

National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997: Round 1 Household Informant

Family Structure Snapshot

Variable Notes

- 1 The Round 1 survey was conducted using three different questionnaires: the Screener, Household Roster, and Non-Resident Roster Questionnaire; the Parent Questionnaire; and the Youth Questionnaire. The Screener, Household Roster, and Non-Resident Roster Questionnaire was administered to a household resident over the age of 18. The Parent Questionnaire was administered to a parent or parent-like figure of the youth residing in the household. The Youth Questionnaire was administered to the youth respondent living in the household.
- 2 Data not available in the public use data set.
- 3 Question is asked regarding multiple individuals; individuals either in the youth's household or individuals biologically related to youth and not living in the youth's household. Valid cases reflect those for the first individual referenced in the question. For valid cases associated with subsequent individuals asked the same question(s) please see the NLSY97 on-line codebook, the NLS Investigator.

Variable Name

- 4 These are the names of each individual variable as they are identified in the data file. Because similar questions are asked repeatedly (over time) in the NLSY97, each question had to be given a unique variable name to distinguish the respondents answers to the same questions over time. The variable names and question names associated with each variable both appear in the Investigator--the NLS on-line electric codebook.

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Variable Type

- 5
 - a. Created variables
 - b. Parent response
 - c. Respondent response
 - d. Roster item
 - e. Screener response

Question Name

- 6 These are the names given to each unique question in the questionnaire. Because the NLSY97 data are longitudinal and ask many of the same questions in multiple survey rounds, this allows--with the use of the variable name--researchers to identify respondents' answers to the same questions over time. The question names along side the questionnaire also allow researchers to determine the flow of the questionnaire and who answered which questions and why. It's important to note that in the Investigator, the universe of respondents is not always identified--particularly in the newer rounds. Additionally, the NLSY advises users to reference the associated questionnaires to help them determine who was asked each question in a given round.

Area of Interest

- 7 Also known as the electronic codebook location. The NLS Investigator (used to access the electronic codebook) is divided into separate "sections" referred to as *Areas of Interest* to help users identify variables.

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- a. Screener extended
- b. Screener household
- c. Screener non-res

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