

## **National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979**

## Incarceration Variable Notes

- 1 Respondents with a value of 95 (Now on probation) on R310810 have a value of -4 on this variable.
- According to the NSLY79 codebook, respondents were asked to indicate the number of the week that their most recent probation ended. Since responses ranged from 1-12, they may indicate the month in which respondents' most recent probation ended, rather than the week.
- 3 Responses may extend beyond 1980 because some respondents were on probation at the time of the survey.
- 4 Respondents with a value of 95 (Now in corrections institution) on R311210 have a value of -4 on this variable.
- **5** Areas of Interest refer to the location of variables in the electronic codebook, which can be viewed using the NLS Investigator. Variables in the electronic codebook are grouped by subject:
  - a: Common
  - b: Key Variables
  - c: Type: Screener Response
  - d: Illegal
  - e: Family Background
  - f: Alcohol
  - g: Health/Alcohol
- 6 In the NLS Investigator, the universe for question HH1-1 is listed as "All." However, the codebook also indicates a substantial number of valid skips in years 1979-1984. Users intending to use these data should be aware that the actual universe of this question is unclear.
- 7 Each round of NLSY79 includes information about respondents' households, including the type of residence the respondent was living in at each interview. However, from 1979-1986, the type of residence (question HH1-1) was a constructed variable based on data from three different Household Interview Forms. As a result, a list of all possible responses to question HH1-1 is unavailable for rounds prior to 1987, when question HH1-1 was incorporated into the main questionnaire. The response categories provided here are those listed in the NLSY79 questionnaire for 1987 and later rounds. In 1993, the phrasing of question HH1-1 and certain response categories were edited to reflect the age of the respondents; in 1993 and all subsequent rounds, the question refers to [RESPONDENT] rather than "Youth respondent." Additionally, the response categories "orphanages," "parental," and "HHI conducted with parent" have been omitted.

Questionnaires may be downloaded from the NLSY79 Documentation page:

http://www.nlsinfo.org/nlsy79/docs/79html/tableofcontents.html

For additional information regarding the Household Interview Forms, see the "Household Composition" section of the NLSY79 User's Guide: http://www.nlsinfo.org/nlsy79/docs/79html/79text/hhcomp.htm

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