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Data Discovery: Ageing



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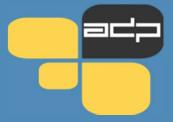
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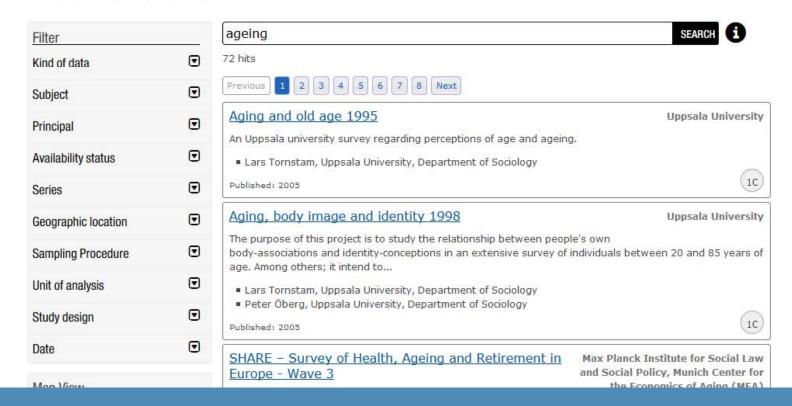


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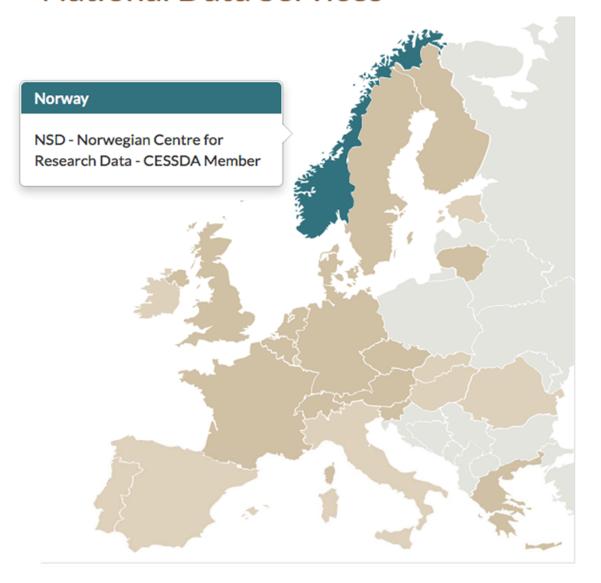
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SND provides support and guidance to researchers throughout the whole research process. This Swedish node in an international network of data archives is an essential part of the research infrastructure. Part of SND's mission is to gain a very good overview of existing research databases and to endeavour to gain full knowledge of future databases within the Social Sciences, Humanities and Health Sciences.

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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 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@uclac.uk) is the first point of contact.

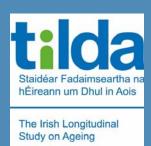
Teaching: ELSA data can be used for most teaching purposes. The UK Data service has a Teaching Access Agreement that allows teachers to register and then share data with students. There is a teaching dataset based on Wave 1, 2002-2003.

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









...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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Finding and accessing data from national social science data services

National data services provide access to extensive collections of data relevant to social and economic research. This guide 1) answers some key questions about finding and accessing data from national data services and 2) summaries national social science data services in Europe.

Key questions

What are national data services and archives?

Social science data services, known as data service providers within CESSDA, typically combine the archiving of research data with activities to make data available for research, teaching and learning. Common tasks include checking the quality of data and metadata, maintaining catalogues, and managing data access through appropriate licensing. Many data services also provide training for both those creating and using data and some operate within institutions that collect data or undertake research.

What kind of data is available?

Data services for the social sciences provide access to a diverse range of data. They often disseminate both quantitative and qualitative research data, through predominantly quantitative data from social surveys. Data collections can come from major academic projects including longitudinal and crossnational programs, government or policy focused organisations, and small research teams and individual researchers.

Why is data archived

Research data are continually being archived and factors driving growth in the arching of data include drives to extend the benefits of public investments alongside growing appreciation for reproducible research. Indeed, publicly funded researchers are now required to archive data in some countries and national data services support researchers to effectively manage and document data.

How do I find data

Most services have an online catalogue for searching or browsing using terms such as ageing (or aging, it can be useful to consider alternative spellings of key search terms). Websites and catalogues are often in multiple languages, typically national languages and English; though, data and documentation may only be available in one language. The European Language Social Science Thesaurus (ELSST) (https://elsst.ukdataservice.ac.uk/) can help identify search terms.

Why is there not just one catalogue for all data?

CESSDA are building a Products and Services Catalogue for CESSDA members, as part of a wideranging plan to establish a common infrastructure. It is due to go into service in 2018. When fully operational, you will be able to search data collections provided by all CESSDA Service Providers.

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