

NLSY97 CODEBOOK

for

SOC8811 Advanced Social Statistics

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ABOUT THE NLSY97 DATASET

The 1997 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY97) is one of several large annual panel surveys funded by the U.S. Labor Dept. and distributed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force activity is the main focus, but variables are available on job training, education, family formation, drug use, and other life events. Some event times are recorded by day, others only annually.

The NLSY97 cohort was born between 1980 and 1984 and were 12 to 18 years old at the time of first interview in 1997. That initial round of interviews was conducted with 8,984 respondents. This total breaks down into a cross-sectional sample of 6,748 respondents and a supplemental oversample of 2,236 Hispanic or Latino and black respondents. Only the NLSY97 cross-sectional sample is used in this module.

The didactic dataset we analyze is a tiny extraction and restructuring from the massive file containing thousands of measures. It concentrates on a few major life course events: first cohabitation, first marriage, and first childbirth. A codebook for this didactic version of NLSY97 can be downloaded from the SOC8811 Webpage.

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cohabit1_yyyy**RECODE of cohab (CVC_FIRST_COHAB_DATE)**

	Freq.
0	3,239
1994	4
1995	9
1996	15
1997	59
1998	133
1999	222
2000	335
2001	387
2002	412
2003	345
2004	344
2005	336
2006	350
2007	266
2008	198

marry1_yyyy**RECODE of marry1 (CVC_FIRST_MARRY_DATE)**

	Freq.
0	4,621
1995	1
1996	1
1997	12
1998	29
1999	61
2000	104
2001	167
2002	174
2003	236
2004	261
2005	299
2006	278
2007	255
2008	216

intv97 to intv08CV_INTERVIEW_DATE 1997-2008

range: [-5,2009]
unique values: 13

units: 1
missing .: 0/6748

educ1997 to educ2008CV_HGC_EVER 1997-2008

educ2008:

	Freq.
-5	1,188
-3	47
5	2
6	10
7	24
8	161
9	243
10	288
11	312
12	1,403
13	494
14	565
15	283
16	916
17	430
18	235
19	95
20	49
95	3

region1997 to region2008**CV_CENSUS_REGION**

CENSUS REGION OF RESIDENCE

Census region of the residence as of the survey date.

region2008:

1188	-5 Non-Interview
40	-4 Valid Skip
4	-3 Invalid Skip
0	-2 Don't Know
0	-1 Refusal
925	1 Northeast (CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT)
1324	2 North Central (IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, ND, SD, WI)
2054	3 South (AL, AR, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN)
1213	4 West (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY)

urban1997 to urban2008**CV_URBAN-RURAL**

CURRENT RESIDENCE IN URBAN OR RURAL AREA

Residence in an urban or a rural area as of the survey date.

urban2008:

1188	-5 Non-Interview
40	-4 Valid Skip
10	-3 Invalid Skip
0	-2 Don't Know
0	-1 Refusal
1120	0 Rural
4134	1 Urban
256	2 Unknown

relig_raised
Year: 1997

R0552200

Survey

WHAT RELIGION WAS PR RAISED IN? (HAND CARD B)

And now a few questions about your religious background. First, in what religion were you raised?

PLEASE SELECT ONLY ONE.

729	-4	Valid Skip
5	-2	Don't Know
1	-1	Refusal
1995	1	Roman Catholic
1340	2	Baptist
574	3	Methodist
416	4	Lutheran
203	5	Presbyterian
115	6	Episcopal/Anglican
125	7	United Church of Christ (or Congregationalist or Evangelical Reformed)
66	8	Disciples of Christ (or the Christian Church)
36	9	Reform (or Reformed Church in America or Christian Reformed Church)
73	10	Holiness (Nazarene, Wesleyan, Free Methodist)
186	11	Pentecostal (Assembly of God, Pentecostal Holiness)
167	12	Nondemonimational Christian (Bible Church)
297	13	Other Protestant
15	14	Jewish - Orthodox
24	15	Jewish - Conservative
26	16	Jewish - Reform
7	17	Jewish - Other Jewish
56	18	Mormon (all types of Latter Day Saints)
15	19	Eastern Orthodox
8	20	Unitarian
31	21	Muslim (or Moslem or Islam)
22	22	Hindu/Buddhist
13	23	Native American Tribal Religion
13	24	Other (SPECIFY)
41	25	None, no religion - Agnostic (doesn't know if there is a God)
19	26	None, no religion - Atheist (confident there is no God)
125	27	None, no religion - Personal philosophy
1	28	Bah'ai
0	30	Greek, Roman, Norse, Etc. Mythology
0	31	Satanic
0	32	Wicca/Witchcraft/Magic/Pagan
1	34	Scientology
3	35	Other Eastern (Sikh)

religion1997
Year: 1997

R0002100

Survey

CHK PRS RELIGION [PR's religious preference]

88	-2	Don't Know
4	-1	Refusal
1787	1	Roman Catholic
1295	2	Baptist
361	3	Methodist
411	4	Lutheran
111	5	Presbyterian
86	6	Episcopal/Anglican
89	7	United Church of Christ (or Congregationalist or Evangelical Reformed)
146	8	Disciples of Christ (or the Christian Church)
34	9	Reform (or Reformed Church in America or Christian Reformed Church)
83	10	Holiness (Nazarene, Wesleyan, Free Methodist)
250	11	Pentecostal (Assembly of God, Pentecostal Holiness)
425	12	Nondemonimational Christian (Bible Church)
340	13	Other Protestant
15	14	Jewish - Orthodox
22	15	Jewish - Conservative
35	16	Jewish - Reform
11	17	Jewish - Other Jewish
100	18	Mormon (all types of Latter Day Saints)
15	19	Eastern Orthodox
6	20	Unitarian
42	21	Muslim (or Moslem or Islam)
37	22	Hindu/Buddhist
14	23	Native American Tribal Religion
29	24	Other (SPECIFY)
166	25	None, no religion - Agnostic (doesn't know if there is a God)
60	26	None, no religion - Atheist (confident there is no God)
629	27	None, no religion - Personal philosophy
1	28	Bah'ai
1	30	Greek, Roman, Norse, Etc. Mythology
3	31	Satanic
4	32	Wicca/Witchcraft/Magic/Pagan
1	34	Scientology
1	35	Other Eastern (Sikh)

attend1997
Year: 1997

R0552400

Survey

HOW OFTEN PR ATTEND CHURCH IN LAST YEAR?

In the past 12 months, how often have you attended a worship service (like church or synagogue service or mass)?

729	-4	Valid Skip
4	-2	Don't Know
1	-1	Refusal
1010	1	Never
775	2	Once or twice
758	3	Less than once a month / 3-12 times
532	4	About once a month / 12 times
732	5	About twice a month / 24 times
1536	6	About once a week
656	7	Several times a week
15	8	Everyday

siblings1997

R0553800

Survey Year: 1997

TOTAL BROTHERS/SISTERS PR HAS

How many brothers and sisters do you have in total?

729	-4	Valid Skip
13	-2	Don't Know
8	-1	Refusal
207	0	
749	1	
1157	2	
1067	3	
815	4	
557	5	
401	6	
331	7	
220	8	
173	9	
111	10	
70	11	
54	12	
42	13	
11	14	
12	15	
21	16 TO 25	

bornusa**R5821400**Survey Year: 2001

WAS R BORN IN U.S., ITS TERRITORIES OR PUERTO RICO

Were you born in the United States, its territories, or Puerto Rico?

830	-5	Non-Interview
1	-1	Refusal
334	0	No
5583	1	Yes

citizen1997**R1201300**Survey Year: 1997

CITIZENSHIP STATUS BASED ON BIRTH

U.S. citizenship status based on place of birth.

725	-4	Valid Skip
5415	1	Citizen, born in the U.S.
174	2	Unknown, not born in U.S.
434	3	Unknown, can't determine birthplace

parentfigure1997**R1205300**Survey Year: 1997

RS RELATIONSHIP TO HOUSEHOLD PARENT FIGURE

Relationship of the parent figure(s)/guardian(s) in household to the youth as of the survey date.

17	-3	Invalid Skip
3593	1	Both biological parents
788	2	Two parents, biological mother
176	3	Two parents, biological father
1595	4	Biological mother only
232	5	Biological father only
86	6	Adoptive parent(s)
31	7	Foster parent(s)
108	8	No parents, grandparents
70	9	No parents, other relatives
52	10	Anything else

mother_live**R0324100**Survey Year: 1997

R LIVE WITH MOTHER/FIGURE?

Do you live with either your mother or a mother figure?

1	-3 Invalid Skip
3	-2 Don't Know
5	-1 Refusal
271	0 No
6468	1 Yes

mother_relate**R03242.00**Survey Year: 1997

MOTHER FIGURES RELATIONSHIP TO R

Is she

279	-4 Valid Skip
1	-3 Invalid Skip
1	-2 Don't Know
5966	1 YOUR BIOLOGICAL OR NATURAL MOTHER
164	2 A STEPMOTHER WHO DID NOT ADOPT YOU
12	3 YOUR ADOPTIVE STEPMOTHER
29	4 YOUR FATHER'S GIRLFRIEND
97	5 YOUR ADOPTIVE MOTHER
30	6 YOUR FOSTER MOTHER
137	7 A RELATIVE WHO IS LIKE A MOTHER TO YOU
32	8 SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS LIKE A MOTHER TO YOU

mother_support**R0325700**Survey Year: 1997

MOTHER SUPPORTIVE, SOMEWHAT, NOT SUPPORTIVE TOWARD R?

When you think about how she acts toward you, in general, would you say she is very supportive, somewhat supportive, or not very supportive?

279	-4 Valid Skip
1	-3 Invalid Skip
1	-1 Refusal
5017	1 VERY SUPPORTIVE
1316	2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORTIVE
134	3 NOT VERY SUPPORTIVE

mother_strict**R0325800**Survey Year: 1997

MOTHER PERMISSIVE OR STRICT?

In general, would you say she is permissive or strict about making sure you did what you were supposed to do?

279	-4 Valid Skip
1	-3 Invalid Skip
23	-2 Don't Know
1	-1 Refusal
2978	1 PERMISSIVE
3466	2 STRICT

father_live**R0327600**Survey Year: 1997

R LIVE WITH FATHER/FIGURE?

Do you live with either your father or a father figure?

1	-3 Invalid Skip
6	-2 Don't Know
6	-1 Refusal
1611	0 No
5124	1 Yes

father_relate**R0326000**Survey Year: 1997

FATHER FIGURES RELATIONSHIP TO R

Is he

1632	-4 Valid Skip
1	-3 Invalid Skip
2	-2 Don't Know
4106	1 YOUR BIOLOGICAL OR NATURAL MOTHER
660	2 A STEPMOTHER WHO DID NOT ADOPT YOU
60	3 YOUR ADOPTIVE STEPMOTHER
95	4 YOUR FATHER'S GIRLFRIEND
83	5 YOUR ADOPTIVE MOTHER
24	6 YOUR FOSTER MOTHER
66	7 A RELATIVE WHO IS LIKE A MOTHER TO YOU
28	8 SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS LIKE A MOTHER TO YOU

father_support**R0327500**Survey Year: 1997

FATHER SUPPORTIVE, SOMEWHAT, NOT SUPPORTIVE TOWARD R?

When you think about how he acts toward you, in general, would you say he is very supportive, somewhat supportive, or not very supportive?

1623	-4 Valid Skip
1	-3 Invalid Skip
4	-2 Don't Know
3484	1 VERY SUPPORTIVE
1416	2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORTIVE
220	3 NOT VERY SUPPORTIVE

father_strict**R0327600**Survey Year: 1997

FATHER PERMISSIVE OR STRICT?

In general, would you say he is permissive or strict about making sure you did what you were supposed to do?

1623	-4 Valid Skip
1	-3 Invalid Skip
13	-2 Don't Know
2140	1 PERMISSIVE
2971	2 STRICT

fatherbio_educ**R1302400 [CV_HGC_BIO_DAD]**Survey Year: 1997

BIOLOGICAL FATHERS HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED

Highest grade completed by respondent's biological father (includes both residential and non-residential fathers).

437	-4 Valid Skip
694	-3 Invalid Skip
0	0 NONE
1	1 1ST GRADE
7	2 2ND GRADE
24	3 3RD GRADE
38	4 4TH GRADE
38	5 5TH GRADE
85	6 6TH GRADE
49	7 7TH GRADE
116	8 8TH GRADE
159	9 9TH GRADE
248	10 10TH GRADE
291	11 11TH GRADE
2122	12 12TH GRADE
320	13 1ST YEAR COLLEGE
628	14 2ND YEAR COLLEGE
144	15 3RD YEAR COLLEGE
746	16 4TH YEAR COLLEGE
107	17 5TH YEAR COLLEGE
253	18 6TH YEAR COLLEGE

77	19	7TH YEAR COLLEGE
160	20	8TH YEAR COLLEGE OR MORE
4	95	UNGRADED

motherbio_educ **R1302500** [CV_HGC_BIO_MOM] Survey Year: 1997

BIOLOGICAL MOTHERS HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED

Highest grade completed by respondent's biological mother (includes both residential and non-residential mothers).

126	-4	Valid Skip
353	-3	Invalid Skip
0	0	NONE
3	1	1ST GRADE
14	2	2ND GRADE
19	3	3RD GRADE
26	4	4TH GRADE
26	5	5TH GRADE
91	6	6TH GRADE
40	7	7TH GRADE
118	8	8TH GRADE
177	9	9TH GRADE
289	10	10TH GRADE
346	11	11TH GRADE
2320	12	12TH GRADE
530	13	1ST YEAR COLLEGE
824	14	2ND YEAR COLLEGE
193	15	3RD YEAR COLLEGE
789	16	4TH YEAR COLLEGE
143	17	5TH YEAR COLLEGE
215	18	6TH YEAR COLLEGE
31	19	7TH YEAR COLLEGE
70	20	8TH YEAR COLLEGE OR MORE
5	95	UNGRADED

fatheres_educ **R1302600** [CV_HGC_RES_DAD] Survey Year: 1997

RESIDENTIAL FATHERS HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED

Highest grade completed by respondent's residential father (includes both biological and non-biological fathers).

1824	-4	Valid Skip
214	-3	Invalid Skip
0	0	NONE
1	1	1ST GRADE
3	2	2ND GRADE
19	3	3RD GRADE
38	4	4TH GRADE
30	5	5TH GRADE
72	6	6TH GRADE
36	7	7TH GRADE
82	8	8TH GRADE
140	9	9TH GRADE
152	10	10TH GRADE
212	11	11TH GRADE

1569	12	12TH GRADE
292	13	1ST YEAR COLLEGE
630	14	2ND YEAR COLLEGE
136	15	3RD YEAR COLLEGE
709	16	4TH YEAR COLLEGE
113	17	5TH YEAR COLLEGE
241	18	6TH YEAR COLLEGE
81	19	7TH YEAR COLLEGE
152	20	8TH YEAR COLLEGE OR MORE
2	95	UNGRADED

mothers_educ R1302700 [CV_HGC_RES_MOM] Survey Year: 1997

RESIDENTIAL MOTHERS HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED

Highest grade completed by respondent's residential mother (includes both biological and non-biological mothers).

453	-4	Valid Skip
221	-3	Invalid Skip
0	0	NONE
2	1	1ST GRADE
13	2	2ND GRADE
18	3	3RD GRADE
28	4	4TH GRADE
22	5	5TH GRADE
92	6	6TH GRADE
42	7	7TH GRADE
99	8	8TH GRADE
171	9	9TH GRADE
246	10	10TH GRADE
320	11	11TH GRADE
2194	12	12TH GRADE
530	13	1ST YEAR COLLEGE
819	14	2ND YEAR COLLEGE
191	15	3RD YEAR COLLEGE
788	16	4TH YEAR COLLEGE
149	17	5TH YEAR COLLEGE
232	18	6TH YEAR COLLEGE
35	19	7TH YEAR COLLEGE
79	20	8TH YEAR COLLEGE OR MORE
4	95	UNGRADED

sexageSurvey Year: 1997-2008

HOW OLD R FIRST TIME HAD SEX?

Thinking about the very first time in your life that you had sexual intercourse with a person of the opposite sex, how old were you?

UNIVERSE: R >= 14 at end of previous year; has ever had sexual intercourse

sexage	Freq.	
-4	1,055	Valid Skip
-3	2	Invalid Skip
-2	5	Don't Know
-1	4	Refusal
5	42	
6	11	
7	12	
8	11	
9	19	
10	23	
11	43	
12	144	
13	357	
14	710	
15	992	
16	1,127	
17	830	
18	712	
19	323	
20	172	
21	99	
22	30	
23	17	
24	7	
25	1	

smokeageSurvey Year: 1997-1999, 2004, 2005

HOW OLD R FIRST TIME SMOKED?

How old were you the first time you smoked an entire cigarette?

smokeage	Freq.	
-4	3,942	Valid Skip
-2	1	Invalid Skip
1	32	
2	3	
3	1	
4	7	
5	19	
6	26	
7	47	
8	83	
9	96	
10	221	

11	289
12	570
13	574
14	470
15	259
16	101
17	7

drinkage

Survey Year: 1997-2000

HOW OLD R FIRST TIME DRINK ALCOHOL?

How old were you the first time you had a glass of beer or wine or a drink of liquor such as whiskey, gin, scotch, etc?

drinkage	Freq.	
-4	3,738	Valid Skip
1	30	
2	12	
3	9	
4	14	
5	27	
6	21	
7	38	
8	49	
9	68	
10	169	
11	237	
12	495	
13	595	
14	618	
15	466	
16	144	
17	16	
18	1	
21	1	

potage

Survey Year: 1997-2002, 2004, 2005

HOW OLD FIRST TIME USE MARIJUANA?

How old were you when you first used marijuana?

potage	Freq.	
-4	5,363	Valid Skip
1	15	
2	1	
3	2	
4	1	
5	3	
6	2	

7	2
8	4
9	10
10	26
11	60
12	213
13	299
14	386
15	253
16	96
17	9
18	3

cokeage

Survey Year: 1998-2002, 2004

HOW OLD R 1ST TIME USE COCAINE/HARD DRUGS?

How old were you when you first used some drug or other substance?

cokeage	Freq.	
-5	430	Non-Interview
-4	5,844	Valid Skip
1	9	
2	1	
3	2	
7	2	
8	4	
9	3	
10	15	
11	20	
12	56	
13	90	
14	87	
15	65	
16	66	
17	28	
18	19	
19	4	
20	1	
21	2	

income1997-2004 [CV_INCOME_GROSS_YR] Survey Year: 1997-2004

GROSS HH INCOME IN PAST YEAR

Gross household income in the previous year.

/*Topcoded at the 2% level. Truncated values are applied to the top 2 percent of respondents with valid non-missing responses. The average value of the top 2 percent of cases is used as the value. Negative values of -1, -2, -3, -4, or -5 do not reflect negative monetary amounts; these numbers represent standard NLSY97 codes.*/*

income2005-2008 [CV_INCOME_FAMILY] Survey Year: 2005-2008

GROSS FAMILY INCOME

Gross family income in the previous year.

/*Topcoded at the 2% level. Truncated values are applied to the top 2 percent of respondents with valid non-missing responses. The average value of the top 2 percent of cases is used as the value. Negative values of -1, -2, -3, -4, or -5 do not reflect negative monetary amounts; these numbers represent standard NLSY97 codes.*/*

child1_yyyy to child4_yyyy Survey Year: 2008

DATE OF RS CHILD 01-04 BIRTH

Date of biological child's birth.

CV_CHILD BIRTH_DAT E L1 2008	Freq.
-5	1,188
-4	3,212
-3	1
1992	2
1994	4
1995	7
1996	20
1997	57
1998	96
1999	133
2000	174
2001	197
2002	241
2003	269
2004	259
2005	210
2006	239

2007	231
2008	201
2009	7

divorce1_yyyy **Z9073501** [CVC_FIRST_MARRY_END_DATE~Y]

DATE OF RS FIRST MARRIAGE END

Date that first marriage ended. This variable is created for all respondents regardless of interview status in the current round; CVC_RND provides the actual round of the respondent's most recent interview.

CVC_FIRST _MARRY_DA TE	Freq.
-4	6,375
-3	26
1998	1
1999	2
2000	7
2001	9
2002	11
2003	21
2004	35
2005	61
2006	70
2007	62
2008	63
2009	5
