

Welcome NLSCY user,

In the `_Bootstrap\Master _Bootstrap\Share` folders you will find bootstrap weights for the National Longitudinal Survey for Children and Youth. They are to be used with the master and share files, respectively.

The names of the subfolders indicate what bootstrap weights are to be found there. Additionally, the name of the data set hints to the same information.

For example, 'bvarC23L' is the name of the dataset containing bootstrap weights for the longitudinal kids that were introduced in cycle 2 and were followed in cycle 3. See the end of this document for a complete list of files.

In the `_Bootstrap\Programs` folder we provide macros for bootstrap and three examples on how to use them. The SAS macros are contained in the file `NLSCY_VES.sas`, and the file `NLSCY_VES.doc` - in the same folder as the present document - provides a brief introduction. For a more extensive discussion, a Power Point presentation - `BS_Presentation.ppt` - will be helpful in providing background information.

There is also an SPSS program for variance estimation. In the file `Bootvare_v21_NLSCY.SPS` you will find the program and its documentation. The file `Macroe_v21_NLSCY.sps` is necessary because it contains the SPSS macros - see the documentation.

You will notice that the SAS data sets are version 6 compatible. This will allow backwards compatibility and SPSS accessibility.

List of the sets of bootstrap weights in NLSCY - as of cycle 3

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