

Income and Employment Survey
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I. Survey Description

The Income and Employment Survey is a series of questions that measure multiple aspects of employment and income for jobs within the last year. The original scoring method was established by Howe and Frazis (1992) at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, as part of the National Longitudinal Surveys (NLSY97, Round 3). The NLSY97 was designed to gather information at multiple points in time about the youth labor market. Items used in the Fast Track interviews were adapted from the NLSY97, Round 3 employment section and the NLSY97, Round 3 income section. This measure was added to the Fast Track protocol in year 13 (2003) for cohort 1.

The Income and Employment Survey is a paper survey measuring 42 employment and income characteristics. Responses include multiple choice categorical scales, free response and dichotomous scales (yes / no responses).

II. Report Sample

These analyses were conducted on the first cohort on the high-risk Control sample (n = 155) and the Normative sample (n = 387, N = 463 with overlap) for the thirteenth year of the study. One hundred twenty six records were missing for the complete measure. Forty-two records were missing from the Control (14 from Durham, 25 from Nashville, 2 from Pennsylvania and 1 from Washington) and 102 records were missing from the Normative sample (51 from Durham, 47 from Nashville, 1 from Pennsylvania and 3 from Washington).

III. Frequencies and Means – Selected Variables

The questionnaire probes the respondents up to 3 jobs. The tables below display values for selected variables for job #1. Very limited number of respondents report data for second and/or third job. The user should note that missing values are represented by a period (.), 'D' stands for "Don't know", 'N' stands for "No Answer", 'R' stands for "Refused to Answer" and 'S' stands for "Skipped".

	High or low risk sample	
	HI	LO
In the past 12 months, have you done any work at all as an employee for which you were paid, or in a family business whether or not you were paid?		
.	53	74
D	.	1
N	.	1
R	.	1
S	.	1
No	34	61
Yes	68	169
(Job 1)In what type of industry is this business involved?		
.	53	74
D	.	1
S	34	65
Manufacturing	3	2
Retail Trade	19	36
Service	29	84
Wholesale Trade	1	1
Other	16	45
(Job 1)What kind of work did you do?		
	53	74
ACCOUNTS_SPECIALIST	1	.
AID_FOR_FOSTER_KIDS	.	1
Assistant_Dairy_Manager	1	.
Bagger	1	.
Barista	.	1
CASHIER	2	.
CHECK_IN_AND_OUT_AT_FRONT_DESK	1	.
CLEAN_WINDOWS	1	.

	High or low risk sample	
	HI	LO
CONSTRUCTION	1	.
COOK	.	4
Casheir,_cook	.	1
Cashier	2	5
Cashier/Stockperson	.	1
Cashier_work_the_window	1	.
Comforter_Inspector	1	.
Cook,_Cashier,_Maintenance	1	.
Cook_and_made_burgers	1	.
Counseling_and_Food_Service	.	1
Crew_member	1	.
Customer_service	.	1
DAIRY_FARMER	.	1
Delivered_Pizza_to_houses	.	1
FACTORY_WORKER	1	.
FARMER_HAND	.	1
FARM_HAND	.	1
FOOD_SERVICES	1	.
Filing	.	1
GO_KART_PROFESSIONAL	.	1
Gift_Wrapping	.	1
HousePainter	1	.
Housekeeping	.	1
JANITOR	1	.
LABORER	.	1
LANDSCAPER	.	1
LANDSCAPING	.	1
Landscaping	.	1
Life_gaurd	.	1
MAINTAINENCE	.	1
MOVIE_USHER	.	1
Made_ice_cream	.	1

	High or low risk sample	
	HI	LO
Maintenance,_cleaning_counters,_etc.	.	1
Make_tacos_and_other_Mexican_food	.	1
PUMP_GAS	.	1
Packaging	.	1
Pizza_maker	1	.
Prepared_salads_and_hoagies	.	1
RETAIL_SALES	.	1
Ran_a_small_academic_class_in_the_summer,_4th_and_5th_graders	.	1
SALESEMAN	.	1
SALES_AND_MANAGEMENT	.	1
SANDWICH_ARTIST-SHIFT_MANAGER	1	.
STOCKER	.	1
STOCKING,_CLEANING,_SALES	1	.
STOCK_SHELVES	1	.
Sales	1	.
Sales,_stocking	.	1
Sales_Associate	.	1
Sales_person	1	.
Scoop_Icecream	.	1
Scoop_and_cashier	.	1
Sell_skis_and_snowboards	1	.
Sold_Calenders	.	1
TELEMARKETER	.	1
Teacher's_Aide	1	.
Teen_Leader	1	.
Took_orders,_dishes,_cleaning	.	1
WORKED_IN_GREENHOUSE	.	1
Wash_Cars	.	1
Wash_Hair	.	1
Watching_Kids	.	1
Worked_the_concessions,_sold_tickets	.	1
assistant_manager	1	.

	High or low risk sample	
	HI	LO
assisted_surgery,_took_care_of_animals	1	.
babysitting	1	.
bagged_groceries	.	1
bagger	1	1
barista	.	1
cake_decorator	.	1
camp_counselor	.	2
carpentry	.	1
cart_pusher	.	1
casheir	.	1
cashier	3	20
cashier,_cook	.	1
cashier,_placed_orders_and_filled_orders	1	.
cashier,_retail_sales	1	.
cashier/stock	.	1
cashier/waitress	.	1
catering	.	1
clean,_cook,_customer_service	.	1
clean_buildings	.	1
clean_up	.	1
cleaned_stables_for_horses	.	1
cleaning	.	1
clerk	.	1
clerk,_food_prep,_stocking	.	1
concessions	.	1
concrete	.	1
construction	.	1
construction_work	.	1
cook	4	2
cooking,_cleaning,_cashier	.	1
copy_room_and_receiving	.	1
courtesy_clerk	.	1

	High or low risk sample	
	HI	LO
custodial_work	1	.
customer_service	1	2
customer_service_rep	.	1
customer_service	.	1
delivered_pizzas	.	1
delivery_driver	.	1
dietary_aid	1	.
dishwasher	.	1
dishwasher_and_food_server	.	1
farmhand	1	.
filing	.	1
filing,_secretarial	.	1
food_server	.	1
front_desk	.	1
fryer	1	.
garden_specialist	1	.
grounds_keeping_and_snack_bar_attendant	.	1
help_with_all_types_of_carpentry_work	.	1
helped_at_the_pool	.	1
helped_with_landscaping	.	1
hostess	.	1
hostess_at_a_nursing_home	1	.
hostessing	.	1
install_mufflers	1	.
janitor	.	1
kitchen	.	1
kitchen_work	1	.
laborer	1	.
landscaping	.	1
laundry_room_stuff	.	1
laying_block	.	1
lifeguard	.	2

	High or low risk sample	
	HI	LO
machine_work	.	1
make_pizza_and_cashier	.	1
milked_cows_and_unload_haywagons	.	1
mowing_grass,_painting	1	.
oil_changes	1	.
packing	.	1
painter	1	.
parking_assistant_at_football_games	.	1
photography	.	1
playground_supervisor	.	1
ran_the_cashier_made_sandwiches	.	1
receptionist,_answer_phones,_work_front_desk	.	1
receptionist_and_manager	.	1
renovated_apartments	.	1
restocking_shelves	.	1
ride_attendent	.	1
ride_operator	.	1
sales,_stock	.	1
sales_and_cashier	.	1
sales_associate	1	3
sales_clerk,_cashier	.	1
sales_person	.	1
sales_rep	.	1
salesman	.	1
salesperson	.	1
scan_photos	1	.
scorekeeper	1	.
selling_cell_phones,_renting_out_videos	.	1
serve_food	1	.
served_ice_cream_and_ran_cash_register	.	1
serving_in_dining	1	.
shampoo_girl	.	1

	High or low risk sample	
	HI	LO
short_order_cook	1	.
skip	34	65
staff_assistant	.	1
stocking_and_bagging_groceries	1	.
stocking_and_cashier	.	1
stocking_shoes_and_helping_customers	.	1
teacher	1	.
teen_peer_educator	.	1
telemarketer	.	1
telemarketing	.	1
toweling_floors,_putting_up_cabinets	.	1
unloaded_trucks	1	.
utility_assistant	.	1
various_jobs_involved_with_producing_and_packaging_chips	1	.
waited_on_customers	.	1
waitress	2	2
waitressing_and_cooking	.	1
wash,_medicate,_transport,_watch_animals	.	1
welder	1	.
work_in_the_dairy_department	.	1
worked_on_cars	1	.
working_in_deli	.	1
(Job 1) Were you paid hourly?		
.	53	74
R	.	1
S	34	65
No	2	12
Yes	66	156
(Job 1) Were you paid a salary?		
.	53	74
S	34	65
No	62	157

	High or low risk sample	
	HI	LO
Yes	6	12
(Job 1) Were you paid with tips?		
.	53	74
S	34	65
No	60	145
Yes	8	24
(Job 1) Were you paid with bonuses?		
.	53	74
S	34	65
No	54	152
Yes	14	17
(Job 1) Were you paid on commission?		
.	53	74
S	34	65
No	65	156
Yes	3	13
(Job 1) Were you paid in any other way?		
.	53	74
S	34	65
No	67	162
Yes	1	7

(Job 1)Did you work a different number of hours during last summer?		
.	53	74
N	19	33
S	34	65
No	31	82
Yes	18	54
(Job 1)Are you currently working for this employer?		
.	53	74
N	.	2
S	34	65
0	30	87
1	38	80
(Job 1)Which of these reasons best describes why you left?		
.	53	74
S	72	145
Layoff	3	4
Plant closed	1	3
End of temporary/seasonal job	2	10
Discharged/Fired	.	2
Program Ended	2	2
Quit for pregnancy/family reasons	1	4
Quit to look for another job	4	18
Quit to take another job/return to school	2	17
Didn't like the job or employer	5	8
Quit for other reasons	10	21
Did you work on weekends, weekdays, or both?		
.	53	74
S	34	65
Weekend Hours Only	4	7
Weekday Hours Only	13	31
Both	51	131

What times did you usually work on the weekends?		
.	53	74
D	.	3
S	47	96
Daytime (6AM-5PM)	22	54
Evening (5AM-11PM)	14	37
Night time (11PM-6AM)	3	6
No Single Time of Day	16	38
What times did you usually work on the weekdays?		
.	53	74
D	.	2
N	.	1
S	38	72
1	27	57
2	26	71
3	3	3
4	8	28
Are you currently looking for a job?		
.	53	74
D	.	1
N	.	3
S	.	1
No	51	106
Yes	51	123
What are you currently doing to find a job? Checking with friends or relatives		
.	53	74
S	51	111
No	23	44
Yes	28	79

What are you currently doing to find a job? Reading newspaper ads		
.	53	74
S	51	111
No	23	45
Yes	28	78
What are you currently doing to find a job? Using an employment agency		
.	53	74
S	51	111
No	41	107
Yes	10	16
What are you currently doing to find a job? Looking around for help wanted signs		
.	53	74
S	51	111
No	16	31
Yes	35	92
What are you currently doing to find a job? Using the internet		
.	53	74
S	51	111
No	31	73
Yes	20	50
What are you currently doing to find a job? Using other methods		
.	53	74
S	51	111
No	43	105
Yes	8	18
If you wanted to find a job now, how would you go about it? Check with friends or relatives		
.	53	74
D	.	1
N	.	1
S	51	124
No	15	39
Yes	36	69

If you wanted to find a job now, how would you go about it? Read newspaper ads		
.	53	74
D	.	1
N	.	1
S	51	124
No	15	22
Yes	36	86
If you wanted to find a job now, how would you go about it? Employment agency		
.	53	74
D	.	1
N	.	1
R	.	1
S	51	124
No	35	79
Yes	16	28
If you wanted to find a job now, how would you go about it? Look around for help wanted signs		
.	53	74
N	.	1
R	.	1
S	51	124
No	17	29
Yes	34	79
If you wanted to find a job now, how would you go about it? Use the internet		
.	53	74
N	.	1
R	.	1
S	51	124
No	27	43
Yes	24	65

If you wanted to find a job now, how would you go about it? Other methods		
.	53	74
D	.	1
N	1	2
R	.	1
S	51	124
No	41	99
Yes	9	7
SECTION ON FREELANCE WORK		
Working as a freelancer, being self-employed as doing one or more tasks for several people and not having a boss. In the past 12 months have you had a job(s) like this?		
.	53	74
N	.	1
R	.	2
S	.	1
No	70	164
Yes	32	66
(Freelance job 1) What kind of work have you been doing?		
	53	74
BABYSITTING	1	.
Babysat	.	1
Babysitting	1	5
Barn_work_for_Neighboror	.	1
Carpentry	1	.
Cutting_grass	.	1
Freelance_hair_styling	.	1
HANDY-MAN	1	.
HOME_MAINTENCE	1	.
Hair_dresser	.	1
Handyman_business,_mowing_lawns,_maintenance	.	1
Hook_up_car_sterios	1	.
Internet_business	1	.
LANDSCAPING	1	.
Landscaping	.	1

MOWING_LAWNS	1	.
MOWING_LAWNS_AND_BABYSITTING	.	1
Mowing_Lawns	1	.
Pressure_washing	.	1
Publicity_and_Promotions	1	.
REBUILD_COMPUTERS	.	1
SUBCONTRACTING	1	.
babbysitting	.	1
baby_sit	.	1
baby_sitting	1	2
babysat	.	1
babysitting	7	23
babysitting_and_raking_lawns	.	1
cleaning_a_church	.	1
cleaning_pool	.	1
construction/remodeling_homes	.	1
cutting_grass	1	1
cutting_grass,_cleaning_gutters,_cleaning_out_houses	.	1
dog_sitting	.	1
doing_hair	.	1
engine_repair_and_service	1	.
hair_stylist	1	.
lancecaping	.	1
landscaping	1	.
lawn_care	.	1
lawncare	.	1
mow_grass	.	1
mow_lawns	1	.
mow_lawns_and_fix_cars	1	.
mowed_grass,_put_up_walls,_maintainance_work	.	1
mowing_lawns	2	4
oversaw_daycare_center,_watched_kids	.	1
painting,_landscaping,_digging	1	.
playing_drums_for_your_church	.	1

producer,_marketer,_music_artist	.	1
selling_clothes	1	.
skip	70	168
teaching_clarinet_lessons	.	1
throwing_parties	.	1
umpire_baseball_games	.	1
working_on_cars	1	.
working_on_engines	1	.
(Freelance job 1)Are you currently doing this kind of work?		
.	53	74
S	70	168
No	7	29
Yes	25	37
SECTION ON INCOME SOURCES		
Do you receive income or support from the following sources: AFDC, TANF, or Welfare?		
.	53	74
D	2	.
N	8	24
R	.	1
S	.	1
No	92	205
Yes	.	3
Do you receive income or support from the following sources: Child Support or alimony?		
.	53	74
D	.	2
N	9	23
R	.	1
S	.	1
No	84	190
Yes	9	17

Do you receive income or support from the following sources: SSI or Disability?		
.	53	74
D	.	1
N	8	25
R	1	1
S	.	1
No	88	199
Yes	5	7
Do you receive income or support from the following sources? Survivor's benefits		
.	53	74
N	9	25
R	.	1
S	.	1
No	91	207
Yes	2	.
Do you receive income or support from the following: Food stamps?		
.	53	74
D	.	1
N	9	25
R	.	1
S	.	1
No	91	198
Yes	2	8
Do you receive income or support from the following: Housing assistance?		
.	53	74
N	9	26
R	.	1
S	.	1
No	93	204
Yes	.	2

Do you receive income or support from the following: Unemployment?		
.	53	74
N	7	22
R	.	1
S	.	1
No	95	209
Yes	.	1
Do you receive income or support from the following: WIC program?		
.	53	74
N	9	26
S	.	1
No	87	198
Yes	6	9
Do you make money any other way, including activities that are illegal?		
.	53	74
N	1	.
R	.	1
S	.	1
No	96	225
Yes	5	7
Do you make money through dealing or selling drugs?		
.	53	74
S	97	227
No	.	2
Yes	5	5
Do you make money through robbery, burglary, selling stolen goods and hustling?		
.	53	74
S	97	227
No	3	5
Yes	2	2

Do you make money through prostitution or pimping?		
.	53	74
S	97	227
No	5	7
How much money do you save for the future each month?		
.	53	74
N	1	.
R	.	1
S	.	1
None	35	87
Between 1 and 25 dollars	11	24
Between 26 and 50 dollars	7	29
Between 50 and 100 dollars	22	40
Between 100 and 250 dollars	9	29
More than 250 dollars	17	23
To what degree does the amount of money you have meet your needs?		
.	53	74
D	1	3
N	1	.
R	.	1
S	.	1
Almost none	20	30
Only about 25% of what I need	13	29
About half as much as I need	18	44
About 75% of what I need	14	45
Close to 100% of what I need;	35	81

How much does it bother you to not have as much money as you need?		
.	53	74
D	1	4
N	1	1
R	.	1
S	.	1
It really bothers me - very bad situation	18	33
It sort of bothers me - not very bad	17	42
It bothers me a little	27	65
It really doesn't bother me at all	19	60
I have as much money as I need	19	27
Not including money received for rent or utilities, do you receive financial assistance from your parents or other relatives for car insurance?		
.	53	74
N	19	36
R	.	1
S	.	1
No	72	141
Yes	11	55
Not including money received for rent or utilities, do you receive financial assistance from your parents or other relatives for car payments?		
.	53	74
D	.	1
N	20	43
R	.	1
S	.	1
No	78	166
Yes	4	22

Not including money received for rent or utilities, do you receive financial assistance from your parents or other relatives for medical or dental bills?		
.	53	74
D	.	1
N	15	39
R	.	1
S	.	1
No	59	100
Yes	28	92
Not including money received for rent or utilities, do you receive financial assistance from your parents or other relatives for credit card bills?		
.	53	74
N	20	51
R	.	1
S	.	1
No	80	180
Yes	2	1
Not including money received for rent or utilities, do you receive financial assistance from your parents or other relatives for clothing, food, or meeting basic needs?		
.	53	74
N	14	29
R	.	1
S	.	1
No	43	91
Yes	45	112
Not including money received for rent or utilities, do you receive financial assistance from your parents or other relatives for other financial needs?		
.	53	74
N	14	29
R	.	1
S	.	1
No	82	183
Yes	6	20

Means were computed for three selected variables. Differences in means were not estimated,

		High or low risk sample	
		HI	LO
(Job 1)How much did you earn per hour?	N	65	156
	Mean	6. 65	6. 85
(Job 1)How many hours do/did you work per week at this job?	N	65	166
	Mean	24. 82	24. 90
(Job 1)How many hours per week did you work last summer?	N	16	51
	Mean	26. 31	27. 96

IV. Recommendations for Use

The Income and Employment Survey allows for the standardization of data collection regarding the participant's previous year's income and employment. The survey measures key factors related to employment and earnings. This report displays a limited number of variables, primarily to the first job only. The user is encouraged to investigate variables for second and third jobs and produce aggregated measures. The counts for second and third jobs are very small. The user is also encouraged to compute and aggregate sources of income. Verbatim description of the type of jobs the respondents perform has been displayed to indicate job activities. For classification of employment activities, the user is also encouraged to use either Census or Hollingshead classification. Variables C13BF5a and C13BF5b measure job classification using Hollingshead and Census codes.