Wisconsin Longitudinal Study

How to Request Non-public Data

The Wisconsin Longitudinal Study is committed to the privacy of its study participants. WLS staff takes great care to maintain their confidentiality.

Public data should be sufficient for most research questions. Public data access requires a brief registration on our web site before downloading the data. This level of data has the unique key identifier “idpub.”

Non-public data include measures labeled “not available for public release” in the online codebooks. These measures increase the risk of re-identification. Examples are measures with small cell sizes, geographic identifiers, dates other than year, and measures that group study participants into schools. To get access to these measures please send:

- a written explanation justifying why the publicly available data are not sufficient to answer your research question
- a copy of, or a link to, a CV for yourself and if applicable, each researcher with whom you will work.
- documentation of IRB approval

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