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—Notes to NELS:88/94 and NELS:88/2000 Data Files Users—

To use the NELS data files

- Directions for installation of your Electronic Codebook (ECB) are included on the inside cover of your CD-ROM case.
- Information about the NELS:88 CD-ROM, ECB, and data files are available online <http://www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/nels88>
This NELS:88 web site includes:
 1. Quick Guide to Using the NELS:88 data, and examples.
 2. NCES publications, User's Manuals, and technical papers for NELS:88 data.
 3. Questionnaires and other instrumentation.
 4. Annotated bibliography of research using NELS:88 data.

For Your Reference:

- There are 3 ECB's:
On NELS:1988-1994 CD (green cover – NCES# 2000-328R2)
 1. **N2P**: for cross-sectional or longitudinal analyses using 1988, 1990, and/or 1992 data (8th, 10th, and 12th grade for most students).
 2. **N4P**: for longitudinal analyses using 1994 data (2 years after scheduled graduation from H.S. for most students) with previous years.
On NELS:1988-2000 CD (blue cover – NCES# 2002-322)
 3. **N0P**: for longitudinal analyses using year 2000 data (8 years after scheduled graduation from H.S. for most students) with previous years.
- Use of statistical software that takes into account complex sampling design is recommended when performing analyses with NELS:88 data (eg. *AM*, *STATA*, *SUDAAN*, etc).
 - A NELS:88/2000 data analysis example is available on the NELS website
 - The *AM* statistical software can be obtained, free of charge, from the website <http://am.air.org>
 - More information is included on the NELS:88/2000 CD, in the *AMstat* folder's *AM README.txt* file

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions on using the NELS:88 data files.

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