

EARLY CHILDHOOD LONGITUDINAL STUDY - KINDERGARTEN COHORT
KINDERGARTEN - EIGHTH GRADE DATA FILE DVD

This disk contains the data and documentation for all seven rounds of the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Cohort (ECLS-K).

The main DVD directory contains all files necessary to install the Electronic Codebook (ECB), view the data contained in the ECB, review the current documentation, and create data extracts for analysis. There are five additional Appendices folders on this DVD; the contents of each are listed below.

Appendix A: contains PDF versions of all questionnaires for all waves of the study. These questionnaires can also be found on the ECLS-K website.

Appendix B: contains a PDF file with the record layout for the data file, as well as SAS, SPSS, and Stata code necessary to read in the data, should users experience problems with the data extraction function of the Electronic Codebook (ECB).

Appendix C: contains PDF versions of the user's manuals for previous rounds of the study, as well as errata notices and additional information needed to interpret the data.

Appendix D: contains two types of files - base weight files and cross-round weighting status files - for each of rounds 5 (third grade), 6 (fifth grade), and 7 (eighth grade). These two types of files are described below.

Cross-round weighting status files [R1Xwstat.dat (where X is the round number 5, 6, or 7)]: These data files have records for all children ever sampled for the ECLS-K as of the spring-third grade (round 5), spring-fifth grade (round 6), or spring-eighth grade (round 7) data collection. Each record has eight variables that indicate each child's weighting status for the given round of the ECLS-K.

Base weight files [RXbasewt.dat (where X is the round number 5, 6, or 7)]: These data files have records for all children eligible for the spring-third grade (round 5), spring-fifth grade (round 6), or spring-eighth grade (round 7) data collection. These are the base weights and adjustment factors that were used in each round to compute the final weights for that round.

Appendix E: contains a detailed description of the ECLS-K child data catalog structure for both the fifth grade and the eighth grade rounds of data collection.