

The contents of datafiles in the subdirectory CHAP5.DAT is as follows:

Filename: CPS78

This data set consists of 550 randomly selected employed workers from the May 1978 current population survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Commerce. This is a survey of over 50,000 households conducted monthly, and it serves as the basis for the national employment and unemployment statistics. Data are collected on a number of individual characteristics as well as employment status. This data extract contains information on twenty-one variables for the 552 employed workers in the sample.

1. ED = years of education
2. SOUTH = 1 if lives in south
3. NONWH = 1 if nonwhite
4. HISP = 1 if Hispanic
5. FE = 1 if female
6. MARR = 1 if married with spouse present (in household)
7. MARRFE = 1 if married female with spouse present
8. EX = years of labor market experience (= AGE-ED-6)
9. EXSQ = years of labor market experience squared
10. UNION = 1 if working on a union job
11. LNWAGE = natural logarithm of average hourly earnings
12. AGE = age in years
13. NDEP = # of dependent children under 18 in household
14. MANUF = 1 if working in manufacturing industry
15. CONSTR = 1 if working in construction industry
16. MANAG = 1 if occupation is managerial or administrative
17. SALES = 1 if occupation is sales worker
18. CLER = 1 if occupation is clerical worker
19. SERV = 1 if occupation is service worker
20. PROF = 1 if occupation is professional/technical worker

Number of Observations: 550

FILENAME: CPS85

Source: NBER extract of May 1985 CPS, performed by Leslie Sundt  
of the University of Arizona

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3. NONWH = 1 if nonwhite
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5. FE = 1 if female
6. MARR = 1 if married with spouse present (in household)
7. MARRFE = 1 if married female with spouse present
8. EX = years of labor market experience (= AGE-ED-6) (minimum  
= 0 imposed ex post)
9. EXSQ = years of labor market experience squared
10. UNION = 1 if working on a union job
11. LNWAGE = natural logarithm of average hourly earnings
12. AGE = age in years
13. MANUF = 1 if working in manufacturing industry
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Number of Observations: 534