In Person: Interviewer Observations and Characteristics

KINTOBS Interviewer Observations and Characteristics Module

OVERVIEW

The interviewer observations module is new to the 2011 round of data collection. It includes information regarding the participants, given by the interviewer as well as information regarding the interviewers themselves.

Interviewers were asked to comment on different personality and behavioral aspects of the participants, in addition to the location of the interview. If the interview took place in the participant's place of residence, the interviewers were asked to assess the state of the building the participant lived in, as well as the buildings surrounding the participant's residence and the neighborhood as a whole. Finally, the interviewer's reported if the participants made any comments during the interview about being enrolled or not being enrolled in Medicare or Medicare Part A.

Data were also collected by the UW Survey Center containing information about the interviewers themselves. The interviewers were asked about basic demographic information including gender, birthdate, height, race & ethnicity. They were also asked information specific to their experience as an interviewer, including whether they conducted field or phone interviews, when they started working for WLS as well as when they stopped and how many years of experience they had in the survey research field before becoming an interviewer for WLS.

BRIEF VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS

Variable ranges reference dataset/codebook order and are not necessarily alphabetical.

KA101RE–KA109RE:	Interviewer's Assessment and Observations Regarding Participant's Appearance and Participation
KA110RE–KA111RE:	Information Regarding Location of Where the Interview Took Place
KA112RE–KA118RE:	Interviewer's Assessment and Observations Regarding Participant's Building and the Buildings Surrounding Participant
KA119RE:	Indication Given by Participant of Enrollment in Medicare or Medicare Part A
KA201RE:	ID Number of Interviewer
KA203RE–KA204RE KA207RE–KA208RE:	Demographic and Other Basic Information About Interviewer

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KA205RE-KA206RE:     Century-Month in Which Interviewer Started
                     and Stopped Working at WlS

KA209RE:             Interviewer's Prior Years of Experience
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ka101re: Interviewer's assessment of participant's cooperation.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_y2

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	37	52	89
1		5	5	10
2		7	5	12
3		20	10	30
4		45	41	86
5		138	165	303
6		296	374	670
7	VERY COOPERATIVE	1081	1116	2197

ka102re: Interviewer's assessment of participant's health.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_y2a

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	37	52	89
1	POOR	65	55	120
2	FAIR	204	249	453
3	GOOD	474	451	925
4	VERY GOOD	588	617	1205
5	EXCELLENT	261	344	605

ka103re: Interviewer's assessment of participant's grooming.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_y2b

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	314	409	723
1		4	2	6
2		13	6	19
3		16	11	27
4		45	39	84
5		114	108	222
6		148	130	278
7		309	299	608
8		403	405	808
10	HIGHEST	263	359	622

ka103rea: Interviewer's assessment of participant's attractiveness.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_y2c

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	256	349	605
0	LOWEST	1	1	2
1		3	4	7
2		12	5	17
3		22	30	52
4		46	51	97
5		155	150	305
6		230	181	411
7		322	345	667
8		354	363	717
10	HIGHEST	228	289	517

ka104re: Was Interviewer concerned about participant's future participation in biological studies and measures of physical performance?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_y3

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	37	54	91
1	YES	173	204	377
2	NO	1419	1510	2929

ka105re: Was Interviewer concerned about participant's future participation in measures of cognitive performance?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_y4

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	44	64	108
1	YES	104	126	230
2	NO	1481	1578	3059

ka106re: Was the participant easily confused?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_y5

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	37	53	90
1	YES	68	86	154
2	NO	1524	1629	3153

ka107re: Was the participant distracted or easily disrupted?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_y6

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	37	53	90
1	YES	92	93	185
2	NO	1500	1622	3122

ka108re: Did the participant have any difficulty understanding or hearing?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_y7

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	37	54	91
1	YES	217	153	370
2	NO	1375	1561	2936

ka109re: Did the participant contradict themselves or offer contradictory information or facts often?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_y8

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	37	54	91
1	YES	54	93	147
2	NO	1538	1621	3159

ka110re: Where was the interview conducted?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_in3, c_y_in3

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	332	329	661
1	PARTICIPANT'S HOME	1160	1341	2501
2	LIBRARY	41	37	78
3	CHURCH	6	2	8
4	PARK	1	0	1
5	RESTAURANT/COFFEE SHOP	9	10	19
6	PARTICIPANT'S PLACE OF WORK	56	21	77
7	HOME OF FRIEND/RELATIVE	6	5	11
8	HOTEL	1	3	4
9	COMMUNITY ROOM IN PLACE OF RESIDENCE	5	6	11
10	OTHER COMMUNITY BUILDING	6	6	12
11	OTHER BUSINESS	3	2	5
12	OTHER (RV,PRIVATE CLUB)	2	0	2
13	INTERVIEW CONDUCTED OVER PHONE	1	6	7

ka111re: Type of building interview was conducted in.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_in4, c_y_in4, y_in4new, c_y_in4new, KA110RE

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-2	Inappropriate Inap, (ka110re != 1)	469	427	896
1	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING (STAND ALONE HOUSE OR CONDO)	985	1048	2033
2	DUPLEX	19	28	47
3	APT OR CONDO BUILDING	93	170	263
4	MOBILE HOME	24	34	58
5	FARMHOUSE	14	19	33
6	RETIREMENT HOME/ASSISTED LIVING	10	25	35
7	TOWNHOUSE	11	14	25
8	OTHER (CONVENT, BUILDING WITH STOREFRONT, ETC)	4	3	7

Note: This was only reported if the interview took place in the participant's home.

ka112re: How well kept is the participant's building?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_in5, c_y_in5, y_in5new, KA110RE

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	13	8	21
-2	Inappropriate Inap, (ka110re != 1)	469	427	896
1	NOT AT ALL	11	5	16
2		13	19	32
3		60	64	124
4		106	78	184
5		236	302	538
6		401	454	855
7	EXTREMELY	320	411	731

Note: During fielding there was a change in how this question was asked. They were first open-ended questions but then were switched to closed response. The open ended responses were assigned codes on a scale of 1 to 7 by coders.

ka113re: How well kept are most of the buildings on the participant's street?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_in6, c_y_in6, y_in6new, KA110RE

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	13	9	22
-2	Inappropriate Inap, (ka110re != 1)	469	427	896
1	NOT AT ALL	5	2	7
2		7	4	11
3		24	22	46
4		66	103	169
5		267	286	553
6		471	537	1008
7	EXTREMELY	241	318	559
8	COULD NOT TELL/NO OTHER BUILDINGS ON STREET	66	60	126

Note: During fielding there was a change in how this question was asked. They were first open-ended questions but then were switched to closed response. The open ended responses were assigned codes on a scale of 1 to 7 by coders.

ka114re: How clean is the participant's building?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_in7, c_y_in7, y_in7new, KA110RE

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	13	8	21
-2	Inappropriate Inap, (ka110re != 1)	469	427	896
1	NOT AT ALL	11	3	14
2		12	18	30
3		31	19	50
4		77	83	160
5		227	263	490
6		407	499	906
7	EXTREMELY	380	446	826
8	COULD NOT TELL/NO OTHER BUILDINGS ON STREET	2	2	4

Note: During fielding there was a change in how this question was asked. They were first open-ended questions but then were switched to closed response. The open ended responses were assigned codes on a scale of 1 to 7 by coders.

ka115re: How clean are most of the buildings on the participant's street?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_in8, c_y_in8, y_in8new, KA110RE

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	13	8	21
-2	Inappropriate Inap, (ka110re != 1)	469	427	896
1	NOT AT ALL	2	1	3
2		4	6	10
3		6	12	18
4		31	40	71
5		183	179	362
6		508	608	1116
7	EXTREMELY	380	462	842
8	COULD NOT TELL/NO OTHER BUILDINGS ON STREET	33	25	58

Note: During fielding there was a change in how this question was asked. They were first open-ended questions but then were switched to closed response. The open ended responses were assigned codes on a scale of 1 to 7 by coders.

ka116re: Did the interviewer feel concerned for their safety at the interview location?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_in9

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	42	56	98
1	YES	30	11	41
2	NO	1557	1701	3258

ka117re: Was there any evidence of smoking in the household?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_in11

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	482	435	917
1	YES	74	60	134
2	NO	1073	1273	2346

ka118re: Did the interviewer see any evidence of drinking alcoholic beverages in the household?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_in12

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	482	435	917
1	YES	54	32	86
2	NO	1093	1301	2394

ka119re: Did participant make any comments saying he/she was not enrolled in Medicare or that he/she was only enrolled in Medicare Part A?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: In person & telephone
Source variables: y_medflg

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	448	505	953
1	YES	61	50	111
2	NO	1120	1213	2333

ka201re: Interviewer ID.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Telephone
Source variables: UWSC

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	4	1	5
100 - 113		344	354	698
114 - 124		352	365	717
125 - 141		316	365	681
142 - 154		366	401	767
155 - 2580		247	282	529

Note: For purposes of analysis, interviewer IDs were matched with the caseids that they interviewed. Thus, the frequency table for this variable shows the number of cases that had an interviewer that fits the criteria, not the number of interviewers themselves.

ka203re: Age of interviewer at time of interview.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Telephone
Source variables: UWSC

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	10	10	20
20 - 31		363	376	739
32 - 50		371	403	774
51 - 56		362	396	758
57 - 61		345	389	734
62 - 72		178	194	372

Note: For purposes of analysis, interviewer IDs were matched with the caseids that they interviewed. Thus, the frequency table for this variable shows the number of cases that had an interviewer that fits the criteria, not the number of interviewers themselves.
Note: The age of the interviewer was calculated based on the interviewer's birthdate and the date the interview took place.

ka204re: Gender of interviewer.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Telephone
Source variables: UWSC

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	10	10	20
1	MALE	291	358	649
2	FEMALE	1328	1400	2728

Note: For purposes of analysis, interviewer IDs were matched with the caseids that they interviewed. Thus, the frequency table for this variable shows the number of cases that had an interviewer that fits the criteria, not the number of interviewers themselves.

ka205re: Century-month interviewer started working at WLS.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Telephone
Source variables: UWSC

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	10	10	20
1317		118	95	213
1318		71	84	155
1321		17	23	40
1323		1305	1417	2722
1327		108	134	242
1345		0	5	5

Note: For purposes of analysis, interviewer IDs were matched with the caseids that they interviewed. Thus, the frequency table for this variable shows the number of cases that had an interviewer that fits the criteria, not the number of interviewers themselves.

ka206re: Century-month interviewer stopped working at WLS.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Telephone
Source variables: UWSC

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	10	10	20
1324 - 1339		400	418	818
1341 - 1357		1219	1340	2559

Note: For purposes of analysis, interviewer IDs were matched with the caseids that they interviewed. Thus, the frequency table for this variable shows the number of cases that had an interviewer that fits the criteria, not the number of interviewers themselves.

ka207re: Race of interviewer.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Telephone
Source variables: UWSC

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	10	10	20
1	WHITE	1579	1711	3290
2	BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	11	19	30
3	ASIAN	7	9	16
4	BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN & AMERICAN INDIAN	22	19	41

Note: For purposes of analysis, interviewer IDs were matched with the caseids that they interviewed. Thus, the frequency table for this variable shows the number of cases that had an interviewer that fits the criteria, not the number of interviewers themselves.

ka207rea: Is interviewer Hispanic or Latino?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Telephone
Source variables: UWSC

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
1	YES	27	27	54
2	NO	1602	1741	3343

Note: For purposes of analysis, interviewer IDs were matched with the caseids that they interviewed. Thus, the frequency table for this variable shows the number of cases that had an interviewer that fits the criteria, not the number of interviewers themselves.

ka208re: Height of interviewer in inches.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Telephone
Source variables: UWSC

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	34	31	65
61		27	33	60
62		118	147	265
63		182	207	389
64		340	317	657
65		297	319	616
66		102	104	206
67		34	24	58
68		176	212	388
69		17	23	40
70		100	126	226
71		24	43	67
72		87	87	174
73		19	17	36
74		2	3	5
75		48	49	97
77		22	26	48

Note: For purposes of analysis, interviewer IDs were matched with the caseids that they interviewed. Thus, the frequency table for this variable shows the number of cases that had an interviewer that fits the criteria, not the number of interviewers themselves.

ka209re: Interviewer's prior years of interviewing experience.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Telephone
Source variables: UWSC

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	2808	2573	5381
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	34	28	62
0		897	948	1845
1		75	62	137
2		119	120	239
3		146	175	321
4		46	56	102
5		26	25	51
6		65	68	133
10		81	114	195
11		17	23	40
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