

1 Sample description

The ECLS-B is a multi-method, multi-source longitudinal study focusing on the health, development, care and education of children from the age of nine months through kindergarten. The sample is nationally representative of children born in the year 2001 with a sample size of 14,000 children at baseline. The children participating in the study include oversamples of Asian and Pacific Islander children, American Indian and Alaska Native children, Chinese children, twins, and low and very low birth weight children.

Data in the ECLS-B come from multiple sources, including; parent (i.e. primary caregiver) respondents in conjunction with special questionnaires for both resident and non-resident fathers, child care and early education providers, and kindergarten teachers. Additionally, information on the children's elementary schools can be linked to the ECLS-B data from NCES's Common Core of Data (CCD) and Private School Survey (PSS) universe files. The information included in this Measures Snapshot is taken directly from the 9-month Parent Interview, 9-month Nonresident Father Self Questionnaire and the Kindergarten 2007 Parent Interview.

2 Project website

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

3 Years covered

2001-2002, 9-month*

2003-2004, 2-year

2005-2006, 4-year/Preschool

2006 (fall), Kindergarten 2006

2007 (fall), Kindergarten 2007*

** Rounds included in the Family Structure Measures Snapshot*

4 Longitudinal

Yes

5 Publicly available

Yes, public data currently contains variables from the *9-month* round **only** and are available through the NCES webpage for analyses utilizing an on-line software application--the Data Analysis System (DAS). This program allows users to calculate t-tests as well as produce correlation matrices for use in linear regression analyses.

**Some of the variables available in the DAS program have been recoded for respondent confidentiality. All provided frequencies are weighted.*

6 Restricted access data available

Yes, through the IES National Education Statistics Data Security Office with a restricted-use data license agreement.

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

Information specific to gaining access to the longitudinal 9-Month-2-Year restricted-use data file and electronic codebook:

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2006044>

7 Web-accessible analysis

Yes--through IES National Center for Education Statistics utilizing Data Analysis System (DAS) software

** Use the DAS Online 1.0 to access the ECLS-B data*

<http://nces.ed.gov/dasol/index.asp>

8 FAQ page

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

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9 Data specific bibliography

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

10 Data citation

United States Department of Education. National Center for Education Statistics. Early Childhood Longitudinal Study [United States]: Birth Cohort.

11 List serve/user group/help line

Questions can be e-mailed to:

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