

Early Childhood Longitudinal Study Kindergarten Class of 1998-99 (ECLS-K)

Family Structure

Data Notes

1 Sample description

The ECLS-K is a multisource, multimethod longitudinal data collection effort aimed at collecting information on children's early school experiences from kindergarten through the eighth grade. The ECLS-K includes interviews with parents, data from principals and teachers, abstracts from student records, direct child assessments, and a student questionnaire in the final round.

The ECLS-K first round sample is representative of children attending kindergarten during the 1998-99 school year, of schools with kindergartens, and of kindergarten teachers yielding information on a sample of 21,260 kindergartners. The second round sample--first grade--was "freshened with children who had not attended kindergarten in the United States in the previous year." As such, the first-grade sample is a representative sample of children attending first grade in the United States during the 1999-2000 school year. This sample is NOT representative of schools with first grades or of first-grade teachers. The final round--the eighth-grade sample--is NOT representative of children attending eighth-grade, schools with eighth grades, or eighth-grade teachers.

2 Project website

<http://nces.ed.gov/ecls/kindergarten.asp>

3 Years covered

- (Round 1) Fall 1998, Fall-kindergarten*
- (Round 2) Spring 1999, Spring-kindergarten
- (Round 3) Fall 1999, Fall-first grade
- (Round 4) Spring 2000, Spring-first grade
- (Round 5) Spring 2002, Spring-third grade
- (Round 6) Spring 2004, Spring-fifth grade
- (Round 7) Spring 2007, Spring-eighth grade*

*Rounds included in the Family Structure Measures Snapshot

4 Longitudinal

Yes

5 Publically available

Yes, public data for the combined kindergarten through eighth grade rounds with SAS, SPSS, and Stata set-up files are available through the NCES webpage

<http://nces.ed.gov/ecls/dataproducts.asp>

Also, public data (including an electric codebook) are available on DVD free from the National Center for Education Statistics

http://www.edpubs.gov/Product_Detail.aspx?SearchTerm=ED004888V

Also, data and set-up files in SAS and SPSS are available for some of the ECLS-K data through the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

Kindergarten

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/3676?archive=ICPSR&q=ecls-k>

3rd grade

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/4075?archive=ICPSR&q=ecls-k>

5th grade

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/4440?archive=ICPSR&q=ecls-k>

6 Restricted access data available

Yes, through the IES National Education Statistics Data Security Office

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/licenses.asp#license>

7 Web-accessible analysis

Yes-through ICPSR utilizing Survey Documentation and Analysis (SDA) software

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/3676/sda>

Also available through Child Care and Early Education Research Connections utilizing SDA

Kindergarten

<http://www.researchconnections.org/childcare/studies/3676/sda>

3rd grade

<http://www.researchconnections.org/childcare/studies/4075/sda>

5th grade

<http://www.researchconnections.org/childcare/studies/4440/sda>

8 FAQ page

Topic specific FAQ pages are available at the ECLS-K home-page

Data Release

<http://nces.ed.gov/ecls/kinderfaq.asp?faq=1>

Sample Selection

<http://nces.ed.gov/ecls/kinderfaq.asp?faq=2>

Questionnaires & Assessments

<http://nces.ed.gov/ecls/kinderfaq.asp?faq=3>

Data Analysis

<http://nces.ed.gov/ecls/kinderfaq.asp?faq=4>

Data File Information

<http://nces.ed.gov/ecls/kinderfaq.asp?faq=5>

9 Data specific bibliography

<http://nces.ed.gov/ecls/pdf/bibliography.pdf>

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/biblio/studies/3676/resources?collection=DATA&sortBy=1>

10 Data citation

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11 List serve/user group/help line

Questions can be e-mailed to:

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