

Table 1: Sample Characteristics for Overall Sample and 1976 Subset
of National Longitudinal Survey of Young Men

	Overall NLS-YM Sample	Subset Interview in 1976; Valid Valid Wage & Education Education	
1. Age Distribution in 1966:			
Age 14-15 (%)	25.9	25.3	25.5
Age 16-17	24.9	23.8	24.1
Age 18-20	23.1	24.1	24.6
Age 21-24	26.1	26.7	25.8
2. Regional Distribution in 1966:			
Northeast (%)	20.2	20.0	20.7
Midwest	25.4	26.3	26.0
South	41.1	41.3	41.4
West	13.3	12.5	11.9
3. Lived in SMSA 1966 (%)	66.0	64.3	65.0
4. Lived Near 4-year College in 1966 (%)	69.2	67.8	68.2
5. Family Structure at Age 14:			
Mother & Father (%)	76.8	79.2	78.9
Mother Only (%)	11.8	10.0	10.1
6. Average Parental Education			
Mother's Education (yrs)	10.3	10.4	10.3
Father's Education (yrs)	9.4	10.0	10.0
7. Percent Black	27.5	23.0	23.0
8. Average Score on KWW Test	33.0	33.5	33.5
9. Interviewed in 1976 (%)	70.7	100.0	100.0
10. Mean Education in 1976	13.2	13.2	13.3
11. Live in South in 1976 (%)	39.6	40.0	40.3
12. Sample Size	5225	3613	3010

Notes: Means are based on all available valid observations in any subsample.