Step 1: [Log in](#) to the NLS Investigator
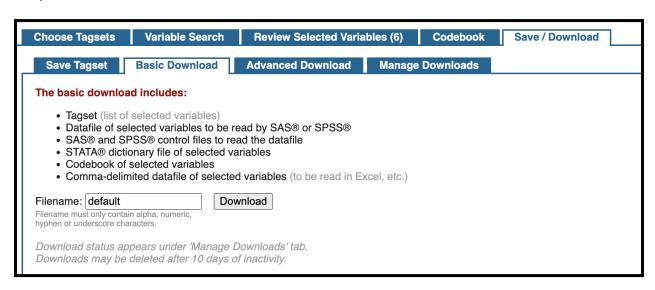
Step 2: Choose the NLSY97 study:

Select the study you want to work with:

NLSY97 (National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997) ⌄

Select a substudy:

NLSY97 1997-2021 (rounds 1-20) ⌄

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Step 3: Download [nlsy97.NLSY97](#) (the tagset file) and upload it using

Choose File and then Upload

| Choose Tagsets | Variable Search | Review Selected Variables (6) | Codebook | Save / Download |

Required / Recommended Variables:
- ☐ Required ID Variable - PUBID will always be selected (1 variable)
- ☑ Recommended Demographic Variables (5 variables)

Saved Tagsets (on server):
None Available

Upload Tagset (from PC):
Choose File No file chosen   Upload

Step 4: Go to **Save / Download** and then **Basic Download**

| Choose Tagsets | Variable Search | Review Selected Variables (6) | Codebook | Save / Download |

| Save Tagset | Basic Download | Advanced Download | Manage Downloads |

The basic download includes:
- Tagset (list of selected variables)
- Datafile of selected variables to be read by SAS® or SPSS®
- SAS® and SPSS® control files to read the datafile
- STATA® dictionary file of selected variables
- Codebook of selected variables
- Comma-delimited datafile of selected variables (to be read in Excel, etc.)

Filename: default   Download

Filename must only contain alpha, numeric, hyphen or underscore characters.

Download status appears under 'Manage Downloads' tab.
Downloads may be deleted after 10 days of inactivity.

<u>Step 5</u>: Change the file name from `default` to `nlsy97` and download — this might take a few seconds

<u>Step 6</u>: Unzip the file. Find `nlsy97.dat` in the unzipped folder

<u>Step 7</u>: Drag `nlsy97.dat` into the folder where you will work- make sure the Rmd file and the R script prepare_nlsy97.R are in the same folder as `nlsy97.dat`

<u>Step 8</u>: In your R console, run the line of code below:

```
install.packages("tidyverse")  # if you do not have it yet
install.packages("Amelia")     # if you do not have it yet
source("prepare_nlsy97.R")
```

<u>Step 9</u>: If the command `source("prepare_nlsy97.R")` results in an error make sure R is set to the right directory:

- Type `getwd()`
- If this is not the same folder where you saved all the files set the directory by:
    - `setwd("/User/.../correct_folder")`
    - Go to *Session* then *Set Working Directory* then *Choose Directory* and find the correct folder