reported date was used.

B. Respondents Enrolled in at Least One of the Survey Years, 1968-1973

While the decision rules described above generally applied, in at least one of the years the date last enrolled had to be consistent with the information that the respondent was enrolled in school in the previous year.

C. The month the respondent was interviewed was also used to determine whether the reported month last enrolled in school was possible. If there was no repetition of response, the month of interview (in the appropriate year) was used.

^a Respondents had to be at least 14 years of age when last enrolled in school. In the few cases where she completed less than 7 years of schooling, this age restriction was not used.