

**Documentation of the Standardization of the Harmonized Histories  
Data File for birth, partnership histories, leaving home questions and  
background variables for Georgia**

**HARMONIZED HISTORIES Georgia (10000 respondents)**

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The following documentation gives a description of all input variables and the consequent preparation of the output variables according to the manual for the preparation of comparative fertility and union histories.

All problem cases as well as the treatment of these cases are described in detail.

June 2014: Corrections in the variables to leaving home histories of children (KID\_L, KID\_LY, KID\_LM)  
2014: changes in KID\_Dx

October 2015: Please note that the partnership histories were modified in October 2015. More precisely, we changed the sorting of the variable UNION\_\$ (Union order). Prior to that date, we had sorted the unions by start year of the union. This involved that unions which start dates were missing were always listed as last unions. In the modified version, we sorted the partnerships no longer by relying on the start year of the union, but by relying on the order of the union as they appear in the original dataset. For Georgia it affects 0 cases.

In connection with this modification, some smaller consistency changes were made to the data. In particular, we recoded the following constellations:

- Events (Union, Marriage, Separation, Divorce) before age 12 of respondent
- Event before age 12 of partner
- Negative difference between partnership date and marriage date
- Negative difference between separation date and union or marriage date and negative difference between divorce date and union or marriage date
- Successive partnerships  $mar-mar[_{n-1}] \leq 0$  or  $par-par[_{n-1}] \leq 0$
- Differences between separation date and next partnership date  $sep > par[_{n+1}]$

All modifications made October 2015 are described in the updated documentation.

Missing values are coded:  
.a unknown  
.b does not apply  
.c unavailable in survey

**Source:** UN Data: GGS\_Wavel\_Georgia\_V.4.1.dta

Interview dates Georgia GGS: March to July 2006

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## 1. Part Basic Information

**RESPID:** ID number to be assigned at merging LEAVE BLANK

**ARID:** ID number from raw data (original ID number) used: arid  
10000 respondents

**COUNTRY:** Country and survey used: acountry  
acountry: code 13: Georgia  
COUNTRY: code: 2681: Georgia GGS  
no missing cases

**MONTH\_S:** Month of survey  
Not included

**IMONTH\_S:** Month of survey, including imputed dates  
Interview between March and July 2006

**YEAR\_S:** Year of survey used: ayear  
2006

**SEX:** Sex of the respondent used: ahg4\_1  
No missing cases  
Sex structure of the Georgian respondents:  
Male: 4405 and Female: 5595

**BORN\_Y:** Year of birth of respondent used: ahg6y\_1  
1926-1988

**BORN\_M:** Month of birth of respondent used: ahg6m\_1

**IBORN\_M:** Month of birth of respondent used: BORN\_M  
including imputed months  
Harmonized: random variable between 1-12

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## 2. Part LEAVING HOME

**LEAVE\_1:** Indicator of whether "left home"  
used: GRID=1 go to a5117a  
=0 go to a5116m/y  
a5117a=1 go to a5117bm/y

**Definition:**

\*Respondent did not leave home (code 0) if: a parent lives in the household (GRID=1) and respondent never lived separately from parents (a5117a=2)  
\*Respondent left home (code 1) if: there is no parent in household (GRID=0) or there is a parent in household (GRID=1) and respondent ever left home (a5117a=1)

LEAVE\_1 0: 1750 / 1: 8249

**LEAVE\_Y1:** Year of first time leaving home used: a5116y and a5117by

**Filter:** LEAVE\_Y1/LEAVE\_M1 to .b if LEAVE\_1==0 (547)  
Missing cases: 35

**LEAVE\_M1:** Month of first time leaving home used: a5116m and a5117bm

Missing cases: .b 1750 .a 82

**ILEAVE\_M1:** Month of first time leaving home and imputed months: used: LEAVE\_M1

Harmonized: random variables according to manual

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### 3. Part UNIONS AND DISSOLUTION (\$=order of union)

**UNINUM:** Total number of unions used: UNION\_1 to \_3

Syntax:  
forvalues x=1/3 {  
replace UNINUM=UNINUM+1 if UNION\_`x'>0  
}

**UNINUM:**  
0: 2192  
1: 7604  
2: 196  
3: 8

**UNION\_\$:** UNION order

For the chapters union /marriage and divorce/ and a part of partners characteristics an reshaping program was used, which includes partnership histories and questions to the current partner

**Definition (Union\_1 to UNION\_x):**

→an union exists if there is an answer in at least one of the questions about the current partner ( a301m - a308) or in partnership histories (a334m - a349y)

UNION\_1: 7808  
UNION\_2: 204

UNION\_3: 8  
No missing cases

**UNION\_Y\$:** Year of start union used: a301y and a334y

Filter: UNION\_Yx=.b if UNION\_x==0

UNION\_Y2 missing values: 1

**UNION\_M\$:** Month of start UNION used: a301m and a334m

Filter: UNION\_Mx=.b if UNION\_x==0

UNION\_M1 missing values: 26

UNION\_M2 missing values: 2

**IUNION\_M\$:** Month of start UNION and imputed months used: UNION\_M\$

according to manual page 4 (random)

Filter: IUNION\_Mx=.b if UNION\_x==0

**SEP\_\$:** Dissolution of UNION used: a343 (only histories)

Filter: SEP\_x=.b if UNION\_x==0  
in case of current partner: no separation

Order of Union	Number of unions	number of separations	death of partner
1	7808	475	1080
2	204	22	20
3	8		

**SEP\_Y\$:** Year of end of UNION used: a344y (only histories)

Filter: SEP\_Yx=.b if UNION\_x==0  
SEP\_Yx=.b if SEP\_x==0

SEP\_Y1 missing values: 26

SEP\_Y2 missing values: 1

**SEP\_M\$:** Month of end of UNION used: a344m (histories only)

Filter: SEP\_Mx=.b if UNION\_x==0  
SEP\_Mx=.b if SEP\_x==0

SEP\_M1 missing values: 51

SEP\_M2 missing values: 2

**ISEP\_M\$:** Month of end of UNION and imputed months used: SEP\_M\$

according to manual page 4 (random)

**Filter:** ISEP\_Mx=.b if UNION\_x==0  
 ISEP\_Mx=.b if SEP\_x==0

## 4. Part MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE (\$=order of union)

**MARR\_\$:** Indicator of whether marriage took place  
 and type of marriage used: a302a and a335a

**Filter:** MARR\_x=.b if UNION\_x==0

MARR\_2 missing values: 1

Order of Union	Number of unions	number of marriages
1	7808	6748
2	204	107
3	8	2

**MARR\_Y\$:** Year of marriage used: a302by and a335y

**Filter:** MARR\_Yx=.b if UNION\_x==0  
 MARR\_Yx=.b if MARR\_x==0

MARR\_Y2 missing values: 1

**MARR\_M\$:** Month of marriage used: a302bm and a335m

**Filter:** MARR\_Mx=.b if UNION\_x==0  
 MARR\_Mx=.b if MARR\_x==0

MARR\_M1 missing values: 24

MARR\_M2 missing values: 1

**IMARR\_M\$:** Month of marriage and imputed months  
 according to manual page 4 (random) used: MARR\_M\$

**Filter:** IMARR\_Mx=.b if UNION\_x==0  
 IMARR\_Mx=.b if MARR\_x==0

**DIV\_\$:** Indicator of whether divorce occurred used: a349a, a343  
 (only histories)

**Filter:** DIV\_x=.b if UNION\_x==0  
 DIV\_x=.b if MARR\_x==0  
 DIV\_x=.d if a343\_x==2

DIV\_2 missing values: 1

Order of Union	Number of unions	number of marriages	number of divorces
1	7808	6748	205

2	204	107	5
3	8	2	

**DIV\_Y\$:** Year of divorce used: a349y

**Filter:** DIV\_Yx=.b if UNION\_x==0  
 DIV\_Yx=.b if MARR\_x==0  
 DIV\_Yx=.b if DIV\_X==0 or .d

DIV\_Y2 missing values: 1

**DIV\_M\$:** Month of divorce used: a349m

**Filter:** DIV\_Mx=.b if UNION\_x==0  
 DIV\_Mx=.b if MARR\_x==0  
 DIV\_Mx=.b if DIV\_x==0 or .d

DIV\_M1 missing values: 2  
 DIV\_M2 missing values: 1

**IDIV\_M\$:** Month of divorce and imputed months used: DIV\_M\$  
 according to manual page 4 (random)

**Filter:** IDIV\_Mx=.b if UNION\_x==0  
 IDIV\_Mx=.b if MARR\_x==0  
 IDIV\_Mx=.b if DIV\_x==0 or .d

## 5. Part PARTNER`S CHARACTERISTICS (\$=order of union)

**SEXP\_\$:** Partner`s sex used: ahg4\_1, ahg4\_2

**Filter:** SEXP\_x=.b if UNION\_x==0

Partner	Number of unions	Number male	Number female
1	7808	4535	3273
2	204	79	125
3	8	1	7

**YEARBIRP\_\$:** Year of birth of partner Used: ahg6y\_2 and a336y

**Filter:** YEARBIRP\_x=.b if UNION\_x==0

YEARBIRP\_1 missing cases: 19  
 YEARBIRP\_2 missing cases: 3

**MONBIRP\_\$:** Month of birth of partner used: ahg6m\_2 and a336m

**Filter:** MONBIRP\_x=.b if UNION\_x==0

MONBIRP\_1 missing cases: 61  
 MONBIRP\_2 missing cases: 4

**IMONBIRP\_**\$: Month of birth of partner used: MONBIRP\_\$  
 and imputed months  
 according to manual page 4 (random)

**Filter:** IMONBIRP\_x=.b if UNION\_x==0

**NUMCHP\_**\$: Number of children of partner  
 at start of union\$

for current partner:

- a) children of partner (household members): relation of household member to respondent : code 4: stepchild: my current partners child not adopted by me → ahg3\_2 to ahg3\_8
  - b) non-resident stepchildren: a226==1 and a231
  - c) for partnership histories: a338\_1 to a338\_6
- also: year of start of union(a301y) and year of birth of stepchild (ahg6y\_x and a230\_x)

**Problem:** The question: When you started living together, how many children did your partner have? (a338)- exists only for partnership histories  
 -for current partnership it had to be created with help of the number of stepchildren, year of start of union and year of birth of stepchild

**Definition:** in the number of children of current partner are included:  
 \* all stepchildren of respondent living at the moment of interview in household grid and were born before the start of the union  
 \* all nonresident stepchildren at the time of interview - partners children born before partnership (year start union-birth year>0)  
 \* the number of partner`s children at start of a union in partnership history (a338\_1 to a338\_6)

**Filter:** NUMCHP\_\$=.b if UNION\_X==0

NUMCHP\_2: missing values: 1

**NUMCLIV\_**\$: Number of children of partner lived with respondent

**a341\_1 - a341\_6 not included in survey**

Union	Number of unions	NUMCHP
1	7808	1:71 2:40 3:11 4:5 6:1 7:1
2	204	1:16 2:31 3:7 4:4
3	8	1:2 2:1

**Summary:** The variable NUMCHP had to be created for the current partnership. The variable NUMCLIV is not included in dataset.

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## 6. Part Birth histories (biological kids)

For the chapter "Birth histories" a reshaping program was used, which includes biological children in household and questions to the nonresident biological children

To create the number of biological children (KID\_1 to KID\_x) the following definition was applied:

→ a biological child exists in household if there is code 2 or 3 (biological child by current or previous partner) in the relationship to respondent (ahg3\_)

→ a nonresident biological child exists if a213\_==1

**KID\_**\$: Indicator of child order

used: ahg1\_ and generated variable obnr (at least 1 answer in questions a212 to a224)

no missing cases

Child order	number of children
1	7501
2	5923
3	2384
4	740
5	260
6	96
7	47
8	10
9	5
10	4
11	2
12	2
13	1

**KID\_Y**\$: Year of birth of child

used: ahg6y\_ and a216y

**Filter:** KID\_Yx=.b if KID\_x==0

**KID\_M**\$: Month of birth of child

used: ahg6m and a216m

**Filter:** KID\_Mx=.b if KID\_x==0

KID\_M1        3 missing cases  
KID\_M2        2 missing cases  
KID\_M3        5 missing cases  
KID\_M4        2 missing cases  
KID\_M5        1 missing cases  
KID\_M6        1 missing cases



**IKID\_M\$:** Month of birth of child and imputed months according to manual page 4 (random) used: KID\_M\$

**Filter:** IKID\_M\_x=.b if KID\_x==0

**KID\_S\$:** Sex of child used: ahg4 and a212

**Filter:** KID\_Sx=.b if KID\_x==0

KID\_S1 missing cases: 2

Child order	number of children	male	female
1	7501	3816	3685
2	5923	3056	2867
3	2384	1223	1161
4	740	397	343
5	260	142	118
6	96	51	45
7	47	22	25
8	10	3	7
9	5	4	1
10	4	2	2
11	2		2
12	2	1	1
13	1		1

**KID\_D\$:** Death of child used: a211b

**Filter:** KID\_Dx=.b if KID\_x==0

2014: changes in KID\_Dx

Child order	number of children	death
1	7501	222
2	5923	170
3	2384	93
4	740	27
5	260	18
6	96	7
7	47	2
8	10	2
9	5	
10	4	
11	2	
12	2	
13	1	

**KID\_DY\$:** Year of death of child used: a217y

**Filter:** KID\_DYx=.b if KID\_x==0  
KID\_DYx=.b if KID\_Dx==0

KID\_DY2 missing values: 1

**KID\_DM\$:** Month of death of child used: a217m

**Filter:** KID\_DMx=.b if KID\_x==0  
KID\_DMx=.b if KID\_Dx==0

KID\_DM1 missing values: 4  
KID\_DM2 missing values: 1  
KID\_DM3 missing values: 2

**IKID\_DM\$:** Month of death of child and imputed months used: KID\_DM

**KID\_L\$:** Child left home used: a220y/a220m

Child's parental home leave variable (KID\_L) was not constructed perfectly as it was created in wide format instead of long. Namely the error occurred assuming that child's order would perfectly match of those living outside the household. More specifically, if child from outside household changes its order (because of preceding foster/adopted or a step child) and in household grid is reported biological child of the same order, then this particular child will be coded as "0" (did not leave home). Furthermore some children living in the household were coded as left home.

Initially both KID\_LY (year of child's home leave) and KID\_M (month of child's home leave) variables were constructed correctly, however due to reason that KID\_L variable serves as filter for both variables then these variables eventually were changed to either ".b" (does not apply) or ".a" (unknown).

Since June 2014 KID\_L is constructed in a long format. In addition children which died were excluded from KID\_L=1 and are now coded with special missing code .d and KID\_LY and KID\_LM for dead children is coded as .b.

**Definition:** Child left home if a220m\_x or a220y\_x!=.

**Filter:** KID\_Lx=.b if KID\_x==0

Child order	number of children	Left home
1	7501	2317
2	5923	1780
3	2384	790
4	740	300
5	260	122
6	96	46
7	47	23
8	10	3
9	5	2
10	4	1
11	2	
12	2	
13	1	

**KID\_LY\$:** Year child left home used: a220y

**Filter:** KID\_LYx=.b if KID\_x==0  
KID\_LYx=.b if KID\_Lx==0

Missing cases KID\_LY\_1: 21

Missing cases KID\_LY\_2: 19  
 Missing cases KID\_LY\_3: 13  
 Missing cases KID\_LY\_4: 6  
 Missing cases KID\_LY\_5: 2  
 Missing cases KID\_LY\_6: 2  
 Missing cases KID\_LY\_7: 1

**KID\_LM\$:** Month child left home used: a220m

**Filter:** KID\_LMx=.b if KID\_x==0  
 KID\_LMx=.b if KID\_Lx==0

Missing cases KID\_LM\_1: 43  
 Missing cases KID\_LM\_2: 33  
 Missing cases KID\_LM\_3: 20  
 Missing cases KID\_LM\_4: 14  
 Missing cases KID\_LM\_5: 7  
 Missing cases KID\_LM\_6: 3  
 Missing cases KID\_LM\_7: 1

**IKID\_LM\$:** Month of death of child and imputed months used: KID\_LM

according to manual page 4 (random variable)

**Filter:** IKID\_LMx=.b if KID\_x==0  
 IKID\_LMx=.b if KID\_Lx==0

## 7. Part Education

**INSCHOOL:** Currently studying at the time of interview used: a151

Currently studying: 86

**EDU\_COU:** Highest level of education, country specific used: 148

**These data exist in the harmonized dataset in an ISCED97 coded form.**

These country specific codes include:

- \* a 3-digit country prefix(268)
- \* a 1-digit survey code (Georgia GGS=1) and
- \* a 2-digit country specific code for level of education (0-6 levels of education)

**ISCED\_7:** Highest level of education Achieved according to ISCED 1997 used: EDU\_COU

Harmonized:

ISCED	Number
1	436
2	941
3	3637

4	2232
5	2714
6	40

**EDU\_3:** Highest level of education ISCED used: ISCED\_7  
Collapsed into 3 categories

**Definition:** High: ISCED\_7=6, 5  
Medium: ISCED\_7=4, 3  
Low: ISCED\_7=2, 1

Level	Number
High	2754
medium	5869
low	1377

**EDU\_Y:** Year highest level of education achieved used: a150y

Missing values: .a 3211

replace EDU\_Y=.a if (EDU\_Y<BORN\_Y)

**EDU\_M:** Month highest level of education achieved

Missing values: .a 3269

**IEDU\_Y:** Year highest level education achieved and imputed year

IMPUTATION of missing years by level of Education

→find the modal age of education with help of birth year and graduation year. Year of graduation for missing cases then is calculated by adding modal age of graduation to the birth date.

Missing values: .a 154

**IEDU\_M:** Month highest education achieved and imputed month

Missing values: .a 154

**Summary:**

The EDU\_COU data exist in a country specific ISCED97 form.

## 8. Part Background variables (ethnicity, nationality etc.)

**NATIVE:** Born in country used: a105

Born in country: 9807  
Born elsewhere: 193

**ETHNOS:** Ethnicity/nationality used: a110

NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

**BIRTH\_COU:** Country of birth used: a106b

Country specific variable (268+1+code)

Filter: BIRTH\_COU=.b if a105==1

**MIG\_Y:** Year of migration used: a107y

Filter: MIG\_Y=.b if a105==1

**MIG\_M:** Month of migration used: 107m

Filter: MIG\_M=.b if a105==1

**IMIG\_M:** Month of migration and imputed months used: MIG\_M

according to manual page 4 (random)

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## 9. Part Background variables (parental background)

**SIS\_NO:** Number of sisters used: a5106a\_s

0 - 12 sisters

**BRO\_NO:** Number of brothers used: a5106a\_b

0 - 9 brothers

missing cases: 108

**SIBS:** Total number of sibs used: a5106a\_s and a5106a\_b

0-14 sibs

**DECISION:** If number of sisters is known and number of brothers is unknown or number of brothers is known and number of sisters is unknown: the number of known brothers or sisters is used

if number of brothers and number of sisters is unknown the value remains (missing .a)

**SIS\_DIED:** Number of sisters that died

used: a5106a\_s and a5106b\_s

(number of sisters respondent have ever had - number of alive sisters)

Filter: SIS\_DIED=.b if a5106a\_s==0

Missing cases: 57

**BRO\_DIED:** Number of brothers that died  
used: a5106a\_b and a5106b\_b

**Filter:** BRO\_DIED=.b if a5106a\_b==0  
Missing cases: 150

**ISCED\_MO:** Mother`s highest level of education used: a5115

ISCED	Number
1	1765
2	1667
3	2882
4	1664
5	1301
6	20
.a	701

**ISCED\_FA:** Father`s highest level of education used: a5113

1	1552
2	1477
3	2553
4	1347
5	1550
6	32
.a	1489

**EDU3\_MO:** Highest level of education of mother  
ISCED 1997, collapsed into 3 categories used: ISCED\_MO

**Definition:** 1 (high) if ISCED\_MO=5+6  
2 (medium) if ISCED\_MO=3+4  
3 (low) if ISCED\_MO=1+2

Level	Number
High	1321
medium	4546
low	3432
.a	701

**EDU3\_FA:** Highest level of education of father  
ISCED 1997, collapsed into 3 categories used: ISCED\_FA

**Definition:** 1 (high) if ISCED\_FA=5+6  
2 (medium) if ISCED\_FA=3+4  
3 (low) if ISCED\_FA=1+2

Level	Number
High	1582
medium	3900
low	3029
.a	1489

**WORK\_MO:** Mother`s occupation, when respondent was 15  
Country codes used: 5114

**WORK\_FA:** Father`s occupation, when respondent was 15  
Country codes used: 5112

**ISCO3\_MO:** Mother`s occupation, when respondent was 15  
3 categories used: WORK\_MO

High non manual: 1967  
Non manual: 629  
Manual: 2576

**ISCO3\_FA:** Father`s occupation, when respondent was 15  
3 categories used: WORK\_FA

High non manual: 2226  
Non manual: 647  
Manual: 5569

**NATIVE\_MO:** Mother born in country used: 513a

NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

**NATIVE\_FA:** Father born in country used: 533a

NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

**BIRTHCO\_MO:** Mother`s country of origin used: a513b

NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

**BIRTHCO\_FA:** Father`s country of origin used: a533b

NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

**PARDIVEV:** Parents ever divorced/separated used: a550/a552

Missing values: 74

**PARDIV\_15:** Parents divorced before age of 15 used: a550/a552  
a551/ a511/ ahg6y\_1

missing values: 79

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## Background variables (region, size of location)

**REGION:** Country region at time of interview

Country specific variable (268+1 +code) used: aregion

No missing cases

**SIZE:** Size of place of residence at time of interview used: atype

Country specific variable (268+1+code)

No missing cases

**ISIZE:** Size of place of residence at time  
of interview

Standardized code

**SIZE\_15:** Size of place of residence at age 15 used: a5108

Country specific variable (268+1+code)

**ISIZE\_15:** Size of place of residence at age 15

Standardized code

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## 11. Part Other background variables

**RELIGION:** Religious affiliation at time of interview used: a1101

**IRELIGION:** Religious affiliation at time of interview

Standardized code

**ADOPT:** Number of adopted children of respondent  
used: ahg3\_2-ahg3\_5, ahg3\_8 (code5) and a213 (code 2)

**FOSTER:** Number of foster children of respondent  
Used: ahg3\_2-ahg3\_6 (code 6) and a213 (code 3)

**STEP:** Number of stepchildren of respondent  
Used: ahg3\_2-ahg3\_8 (code 4) and a226/ a229

Number of children	Adopt	Foster	Step
1	27	43	61
2	3	6	43
3		3	9
4		1	6
5			
6			
7			1

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## 12. Part Weights

**HHWGT:** Household weight - not available in survey

**PERSWGT:** Personal weight - aweight

**KISHWGT:** Kishweight - not available in survey