

NATIONAL LONGITUDINAL SURVEYS (NLS)

The National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS) are a set of surveys designed to gather information at multiple points in time on the labor market activities and other significant life events of several groups of men and women. For more than 3 decades, NLS data have served as an important tool for economists, sociologists, and other researchers. The Mature Women's survey includes women who were ages 30-44 when first interviewed in 1967. The Older Men's survey, which was discontinued in 1990, includes men who were ages 45-59 when first interviewed in 1966.

Listing of study variables & measurement of variables

Older men:

- work and non-work experiences
- retirement planning
- health conditions
- insurance coverage
- leisure time
- middle-age job changes
- retirement expectations and experiences
- re-entry to the labor market after initial retirement.

Mature women:

- labor force participation and experiences
- work experience of spouses
- educational attainment
- training activities
- child-care arrangements
- health
- family income
- care of ill and disabled relatives
- retirement status and plans
- detailed pension plan data for respondents and their spouses.