

Data

The individual-level data used in this paper are from the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) at Cornell University. The data are from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). However, this access is not unique and others can gain similar access by following the procedure described by NDACAN (<https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/datasets/request-dataset.cfm>). The current Adoption files are available here: <https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/datasets/datasets-list-afcars-adoption.cfm>. The author is willing to assist with this process (mbrehm@oberlin.edu).

The files used in this project are:

Ad2002v6
Ad2003v7
Ad2004v6
Ad2005v5
Ad2006v5
Ad2007v5
Ad2008v5
Ad2009v5
Ad2010v3
Ad2011v3
Ad2012v2
Ad2013v1
Ad2014v1
Ad2015v1

The .do files include several separate files for cleaning, graphing, and analysis.

Master.do

Sets directories and executes accompanying .do files.

datacreation.do

Appends and cleans the AFCARS 2002-2015 adoption files. See above for source.

figures1_4.do

Creates the graphs in Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4. Figure 2 uses taxexpenditures.dta. The source of the data in taxexpenditures.dta file is: Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income, Individual Income Tax Returns, Publication 1304, Table 3.3, Tax Years 1997-2014.

tables2_5_figure_5.do

Conducts the analysis with results presented in Figure 5 and Tables 2, 3, 4, and 5. Uses the appended data created in datacreation.do.

tables6_7.do

Conducts the analysis with results presented in Tables 6 and 7. Uses the appended data created in datacreation.do.

tables8_9.do

Conducts the analysis with results presented in Tables 8 and 9. Uses the appended data created in datacreation.do.