Geographical Codes

The senior survey, the parental survey, and the one year follow up survey contained numerous write-in questions that inquired about specific geographical locations (e.g. place born, location of school, etc.). Additionally data collected from the National Student Clearinghouse contained location information (for more information on NSCH see the Clearinghouse memo). This memo discusses the process through which the survey respondents' answers, which were initially data entered as text fields, and the NSCH data were translated into standard US Census Bureau geographical codes for states, territories and countries (http://factfinder.census.gov/metadoc/birthplace.pdf). The same coding scheme of numeric values of states and countries was also used to classify all college names by geographic location. Additionally, the coding of the location of colleges was also coded using the UW Location Coding Strategy (described below).

This memo proceeds in a two stages: 1) reviews all of the questions that contain a geographic code, 2) discusses the application of the US Census Bureau coding schema to the respondent write-in response.

1. Questions requiring Geographic Codes from UWBHS Surveys

Below, there is a comprehensive list of all UW-BHS variables that are coded to the Census Bureau list of geographic codes as well as the detailed list of codes.

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Senior Survey Questions (variable names listed):
S094BCg
            94bc) Other HS attended State name
S095Bg
            95) Where did you begin first grade/State?
S096ccq
           96c) if you have moved, state where lived before..
S096cdg
            96d) if you have moved, country where lived before
S163g
           63) Where were you born?
            67) Where was your MOTHER or female guardian born?
S167g
S170g
            70) where was your father or male guardian born?
S190B1g
            Birthplace of first sibling
            Birthplace of second sibling
S190B2a
S190B3g
            Birthplace of third sibling
S190B4g
            Birthplace of fourth sibling
S190B5q
            Birthplace of fifth sibling
S190B6g
            Birthplace of sixth sibling
S190B7g
            Birthplace of seventh sibling
S190B8g
            Birthplace of eighth sibling
S190B9g
            Birthplace of ninth sibling
              Carnegie, Location of College, q26
STAB26g
STAB27g
              Carnegie, Location of College, q27
              2000 only, Carnegie, Location of College, q28a
STAB28ag
STAB28bg
              2000 only, Carnegie, Location of College, q28b
STAB28cg
              2000 only, Carnegie, Location of College, q28c
STAB28dg
              2000 only, Carnegie, Location of College, q28d
              2002+, Carnegie, Location of College, q28
STAB 28g
STAB 29g
              2002+, Carnegie, Location of College, q29
            S026, Location of College, Carnegie and UW Coding Combined
UWG26g
UWG27a
            S027, Location of College, Carnegie and UW Coding Combined
           2002+ S028, Location of College, Carnegie and UW Coding Combined
UWG28_g
           2000 only:S028A, Location of College, Carnegie and UW Coding Combined
UWG28Aq
           2000 only:S028B, Location of College, Carnegie and UW Coding Combined
UWG28Ba
           2000 only:S028C, Location of College, Carnegie and UW Coding Combined
UWG28Cg
UWG28Da
           2000 only:S028D, Location of College, Carnegie and UW Coding Combined
UWG29_g
             2002+ S029, Location of College, Carnegie and UW Coding Combined
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UW Location Coding Strategy:

Note that most college entries (entered by respondents) could be matched to the name of a college in the

Carnegie master list of colleges. However, some responses were not specific (e.g. community college in Tacoma, nursing school) and could not be matched to a Carnegie college. For many of these entries, there was sufficient geographic information in the response for the UW-BHS coders to assign the Census numeric value to a specific state or country. The geographic codes assigned to colleges below reflect this additional information. Therefore there may be a geographic code for college even if there is a missing value the Carnegie Code.

One Year Follow-up Questions (variable names listed)

UWGF03g F03, Location of College, Carnegie and UW Coding Combined

STABf03g Carnegie, Location of College, Followup

Parental Survey Questions (variable names listed):

P006g Where parent born P023g Spouse: Where born

NSCH variables:

C1COLSTg Clearinghouse State of college 1
C2COLSTg Clearinghouse State of college 2
C3COLSTg Clearinghouse State of college 3
C4COLSTg Clearinghouse State of college 4
C5COLSTg Clearinghouse State of college 5
C6COLSTg Clearinghouse State of college 6
C7COLSTg Clearinghouse State of college 7

2. Application of Standard US Census Bureau Geographic Codes to UWBHS Location Information.

The US Census Bureau geographic codes were applied to the UWBHS location data, which was in a text-format. Note, that for all survey questions, answers were written in by respondents. Thus, the UWBHS staff recoded the write-ins (e.g. "Washington", "WA", "Seattle", "Vietnam", etc.) into the standard US Census Bureau geographic numeric codes. UWBHS staff recoded these into numeric codes, as shown below. In some files, these individual codes may be grouped together to protect confidentiality.)

The Census Bureau List of States and Countries

1 "ALABAMA"	53 "WASHINGTON"	131 "MADEIRA ISLANDS"
2 "ALASKA"	54 "WEST VIRGINIA"	132 "ROMANIA"
3 "NOT USED"	55 "WISCONSIN"	133 "SAN MARINO"
4 "ARIZONA"	56 "WYOMING"	134 "SPAIN"
5 "ARKANSAS"	57 'US, MORE DETAILED INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE'	135 "SVALBARD"
6 "CALIFORNIA"	99 "U.S. ISLAND AREAS"	136 "SWEDEN"
7 "NOT USED"	60 "AMERICAN SAMOA"	137 "SWITZERLAND"
8 "COLORADO"	66 "GUAM"	138 "UNITED KINGDOM"
9 "CONNECTICUT"	67 "JOHNSTON ATOLL"	139 "ENGLAND"
10 "DELAWARE"	68 "NOT USED"	140 "SCOTLAND"
11 "DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA"	69 "NORTHERN MARIANAS"	141 "WALES"
12 "FLORIDA"	70 "NOT USED"	142 "NORTHERN IRELAND"
13 "GEORGIA"	71 "MIDWAY ISLANDS"	143 "GUERNSEY"
14 "NOT USED"	72 "PUERTO RICO"	144 "JERSEY"
15 "HAWAII"	76 "NAVASSA ISLAND"	145 "ISLE OF MAN"
16 "IDAHO"	77 "NOT USED"	146 "VATICAN CITY"
17 "ILLINOIS"	78 "US VIRGIN ISLANDS"	147 "YUGOSLAVIA"
18 "INDIANA"	79 "WAKE ISLAND"	148 "CZECH REPUBLIC"
19 "IOWA"	80 "NOT USED"	149 "SLOVAKIA"
20 "KANSAS"	81 "BAKER ISLAND"	150 "BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA"
21 "KENTUCKY"	84 "HOWLAND ISLAND"	151 "CROATIA"
22 "LOUISIANA"	85 "NOT USED"	152 "MACEDONIA"
23 "MAINE"	86 "JARVIS ISLAND"	153 "SLOVENIA"
24 "MARYLAND"	89 "KINGMAN REEF"	154 "SERBIA"
25 "MASSACHUSETTS"	95 "PALMYRA ATOLL"	155 "ESTONIA"
26 "MICHIGAN"	96 "U. S. ISLAND AREA (AREA NOT SPECIFIED)-PLACE OF WORK ONLY."	156 "LATVIA"
27 "MINNESOTA"	100 "ALBANIA"	157 "LITHUANIA"
28 "MISSISSIPPI"	101 "ANDORRA"	158 "ARMENIA"
29 "MISSOURI"	102 "AUSTRIA"	159 "AZERBAIJAN"
30 "MONTANA"	103 "BELGIUM"	160 "BELARUS"
31 "NEBRASKA"	104 "BULGARIA"	161 "GEORGIA"
32 "NEVADA"	105 "CZECHOSLOVAKIA"	162 "MOLDOVA"
33 "NEW HAMPSHIRE"	106 "DENMARK"	163 "RUSSIA"
34 "NEW JERSEY"	107 "FAROE ISLANDS"	164 "UKRAINE"
35 "NEW MEXICO"	108 "FINLAND"	165 "USSR"
36 "NEW YORK"	109 "FRANCE"	166 "EUROPE"
37 "NORTH CAROLINA"	110 "GERMANY"	167 "KOSOVO"
38 "NORTH DAKOTA"	115 "GIBRALTAR"	200 "AFGHANISTAN"
39 "OHIO"	116 "GREECE"	201 "BAHRAIN"
40 "OKLAHOMA"	117 "HUNGARY"	202 "BANGLADESH"
41 "OREGON"	118 "ICELAND"	203 "BHUTAN"
42 "PENNSYLVANIA"	119 "IRELAND"	204 "BRUNEI"
43 "NOT USED"	120 "ITALY"	205 "MYANMAR (BURMA)"
44 "RHODE ISLAND"	121 "JAN MEYAN"	206 "CAMBODIA"
45 "SOUTH CAROLINA"	-	
46 "SOUTH CAROLINA 46 "SOUTH DAKOTA"	122 "LIECHTENSTEIN" 123 "LUXEMBOURG"	207 "CHINA" 208 "CYPRUS"
47 "TENNESSEE"	124 "MALTA"	209 "HONG KONG"
48 "TEXAS"	125 "MONACO"	210 "INDIA"
49 "UTAH"	126 "NETHERLANDS"	211 "INDONESIA"
50 "VERMONT"	127 "NORWAY"	212 "IRAN"
51 "VIRGINIA"	128 "POLAND"	213 "IRAQ"
52 "NOT USED"	129 "PORTUGAL"	214 "ISRAEL"

215 "JAPAN"	332 "HAITI"	432 "MALAWI"
216 "JORDAN"	333 "JAMAICA"	433 "MALI"
217 "KOREA"	334 "MARTINIQUE"	434 "MAURITANIA"
218 "KAZAKHSTAN"	335 "MONTSERRAT"	435 "MAYOTTE"
219 "KYRGYZSTAN"	336 "NETHERLANDS ANTILLES"	436 "MOROCCO"
220 "SOUTH KOREA"	337 "ST BARTHELEMY"	437 "MOZAMBIQUE"
221 "NORTH KOREA"	338 "ST KITTSNEVIS"	438 "NAMIBIA"
222 "KUWAIT"	339 "ST LUCIA"	439 "NIGER"
223 "LAOS"	340 "ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES"	440 "NIGERIA"
224 "LEBANON"	341 "TRINIDAD & TOBAGO"	441 "REUNION"
225 "MACAU"	342 "TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS"	442 "RWANDA"
226 "MALAYSIA"	343 "WEST INDIES"	443 "SAO TOME & PRINCIPE"
227 "MALDIVES"	399 "SOUTH AMERICA not specified"	444 "SENEGAL"
228 "MONGOLIA"	360 "ARGENTINA"	445 "MAURITIUS"
229 "NEPAL"	361 "BOLIVIA"	446 "SEYCHELLES"
230 "OMAN"	362 "BRAZIL"	447 "SIERRA LEONE"
231 "PAKISTAN"	363 "CHILE"	448 "SOMALIA"
232 "PARACEL ISLANDS"	364 "COLOMBIA"	449 "SOUTH AFRICA"
233 "PHILIPPINES"	365 "ECUADOR"	450 "ST HELENA"
234 "QATAR"	366 "FALKLAND ISLANDS"	451 "SUDAN"
235 "SAUDI ARABIA"	367 "FRENCH GUIANA"	452 "SWAZILAND"
236 "SINGAPORE"	368 "GUYANA"	453 "TANZANIA"
237 "SPRATLEY ISLANDS"	369 "PARAGUAY"	454 "TOGO"
238 "SRI LANKA"	370 "PERU"	455 "TROMELIN ISLAND"
239 "SYRIA"	371 "SURINAME"	456 "TUNISIA"
240 "TAIWAN"	372 "URUGUAY"	457 "UGANDA"
241 "TAJIKISTAN"	373 "VENEZUELA"	458 "WESTERN SAHARA"
242 "THAILAND"	374 "SOUTH AMERICA"	459 "DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (ZAIRE)"
243 "TURKEY"	400 "ALGERIA"	460 "ZAMBIA"
244 "TURKMENISTAN"	401 "ANGOLA"	461 "ZIMBABWE"
245 "UNITED ARAB EMIRATES"	402 "BENIN"	462 "AFRICA"
246 "UZBEKISTAN"	403 "BOTSWANA"	500 "NOT USED"
247 "VIETNAM"	404 "BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY"	501 "AUSTRALIA"
	405 "BURKINA FASO"	
248 "YEMEN"	100 = 0	502 "CHRISTMAS ISLAND, INDIAN OCEAN"
249 "ASIA"	406 "BURUNDI"	505 "COOK ISLANDS"
300 "BERMUDA"	407 "CAMEROON"	506 "CORAL SEA ISLANDS"
301 "CANADA"	408 "CAPE VERDE"	507 "HEARD & MCDONALD ISLANDS"
302 "GREENLAND"	409 "CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC"	508 "FIJI"
303 "MEXICO"	410 "CHAD"	509 "FRENCH POLYNESIA"
305 "NORTH AMERICA"	411 "COMOROS"	510 "KIRIBATI"
310 "BELIZE"	412 "CONGO"	511 "MARSHALL ISLANDS"
311 "COSTA RICA"	413 "DJIBOUTI"	512 "MICRONESIA"
312 "EL SALVADOR"	414 "EGYPT"	513 "NAURU"
313 "GUATEMALA"	415 "EQUATORIAL GUINEA"	514 "NEW CALEDONIA"
314 "HONDURAS"	416 "ETHIOPIA"	515 "NEW ZEALAND"
315 "NICARAGUA"	417 "ERITREA"	516 "NIUE"
316 "PANAMA"	418 "EUROPA ISLAND"	517 "NORFOLK ISLAND"
317 "CENTRAL AMERICA"	419 "GABON"	518 "PALAU"
320 "ANGUILLA"	420 "GAMBIA"	519 "PAPUA NEW GUINEA"
321 "ANTIGUA & BARBUDA"	421 "GHANA"	520 "PITCAIRN ISLANDS"
322 "ARUBA"	422 "GLORIOSO ISLANDS"	521 "SOLOMON ISLANDS"
323 "BAHAMAS"	423 "GUINEA"	522 "TOKELAU"
324 "BARBADOS"	424 "GUINEABISSAU"	523 "TONGA"
325 "BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS"	425 "IVORY COAST"	524 "TUVALU"
326 "CAYMAN ISLANDS"	426 "JUAN DE NOVA ISLAND"	525 "VANUATU"
327 "CUBA"	427 "KENYA"	526 "WALLIS & FUTUNA ISLANDS"
327 CUBA 328 "DOMINICA"		526 WALLIS & FUTUNA ISLANDS 527 "SAMOA"
	428 "LESOTHO"	
329 "DOMINICAN REPUBLIC"	429 "LIBERIA"	528 "OCEANIA"
330 "GRENADA"	430 "LIBYA"	554 "999 AT SEA/ABROAD, NOT SPECIFIED"
331 "GUADELOUPE"	431 "MADAGASCAR"	555 "ABROAD, NOT SPECIFIED-PLACE OF WORK ONLY"
		-998 'ENTRY NOT DECIPHERABLE, UNKNOWN' .