

## Variable definitions for CPS data: earn2000.xls

Note: “=1” indicates a “dummy variable” equal to 1 if the condition holds, 0 otherwise

Variable name	Definition
age	age in years
asian	=1 if Asian or Pacific Islander
assocdeg	=1 if Associate degree
attendhs	=1 if attended but didn't complete high school
bachdeg	=1 if Bachelor's degree
black	=1 if race is black
citstat	citizenship status: 1= Native-born US, 2= Native-born US outlying areas, 3= Native-born US abroad US parent, 4= Foreign born-naturalization, 5= Not a US citizen
divsep	=1 if divorced or separated
doctdeg	=1 if doctorate degree, including MD, DDS, etc.
exper	potential years of work experience = age - school - 6
faminc	total family income in 1997 (\$)
female	=1 if female
forborn	=1 if foreign-born
govtemp	=1 if employed by government
herelt5	=1 if moved to USA permanently in last 5 years
hsgrad	=1 if high-school grad (no further school)
hsplus	=1 if more than high school education
industry	industry (see attached codes)
kidun18	number of children in family under 18
kidun6	number of children in family under 6
latino	=1 if Latino (Latin American ethnicity)

marital	1=married, spouse present, 3=married, spouse absent, 4=widowed, 5=divorced, 6=separated, 7=never married
married	=1 if married (not including separated)
mastdeg	=1 if Master's degree
midwest	=1 if living in Midwest region
nevermar	=1 if never has been married
nogradhs	=1 if did not finish high school
nonwhite	=1 if race is nonwhite
northeast	=1 if living in Northeast region
occup	occupation (see attached codes)
private	=1 if private (nongovernment) employer
profdeg	=1 if professional degree
schlt9	=1 if less than 9 years of school
school	total years of school (derived from ranges of grades completed)
somecoll	=1 if some college, but no degree
south	=1 if living in South region
spspres	=1 if married with spouse present
wagesal	total wage and salary income earned in 1997 (\$)
west	=1 if living in West region
widowed	=1 if widowed

## Industry codes

01 .Agriculture  
02 .Mining  
03 .Construction manufacturing  
04 .Manufacturing-durable goods  
05 .Manufacturing-nondurable goods  
    .transportation, communications,  
    .and other public utilities  
06 .Transportation  
07 .Communications  
08 .Utilities and sanitary services  
    .wholesale and retail trade  
09 .Wholesale trade  
10 .Retail trade  
11 .Finance, insurance and real  
    .estate services  
12 .Private household miscellaneous  
    .services  
13 .Business and repair  
14 .Personal services, except  
    .private household  
15 .Entertainment professional and  
    .related services  
16 .Hospital  
17 .Medical, except hospital  
18 .Educational  
19 .Social services  
20 .Other professional  
21 .Forestry and fisheries  
22 .Public administration  
23 .Armed Forces

## Occupation codes

### Managerial & professional

- 01 .Executive, admin. & managerial
- 02 .Professional specialty

### Technical, sales & admin. support

- 03 .Technicians & related support
- 04 .Sales
- 05 .Administrative support, incl.  
.clerical

### Service

- 06 .Private household
- 07 .Protective service
- 08 .Other service
- 09 .Precision production, craft &  
.repair

### Operators, fabricators & laborers

- 10 .Machine operators, assemblers &  
.inspectors
- 11 .Transportation & material  
.moving
- 12 .Handlers, equip. cleaners, etc.
- 13 .Farming, forestry & fishing
- 14 .Armed Forces