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This manual is one of a set of user-oriented documents available to the NLS research community containing information on the Original Cohorts (Older Men, Young Men, Mature Women, and Young Women), the NLSY79, the Children of the NLSY79, and the NLSY97. Appendix A in this document contains a quick reference guide to essential information about the NLS and the Mature Women cohort. Persons needing more information on the NLS in general or the NLS cohort groups are encouraged to obtain copies of the NLS Handbook. Summaries of research completed on the NLS over the past several decades are presented on-line in the NLS Annotated Bibliography of Research, located at <http://www.nlsbibliography.org>. Persons needing detailed information on the other cohorts should read the NLS of Young Women User’s Guide, the NLSY79 User’s Guide, the NLSY97 User’s Guide, and the NLSY79 Child and Young Adult Data Users Guide; contact User Services for more information on the men’s cohorts. Ordering information for NLS documentation and data sets is available from NLS User Services, 921 Chatham Lane, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43221-2418; Phone (614) 442-7366, fax (614) 442-7329, or by e-mail at <usersvc@postoffice.chrr.ohio-state.edu>. 
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