

A4F03 - NOTES AND COMPUTED VARIABLES
(Sociodemographic Questionnaire)

For the variable A03SDGRE (highest degree spouse earned - Question a-2, page 6), a code of 0 was used in some clinics to designate "less than high school", while other clinics used 0 as a missing response. This occurred because the code of 8, the usual designation for <HS, was inadvertently left off the data collection form. Thus, one should use caution in the interpretation of this variable.

A number of discrepancies between reported education at Exam 1 and Exam 2 have been identified. The following discussion documents these discrepancies.

1. The first comparison was made between the number of years of regular school completed between the exams. Ten percent of participants examined at both exams reported a lower number of years of education at the second exam (69% of these decreases were of one year).

Increases in education of three or more years were reported by 2.6% of the cohort (71% of these increases were three years).

Only two data entry errors were found in 362 of these edits sent to the clinics for verification.

Participant records reflecting increases >3 years and decreases >2 were compared to verify that the same participant was examined at each examination.

2. Similarly, a comparison of the highest degree earned was made. 136 unusual discrepancies were sent to the clinics to check for data entry errors. Examples of unusual discrepancies include a high school degree reported in Exam 1 and a master's