

Data Source with Asthma Content: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY79)

The NLSY79 is a nationally representative sample of 12,686 young men and young women who were 14 to 22 years of age when they were first surveyed in 1979. These individuals were interviewed annually through 1994 and are currently interviewed on biennial basis. Data collections provide a unique opportunity to study in detail the life course experiences of this sample. In 1986, a separate survey of all children born to NLSY79 female respondents began, greatly expanding the breadth of child-specific information collected. Since 1994, children ages 15 and older complete a separate interview modeled on the NLSY79 questionnaire. In addition to all of the mother's information from the NLSY79, the child survey includes assessments of each child as well as additional demographic and development information collected from either the mother or child.

Administered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United State Department of Labor.

Sampling Frame and Methodology:

- Complex longitudinal survey; annual/biennial interviews
- Face-to-face interview; Telephone interview
- Nationally representative longitudinal sample:
 - A cross-sectional sample of 6,111 youth designed to be representative of the non institutionalized civilian segment of people living in the U.S. in 1979 and born between January 1, 1957 and December 31, 1964.
 - A supplemental sample of 5,295 youth designed to oversample civilian Hispanic, black, and economically disadvantaged white living in the U.S. in 1979 and born between January 1, 1957 and December 31, 1964.
 - A military sample of 1,280 youth designed to represent the population born between January 1, 1957 and December 31, 1961 (who were aged 17-21 as of January 1, 1979) and who were enlisted in the four branches of the military as of September 30, 1978.
- Geography: National estimates

Respiratory Health Content:

- Asthma questions were added for data collection in 2004. 2002 data file contains question on special health care needs and limitations from chronic conditions, including asthma, for the children of NLSY79 female respondents.
 - Diagnosed with Asthma (40+/50+ health modules) (98-10)
 - Characteristics of children with Asthma (04-10)

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Website and Data Access Information:

[Website: http://www.bls.gov/nls/nlsy79.htm](http://www.bls.gov/nls/nlsy79.htm)

[Data: http://www.bls.gov/nls/nlsy79ch.htm](http://www.bls.gov/nls/nlsy79ch.htm)

[Questionnaire: http://www.nlsinfo.org/nlsy79/docs/79html/tableofcontents.html](http://www.nlsinfo.org/nlsy79/docs/79html/tableofcontents.html)

Related Resources:

[NLSY79 Geocode Data: http://www.bls.gov/nls/geocodeapp.htm](http://www.bls.gov/nls/geocodeapp.htm)

[Technical Manuals and Publications: http://www.bls.gov/nls/publications.htm](http://www.bls.gov/nls/publications.htm)

[NLSY79 Documentation: http://www.bls.gov/nls/nlsdoc.htm](http://www.bls.gov/nls/nlsdoc.htm)

[NLSY Bibliography: www.nlsbibliography.org](http://www.nlsbibliography.org)