

Description of Variables for NLSY.xls

Additional variables can be downloaded from <http://www.nlsinfo.org/web-investigator/webgator.php>

number of observations: 80,283

number of variables: 16

Variable	Description	Values
cid	ID code of child	
mid	ID code of mother of child	
year	Year	
child_race	Race of child (from mother's screener 1979)	1: Hispanic 2: Black 3: Non-Black, Non-Hispanic
child_gender	Sex of child	1: Male 2: Female
birth_month	Date of birth of child—month	
birth_year	Date of birth of child—year	
birth_order	Birth order of child	
age_mother_atbirth	Age of mother at birth of child	
mom_ed	Mother's education	
sampling_weight	Sampling weight of mother 1979	
owncomputer	Own a home computer	0: No 1: Yes
most_use	What the home computer is used for most often	1: School work or homework 2: Learn/practice a skill (art, music or another language, etc.) 3: Entertainment (games, recreation, etc.) 4: Writing letters, correspondence, etc. 5: References; to look things up 6: Accessing the Internet or using e-mail 7: Other uses 8: I never use the home computer 9: More than one selection
type_of_use	What the home computer is used for most often	1: School work or homework 2: Learn/practice a skill (art, music, or another language, etc.) 3: Entertainment (fun, games, etc.) 4: Search for information; look things up 5: Accessing the internet; surf the web 6: Email, instant message, online chat 7: Shopping 8: To check the news, weather, or sports 9: Other uses 10: I never use the home computer
usescomputer	Does child use any computer at home	0: No 1: Yes
internet	How often use computer for Internet	0: Never 1: Less than once a week 2: About once a week 3: Several times a week 4: Almost every day