Harvard and Beyond Sample

- Three cohorts of Harvard/Radcliffe students (graduates, non-graduates, transfers) were sampled and surveyed.
- (1) 1969 to 1972, and 1973 women (Cohort 1, C1970);
 - (2) 1979 to 1982 (Cohort 2, C1980);
 - (3) 1989 to 1992 (Cohort 3, C1990).
- Fraction female was 21% for C1970 but was 41% for C1990, which is why the women of 1973 were added.
- Sampling universe contains 21,000 students
- Of these, 16,426 had easily accessible contact information and were surveyed.

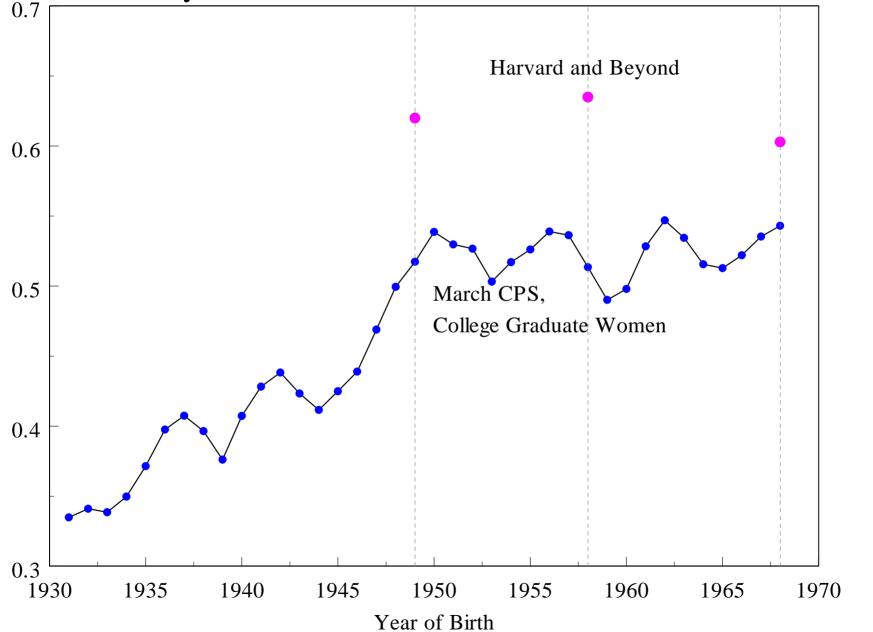


- Web and hard-copy (mail) surveys were sent beginning Fall '06, resulting in 6,554 full responses by Summer '07.
- Response rate was 40% overall: 46% for women; 37% for men.
- Survey covered educational, demographic, work, volunteer histories; Harvard experience; home and family life histories.
- Questions were anchored at various moments: (a) directly after college; (b) 15 years out; and (c) contemporaneously

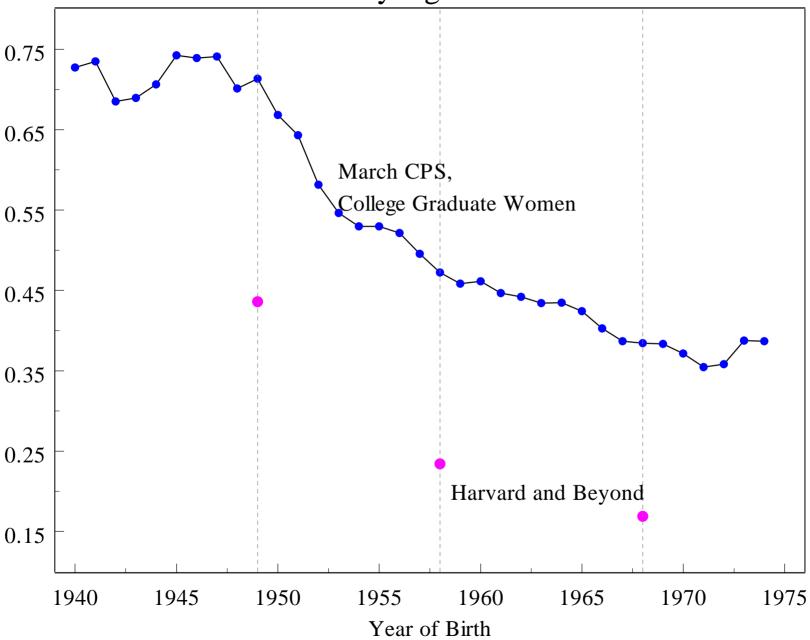


- In some ways, the employment and family histories of H&B respondents differ from those of other college graduates in the U.S. population. But in many ways, they are very similar.
- As demonstrated in the next three graphs, the fraction of H&B women working full-time, full-year was considerably higher than national data, but the time trend is similar.
- The fraction married by age 25 is lower for H&B, but the trend across the 20 years is downward for all.
- Delay in childbearing is also apparent for both groups, although it is more apparent for the H&B sample.

Full-time, Full-year Workers at 15 Years Out: CPS and H&B Women



Fraction Married by Age 25: CPS and H&B



Fraction with Children < 6 Years at 15 Years Out: CPS and H&B

