# **Metrics**

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Labeling factors and exploring scales.

## 0.1 Data preliminaries

Initial point of departure - the [databox][databox] of the selected variables, described in the Methods chapter.

MADIABLE TITLE	110000	Carlan			•								•				
VARIABLE TITLE		Codename															
CV_SAMPLE_TYPE	1/0	sample															
PUBID, YOUTH CASE IDENTIFICATION CODE	_		1997														
KEY! <b>SEX</b> , RS GENDER	m/f		1997														
KEY!RACE_ETHNICITY, COMBINED RACE AND ETHNICITY		race	-														
KEY!BDATE, RS BIRTHDATE MONTH/YEAR	01-12	bmonth	-														
KEY!BDATE, RS BIRTHDATE MONTH/YEAR	years	byear	=														
HOW OFTEN PR ATTEND CHURCH IN LAST YEAR?	1-8	attendPR	=														
WHAT IS PRS CURRENT RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE?	1-8	relprefPR	=														
WHAT RELIGION WAS PR RAISED IN?	1-8	relraisedPR	-														
RS AGE IN MONTHS AS OF INTERVIEW DATE		agemon	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004		_	2007		_	2010	_
RS <b>AGE</b> AT INTERVIEW DATE	years	ageyear	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	201
# DAYS PER WEEK TYPICALLY FAMILY DOES SOMETHING RELIGIOUS	# days	famrel	1997	1998	1999	2000											
HOW OFTEN R ATTENDED WORSHIP SERVICE IN PAST 12 MONTHS	1-8	attend				2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	201
R DOES NOT NEED RELIGION FOR GOOD VALUES	y/n	values						2002			2005			2008			201
GOD NOTHING <b>TO DO</b> HAPPENS TO R	y/n	todo						2002			2005			2008			201
R BELIEVES RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS ARE TO BE ${f OBEYED}$ EXACTLY AS WRITTEN	y/n	obeyed						2002			2005			2008			201
R PRAYS MORE THAN ONCE A DAY	y/n	pray						2002			2005			2008			201
R ASKS GOD HELP MAKE <b>DECISIONS</b>	y/n	decisions						2002			2005			2008			201
WHAT IS R'S CURRENT RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE?	cats:35	relpref									2005			2008			201
R A BORN-AGAIN EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN?	y/n	bornagain												2008			201
IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS FAITH IN DAILY LIFE	1-5	faith												2008			201
HOW OFTEN R FELT CALM AND PEACEFUL IN PAST MONTH	1-4	calm				2000		2002		2004		2006		2008		2010	
HOW OFTEN R FELT DOWN OR BLUE IN PAST MONTH	1-4	blue				2000		2002		2004		2006		2008		2010	
HOW OFTEN R HAS BEEN A HAPPY PERSON IN PAST MONTH	1-4	happy				2000		2002		2004		2006		2008		2010	
HOW OFTEN R DEPRESSED IN LAST MONTH	1-4	depressed				2000		2002		2004		2006		2008		2010	
HOW OFTEN R HAS BEEN A NERVOUS PERSON IN PAST MONTH	1-4	nervous				2000		2002		2004		2006		2008		2010	
HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK DOES R WATCH TELEVISION	cats:6	tv						2002					2007	2008	2009	2010	201
HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK DOES R USE A COMPUTER	cats:6	computer						2002					2007	2008	2009	2010	201:
CURRENTLY HAVE ACCESS TO INTERNET?	y/n	internet						2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	201:

This [databox][databoxStatcanvas] corresponds to the dataset **dsL** produced by [Derive\_dsL\_from\_Extract][derive] report, given in the Appendix.

dsL<-readRDS("./Data/Derived/dsL.rds")</pre>

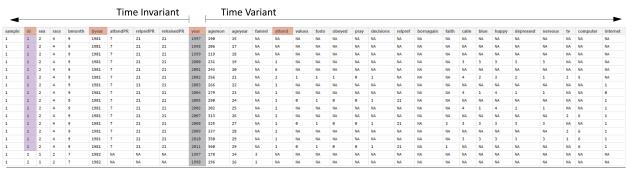


Figure 3.3 Generic dataset used in the current study, view for one respondent

Note that the variable **year** serves as a natural devided between time invariant (Tlvars) and time variant (TVvars) variables. All modeling operations beging with subsetting this dataset. For the grammer rules of operations with relevant data see [Data Manipulation Guide][manipulate].

#### 0.2 Labeling Factor Levels

Review of the item reference [cards][databoxStatcanvas] shows that initially, all items were recorded on some discrete scale, either counting occasions or assigning an intiger to a category of response. However, data were saved as numerical values or intigers

```
ds<- dsL %>%
  dplyr::select(
      sample, id, sex, race, bmonth,byear, attendPR, relprefPR,relraisedPR,
      year,
      agemon, ageyear, famrel, attend,
      values, todo, obeyed, pray, decisions,
      relpref, bornagain, faith,
      calm, blue, happy, depressed, nervous,
      tv, computer, internet)
str(ds)
```

```
'data.frame':
              134745 obs. of 30 variables:
            : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ sample
$ id
            : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ sex
            : int 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
            : int 444444444...
$ race
$ bmonth
            : int 999999999...
$ byear
            : int 777777777...
$ attendPR
$ relprefPR : int 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 ...
$ relraisedPR: int 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 ...
            : int 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 ...
$ year
$ agemon
            : num 190 206 219 231 243 256 266 279 290 302 ...
            : num 15 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 ...
$ ageyear
            : num NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
$ famrel
$ attend
            : num NA NA NA 1 6 2 1 1 1 1 ...
            : num NA NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA O NA ...
$ values
$ todo
            : num NA NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA 1 NA ...
            : num NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA O NA ...
$ obeyed
            : num NA NA NA NA NA O NA NA O NA ...
$ pray
            : num NA NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA 1 NA ...
$ decisions
            : num NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA 21 NA ...
$ relpref
$ bornagain : num NA ...
$ faith
            : num NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
$ calm
            : num NA NA NA 3 NA 4 NA 4 NA 4 ...
$ blue
            : num NA NA NA 3 NA 2 NA 1 NA 1 ...
            : num NA NA NA 3 NA 3 NA 4 NA 4 ...
$ happy
            : num NA NA NA 3 NA 2 NA 1 NA 1 ...
$ depressed
$ nervous
            : num NA NA NA 3 NA 1 NA 1 NA 1 ...
$ tv
                 NA NA NA NA NA 2 NA NA NA NA ...
            : num
            : num NA NA NA NA NA S NA NA NA NA ...
$ computer
            : num NA NA NA NA NA 1 O 1 1 ...
$ internet
```

[LabelingFactorLevels.R][labels] sourced at the end of [Derive\_dsL\_from\_Extract][derive] matches numeric values with response labels from the questionnaire and adds copies of the variables, saved as labeled factors, to dsL. For estimations routines such as Ime4 or graphing functions such as ggplot2, the data type (string,numeric, factor) is a meaningful input, so a quick access to both formats frequently proves useful. It is convenient to think that dsL contains only

```
ncol(dsL)/2
```

[1] 30

variables, but each of them has a double, a labeled factor.

#### str(dsL)

```
'data.frame':
               134745 obs. of 60 variables:
              : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ sample
$ id
                     1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 . . .
              : int
$ sex
                     2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 . . .
              : int
                    4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 ...
$ race
              : int
$ bmonth
              : int
                     9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 ...
                     $ byear
              : int
$ attendPR
              : int
                    7777777777...
$ relprefPR
                     21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 ...
              : int
                     21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 ...
$ relraisedPR : int
$ year
              : int
                    1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 ...
                     190 206 219 231 243 256 266 279 290 302 ...
$ agemon
              : num
$ ageyear
              : num
                     15 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 ...
$ famrel
                     NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
              : num
$ attend
                     NA NA NA 1 6 2 1 1 1 1 ...
              : num
$ values
              : num
                     NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA 0 NA ...
                     NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA 1 NA ...
$ todo
              : num
                     NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA O NA ...
$ obeyed
              : num
                     NA NA NA NA O NA NA O NA ...
$ pray
              : num
                     NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA 1 NA ...
$ decisions
              : num
                     NA NA NA NA NA NA NA 21 NA ...
$ relpref
              : num
$ bornagain
              : num
                     NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
$ faith
                     NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
              : num
$ calm
              : num NA NA NA 3 NA 4 NA 4 NA 4 ...
$ blue
                    NA NA NA 3 NA 2 NA 1 NA 1 ...
              : num
              : num NA NA NA 3 NA 3 NA 4 NA 4 ...
$ happy
$ depressed
              : num
                    NA NA NA 3 NA 2 NA 1 NA 1 ...
$ nervous
                     NA NA NA 3 NA 1 NA 1 NA 1 ...
              : num
                     NA NA NA NA NA 2 NA NA NA NA ...
$ tv
              : num
              : num
                     NA NA NA NA NA 5 NA NA NA NA ...
$ computer
$ internet
              : num NA NA NA NA NA 1 O 1 1 ...
              : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "Cross-Sectional"<..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ sampleF
              : Factor w/ 8983 levels "1","2","3","4",..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ idF
$ sexF
              : Ord.factor w/ 3 levels "Male"<"Female"<...: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
$ raceF
              : Ord.factor w/ 4 levels "Black"<"Hispanic"<..: 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 ...
              : Ord.factor w/ 12 levels "Jan"<"Feb"<"Mar"<..: 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 ...
$ bmonthF
$ byearF
              : Factor w/ 5 levels "1980", "1981", ...: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ....
$ attendPRF
              : Ord.factor w/ 8 levels "Never"<"Once or Twice"<...: 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 ...
$ relprefPRF : Ord.factor w/ 33 levels "Catholic"<"Baptist"<...: 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 ...
$ relraisedPRF: Ord.factor w/ 33 levels "Catholic"<"Baptist"<..: 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 ...</pre>
```

```
$ vearF
          : Factor w/ 15 levels "1997", "1998", ...: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
         : Factor w/ 244 levels "146", "147", "148", ...: 45 61 74 86 98 111 121 134 145 157 ...
$ agemonF
$ ageyearF
          : Factor w/ 21 levels "12", "13", "14", ...: 4 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 ...
          $ famrelF
$ attendF
         : Ord.factor w/ 8 levels "Never"<"Once or Twice"<..: NA NA NA 1 6 2 1 1 1 1 ...
$ valuesF
         : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "FALSE/less Religious" < ..: NA NA NA NA NA NA 1 NA ...
$ todoF
        : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "FALSE/less Religious" < ...: NA NA NA NA NA 2 NA NA 2 NA ...
         : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "FALSE/less Religious" < ...: NA NA NA NA NA NA NA 1 NA ...
$ obeyedF
$ prayF
        : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "FALSE/less Religious" < ...: NA NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA 1 NA ...
$ decisionsF : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "FALSE/less Religious" < ...: NA NA NA NA NA 2 NA 2 NA 2 NA ...
        : Ord.factor w/ 33 levels "Catholic"<"Baptist"<...: NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA 21 NA ...
$ bornagainF : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "NO"<"YES": NA ...
         $ faithF
$ calmF
         $ blueF
         : Ord.factor w/ 4 levels "All of the time"<...: NA \dots
$ happyF
         $ nervousF
         : Ord.factor w/ 6 levels "less than 2"<..: NA NA NA NA NA 2 NA NA NA NA NA ...
$ tvF
$ computerF
         $ internetF
          : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "No"<"Yes": NA NA NA NA NA NA 2 1 2 2 ...
```

This give a certain flexibity in assembling needed dataset quickly and have access to factor labels. One can alternate between the raw metric and labeled factor by adding "F" suffix to the end of the variable name:

```
ds<- dsL %>%
  dplyr::filter(id==25) %>%
  dplyr::select(id,byear,year, attend,attendF)
ds
```

```
id byear year attend
                                   attendF
1
  25
     1983 1997
                     NΑ
                                      <NA>
2
  25 1983 1998
                     NA
                                      <NA>
3
  25 1983 1999
                     NA
                                      <NA>
4
  25
     1983 2000
                     5 About twice/month
5
  25
     1983 2001
                     7 Several times/week
6
  25
      1983 2002
                     7 Several times/week
7
  25 1983 2003
                            Once or Twice
8
  25
     1983 2004
                     7 Several times/week
9
  25 1983 2005
                     5 About twice/month
10 25 1983 2006
                     7 Several times/week
11 25 1983 2007
                     5 About twice/month
12 25 1983 2008
                     7 Several times/week
13 25
     1983 2009
                     7 Several times/week
                      7 Several times/week
14 25
      1983 2010
15 25
      1983 2011
                     7 Several times/week
```

Having quick access to factor labels will be especially useful during graph production.

#### 0.3 Time metrics: Age, Period, Cohort

NLSY97 sample includes individuals from five cohorts, born between 1980 and 1984. The following graphics shows how birth cohort, age of respondents, and round of observation are related in NSLY97.

Wide	Age i	in yea	rs																
age	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Born in 1980					1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
1981				1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
1982			1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011		
1983		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011			
1984	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011				

Wave

		Waves of measurement														
wave	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
Born in 1980	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
1981	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
1982	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
1983	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
1984	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
															Age	

	Long	Born ir	n				Lo		Born i	n				
	wave		1981	1982 1983 198		1984	a	ge	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	
Wave:	1997	17	16	15	14	13	Age years	13					1997	
	1998	18	17	16	15	14		14				1997	1998	
	1999	19	18	17	16	15		15			1997	1998	1999	
	2000	20	19	18	17	16		16		1997	1998	1999	2000	
	2001	21	20	19	18	17		17	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
	2002	22	21	20	19	18		18	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	
	2003	23	22	21	20	19		19	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	
	2004	24	23	22	21	20		20	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
	2005	25	24	23	22	21		21	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
	2006	26	25	24	23	22		22	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
	2007	27	26	25	24	23		23	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
	2008	28	27	26	25	24		24	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
	2009	29	28	27	26	25		25	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
	2010	30	29	28	27	26		26	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
	2011	31	30	29	28	27	Age	27	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Wave
								28	2008	2009	2010	2011		
								29	2009	2010	2011			
								30	2010	2011				
								31	2011					

NSLY97 contains static (bmonth, byear) and dynamic (agemon, ageyear) indicators of age :

```
ds<- dsL %>%
  dplyr::filter(id==25, year %in% c(1997:2011)) %>%
  dplyr::select(id,byear,bmonthF,year,agemon,ageyear)
print(ds)
```

 $\hbox{id byear bmonth} F \hbox{ year agemon age} \\ \hbox{ age}$ 

```
1
   25
       1983
                 Mar 1997
                              167
                                        13
2
   25
       1983
                 Mar 1998
                              188
                                        15
3
   25
       1983
                 Mar 1999
                              201
                                        16
4
                 Mar 2000
  25
       1983
                              214
                                        17
5
   25
       1983
                 Mar 2001
                              226
                                        18
6
  25
      1983
                 Mar 2002
                                        19
                              236
7
      1983
                 Mar 2003
                                        21
   25
                              254
                 Mar 2004
                                        21
8
   25
       1983
                              261
9
   25
       1983
                 Mar 2005
                              272
                                        22
                 Mar 2006
                                        23
10 25
      1983
                              284
11 25
       1983
                 Mar 2007
                              295
                                        24
                 Mar 2008
                                        25
12 25
      1983
                              307
13 25
       1983
                 Mar 2009
                              319
                                        26
14 25
      1983
                 Mar 2010
                                        27
                              332
15 25 1983
                 Mar 2011
                              342
                                        28
```

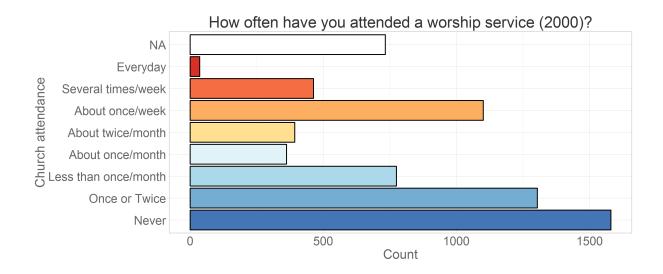
Variable **year** is used as cohort indicator. Variable **year** enumerates NLSY97 rounds, recording the calendaric year during which it took place. When transforming the metric of time, and using biological age instead of **year** as the temporal dimension, the value of age at the time of the interview will be computed as **age** = **agemon/12** 

```
ds<- dsL %>%
  dplyr::filter(id==25, year %in% c(1997:2011)) %>%
  dplyr::select(id,bmonthF,byear,year, agemon,ageyear) %>%
  dplyr::mutate (age = agemon/12)
print(ds)
```

```
id bmonthF byear year agemon ageyear
                                            age
              1983 1997
1
  25
          Mar
                             167
                                      13 13.92
2
  25
          Mar
               1983 1998
                             188
                                      15 15.67
3
   25
          Mar
              1983 1999
                             201
                                      16 16.75
  25
          Mar 1983 2000
4
                             214
                                      17 17.83
5
  25
          Mar 1983 2001
                             226
                                      18 18.83
               1983 2002
6
   25
          Mar
                             236
                                      19 19.67
7
   25
          Mar 1983 2003
                             254
                                      21 21.17
   25
              1983 2004
                                      21 21.75
8
          Mar
                             261
9
   25
          Mar 1983 2005
                             272
                                      22 22.67
                                      23 23.67
10 25
          Mar
               1983 2006
                             284
11 25
              1983 2007
                                      24 24.58
          Mar
                             295
12 25
          Mar
              1983 2008
                             307
                                      25 25.58
13 25
               1983 2009
                                      26 26.58
          Mar
                             319
14 25
          Mar
               1983 2010
                             332
                                      27 27.67
15 25
          Mar 1983 2011
                             342
                                      28 28.50
```

### 0.4 Attendance

NLSY97 asked to report church attendance (attend) for the past 12 months preceding the interview date. The response card offered a choice of 7 categories ordered by magnitude.



#### 0.5 Read more

## in ./Models/Descriptives:

- [Metrics][metrics] how values of items are labeled
- [Descriptives][descriptives] basic stats of various items (Continue)
- [Attendance][attend] focus on church attendence over time
- [Databox][databox]

#### See also

- [Deriving Data from NLYS97 extract][derive]
- [Data Manipulation Guide][manipulate]