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# Preface

The *NLS Handbook* is intended to introduce and describe the National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS) to those unfamiliar with them. The handbook contains general information about the surveys, describes the contents of each round of the surveys, and explains how to acquire and use the data. The *Handbook* includes tables that provide descriptions of the variables and lists the years for which those variables are

available.

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