

II FOLLOW-UP OF THE COHORT INTO ADOLESCENCE AND YOUNG ADULTHOOD

The set of inquiries reported in part II constitutes a follow-up of the 857 subjects randomly selected from the total Danish birth cohort of 9,125. The analytic procedures were chosen with the specific objective of determining both the direct and indirect effects of an array of social, family-structure, and medical variables on the long-term academic and psychosocial outcomes for the index child.

The chapters are organized thematically. This enhances readability in that the literature reviews and our findings are homogenized around topics that have considerable historical as well as contemporary currency. Such an organization also serves to clarify the similarities and differences in the patterns of relationships among predictors and outcomes when the focus shifts from one set of conditions (for example, divorce in chapter 5) to another (for example, maternal employment in chapter 6).

While each of the last five chapters of part II has been prepared to stand alone, they do have a continuity that makes reading them in the order presented more comprehensible. Certainly, chapter 4 should be read first, since it describes the sample, variables, and the general analytic procedures relevant to all subsequent chapters.

Part II is organized as follows:

Chapter 4. The Follow-Up: Sample, Variables, and Procedures

Chapter 5. Divorce and Family Instability

Chapter 6. Maternal Employment and Child Day Care

Chapter 7. Family Size and Birth Order

Chapter 8. Correlates of Adolescent and Young Adult Male Criminal Behavior

Chapter 9. Long-Term Consequences for Adolescents Identified as At-Risk at Birth

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