

Users can extract data for specific subsamples and in various formats. Step-by-step instructions for extracting data and detailed information about examining the codebook can be found in the *NLS Compact Disc User's Guide*.

A.2 Figure 1. NLSY97 Areas of Interest

Achievement Tests	Income	School Characteristics
Assets & Debts	Industry & Occupation	School Experience
Attitudes	Interaction btwn Parents	Screener
Autonomy & Control	Interviewer Remarks	Screener Extended
Child Calendars	Job Search	Screener Household
Child Care	Jobs & Employers	Screener Non-Resident
Child Family Background	Labor Force Status	Screener Parent
Children	Locator	Self-Employment
College Experience	Machine Check	Sexual Activity
Common Variables	Marriage & Cohabitation	Substance Use
Contact w/Non-Res. Parent	Military	Symbols
Created Variables	Non-Res. Characteristics	Tenure w/ Employer
Demographic Indicators	Parent Background	Time Spent at Work
Ed. Status & Attainment	Parent Current Status	Time Use
Employment Gaps	Parent Family Background	Training
Expectations	Parent Information	Transcript Survey
Family Process Measures	Parent Locator	Validation
Fertility and Pregnancy	Parent Retrospective	Wages & Compensation
Fringe Benefits	PIAT	Work Experience
Geographic Indicators	Program Participation	Youth History
Health	Roster Item	Youth Locator
Household Characteristics	Sample Design & Screening	Youth Schooling
Illegal Activity & Arrest	School-Based Learning	Youth Self-Administered

A.3 How to Get Help

Users may have questions about the NLSY97 data, database retrieval software, or documentation. The following are strategies for finding answers to these questions.

On-line and Paper Documentation Help: NLS User Services provides both on-line and paper documentation help sources for users. Choosing “Help” in the menu bar of the Investigator program leads the user to an on-line manual or a download feature for on-line help. Paper documentation includes this *NLSY97 User's Guide*, the *NLS Handbook*, the *NLS Compact Disc User's Guide*, and assorted supplemental hard copy documentation (see A.1 Table 1).

Additional Support: For questions not answered in the documentation, contact NLS User Services:

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