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# Data Discovery: Ageing



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An Uppsala university survey regarding perceptions of age and ageing.

■ Lars Tornstam, Uppsala University, Department of Sociology

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### [Aging, body image and identity 1998](#)

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The purpose of this project is to study the relationship between people's own body-associations and identity-conceptions in an extensive survey of individuals between 20 and 85 years of age. Among others; it intend to...

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### [SHARE – Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe – Wave 3](#)

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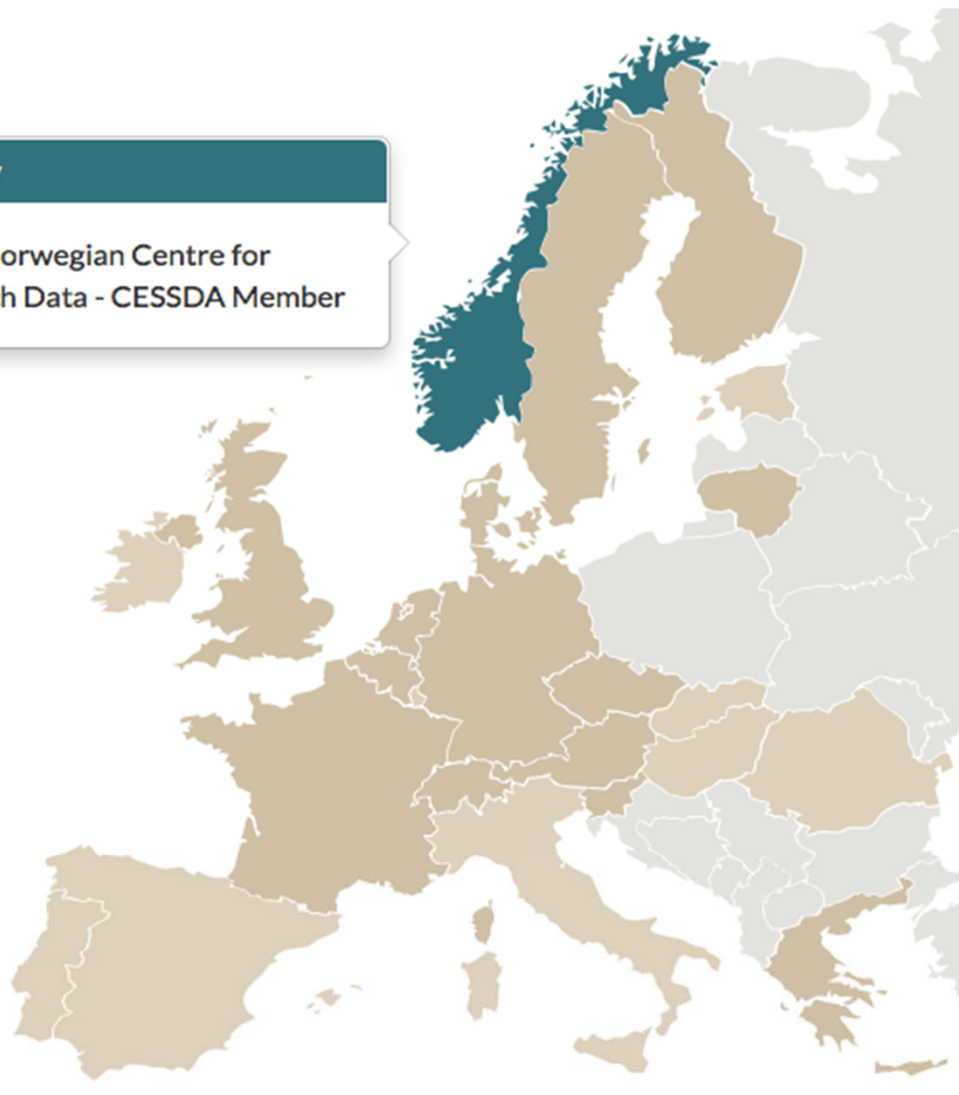
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Our main task is to take stock of databases relevant to research as well as support archiving, usage and re-usage of databases and related research materials on a national level within SND's fields of responsibility.

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# Data on ageing

- large scale projects, smaller projects and individual researchers
- studies focused on ageing research
- longitudinal surveys
- collection of biomarkers
- harmonisation and cross-national projects

# Guide: Data Discovery – Ageing

Key  
resources  
and how to  
access



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## 1. Key data on ageing

### A family of health, ageing and retirement surveys

Many of the most significant studies for ageing research belong to a family of surveys focused on health, ageing and retirement. Building on the U.S. Health and Retirement Study (HRS), these studies include common questions enabling comparative research. These multidisciplinary studies cover topics such as health, healthcare, finances, employment, retirement and pensions and family and social networks. The individual studies in Europe are described below with details of how to access the data. You will also find information about Gateway to Global Aging Data, a resource that offers tools for navigating and producing harmonised datasets for these studies.

#### English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA)

<https://www.elsa-project.ac.uk>

English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA) commenced in 2002 and collects data from a representative sample of the English population aged 50 and older. The cohort is followed up every two years, with periodic refreshment to maintain the age profile.

**Content:** Objective and subjective data relating to health and disability, biological markers, economic circumstance, social participation, networks and well-being. Data are collected using computer assisted personal interviews and self-completion questionnaires, with additional nurse visits every four years. Special datasets/feature include

- Genetic data
- Wave 3 Life History Essays: 558 transcripts of short essays ("Thinking back over your life, with its wide variety of enjoyable as well as difficult experiences, please write about three aspects of your life that have been especially important to you, and how they affected you.")

**Access:** through the UK data service. The current deposit comprises Waves 0-7 of the survey. To access ELSA data, registration with the UK Data Service is required. Both standard conditions of use and additional special conditions of use apply. For use of ELSA genetic data, Dr Nina Rogers ([n.rogers@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:n.rogers@ucl.ac.uk)) is the first point of contact.

**Teaching:** ELSA data can be used for most teaching purposes. The UK Data service has a Teaching Access Agreement that allows teachers to register and then share data with students. There is a teaching dataset based on Wave 1, 2002-2003.

**Harmonisation:** The ELSA data collection distributed by the UK Data Service contains the Harmonised ELSA dataset, developed by Gateway to Global Aging Data and funded by the National Institute on Ageing (R01 AG030153, RC2 AG036619, 1R03AG043052).

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# Key data on ageing

## Family of health and retirement studies



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AGING  
DATA

ELSA English Longitudinal  
Study of Ageing



### ...other ageing data resources

- Longitudinal Aging Study Amsterdam (LASA)
- Norwegian study on life course, ageing and generation (NorLAG)
- National E-Infrastructure for Aging Research (NEAR) - Sweden

# Cross-national studies



Generations and Gender Programme (GGP)



European Social Survey (ESS)



Microdata from Eurostat

- European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC)
- European Union Labour Force Survey (EU LFS)

# Data available from data services: examples

## General social surveys

- SOM surveys (Sweden)
- British Social Attitudes
- German General Social Survey (ALLBUS)

## Longitudinal studies

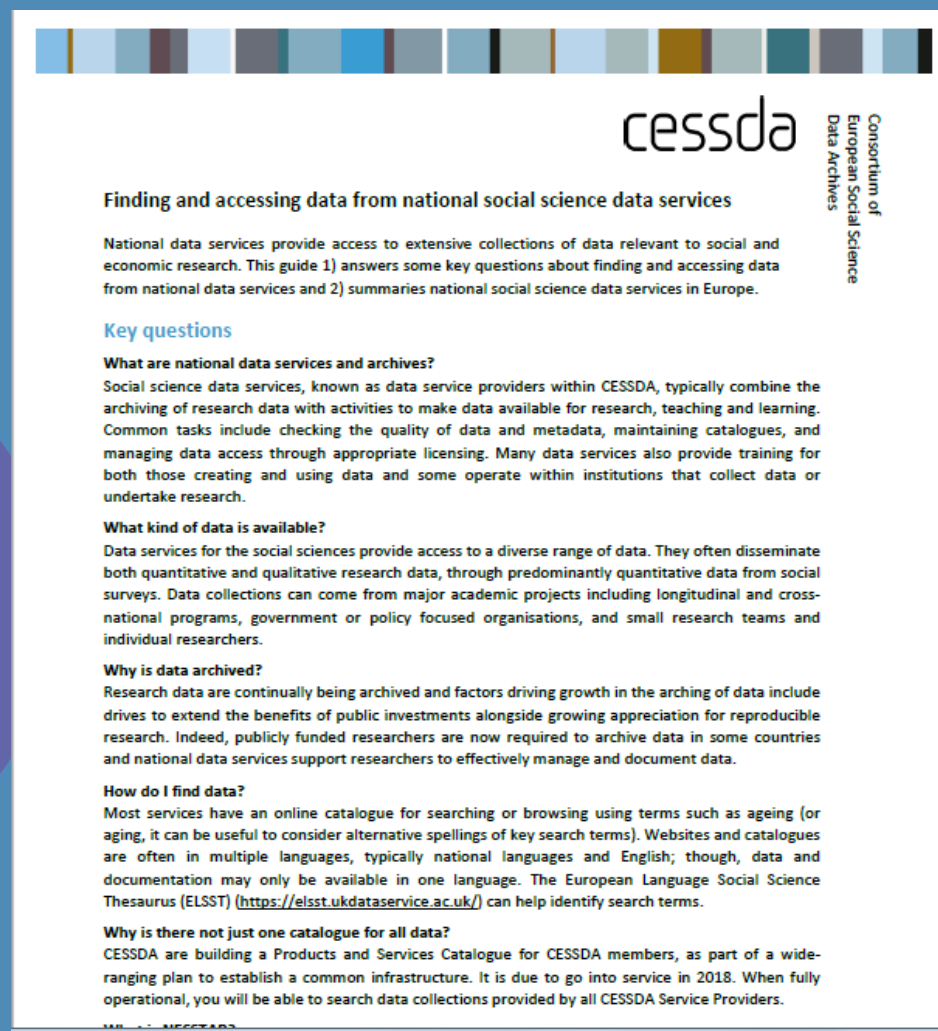
- Household panel studies
- German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)
- Swiss Household Panel (SHP):
- Cohort
- UK: cohort studies such as Child Development Study (NCDS) – from 1958

## Qualitative data

- UK: Last Refuge, 1958-1959 data from study by Peter Townsend investigating long-stay institutional care for old people in England and Wales. Recently used to inform new qualitative study, see here for a case study. (Access conditions: Available from UK Data Service)

# Guide: Finding and Accessing data from national social science data services

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1. key questions
2. info for national social science data services

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