# A SAMPLER OF NLS RESEARCH

Since the late 1960s, the National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS) have served as a rich source of data for researchers in a broad range of disciplines. The first journal article using NLS data appeared in the November 1969 issue of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' *Monthly Labor Review*. Coauthored by Herbert S. Parnes and Ruth S. Spitz, the study examined labor mobility among respondents in the NLS Older Men and Young Men cohorts.

Since that time, nearly 400 different professional journals have reviewed and published some 1,700 NLS-based research papers. In addition, more than 2,000 working papers, government reports, monographs, dissertations, and presentations have used NLS data, making the NLS a frequently used source of data for both academic and policy-oriented research.

Although most of the academic research articles have appeared in economics and sociology journals, NLS data also are used by researchers in other disciplines such as medicine, psychology, education, law, political science, and geography. NLS-based research also appears in special-interest journals that focus on topics such as aging, children and adolescents, the family, careers and occupations, substance use, and criminology.

This chapter presents a sampler of NLS-based journal articles published over the past 5 years, grouped by field of study. The range of categories reflects the breadth of research domains currently using NLS data. A bibliography of annotated citations for all known NLS research is available on the Internet at **www.nlsbibliography.org**. Finally, bibliographies of research based on NLSY79 fertility, childcare, and child development data are detailed in chapter 10.

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