

CenSoc-DMF 3.0 Codebook*

Page	Variable	Label
2	HISTID	Historical unique identifier
3	byear	Year of birth
4	bmonth	Month of birth
5	dyear	Year of death
6	dmonth	Month of death
7	death_age	Age at death (years)
8	weight	CenSoc weight

Summary: The CenSoc-DMF Version 3.0 dataset (N = 4,682,737) links the full-count 1940 Census to the Death Master File (DMF), a collection of death records reported to the Social Security Administration. Records were linked using the conservative variant of the ABE method developed by Abramitzky, Boustan, and Eriksson (2012, 2014, 2017). To merge 1940 Census variables with this dataset, researchers can obtain a copy of the 1940 Census from IPUMS-USA and link on the individual-level, unique identifier HISTID variable.

*Last updated: 20 October, 2023

HISTID

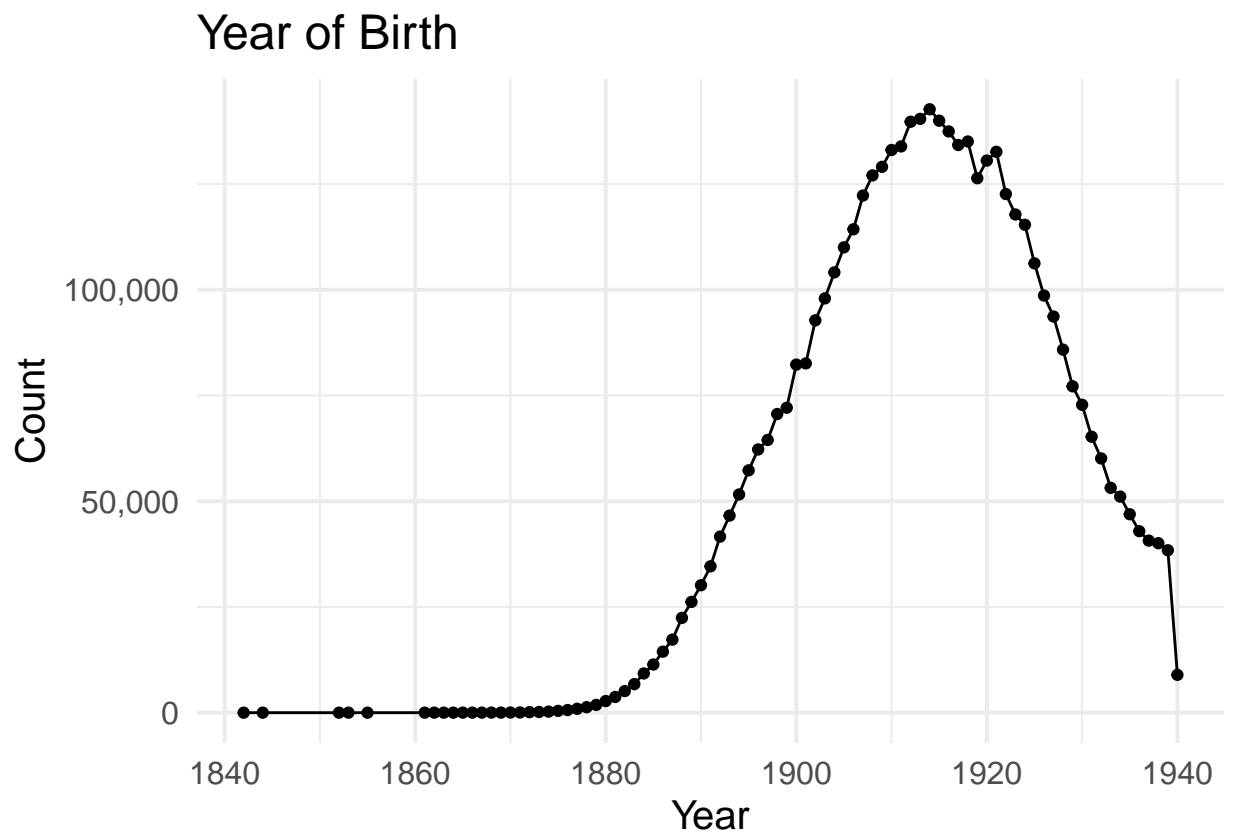
Label: Historical Unique Identifier

Description: HISTID is a unique individual-level identifier. It can be used to merge the CenSoc-DMF file with the 1940 Full-Count Census from IPUMS.

byear

Label: Birth Year

Description: byear reports a person's year of birth, as recorded in the Social Security Death Master File.



bmonth

Label: Birth Month

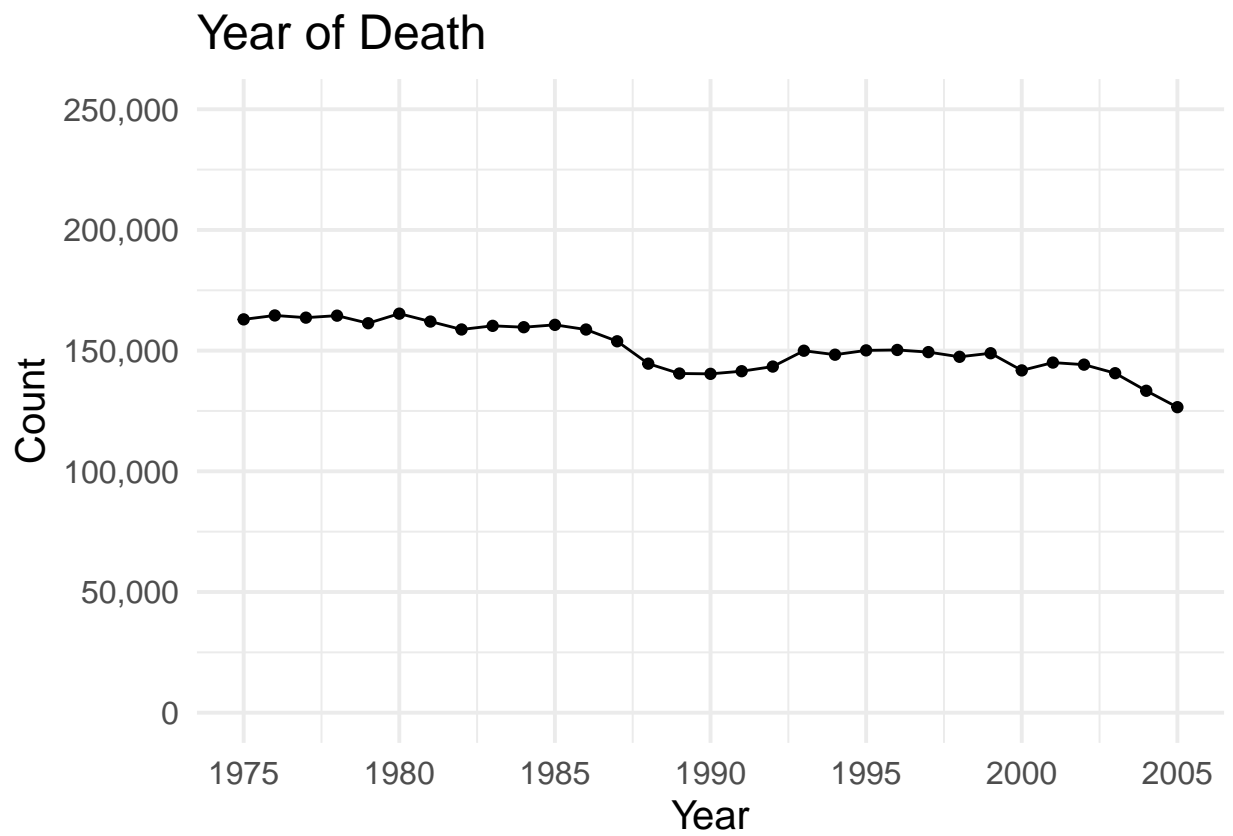
Description: bmonth reports a person's month of birth, as recorded in the Social Security Death Master File.

bmonth	label	n	freq %
1	January	399233	8.5
2	February	377226	8.1
3	March	414581	8.9
4	April	372199	7.9
5	May	380498	8.1
6	June	369545	7.9
7	July	397402	8.5
8	August	414247	8.8
9	September	406939	8.7
10	October	397207	8.5
11	November	370274	7.9
12	December	383386	8.2

dyear

Label: Death Year

Description: dyear reports a person's year of death, as recorded in the Social Security Death Master File.



dmonth

Label: Death Month

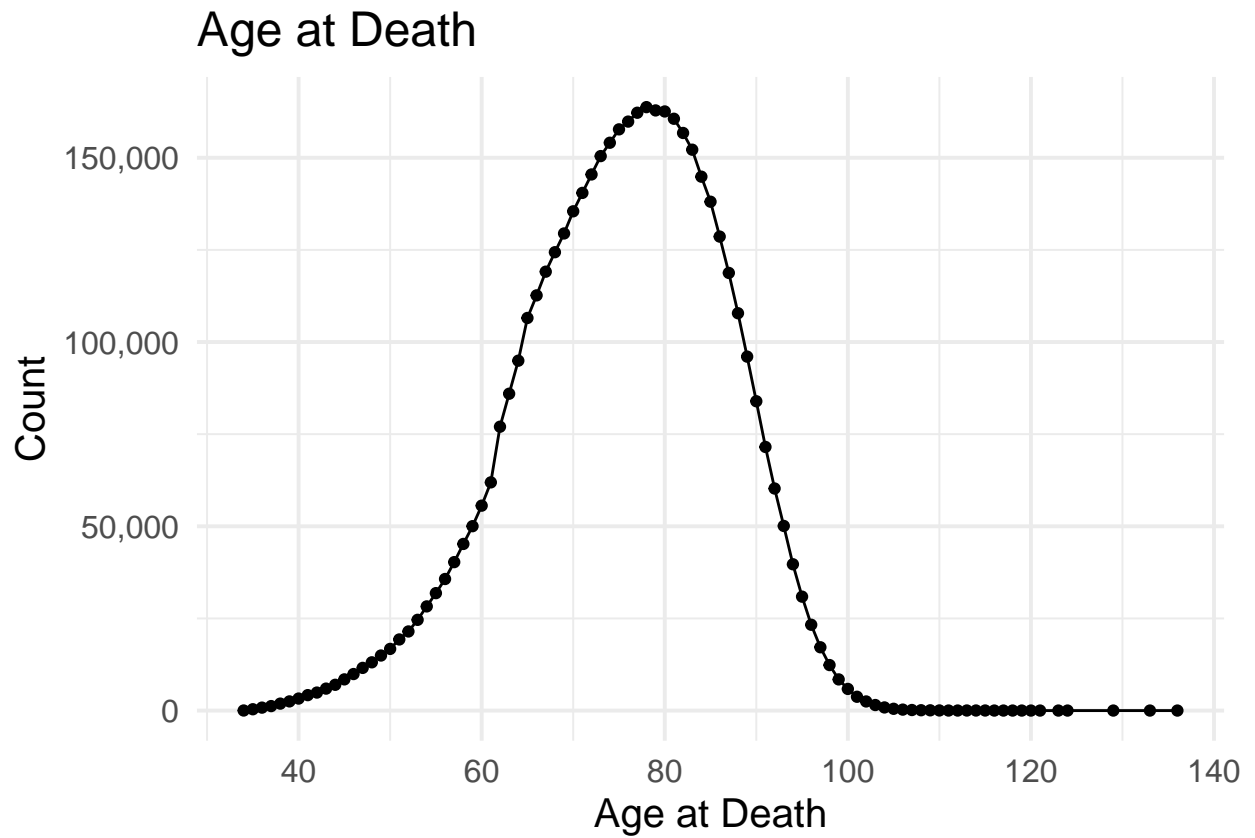
Description: dmonth reports a person's month of death, as recorded in the Social Security Death Master File.

dmonth	label	n	freq %
1	January	449661	9.6
2	February	397729	8.5
3	March	419121	9.0
4	April	387927	8.3
5	May	384985	8.2
6	June	363348	7.8
7	July	367894	7.9
8	August	363623	7.8
9	September	356638	7.6
10	October	386071	8.2
11	November	382608	8.2
12	December	423132	9.0

death_age

Label: Age at Death (Years)

Description: death_age reports a person's age at death in years, calculated using the birth and death information recorded in the Social Security Death Master File.



weight

Label: Sample Weights

Description: A post-stratification person-weight to National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) totals for persons (1) dying between 1988-2005 (2) dying between ages 65-100. Weights are based on age at death, year of death, sex, and race, and place of birth. Please see the [technical documentation on weights](#) for more information.

Value	Label
1.00	Min Weight
27.89	Max Weight
NA	No Weight Assigned

