



## SPRING BULLETIN 2023

# NLSY 97

Dear NLSY97 Respondent,

**Coming soon!** Movies, new television shows, real estate listings... A coming soon sign prompts the passerby to anticipate future events.

And for those of us who work on the National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS), we look forward to fielding each new round of the NLSY97 and the opportunity to interview you as a representative of your age group. The events in your life combined with the experiences of other NLSY97 respondents form a portrait of your generation. Seeing that picture develop is what researchers, policymakers, and the public await.

*The 21st round of the NLSY97 will be fielded in fall 2023!*

While you are waiting for fall 2023, we invite you to browse our NLS bibliography:  
[www.nlsbibliography.org](http://www.nlsbibliography.org).

Here you will find studies on topics such as work experiences, earnings, education and training, health, family, and so much more. In fact, over 1,000 journal articles and book chapters have been written using information from the NLSY97. These studies affect public policies in many ways. Policymakers often use them directly in planning programs, and news organizations often report their main findings to the general public. Increased awareness of issues facing your generation then becomes a catalyst for improvement.

The most recent NLSY97 news release is found here: [www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/nlsyth.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/nlsyth.pdf).

One of the unique features of the NLS among U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) surveys is its ability to calculate the total number of jobs people hold during their work life. NLS can only estimate such a measure because it interviews the same people over the course of their entire work life and keeps track of all the jobs they have held. As of the 19th round of the NLSY97, your age group held an average of 8.6 jobs from age 18 through age 34. Look for the 20th round of the NLSY97 news release in spring 2024...

And now as we continue to plan for the fall 2023 launch of the 21st round of the NLSY97, let me take a moment to express my sincere thanks for your past participation in the NLSY97. Your willingness to offer your interview time is what keeps this important study going.

We look forward to talking to you soon...

Sincerely,

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