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Module Objectives

- Describe ELS:2002 [weights that must be applied](#) to assure estimates made from the data are representative of the study population
- Describe appropriate procedures for [calculating appropriate standard errors](#)
- Describe missing data and imputation procedures

> ELS:2002 Sample Design, Weights, Variance, and Missing Data > ELS Sample Design

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ELS Sample Design

- ELS is a sample
 - Nationally representative of 10th graders in 2002
 - Nationally representative of 12th graders in 2004
- The sample for ELS is not a simple random sample (SRS) of the target population
 - ELS is a stratified, two-stage random sample design with primary sampling units (PSUs) defined as schools selected at the first stage of sampling and students randomly selected from schools at the second stage

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Purpose of Weights - Review

- Used to make estimates from sample data representative of target population
- Account for differential selection probabilities and differential patterns of response/nonresponse
- Longitudinal studies like ELS that have multiple components across multiple rounds of data collection have several possible weights for analysis of data within and across rounds

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Types of ELS:2002 Data Available for Analysis

- ELS seeks to monitor the critical transitions made by high school students through college and into their adult careers and obtains information about factors that influence these transitions
- As a result, ELS data contain three types of data/variables
 - Predictors
 - Intermediate outcomes
 - Outcomes

Predictor Variables	Intermediate Outcome Variables	Outcome Variables
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base year student characteristics • Base year family characteristics • High school coursetaking • Mathematics achievement • Demographic characteristics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postsecondary enrollment and coursetaking • Workforce entry • Postsecondary loan taking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of a postsecondary degree • Career trajectory • Employment quality and satisfaction • Family formation and life events • Civic engagement

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Choosing ELS:2002 Weights for Analysis

- Research Question 1: Is there an association between students' mathematics self-efficacy and mathematics achievement?
- Research Question 2: Do students who report mathematics self-efficacy in 10th grade sustain that self-efficacy in the 12th grade and then declare a mathematics-related postsecondary major field of study within two years of high school completion?

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ELS:2002 Weights

Weight	Respondent
BYSTUWT	Fully or partially completed questionnaire in 2002
BYEXPWT	Fully or partially completed questionnaire in 2002 or were incapable of completing a questionnaire
F1PNLWT	Fully or partially completed questionnaire in 2002 and 2004 (base-year data may be from the new participant supplement ¹ or imputed)
F1XPNLWT	Fully or partially completed questionnaire in 2002 and 2004 (base-year data may be from the new participant supplement or imputed) or were incapable of completing a questionnaire in 2002 or 2004
F1QWT	Fully or partially completed questionnaire in 2004
F1EXPWT	Fully or partially completed questionnaire in 2004 or were incapable of completing a questionnaire in 2004
F1TRSCWT	Fully or partially complete high school transcript data and fully or partially completed first follow-up or base-year questionnaire or were members of the expanded sample
F2QWT	Fully or partially completed questionnaire in 2006
F2QTSCWT	Fully or partially completed questionnaire in 2006 and fully or partially complete high school transcript data
F2F1WT	Fully or partially completed questionnaire in 2004 and 2006 or were incapable of completing a questionnaire in 2004 and fully or partially completed questionnaire in 2006

- Two types of analysis weights are derived from design weights:
 - Cross-sectional weights are for analysis within one round of data
 - Panel weights are for analysis across rounds

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ELS:2002 Weights (Continued)

- All ELS:2002 weights are created by a process of non-response adjustment
 - Analysis weights are formed by distributing the design weights of non-respondents to respondents to maintain the national representativeness of the sample in terms of:
 - Enrollment status (in school/in grade, in school/out of grade, dropout)
 - Sophomore and senior cohorts kept separate for weight adjustment
 - School sector (public, Catholic, private, other)
 - Region, urbanicity of school
 - Percent of students on free or reduced price lunch
 - Percent of certified teachers
 - Percent of students with IEP
 - Percent of black students, percent Hispanic students, etc.
 - Non-response adjustment is necessary because members of the sample who did not respond may come disproportionately from sample groups who were sufficiently different from those who responded, potentially resulting in data that would no longer be nationally representative

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ELS:2002 Cohort Flags

- Cross-sectional weights for all follow-ups (F1QWT, F2QWT and F3QWT) include both the sophomore and senior cohorts
- Cohort flags are needed to be able to make statements about representativeness
- Cohort flags are found within the ID and Universe Variables student file within eDAT and within the ECB on the restricted-use CD/DVD
- To obtain a nationally representative sample of either the sophomore or senior cohort first apply the proper cohort flag to the cross-sectional weight
 - For sophomores in F1, the weight is: $F1QWT * (G10COHRT=1)$
 - For seniors in F1, the weight is: $F1QWT * (G12COHRT=1)$
- Then apply the product of the two to the analysis sample

> ELS:2002 Sample Design, Weights, Variance, and Missing Data > Replication Techniques

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Standard Error Calculation in ELS:2002 - Replication Techniques

- This method calculates appropriate SEs based on differences between estimates from the full sample and a series of created subsamples (replicates)
- Select replicate weights that are associated with your analysis weight (e.g., for BYSCHWT, select BYSCH1 through BYSCH200)
- ELS:2002 replication weights use the BRR method

> ELS:2002 Sample Design, Weights, Variance, and Missing Data > Taylor Series Linearization

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Standard Error Calculation in ELS:2002 - Taylor Series Linearization

- This method uses primary sampling unit (PSU) and strata identifiers to calculate appropriate SEs
- For ELS, Taylor series linearization requires restricted-use data
- Select the PSU and stratum variables (PSU and STRAT_ID) associated with your sampling weight variable

> ELS:2002 Sample Design, Weights, Variance, and Missing Data > Missing Data in ELS:2002

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Missing Data in ELS:2002

Missing data in ELS were handled through:

- Asking respondents who returned to the sample in a subsequent round to provide crucial information from a previous round
 - However, nonrespondents to both BY and F1 were removed from sample before F2
- Imputation
 - Missing data in the BY and F1 student background variables were imputed
 - All student background composites have values for all sample members
 - Imputation flags are used in ELS whenever variables were imputed (e.g., variable F1SEXIM indicates whether a given student's information for F1SEX was imputed)

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Imputation in ELS:2002

Code/Response value	BYS14 (questionnaire)	BYSEX (BY imputed)	F1SEX (F1 composite)
1 Male	7,545	7,653	8,090
2 Female	7,638	7,717	8,107
-2 {Refused}	2	0	0
-4 {Nonrespondent}	648	648	0
-8 {Legitimate skip/NA}	305	179	0
-9 {Missing}	59	0	0
	16,197	16,197	16,197

Values obtained by logical imputation or statistical imputation:		BY values obtained by collecting data in F1 or logical imputation:	
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> ELS:2002 Sample Design, Weights, Variance, and Missing Data > Summary and Resources

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Summary and Resources

This module presented information about the ELS survey design and:

- Described ELS:2002 weights that must be applied to assure estimates made from the data are representative of the study population
- Described appropriate procedures for calculating appropriate standard errors
- Described missing data and imputation procedures

Resources

- [Weights that must be applied](#)
- [Calculating appropriate standard errors](#)