

1 Sample Description

During the initial NLSY97 interview period, interviewers visited randomly selected households to identify all youths eligible for the NLSY97. All household residents aged 12 to 16 as of December 31, 1996, were considered eligible. The sample included those who usually resided in a household in the sample area but were away at school or college, as well as those in a hospital, correctional facility, or other type of institution. If an eligible youth lived in the household, the interviewer also asked one of the youth's parents to participate. To draw the sample of 8,984 respondents, interviewers screened 75,291 households in 147 nonoverlapping primary sampling units. Two samples were drawn -- a cross-sectional sample representative of the United States population born between 1980 and 1984 and a supplemental sample of Black or Hispanic youths in that age range. This oversample allows for analysis across race or ethnicity. Individual sample weights created by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago permit comparisons between the full NLSY97 sample, which includes both the cross-sectional sample and the oversample, and the national population in the same age range. In the NLSY97 cohort, 8,984 respondents originated from 6,819 unique households. Because the sample design selected all household residents in the appropriate age range, 1,862 households included more than one NLSY97 respondent. Sibling was the most common relationship between multiple respondents living in the same household during the initial round. The NLSY97 does not contain nationally representative samples of siblings of all ages and living arrangements. Users should exercise caution when generalizing from the findings of NLSY97 sibling studies.

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/cocoon/ICPSR/STUDY/03959.xml>

2 Project Website

<http://www.bls.gov/nls/nlsy97.htm>

3 Years covered

Household Informant/Screeners

Round 1 [1997] only

Parent Respondents

Round 1 [1997] only

Youth Respondents

Thirteen annual rounds

R1 [1997] through R13 [2009]

4 Longitudinal

Yes

5 Publicly available

Public data are *only* available for download via:

[NLS Web-Investigator](#)

Data are no longer available on CD

6 Restricted access data available

[Yes, restricted access data is available for both onsite and offsite research.](#)

Data available for onsite research:

Zip code and census tract files

[School survey](#)

Data available for offsite research:

[Geocode data](#)

7 Web-accessible analysis

YES, via:

[NLS Web-Investigator](#)

Researchers can run frequencies and cross tabs

8 Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

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To download data, must belong to member institution

9 FAQ page

<http://www.bls.gov/nls/nlsfaqs.htm#anch2>

10 Data specific bibliography

<http://www.bls.gov/nls/nlsbib.htm>

11 Data citation

National longitudinal survey of youth, rounds 1-13: 1997-2009. [machine-readable data file] / U.S. Department of Labor. Bureau of Labor Statistics Columbus, OH: Ohio State University. Center for Human Resource Research [distributor].

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