

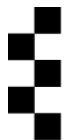


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# Using the new COVID-19 Survey

COVID-19 Survey [SN8644](#)

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# COVID-19 in a nutshell

- Started in April 2020
- From May 2020 open call for questions
- 20 min questionnaire <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/covid-19/user-guide>
- April, May, June, July, x, Sept, x, Nov – Web survey
- May (planned for Nov) - Telephone survey
- Sample: 16+, youth self-completion questionnaire in July (planned for Nov)
- Data released monthly, then bi-monthly

# COVID-19 data

- **Sample** file: information about the fieldwork
- Survey files: **indresp** file for each monthly survey (one for web and one for telephone data): questionnaire variables, weight, sample design variables, socio-demographics of participants
- Additional files for some months: (school **schild** level data wave 1+4) (**youth** self-completion file 10-15)
- Combination file W10+W11 main survey data from annual interviews 2019
- One weight for each wave (web, web+ telephone weight) Child weight

*These files can be linked to each other and to the main survey individual level files using PIDP*

# COVID-19 data/var names

- **File names:**
  - prefix includes 'c' to reflect COVID survey
  - Second letter denotes wave of survey ca\_, cb\_, cc\_, cd\_
  - Suffix denotes web, telephone or youth paper self-completion \_w, \_t, \_p
  - jk\_ files contain the 2019 data
- **Variable names:**
  - Modified variable from the main survey suffix\_cv
  - Derived variables suffix\_dv
  - Prefix i\_ to k\_ from main survey waves 9 to 11
  - Prefix jk\_ combination of W10 (j) + W11 (k) 2019 annual data

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See sub-section data structure in user guide

# COVID-19 survey: core & rotating content

Module	April	May	June	July	Sept	Nov
ID & household composition <b>CORE</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Household relationships		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coronavirus illness <b>CORE</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Household coronavirus			✓			✓
Long-term health conditions management <b>CORE</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Caring within household				✓		✓
Caring outside household (reciprocity)	✓					✓
GHQ <b>CORE</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Loneliness <b>CORE</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Religion				✓		
Life satisfaction		✓		✓	✓	✓
Exercise	✓					
Sleep				✓		
Diet & food security	✓			✓		
Nutrition				✓		
Alcohol consumption	✓					
Smoking	✓					
Employment <b>CORE</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Work conditions			✓		✓	
Travel to work			✓		✓	

For full questionnaire content see the long-term content plan:

[https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/documentation/covid-19/covid\\_survey\\_content\\_plan.pdf](https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/documentation/covid-19/covid_survey_content_plan.pdf)

See Questionnaire content section in the user guide

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/covid-19/user-guide>

# COVID-19: supporting data/linking

- Interim data from main annual survey [SN6614](#) W10 (year 2) + W11 (year 1):
- jk\_child\_cv
- jk\_egoalt\_cv
- jk\_hhresp\_cv
- jk\_hhsamp\_cv
- jk\_indall\_cv
- jk\_indresp\_cv
- jk\_indsamp\_cv
- jk\_newborn\_cv
- jk\_parstyle\_cv
- jk\_youth\_cv
- Researchers can draw on past information collected in interviews from Understanding Society (BHPS 1991–2008, UKHLS 2009– )

**BHPS** | British  
Household  
Panel Survey



# COVID-19: Special licence

- COVID-19 geographical identifiers:
  - LSOA 2011  
<https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/studies/study?id=8663>
  - Local Authority District  
<https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/studies/study?id=8664>
- Understanding Society: Waves 1-9, 2009-2018 and Harmonised BHPS: Waves 1-18, 1991-2009: Special Licence Access  
<https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/studies/study?id=6931>

# COVID-19: Users

- Currently 670 users and counting...
- More publications being released every week – 78 to date covering subjects including:
  - Mental health and wellbeing
  - Income and employment
  - Education
  - Family life
  - Work, home working and productivity.
- Enjoy diving in to the data!