

*National Longitudinal Study of  
Adolescent Health*

*Wave III  
Graduation Data*

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## *Wave III Graduation Data*

Three indicators included in this first release of the Education Data came directly from student transcripts or related materials and were not constructed or altered by Adolescent Health and Academic Achievement Study (AHAA) researchers. These indicators, described in detail below, capture information related to high school graduation. In most cases, information for these variables came from student transcripts. When a transcript was not available, information entered on the transcript request form or any additional information that the school provided was used.

There are 332 cases where no graduation date or exit status appears on the transcript. These cases are retained in this file because there may be data for them in future data releases.

### **Graduation Indicators from Transcripts**

#### **EREXITST, ERGRADM, ERGRADY**

EREXITST refers to the student's exit status from high school. Categories for this variable include: graduated with a standard diploma; graduated with honors diploma; graduated with special education diploma; received certificate of attendance; still enrolled; dropped out; non-graduate; certificate of completion; and graduate equivalency diploma.

ERGRADM is the month of high school graduation, and ERGRADY refers to the calendar year of students' high school graduation. All of these variables have a significant amount of missing data, largely as a result of variation in the information recorded on students' transcripts by different schools.

\*Additionally, there are a few students whose value on the graduation year variable precedes 1994-95 (the beginning year of Add Health), and therefore these cases should be treated with caution. Analysts might choose to compare students' values on these variables to the self-reports of high school graduation and related educational indicators available from the Wave III survey of Add Health.

### **Graduation Indicators from Transcripts**

- EREXITST    Transcript-indicated exit status from high school.
- ERGRADM    Transcript-indicated month of high school graduation.
- ERGRADY    Transcript-indicated calendar year of high school graduation.

Wave III Graduation Code Book

Frequency	Code	Response	Variable Name	Type/Length
		Respondent Identifier	<b>AID</b>	char 8
14008		range 10000000 to 99999999		
		High School Exit Status	<b>EREXITST</b>	char 2
12005	A	standard diploma		
134	B	honors diploma		
40	C	special education diploma		
1	D	certificate of attendance		
7	E	still enrolled		
527	F	drop out		
794	G	other non-graduate		
43	I	certificate of completion		
76	J	graduate equivalency diploma		
381	92	no exit status recorded on transcript		
		High School Graduation Month	<b>ERGRADM</b>	num 2
101	1	January		
39	2	February		
33	3	March		
21	4	April		
3179	5	May		
6406	6	June		
62	7	July		
136	8	August		
43	9	September		
28	10	October		
27	11	November		
43	12	December		
3890	92	no graduation month recorded on transcript		
		High School Graduation Year	<b>ERGRADY</b>	num 4
4	1990	1990*		
4	1992	1992*		

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Frequency	Code	Response	Variable Name	Type/Length
2	1993	1993*		
15	1994	1994		
1686	1995	1995		
2006	1996	1996		
1918	1997	1997		
1726	1998	1998		
1310	1999	1999		
1344	2000	2000		
70	2001	2001		
29	2002	2002		
4	2003	2003		
3890	9992	no graduation year recorded on transcript		

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