# Data Description - CILS

The data in this archive include the three CILS surveys. In addition to the codebook, the three questionnaires are included so that users can refer to the original questions. Some discrepancies exist in responses to factual questions, such as citizenship, in waves 1 and 2 of the student survey. There are also some discrepancies between student and parental responses to the same factual question. These discrepancies do not reflect coding errors, but actual differences in the ways respondents answered the same question at different times. For additional information about the study, variable coding, and index construction, please refer to *Legacies*.

Notes for Combined Data Files for the Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Study (CILS)

Separate data files are provided in Stata and SPSS formats. The data file in Stata 6.0 format is cils12n3.dta. Because Stata does not include missing values in its calculations, in most instances the reported sample size will not total the overall sample size of the study. Stata does not support user-defined missing values.

We have also provided two SPSS versions of the data file. The SPSS for Windows is cils12n3.sav and there is also an SPSS portable file, cils12n3.por, which can be read into SPSS running on any platform using the IMPORT command.

In these data files all personal identifiers for the respondents have been removed and new project case identification numbers have been added to protect confidentiality.

Variable naming conventions follow v1, v2; and instances of associated questionnaire items and subordinate questionnaire items add subscripts (e.g., v39a and v39b, or v323 and v323a). These are organized in alphanumerical order; however, there are occasional skips in the sequence (e.g., there is no v3). Variables in the parental interview are indicated with "p" in place of "v" (e.g., p1, p2) and constructed variables derived from one or more questionnaire items are indicated with a "c" (e.g., c1, c2). The original 1992-93 survey is covered by the variables ranging from v1 to v148, the 1995-96 follow-up is covered by variables ranging from v203 to v358, and the variables from the parental interviews range from p1 to p144. Twenty constructed variables (c1 to c20) are appended at the end of the file.

In the variables for the original survey and the follow-up (v1-v358), the respondent is referred to with the abbreviation "r". In the parental interviews (p1-p144) the respondent is referred to as "p" because he or she is the parent of a study respondent.