

National Child Development Study:

Local Authority at Interview (1958-1974)

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Introduction

As Boyle et al¹ (2004) have noted “There has been a growing interest in the influence of local-area characteristics on the trajectories of individuals; a pertinent example is the ‘context versus composition’ health debate. However, the ability to investigate the influence of locale on individuals is hampered by the lack of geographically refined information that is usually included in longitudinal datasets”. They also recommended that where this data is made available below SAR-area it is “only be released in special downloads or safe settings”. As a consequence the variables included in this dataset were removed from the re-deposit of NCDS Childhood Data, Sweeps 0-3, 1958-1974 (SN 5565).

Data

Local Authority or Local Education Authority was recorded at interview in NCDS1 (1965), NCDS2 (1969) and NCDS3 (1974) with each instrument. Local Authority of birth (1958) was derived from the serial number.

Variable	Variable name	No. of valid cases
PMS (1958) Local Authority of birth	la58	17416
NCDS1 (1965) Local Authority code number	n4	15406
NCDS2 Parental Interview (1969)	n1101	13877
NCDS2 Medical Examination (1969)	n1461	13208
NCDS2 School Interview (1969)	n801	14205
NCDS3 Parental Interview (1974)	n2349	11691
NCDS3 Medical Examination (1974)	n1879	11675
NCDS3 Audiogram (1974)	n2048	10852
NCDS3 Educational Questionnaire (1974)	n2092	12762
NCDS3 Educational Questionnaire (1974) (page E9)	n2268	13543
NCDS3 Individual Questionnaire (1974)	n2702	12098
NCDS3 Test Booklet (1974)	n2918	12011

Some limited cleaning has been conducted, primarily to correct invalid codes and obvious transpositions.

Availability of Datasets

Because of the potentially disclosive nature of these datasets, all geographic identifiers below Government Office Region (GOR) are being released under Special Licence;. Please see the form available with the datasets for more details of the conditions of use.

Further Information

If you have any queries, please contact us at clsfeedback@ioe.ac.uk or view our website at <http://www.cls.ioe.ac.uk>.

¹ Adding Geographical Variables and Identifiers to Longitudinal Datasets: A Report to the National Longitudinal Strategy Committee and ESRC 2004 (Paul Boyle, Andrew Cullis, Zhiqiang Feng, Robin Flowerdew, Vernon Gayle)