



#### **1 Sample Description**

The NSFH was designed to provide a broad range of information on family life to serve as a resource for research across disciplinary perspectives. A considerable amount of life-history information was collected, including: the respondent's family living arrangements in childhood, departures and returns to the parental home, and histories of marriage, cohabitation, education, fertility, and employment. The design permits the detailed description of past and current living arrangements and other characteristics and experiences, as well as the analysis of the consequences of earlier patterns on current states, marital and parenting relationships, kin contact, and economic and psychological well-being. Interviews were conducted in 1987-88, 1992-94, and 2001-2002.

#### **2 Years covered**

Wave 1: 1987-88

Wave 2: 1992-94

Wave 3: 2001-02

#### **3 Longitudinal**

YES

#### **4 Publically available**

Data, syntax and codebooks may be downloaded freely from the NSFH website:

[Wave 1](#)

[Wave 2](#)

[Wave 3](#)

#### **5 Restricted access data available**

[Geocode data](#)

[See here for more information](#)

#### **6 Web-accessible analysis**

[BADGIR System](#)

[Must register with site, may download file extracts and perform online analysis]

## **7 Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)**

[Wave 1 & 2](#)

[Wave 3](#)

[To download data, must belong to member institution]

## **8 FAQ page**

<http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/nsfh/support.htm>

## **9 Data specific bibliography**

<http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/nsfh/bib.htm>

## **10 Data citation**

Wave 1: "The Design and Content of The National Survey of Families and Households." (NSFH Working Paper #1) James Sweet, Larry Bumpass, and Vaughn Call 1988.

Wave 2: James A. Sweet and Larry L. Bumpass, The National Survey of Families and Households - Waves 1 and 2: Data Description and Documentation. Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (<http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/nsfh/home.htm>), 1996

Wave 3: James A. Sweet and Larry L. Bumpass, The National Survey of Families and Households - Waves 1, 2, and 3: Data Description and Documentation. Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## **11 List serve/user group/help line**

[nsfhhhelp@ssc.wisc.edu](mailto:nsfhhhelp@ssc.wisc.edu)

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