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Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth is a program of surveys of young people jointly managed by ACER and the Commonwealth Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs. The surveys focus on the education and labour market experiences of groups of young Australians, beginning from their middle years of secondary schooling. Data collected include basic demographic variables, as well as information about educational and labour force participation extending over a number of years.

The 1998 Year 9 Cohort (Y98)

In 1998, a nationally representative sample of approximately 14,000 Year 9 students was selected to form the second cohort of the Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth. The sample was constructed by randomly selecting two Year 9 classes from a sample of schools designed to represent state and sector. Reading and numeracy tests were administered to students in their schools to provide information on early school achievement for use in later analyses of educational and labour market participation. Students also completed a background questionnaire about their educational and vocational plans and attitudes to school.

The 1999 Y98 Mail Survey

The 1999 Y98 Mail Survey was mailed to the 14,118 students who formed the 1998 Year 9 Sample. Of that group 9289 useable responses were received. Most of this sample would be expected to be completing Year 10 in 1999. Therefore, the questionnaire asked questions regarding subjects studied in Year 10, perceptions of ability, homework, school climate and extra-curricular activities. School students were also asked questions about any part-time job they might have and their intentions around school and the year after leaving school. Those who had already left school were asked questions about when they left, their reasons for leaving and their present activity.

Dimensions of data set

Number of respondents: 9289

Number of variables: 94

Method of data collection:

Reading and Maths Test

Survey completed in school

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V102 Are you still attending school?

. missing	481	5.2
1 Yes	8712	93.8
2 No	96	1.0

V103 Year level at school

. missing	390	4.2
1 Year 9	64	0.7
2 Year 10	8806	94.8
3 Year 11	23	0.2
8 Double Response	6	0.1

V104 Self Concept of ability - English

. missing	254	2.7
1 Very well	1784	19.2
2 Better than average	2938	31.6
3 About average	3769	40.6
4 Not very well	489	5.3
5 Very poorly	44	0.5
6 Not doing subject in this area	7	0.1
8 Double response	4	0.0

V105 Self Concept of ability - Mathematics

. missing	270	2.9
1 Very well	1839	19.8
2 Better than average	2620	28.2
3 About average	3407	36.7
4 Not very well	997	10.7
5 Very poorly	133	1.4
6 Not doing subject in this area	16	0.2
8 Double response	7	0.1

V106 Self Concept of ability - SOSE

. missing	478	5.1
1 Very well	1501	16.2
2 Better than average	2586	27.8
3 About average	3013	32.4
4 Not very well	441	4.7
5 Very poorly	45	0.5
6 Not doing subject in this area	1216	13.1
8 Double response	9	0.1

V107 Self Concept of ability – Economics & Business

. missing	1151	12.4
1 Very well	788	8.5
2 Better than average	1166	12.6
3 About average	1552	16.7
4 Not very well	233	2.5
5 Very poorly	30	0.3
6 Not doing subject in this area	4364	47.0
8 Double response	5	0.1

V108 Self Concept of ability - Science

. missing	331	3.6
1 Very well	1806	19.4
2 Better than average	2641	28.4
3 About average	3413	36.7
4 Not very well	781	8.4
5 Very poorly	139	1.5
6 Not doing subject in this area	165	1.8
8 Double response	13	0.1

V109 Self Concept of ability - Arts

. missing	668	7.2
1 Very well	1916	20.6
2 Better than average	1808	19.5
3 About average	1648	17.7
4 Not very well	169	1.8
5 Very poorly	40	0.4
6 Not doing subject in this area	3029	32.6
8 Double response	11	0.1

V110 Self Concept of ability - LOTE

. missing	1044	11.2
1 Very well	836	9.0
2 Better than average	849	9.1
3 About average	904	9.7
4 Not very well	264	2.8
5 Very poorly	76	0.8
6 Not doing subject in this area	5302	57.1
8 Double response	14	0.2

V111 Self Concept of ability - Computing

. missing	806	8.7
1 Very well	1375	14.8
2 Better than average	1580	17.0
3 About average	1512	16.3
4 Not very well	168	1.8
5 Very poorly	29	0.3
6 Not doing subject in this area	3807	41.0
8 Double response	12	0.1

V112 Self Concept of ability - Technology

. missing	777	8.4
1 Very well	1558	16.8
2 Better than average	1783	19.2
3 About average	1464	15.8
4 Not very well	150	1.6
5 Very poorly	17	0.2
6 Not doing subject in this area	3535	38.1
8 Double response	5	0.1

V113 Self Concept of ability - Health & Physical Education

. missing	397	4.3
1 Very well	2244	24.2
2 Better than average	2464	26.5
3 About average	2716	29.2
4 Not very well	326	3.5
5 Very poorly	88	0.9
6 Not doing subject in this area	1051	11.3
8 Double response	3	0.0

V114 Do you do all set homework?

. missing	226	2.4
1 Always	2549	27.4
2 Mostly	4794	51.6
3 Sometimes	1290	13.9
4 Rarely	374	4.0
5 Never	54	0.6
8 Double response	2	0.0

V115 Do you do extra homework?

. missing	288	3.1
1 Always	279	3.0
2 Mostly	822	8.8
3 Sometimes	3926	42.3
4 Rarely	2760	29.7
5 Never	1210	13.0
8 Double response	4	0.0

V116 How many hours of homework per week?

. missing	96	1.0
<1 Hr Per Week	1453	15.6
1-5 Hrs Per Week	4129	44.5
5.5-10 Hrs Per Week	2444	26.3
10.5-15 Hrs Per Week	784	8.5
More than 15 hrs/week	383	4.1

V117 How would you describe most of your classes? - Students are eager to learn

. missing	272	2.9
1 Strongly agree	216	2.3
2 Agree	5318	57.3
3 Disagree	3216	34.6
4 Strongly disagree	250	2.7
8 Uncodeable	17	0.2

V118 How would you describe most of your classes? - Students make good progress

. missing	292	3.1
1 Strongly agree	418	4.5
2 Agree	7123	76.7
3 Disagree	1356	14.6
4 Strongly disagree	79	0.9
8 Uncodeable	21	0.2

V119 How would you describe most of your classes? - Students work hard

. missing	364	3.9
1 Strongly agree	296	3.2
2 Agree	5337	57.5
3 Disagree	3048	32.8
4 Strongly disagree	214	2.3
8 Uncodeable	30	0.3

V120 How would you describe most of your classes? - Students are well behaved

. missing	368	4.0	
1 Strongly agree	265	2.9	
2 Agree	4758	51.2	
3 Disagree	3247	35.0	
4 Strongly disagree	613	6.6	
8 Uncodeable	38	0.4	

V121 How often do you do school-organised sporting activities?

. missing	252	2.7	
1 At least once a week	5002	53.8	
2 At least once a month	1122	12.1	
3 Once a year or less	1451	15.6	
4 Never	1218	13.1	
5 Not available	238	2.6	
8 Double Response	6	0.1	

V122 How often do you do school-organised music activities?

. missing	345	3.7	
1 At least once a week	1362	14.7	
2 At least once a month	336	3.6	
3 Once a year or less	729	7.8	
4 Never	5782	62.2	
5 Not available	729	7.8	
8 Double Response	6	0.1	

V123 How often do you do school-organised debating activities?

. missing	382	4.1	
1 At least once a week	228	2.5	
2 At least once a month	471	5.1	
3 Once a year or less	1316	14.2	
4 Never	5765	62.1	
5 Not available	1117	12.0	
8 Double Response	10	0.1	

V124 How often do you do school-organised performing arts (non-music) activities?

. missing	419	4.5	
1 At least once a week	942	10.1	
2 At least once a month	753	8.1	
3 Once a year or less	2226	24.0	
4 Never	4339	46.7	
5 Not available	597	6.4	
8 Double Response	13	0.1	

V125 How often do you go on school-organised excursions or camps?

. missing	342	3.7
1 At least once a week	188	2.0
2 At least once a month	1905	20.5
3 Once a year or less	5793	62.4
4 Never	641	6.9
5 Not available	405	4.4
8 Double Response	15	0.2

V126 How often do you do school-organised community or support work?

. missing	345	3.7
1 At least once a week	594	6.4
2 At least once a month	1648	17.7
3 Once a year or less	3330	35.8
4 Never	2551	27.5
5 Not available	814	8.8
8 Double Response	7	0.1

V127 How would you rate your school on: Quality of teachers?

. missing	222	2.4
1 Excellent	1491	16.1
2 Good	4750	51.1
3 Fair	2285	24.6
4 Poor	415	4.5
5 Very poor	117	1.3
8 Double response	9	0.1

V128 How would you rate your school on: Effective discipline?

. missing	234	2.5
1 Excellent	948	10.2
2 Good	3912	42.1
3 Fair	3080	33.2
4 Poor	892	9.6
5 Very poor	219	2.4
8 Double response	4	0.0

V129 How would you rate your school on: Student learning?

. missing	242	2.6
1 Excellent	972	10.5
2 Good	4934	53.1
3 Fair	2633	28.3
4 Poor	420	4.5
5 Very poor	82	0.9
8 Double response	6	0.1

V130 How would you rate your school on: School spirit?

. missing	183	2.0
1 Excellent	2007	21.6
2 Good	3396	36.6
3 Fair	2372	25.5
4 Poor	958	10.3
5 Very poor	372	4.0
8 Double response	1	0.0

V131 Do you have a part-time job?

. missing	441	4.7
1 Yes	3267	35.2
2 No	5581	60.1

V132 Part-time job: What kind of job?

. missing	6031	64.9
1-9999 4 Digit ASCO Code	3258	35.1

V133 Part-time job: How many hours a week?

. missing	441	4.7
0 Skipped	5682	61.2
0.5-10 Hrs Per Week	2317	25.0
10.5-20 Hrs Per Week	712	7.6
21-30 Hrs Per Week	52	0.6
31-40 Hrs Per Week	10	0.1
More than 40 hrs/week	75	0.8

V134 Part-time job: How much pay a week?

. missing	571	6.1
0 Skipped	5765	62.1
\$1-\$50 Per Week	1665	17.9
\$51-\$100 Per Week	1051	11.3
\$101-\$150 Per Week	167	1.8
\$151-\$200 Per Week	47	0.5
Over \$200 Per Week	23	0.2

V135 How much has your job taught you about : Getting along with people

. missing	6018	64.8
1 Quite a bit	1856	20.0
2 A fair bit	1047	11.3
3 Not much	291	3.1
4 Nothing	53	0.6
5 Don't know	24	0.3

V136 How much has your job taught you about : Better organising your time

. missing	6006	64.7
1 Quite a bit	1402	15.1
2 A fair bit	1297	14.0
3 Not much	506	5.4
4 Nothing	61	0.7
5 Don't know	17	0.2

V137 How much has your job taught you about : Thinking for yourself

. missing	6018	64.8
1 Quite a bit	1555	16.7
2 A fair bit	1196	12.9
3 Not much	446	4.8
4 Nothing	56	0.6
5 Don't know	18	0.2

V138 How much has your job taught you about : Particular skills needed in that job

. missing	6023	64.8
1 Quite a bit	2022	21.8
2 A fair bit	877	9.4
3 Not much	292	3.1
4 Nothing	56	0.6
5 Don't know	17	0.2
8 Double Response	2	0.0

V139 How much has your job taught you about : The career you would like after school

.	6013	64.7
1 Quite a bit	509	5.5
2 A fair bit	579	6.2
3 Not much	1176	12.7
4 Nothing	845	9.1
5 Don't know	167	1.8

V140 When do you plan to leave school?

. missing	184	2.0
1 Before end of yr 10	26	0.3
2 At end of yr 10	561	6.0
3 At end of yr 11	312	3.4
4 At end of yr 12	8165	87.9
8 Double response	41	0.4

V141 Reasons to leave school before Year 12: I want to get a job

. missing	8196	88.2
1 Very important	833	9.0
2 Somewhat important	208	2.2
3 Not very important	37	0.4
4 Not at all important	13	0.1
8 Double response	2	0.0

V142 Reasons to leave school before Year 12: I want to get an apprenticeship or traineeship

. missing	8234	88.6
1 Very important	730	7.9
2 Somewhat important	200	2.2
3 Not very important	84	0.9
4 Not at all important	37	0.4
8 Double response	4	0.0

V143 Reasons to leave school before Year 12: I want to do some other study or training not available at school

. missing	8259	88.9
1 Very important	477	5.1
2 Somewhat important	347	3.7
3 Not very important	147	1.6
4 Not at all important	56	0.6
8 Double response	3	0.0

V144 Reasons to leave school before Year 12: I want to earn my own money

. missing	8227	88.6
1 Very important	791	8.5
2 Somewhat important	206	2.2
3 Not very important	44	0.5
4 Not at all important	16	0.2
8 Double response	5	0.1

V145 Reasons to leave school before Year 12: I am not doing well at school

. missing	8343	89.8
1 Very important	264	2.8
2 Somewhat important	351	3.8
3 Not very important	186	2.0
4 Not at all important	142	1.5
8 Double response	3	0.0

V146 Reasons to leave school before Year 12: My parents want me to leave school

. missing	8429	90.7
1 Very important	138	1.5
2 Somewhat important	169	1.8
3 Not very important	183	2.0
4 Not at all important	367	4.0
8 Double response	3	0.0

V147 Reasons to leave school before Year 12: I do not like school

. missing	8329	89.7
1 Very important	246	2.6
2 Somewhat important	300	3.2
3 Not very important	217	2.3
4 Not at all important	193	2.1
8 Double response	4	0.0

V148 Reasons to leave school before Year 12: My teachers think I should leave

. missing	8447	90.9
1 Very important	78	0.8
2 Somewhat important	153	1.6
3 Not very important	207	2.2
4 Not at all important	402	4.3
8 Double response	2	0.0

V149 Reasons to leave school before Year 12: Other

. missing	9123	98.2
1 Very important	106	1.1
2 Somewhat important	20	0.2
3 Not very important	7	0.1
4 Not at all important	28	0.3
8 Double response	5	0.1

V151 In the year after leaving school: What do you plan to do?

. missing	1052	11.3
1 Work	695	7.5
2 App/trainee	931	10.0
3 TAFE	1240	13.3
4 University	4176	45.0
5 Don't know	789	8.5
6 Work & University	42	0.5
7 Uni & Other study or Training	89	1.0
8 Work & Non Uni Study or Training	110	1.2
9 Other Combinations of Activities	165	1.8

V152 In the year after leaving school: What do your parents want you to do?

. missing	1293	13.9
1 Work	534	5.7
2 App/trainee	767	8.3
3 TAFE	918	9.9
4 University	4171	44.9
5 Don't know	1308	14.1
6 Work & University	16	0.2
7 Uni & Other study or Training	82	0.9
8 Work & Non Uni Study or Training	62	0.7
9 Other Combinations of Activities	138	1.5

V153 In the year after leaving school: What do your teachers say you should do?

. missing	1690	18.2
1 Work	172	1.9
2 App/trainee	348	3.7
3 TAFE	704	7.6
4 University	2984	32.1
5 Don't know	3231	34.8
6 Work & University	5	0.1
7 Uni & Other study or Training	60	0.6
8 Work & Non Uni Study or Training	8	0.1
9 Other Combinations of Activities	87	0.9

V154 In the year after leaving school: What do your friends plan to do?

. missing	1212	13.0
1 Work	889	9.6
2 App/trainee	720	7.8
3 TAFE	1401	15.1
4 University	2981	32.1
5 Don't know	1617	17.4
6 Work & University	29	0.3
7 Uni & Other study or Training	159	1.7
8 Work & Non Uni Study or Training	68	0.7
9 Other Combinations of Activities	213	2.3

V155 Your Future Job?

. missing	563	6.1
1-9999 4 Digit ASCO Code	8726	93.9

V156 When did you leave school?: Month

. missing	9186	98.9
1 January	5	0.1
2 February	4	0.0
3 March	14	0.2
4 April	7	0.1
5 May	12	0.1
6 June	10	0.1
7 July	14	0.2
8 August	10	0.1
9 September	6	0.1
11 November	4	0.0
12 December	17	0.2

V157 When did you leave school?: Year

. missing	9185	98.9
98	19	0.2
99	85	0.9

V158 What Year level were you in when you left?

. missing	9200	99.0
1 Year 9	18	0.2
2 Year 10	70	0.8
8 Double Response	1	0.0

V159 Importance of reasons for leaving school: I wanted to get a job

. missing	8979	96.7
1 Very important	198	2.1
2 Somewhat important	60	0.6
3 Not very important	23	0.2
4 Not at all important	23	0.2
8 Double response	6	0.1

V160 Importance of reasons for leaving school: I wanted to get an apprenticeship or traineeship

. missing	9004	96.9
1 Very important	138	1.5
2 Somewhat important	65	0.7
3 Not very important	44	0.5
4 Not at all important	32	0.3
8 Double response	6	0.1

V161 Importance of reasons for leaving school: I wanted to earn my own money

. missing	9012	97.0
1 Very important	182	2.0
2 Somewhat important	57	0.6
3 Not very important	17	0.2
4 Not at all important	16	0.2
8 Double response	5	0.1

V162 Importance of reasons for leaving school: I was not doing well at school

. missing	9057	97.5
1 Very important	74	0.8
2 Somewhat important	64	0.7
3 Not very important	45	0.5
4 Not at all important	41	0.4
8 Double response	8	0.1

V163 Importance of reasons for leaving school: My parents wanted me to leave school

. missing	9082	97.8
1 Very important	36	0.4
2 Somewhat important	32	0.3
3 Not very important	40	0.4
4 Not at all important	92	1.0
8 Double response	7	0.1

V164 Importance of reasons for leaving school: I did not like school

. missing	9063	97.6
1 Very important	79	0.9
2 Somewhat important	52	0.6
3 Not very important	46	0.5
4 Not at all important	45	0.5
8 Double response	4	0.0

V165 Importance of reasons for leaving school: My teachers thought I should leave

. missing	9079	97.7
1 Very important	36	0.4
2 Somewhat important	33	0.4
3 Not very important	40	0.4
4 Not at all important	96	1.0
8 Double response	5	0.1

V166 Importance of reasons for leaving school: Other

. missing	9230	99.4
1 Very important	34	0.4
2 Somewhat important	7	0.1
3 Not very important	4	0.0
4 Not at all important	11	0.1
8 Double response	3	0.0

V168 What has been your main activity since leaving school?

. missing	9137	98.4
1 Working	38	0.4
2 Looking for work	22	0.2
3 Apprenticeship	24	0.3
4 Traineeship	7	0.1
5 Study	14	0.2
6 Other	17	0.2
8 Double response	30	0.3

V170 Working: What kind of job?

. missing	9210	99.1
1-9999 4 Digit ASCO Code	79	0.9

V171 When did you start this job: Month

. missing	9213	99.2
1 January	9	0.1
2 February	6	0.1
3 March	2	0.0
4 April	8	0.1
5 May	5	0.1
6 June	6	0.1
7 July	8	0.1
8 August	12	0.1
9 September	12	0.1
10 October	2	0.0
11 November	2	0.0
12 December	4	0.0

V172 When did you start this job: Year

. missing	9213	99.2
97	1	0.0
98	9	0.1
99	66	0.7

V173 Is this a full or part time job?

. missing	9181	98.8
1 Fulltime	47	0.5
2 Parttime	59	0.6
8 Double Response	2	0.0

V174 Job: Hours per week

. missing	8713	93.8
0 Skipped	507	5.5
1-10 Hrs Per Week	16	0.2
11-20 Hrs Per Week	12	0.1
21-30 Hrs Per Week	9	0.1
31-40 Hrs Per Week	24	0.3
More than 40 hrs/week	8	0.1

V175 Job: weekly pay

. missing	8713	93.8
0 Skipped	513	5.5
\$1-\$50 Per Week	7	0.1
\$51-\$100 Per Week	9	0.1
\$101-\$150 Per Week	13	0.1
\$151-\$200 Per Week	21	0.2
Over \$200 Per Week	13	0.1

V176 Studying: Where?

. missing	9238	99.5
1-9999 4 Digit Institution Code	51	0.5

V177 When did you start this study: Month

. missing	9251	99.6
1 January	4	0.0
2 February	4	0.0
3 March	6	0.1
5 May	2	0.0
6 June	5	0.1
7 July	9	0.1
8 August	5	0.1
9 September	1	0.0
10 October	2	0.0

V178 When did you start this study: Year

. missing	9250	99.6
98	1	0.0
99	38	0.4

V179 Study - full or part time?

. missing	9216	99.2
1 Full-time	21	0.2
2 Part-time	51	0.5
8 Double Response	1	0.0

Appendix 1:

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