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## NATIONAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT STUDY

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The publications, working papers, and other documents listed below report the findings of a major national longitudinal study - the National Child Development Study (NCDS) - which is seeking to follow the lives of all those living in Great Britain who were born in the week 3 - 9 March 1958.

It is a partial list - being restricted, in the main, to the publications arising from work carried out by the National Children's Bureau (responsible for the Study between 1964 and 1985), the Social Statistics Research Unit, City University (which has maintained the Study since 1985), or by outside researchers working in collaboration with the Bureau. Many others have made use of NCDS data for research over the years and details of publications, etc resulting from this work have been included where available.

All published items listed should be available through any local public, university or college library. In case of difficulty please contact the National Child Development Study User Support Group or the Librarian at the National Children's Bureau. Working papers, dissertations, theses, and unpublished reports are available from the authors/institutions indicated.

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For those not familiar with NCDS a brief outline of the origin and nature of the Study is given on the back cover.

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# NCDS - National Child Development Study

A study of everyone living in Great Britain born in the week 3-9 March 1958

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The National Child Development Study (NCDS) is a continuing, multi-disciplinary longitudinal study which takes as its subjects all those living in Great Britain who were born between 3 and 9 March, 1958.

It has its origins in the Perinatal Mortality Survey (PMS). Sponsored by the National Birthday Trust Fund, this was designed to examine the social and obstetric factors associated with stillbirth and death in early infancy among the 17,000 children born in Great Britain in that one week. It was the second in a series of three such perinatal studies, the others being based on a week's births in 1946 and 1970. Each has formed the basis of a continuing longitudinal study.

To date there have been five attempts to trace all members of the birth cohort in order to monitor their physical, educational and social development. These were carried out by the National Children's Bureau in 1965 (NCDS1), 1969 (NCDS2), 1974 (NCDS3), and 1981 (NCDS4); and by the Social Statistics Research Unit, City University in 1991 (NCDS5).

In addition, in 1978, contact was made with the schools attended by members of the birth cohort at the time of the second follow-up in 1974 in order to obtain details of public examination entry and performance. Similar details were also sought from sixth-form colleges and further education colleges, etc where these were identified by schools.

For the birth survey information was obtained from the mother and from medical records by the midwife. For the purposes of the first three NCDS surveys, information was obtained from parents (who were interviewed by health visitors), head teachers and class teachers (who completed questionnaires), the schools health service (who carried out medical examinations) and the subjects themselves (who completed tests of ability and, latterly, questionnaires).

In addition the birth cohort was augmented by including immigrants born in the relevant week in the target sample for the first three follow-ups (NCDS1, NCDS2 and NCDS3). The latter group were identified from school registers during tracing.

The 1981 survey differs in that information was obtained from the subject by professional survey research interviewer, and from the 1971 and 1981 Censuses - from which variables describing area of residence were taken. Similarly, the 1991 survey also relied on survey research interviewers to collect information from cohort members. Self-completion questionnaires were also used to gather data from NCDS subjects and from husbands, wives, and cohabittees. In addition, for a random sample of one in three cohort members, information was collected for all natural or adopted children who were living with them. Data were gathered from the children themselves, and from their mother, or mother-figure (who might be the cohort member, or their spouse or partner), using a series of age-specific assessments of cognitive and behavioural development. These were supplemented by a mother interview, and by interviewer observations of mother-child interaction.

During the collection of exam data in 1978 information was obtained only from the schools and colleges by postal survey.

The data from the NCDS follow-ups are held by the Economic and Social Research Council Data Archive at the University of Essex and on-line at Manchester Computing Centre. The Data Archive also hold a data from a number of special sub-studies where additional data has been gathered for samples of cohort members selected for their special characteristics or circumstances.

Further details about the National Child Development Study can be obtained from the NCDS User Support Group.