

WLSfamily

The data file WLSfamily.dta contains a subset of the variables that are available in the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS). The WLS is a long-term study of a random sample of 10,317 men and women who graduated from Wisconsin high schools in 1957. The survey started in 1957 and the graduates have been followed over time. The data contains information about the graduates, their parents, their spouses and their children. In the last round of the questionnaire (2004/2005) the children are on average 38 years old and information is collected about completed years of education. The WLSfamily data file includes married respondents with a minimum of one and a maximum of five children. It contains information about 14,127 children from 5000 families. For each child there are variables containing information about years of education, birth order, gender, birth year, years of education of the parents, gender of the siblings, whether there are twins in the family, IQ of the parent, years of education of the grandparent, age difference between the children in the family, a number indicating to what family the child belongs and a variable indicating whether the respondent of the survey is the mother or the father of the child.

The following variables are available in the dataset:

children	Number of children in family
gender	Gender child, girl=1
boy1	First born child in the family is a boy
boy2	Second born child in the family is a boy
boy3	Third born child in the family is a boy
boy4	Fourth born child in the family is a boy
boy5	Fifth born child in the family is a boy
birthyrfather	Father's year of birth
birthyrmother	Mother's year of birth
birthyrchild	Child's year of birth
Twin1	First and second child in family are twins
Twin2	Second and third child in family are twins
Twin3	Third and fourth child in family are twins
Twin4	Fourth and fifth child in family are twins
efather	Father's years of education
emother	Mother's years of education
echild	Child's years of education
space12	number of months between 1st & 2nd birth
space23	number of months between 2nd & 3rd birth
space34	number of months between 3rd & 4th birth
space45	number of months between 4th & 5th birth
iqparent	Parent's IQ score mapped from raw Henmon-Nelson test score (IQ score of parent that responded to the survey)
egrandparent	Years of education grandparent (education head of household when respondent of survey was 16)
birthorder	Child's birth order
genderresp	Gender of the respondent, 1=mother is respondent of the survey
familyid	Family identification number