

Worksheet: Finding data for your project

Recording your search

Search terms

Think about the key concepts and variables in your research question(s).

Datasets to consider

Study Name (and number)	Notes

Evaluate a dataset

Title (and date) of study.

About the study: Who collected the data? Do the aims and topics seem relevant?

What time period does the data relate to? Is this suitable for your project?

Is the population, units of analysis and sample suitable? Consider:

- Are there any important groups missing?
- What sampling technique was used, what is the sample size?
- Who does the data relate to (i.e. individuals or households?).

Does the dataset contain necessary information about your key concepts and characteristics?
Consider noting relevant variable names for future reference.