



# Introduction to the CLS National Longitudinal Studies

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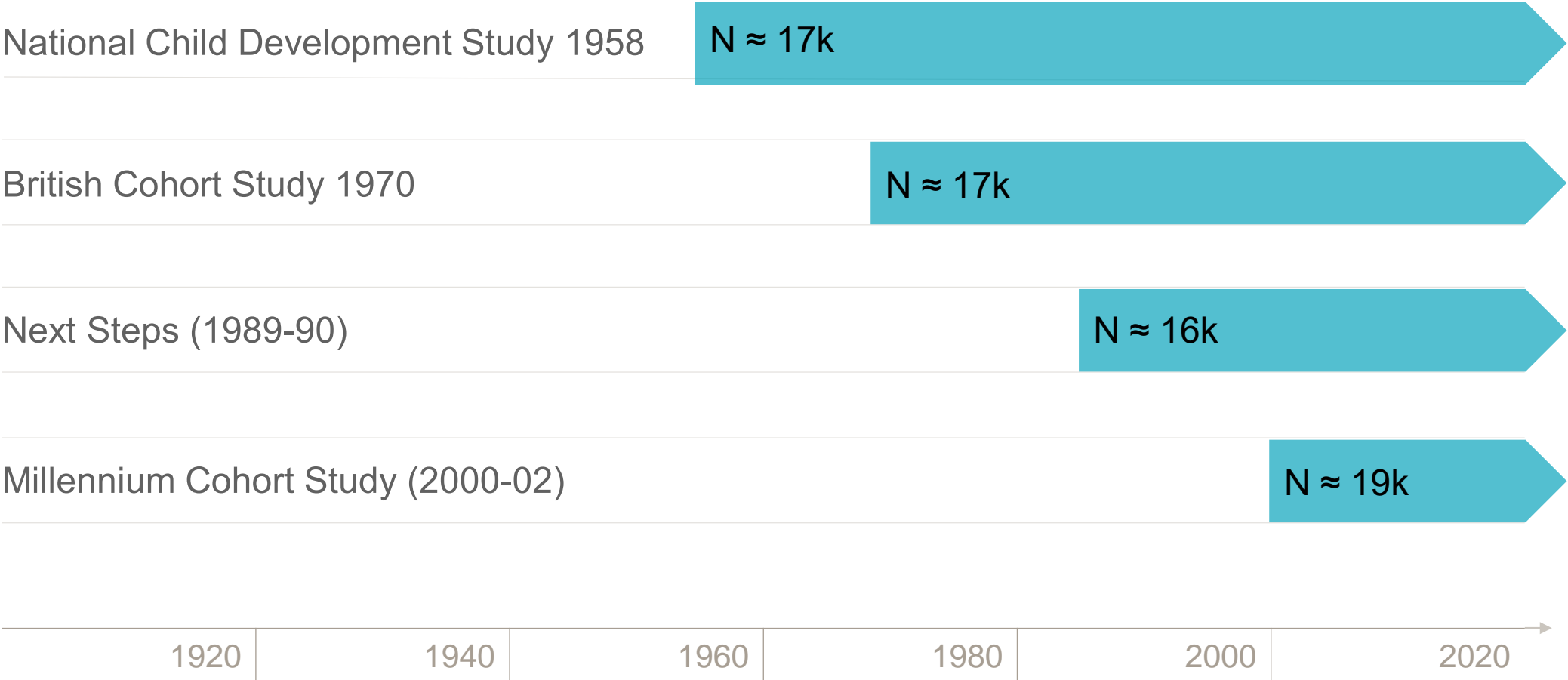
## What we do at CLS

We run four major national longitudinal studies, which follow people throughout life – “from cradle to grave”.

We are funded by the ESRC as a ‘resource centre’ – to provide data to the wider scientific community.

- Scientific development and design of the studies.
- Training, capacity building, and user support.
- Research – strong multidisciplinary group.
- Deposit of data at UK Data Service.

# We follow people from 'cradle to grave'



## CLS research team

- CLS is a truly multidisciplinary group.
- CLS staff have backgrounds in economics, sociology, psychology, epidemiology, demography, statistics, mixed-methods research, survey methods and policy evaluation.
- The team are experienced in using the CLS datasets and other UK/International longitudinal surveys.

# CLS scientific themes – What the CLS research team does

- Improving social mobility and generational change
- Tackling the obesity challenge
- Improving mental health across the whole of life
- Cognitive development and cognitive decline
- Healthy ageing and productive working older lives
- Families and intra-household dynamics
- Applied statistical methods
- Survey methods
- Social genomics



# COVID-19 Survey in Five National Longitudinal Studies

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Aim: To understand **economic, social and health impacts of COVID-19 crisis**, the extent to which it is widening or narrowing inequalities, and **the lifelong factors** which shape vulnerability and resilience to its effects

# Design

## **May 2020:** W1. Web-only

- Conducted in house using Qualtrics.
- Target sample only cases with email addresses.

## **Sept 2020:** W2. Web-only

- Externally commissioned to Kantar Public.
- Target sample all eligible cases.
- Postal and text contact/reminders .
- Incentives for Next Steps.

## **Jan 2021:** W3. Web plus telephone

- Includes telephone follow-up (targeted).



## Wave 1 response

- Total achieved sample: 18,042; response rate: 35.7% (37.5% excluding MCS parents).

Cohort	Issued sample	Response within issued sample
NSHD	1,843	1,258 (68.3%)
NCDS	8,943	5,178 (57.9%)
BCS70	10,458	4,223 (40.4%)
Next Steps	9,380	1,907 (20.3%)
MCS cohort members	9,946	2,645 (26.6%)
MCS parents	9,909	2,831 (28.6%)

- Wave 2 – achieved sample over 25k.
- Wave 3 – target sample size c. 30k.

## Wave 1 topics

- Physical health (including COVID-19)
- Time use
- Family and household
- Financial situation and benefits
- Employment and education
- Health behaviours
- Mental health and social connectedness
- An open question was also included

## Wave 1 outputs

- Data available from UK Data Service
- Briefing papers
- Pre-prints/journal articles
- Press coverage
- Resources



PUBLICATION

**Mental health during lockdown: evidence from four generations - initial findings from COVID-19 surveys**



PUBLICATION

**Finances and employment during lockdown – initial findings from COVID-19 survey**



PUBLICATION

**Parental involvement in home schooling and developmental play during lockdown – initial findings from COVID-19 survey**

Thank you

<https://cls.ucl.ac.uk/covid-19-survey>