

UK Data Service essentials: Introduction, finding and accessing data

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Overview of the first part of the session

- [The UK Data Service: who we are video](#)
- What is the UK Data Service?
- Who is it for?
- How can we help you?
- What types of data do we hold?
- What are some of the tools available?
- Questions.



What is the UK Data Service?

- The UK Data Service is the principle repository for economic, population, and social research data in the UK.
- We are the largest trusted digital archive of its kind, storing long-term access to high quality Social Science data since 1967.
- Funded by the UKRI and ESRC.



Cont...What is the UK Data Service?

- We provide researchers across academia, government, and policy organisations with high quality data and resources to generate impactful insights.
- Among these resources there is: research training, policy advising and the building of protocols that set the standard the data services sector.
- We have a [data impact blog](#) showcasing the impact of our research.

Quick Facts:



Users access +190K datasets each year from our platform.

We have over 10,000 datasets in our collection.

Who is it for?

- Academic researchers and students.
- Government analysts.
- Charities and foundations.
- Independent research centres and think tanks.
- Business consultants and data analysts.

*A project is deemed commercial when the intended use of the data does not have a public benefit and revenue is being generated through its use.

How could the UK Data Service help you?

- Wide range of datasets on a wide range of topics.
- Tools to access different datasets.
- Training and data specific events held throughout the year.
- Support throughout your whole project, from initial application to project end.
- SecureLab access environment.



Sources of data

- National statistical authorities.
- UK government departments.
- Intergovernmental organisations.
- Research institutes.
- Individual researchers.

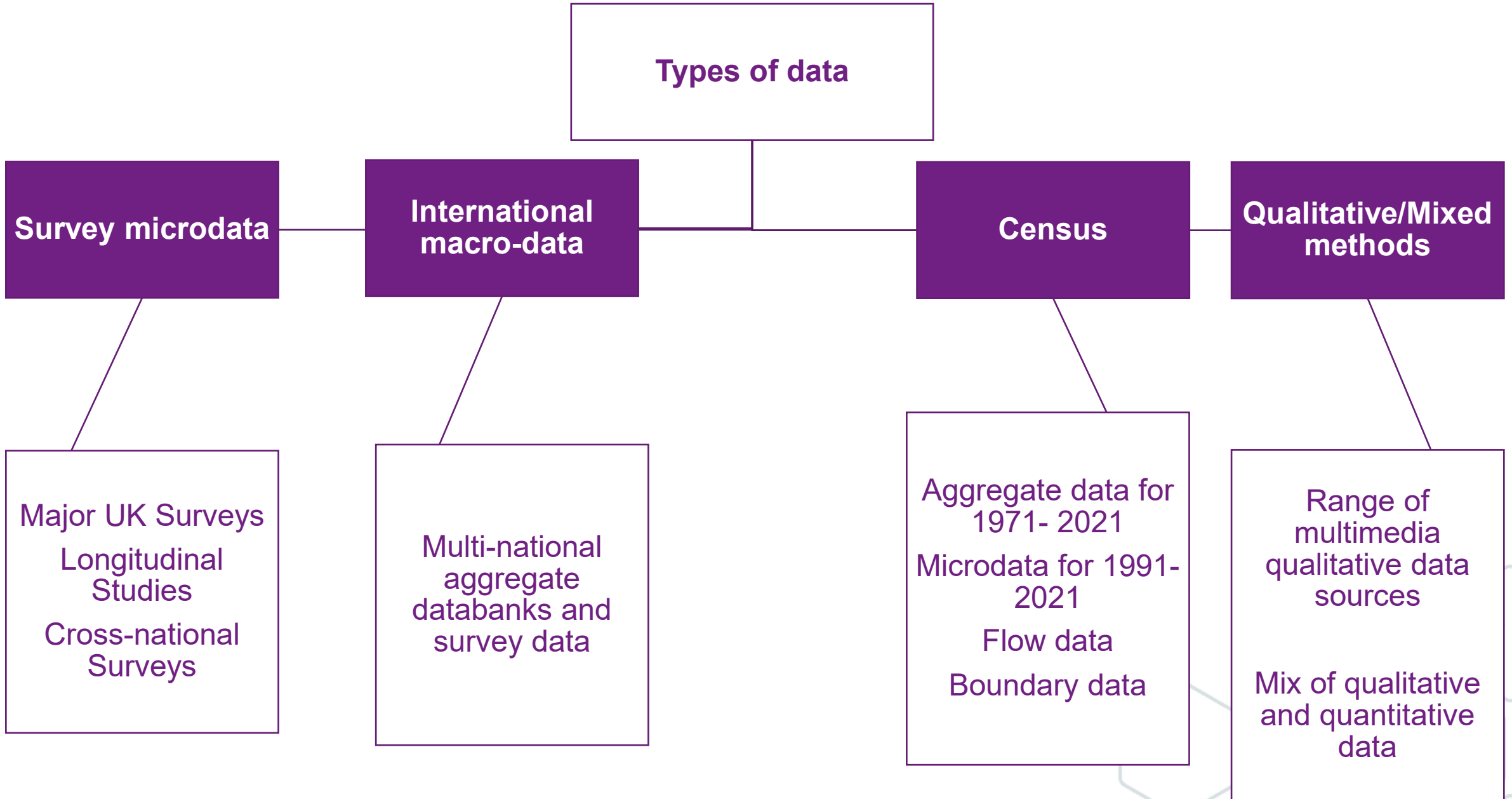


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Survey Microdata

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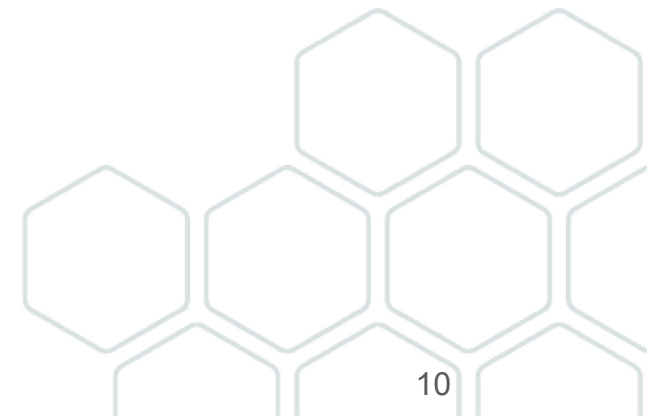
Types of datasets	Type of data	Samples available	Examples
Major UK Surveys Cross-national Surveys Longitudinal Studies	Anonymised individual or household level data.	Large sample sizes Nationally representatives Flexible	Crime Survey for England and Wales (1982-) British Social Attitudes Survey (1983 -)

Cross-sectional dataset

- Data for a single point in time.
- Many UK surveys are repeated cross-sectional, **large, nationally representative**.
- The same information asked each time.
- Can be used to track trends over time.

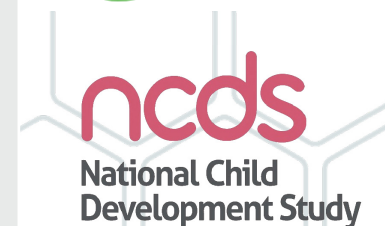
Longitudinal data: Panel and cohort data

- One key difference – it follows the **same individuals or households over time**.
- Change at individual level over time.
- Two main types – panel and cohort.



Key datasets

Dataset	Type	Focus	Sample size
Crime Survey for England and Wales (1982 - present)	Cross-sectional	Levels of crime & public attitudes to crime.	33,000 people approx.
British Social Attitudes Survey (1983 - present)	Cross-sectional	Public views on a range of topics such as work, equalities, welfare, health, and how the country is run.	17,000 people approx.
Understanding Society (1991 - present)	Longitudinal – Panel	Wellbeing of subjects in health, work, education, income, family, and social life in the UK.	40,000 households approx.
National Child Development Study (1958 - present)	Longitudinal – Cohort	Physical and educational development, economic circumstances, employment, social/family life and attitudes.	17,000 approx.

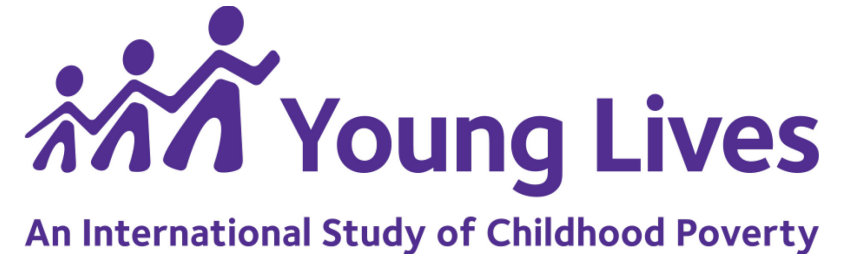


Cross-national surveys

- Allow comparisons across different countries through standardized comparative survey data.
- Large sample sizes.
- Flexible.
- International governmental organisation funded.

Examples:

- Young Lives: an International Study of Childhood Poverty.
- Young Lives: School Survey.
- European Values Study.
- European Working Conditions Survey.



International Macrodata

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Types of datasets	Type of data	Samples Available	Examples
Aggregate or macro data such as World Bank, IMF	Time series data aggregated to country/region Predominantly indicators of national performance and development	Large sample sizes International governmental organisation funded	OECD Economic Outlook IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO)

*The topics include national accounts, industrial production, employment, trade, human development, etc.

International Macrodata: Tools

- [International Aggregate Data from the UK Data Service](#)



We recommend using Mozilla Firefox with this tool

- Hosts hundreds of economic and social datasets provided by the World Bank, OECD, International Monetary Fund, United Nations, and International Energy Agency.
- View by data provider.
- Extract the information you require.
- User guides and video tutorials available - [Accessing, exploring and visualising international data](#).

UK Census data

UK Census Data

Types of datasets	Type of data	Samples Available	Examples
Census	Aggregate Boundary Flow Microdata	Large sample sizes Nationally representatives Plenty demographic and socio-economic variables	UK Census Data

Types of Census data

- There are 4 kinds of census data available from the UKDS:

Type	Description	Available from
Aggregate	Provide counts, usually of individuals or households with particular characteristics for an area	2001 & 2011 (InFuse)
Boundary	Boundaries for each census in a range of Geographic Information System (GIS) formats.	from 1981 to 2021 (Boundary selector)
Flow	Records of the flows of people between places for each census	from 1981 to 2011 (WICID)
Microdata	Anonymised individual level records sampled from a single census	1961 to 2021 (individual datasets) 1851 to 1911 (I-CeM)

Census tools- InFuse

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Census Support



InFuse

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InFuse is a free service providing easy access to aggregate data from the UK 2011 and 2001 censuses

Access:

[2011 Census data](#) UK

[2001 Census data](#) England and Wales

Data coverage

InFuse contains UK 2011 and 2001 English and Welsh Census aggregate data.

About the data

UK censuses are surveys of the entire population of the UK carried out every ten years. Their primary purpose is to provide the UK government with high quality information about demographic and socio-economic characteristics on which to base policy and spending decisions. The information is also used for a wide variety of other purposes across all sectors of society.

Aggregate data from UK censuses are essentially counts of the numbers of the people and households recorded in the census surveys as possessing particular combinations of characteristics within geographical areas at a range of scales from the whole UK down to Output Areas.

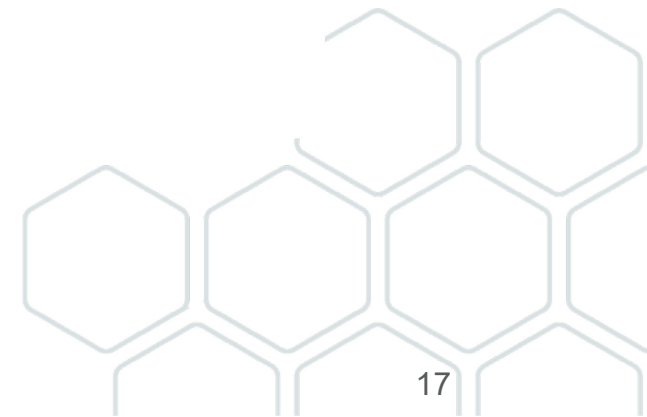
About InFuse

InFuse is designed to guide users in selecting census aggregate data relating to combinations of characteristics and areas of interest to them.

[InFuse](#)



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Census tools: Boundary data



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Easy Download
Boundary Data Selector
Postcode Directory
Postcode Data Selector

What and Where? Format

For help with using the Boundary Data Selector interface, see:
[How to use Boundary Data Selector](#)

Select:

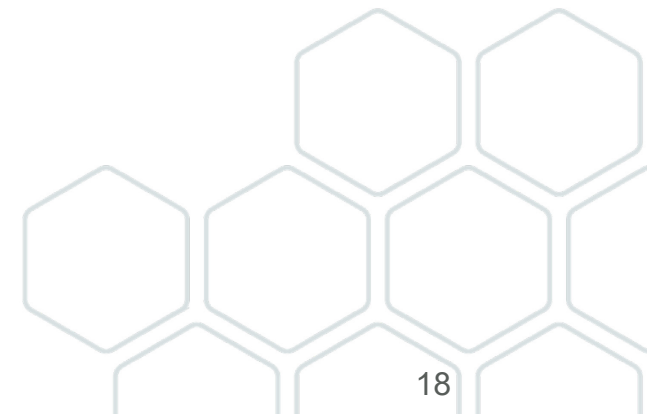
Country Geography Dates

Boundaries

Area(s) of Interest:

Search Summary:	
Data Format:	SHAPE
Archive Method:	Zip

Youtube Video:
[How to download boundary data](#)

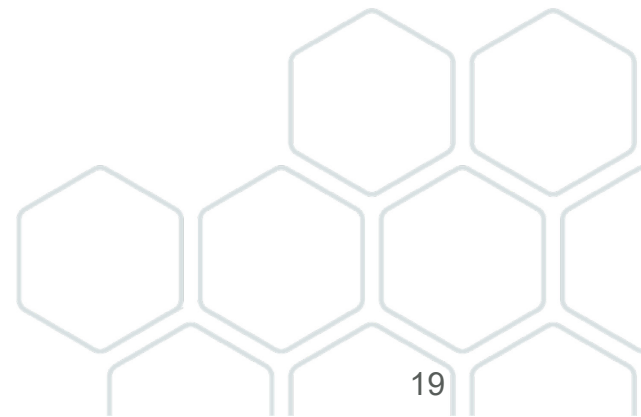


Census flow data

- Flows of people between places – there is an origin and destination.
- Two main types: commuting and migration.
- Data available through the [WICID tool](#).



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Census microdata

- Anonymised individual level records.
- Flexible.
- Samples of 1% – 5%.
- Lots of topics.



Qualitative/Mixed Methods

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Types of datasets	Type of data	Samples Available	Examples
Qualitative focused datasets	Interview transcripts, diaries, anthropological field notes, audio-visual recordings, and images.	Varied	Look up QualiBank .

QualiBank

QualiBank

Search and browse a selection of qualitative surveys, interview and open-ended questions.

poverty

GO

Reset filters

Clear search

Auto-complete

Copyright

Collections

Help

Extract

Image

File

Audio

Results per page: 10

Displaying 1-10 of 146 results

1 2 3 4 5 ▶▶

Web Resource: Book Reference for "Poverty in the United Kingdom: A Survey of Household Resources and Standards of Living"
SN6226 Pioneers, 1996-2012

...Web Resource: Book Reference for "Poverty in the United Kingdom: A Survey of Household Resources and Standards of Living"...

Data Catalogue

Variable and question bank

• QualiBank

Collection title

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Resource type

-

Interview transcript (118)

Interview summary (20)

Reports (6)

Essay (1)

Web resource (1)

Annotated questionnaire (0)

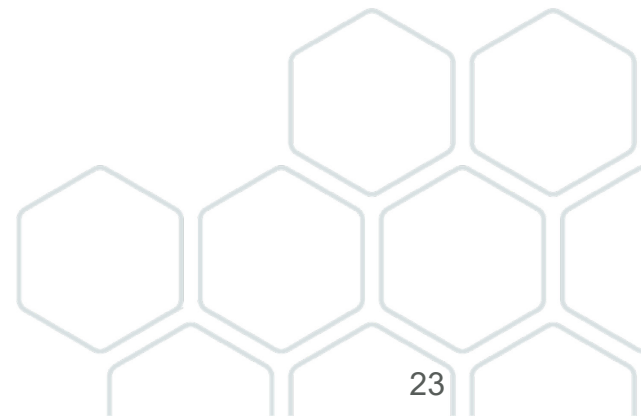
Focus group (0)

Open Ended Question (0)

Access this collection from the Data Catalogue

Overview of the second part of the session

- Finding data –exploring the catalogue.
- Registering to the UKDS.
- Accessing data – Different application types and tips.
- Other resources we hold.
- Questions.



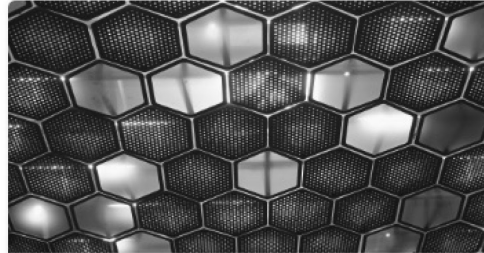
UK Data Service website

Our impact



[Gender Equality Index UK case study](#)

This new Impact Case Study looks at the Gender Equality Index UK: the first index to systematically measure and analyse the socioeconomic outcomes of women and men across all 372 local authorities in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



[UK data infrastructure: challenges, opportunities — and a cornerstone](#)

Professor Alison Park, from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), discusses the importance of UK social science data infrastructures and outlines some of the opportunities and challenges they face.



[10,000 data collections: nearly six decades of data impact](#)

This year, the UK Data Service reached an incredible milestone — over 10,000 data collections are now discoverable through our Data Catalogue. But what is the journey to this milestone? What does it matter? And how does it set the stage for the next chapter of data innovation and impact?

[Watch our data skills training webinars](#)

Catalogue search tool

Browse by theme

- Ageing >
- Crime >
- Economics >
- Health >
- Equality and inequality >
- Food and nutrition >
- Labour and employment >
- Youth >

Additional data resources

Other UK Data Service data discovery tools
Explore other data discovery tools below:


- Census >
- Nesstar visualisation catalogue >
- QualiBank - explore qualitative data >
- Teaching datasets >

Other data catalogues and resources
Explore other data catalogues and resources:

- CESSDA Data Catalogue >
- ICPSR Data Catalogue >
- Jisc Archives Hub >
- EDINA digital data tools >
- UKDS Data Explorer >

Developer resources
Machine-actionable access to metadata:

- GraphQL API overview >

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Finding Data: Catalogue search tool

Refine filters

Time period ? ^

From To

Refine range >

Data access level ? ^

Open (274)
 Safeguarded (6290)
 Controlled (261)

Geographical location ? v

Data type ? v

Topic ? v

Series ? v

Show more filters v

[Reset all filters](#)

Home > Search results > Studies

Search our data catalogue

Studies (6826) ? **ReShare studies (3344)** ? **Series (81)** ? **Variables (5504145)** ?

Search ? [Search tips](#) ? Per page ? Sort by ?

Search data ? 50 ? Most recently updated... ?

Exact phrase search

Displaying 1 - 50 of 6826 results ? Page 1 of 137

Study number: 8856
[Effects of Taxes and Benefits on Household Income, 1977-2023](#)
Data creators: Office for National Statistics
Released/Updated: 2025-10-20

Study number: 9413
[National Child Development Study: Sweeps 0-10, 1958-2024: Secure Access](#)
Data creators: University of London, Institute of Education, Centre for Longitudinal Studies
Released/Updated: 2025-10-20

Study number: 9412
[National Child Development Study: Age 62, Sweep 10, 2019-2024](#)
Data creators: University of London, Institute of Education, Centre for Longitudinal Studies

Finding Data: Variable search and question bank

Home > Search results > Variables

Search our data catalogue

Studies (6826) ReShare studies (3344) Series (81) **Variables (5504145)**

Refine filters

Time period ? ^

From To

[Refine range >](#)

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Search ? [Search tips](#)

[Search data](#) Per page Sort by

Exact phrase search

Displaying 1 - 50 of 5504145 results Page 1 of 110083

variable name: Card01_col01
[MAY I CONFIRM THAT YOUR NAME IS](#)
Study Title: National Survey of Teachers in Their First Year of Service, 1966-1967; Interview Questionnaire
Study Number: 67032

variable name: Card01_col02
[MAY I CONFIRM THAT THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE SCHOOL IS SCHOOL CATEGORY](#)
Study Title: National Survey of Teachers in Their First Year of Service, 1966-1967; Interview Questionnaire
Study Number: 67032

variable name: Card01_col03_Card01_col05
[IDENTITY OF LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY](#)
Study Title: National Survey of Teachers in Their First Year of Service, 1966-1967; Interview Questionnaire
Study Number: 67032

Variable and question bank: Example

Home > Search results > Variables

Search our data catalogue

Search 🔍 [Search tips](#) Per page Sort by

Search data 50 Relevance

Exact phrase search

Displaying 1 - 50 of 2303 results for 'highest educational qualification' Page 1 of 47

variable name: lmn_qfhigh_dv
[Highest educational qualification](#)
 Study Title: Understanding Society: Calendar Year Dataset, 2022
 Study Number: 9333

variable name: education
[Highest educational qualification:](#)
 Study Title: SIPHER-HWMIC Dataset: A Large-Scale Population Survey of Health and Wellbeing to Allow Comparisons between Outcome Measures, 2022
 Study Number: 9458

variable name: iqfedhi
[Highest educational qualification](#)
 Study Title: British Household Panel Survey: Waves 1-18, 1991-2009: Special Licence Access
 Study Number: 8380

variable name: dqfedhi
[Highest educational qualification](#)
 Study Title: British Household Panel Survey: Waves 1-18, 1991-2009: Special Licence Access
 Study Number: 8380

lmn_qfhigh_dv

Details ^

Label	Highest educational qualification	
Question text	Please see the Documentation tab within the study to find the question text	
Responses	-9	missing
	-8	inapplicable
	-2	refusal
	-1	don't know
	1	Higher degree
	2	1st degree or equivalent
	3	Diploma in he
	4	Teaching qual not pgce
	5	Nursing/other med qual
	6	Other higher degree
	7	A level
	8	Welsh baccalaureate
	9	International baccalaureate
	10	AS level
	11	Highers (scot)
	12	Cert 6th year studies
	13	GCSE/O level
	14	CSE
	15	Standard/o/lower
	16	Other school cert
	96	None of the above

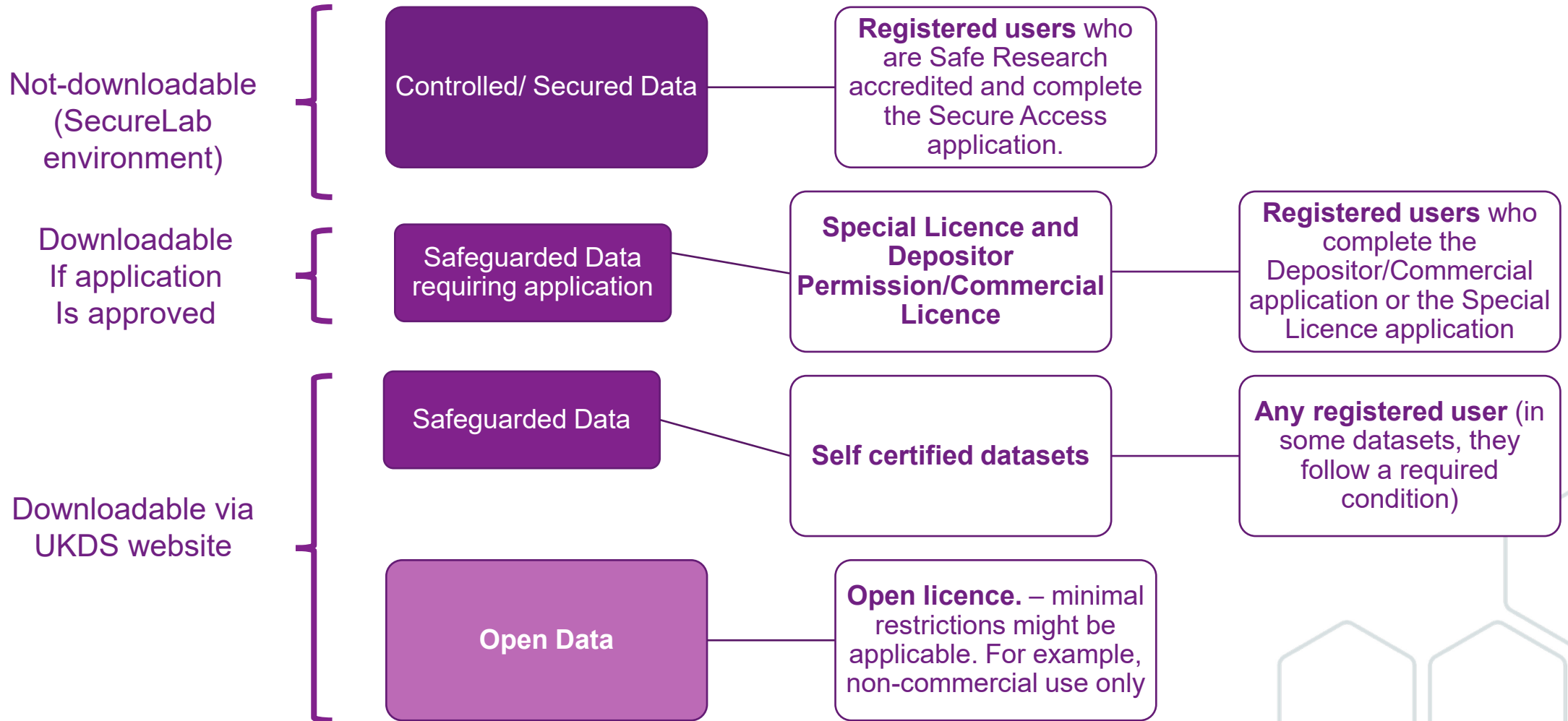
Study title: [Understanding Society: Calendar Year Dataset, 2022](#)

Dataset: [9333_lmn_indresp](#)

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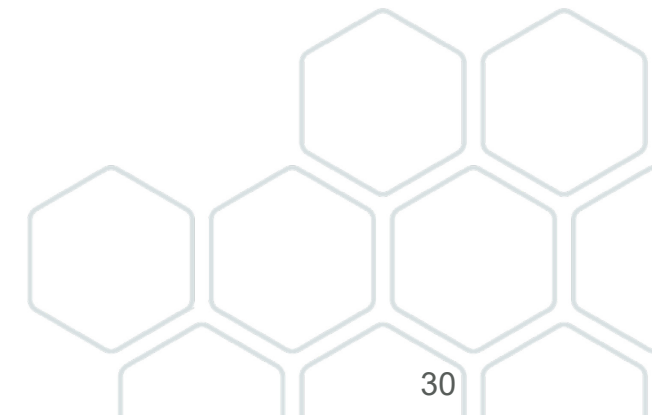
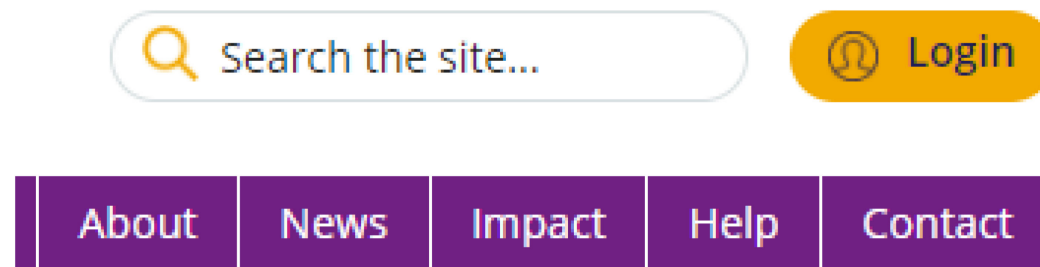
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Three-tier Access Policy



Registering with the UK Data Service

- UK Higher education/Further education- [sign in through your institution.](#)
- If not, [request a username.](#)



How to register and accept the EUL

For UK academic users



- Find data
- Deposit data
- Learning Hub
- Training and events
- About
- News
- Impact
- Help
- Contact

Login

If you are at a UK college or university, it's likely you can sign-in using your username/password for your college or university. Start typing your organisation name below:

- University of Manchester
- University of Nottingham
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University of London: Online Library
- University of Leicester
- University of Portsmouth

Cont...How to register and accept the EUL

If you are NOT a UK academic user.



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Start typing the name of your organisation...

Continue: you will be redirected to your organisation's website to sign-in

My organisation is not listed.

Registration

If you can't find your organisation in the list above you will need to [request a username](#) and then [sign-in here](#).

Requests for usernames are manually verified and can take up to 5 working days to process.

Cont..How to register and accept the EUL

If you are NOT a UK academic user.

Request a username

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Continue: you will be redirected to your organisation's website to sign-in

My organisation is not listed, I need to request a UK Data Service username.

To request a UK Data Service username you will require a one-time code. Enter your email address below to receive a one-time code.

Email address: *

Send code

Please enter the one-time code received below.

One-time code: *


Submit

Requesting dataset example

Access study data

The Data Collection is available to UK Data Service registered users subject to the [End User Licence Agreement](#).

Download these data by adding them to your account.

 Add to account

Share this study



Download study metadata

You can download metadata in multiple formats

Select format ▼

Hunger in the UK, 2022

Details

Documentation

DOI change log

Resources

Details

Title	Hunger in the UK, 2022
Alternative title	Hunger in the United Kingdom; HUK
Study number	9110
Access	These data are safeguarded
Persistent identifier (DOI)	10.5255/UKDA-SN-9110-1
Data creator(s)	The Trussell Trust

Citation and copyright

Abstract

Main topics

Cont...Requesting dataset example

Data >

[Projects](#)

[Datasets by Project](#)

[Browse Data Catalogue](#)

Deposits

My Details

[Home](#) > [My Account](#) > [Data](#) > [Assign To Project](#)

Assign datasets to project

SN	Dataset	Status	
9110	Hunger in the UK, 2022	-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- Create a new project
- Add to an existing project

[Create a new project](#)

[Cancel](#)

Creating a new project

The screenshot shows the UK Data Service website interface. At the top left is the UK Data Service logo. To its right is a search bar with the text 'Search the site...'. Further right is a user account section with 'My Account (1)' and a 'Logout' button. Below this is a purple navigation bar with links for 'Find data', 'Deposit data', 'Learning Hub', 'Training and events', 'About', 'News', 'Impact', 'Help', and 'Contact'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > My Account > Data > Projects > New Project'. On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with categories: 'Data' (containing 'Projects', 'Datasets by Project', and 'Browse Data Catalogue'), 'Deposits', and 'My Details'. The 'Projects' item is highlighted with an orange arrow. The main content area is titled 'Create a new project' and contains a form with the following fields: 'Title: *' with the value 'example project title' and a character count of '229 characters remaining.'; 'Project type: *' with a dropdown menu showing 'Commercial' (highlighted in orange), 'Non-commercial', and 'Teaching'; and 'Abstract: *' with a text area containing a placeholder instruction: 'Please include a short description of the project and its benefits (100 characters min). Please ensure the text does not include hidden styling elements (for example if you copy text from a document editor you can ensure the text is style free by copying it as plain text)'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: a purple 'Create project' button and a 'Cancel' link.

UK Data Service

Search the site...

My Account (1) Logout

Find data Deposit data Learning Hub Training and events About News Impact Help Contact

Home > My Account > Data > Projects > New Project

Create a new project

Title: * example project title 229 characters remaining.

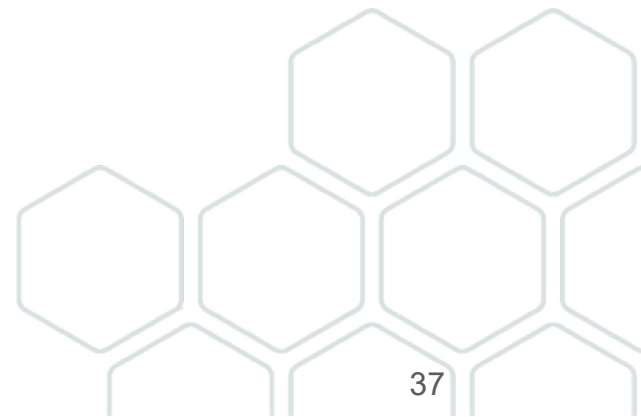
Project type: * Please select...
Commercial
Non-commercial
Teaching

Abstract: * Please include a short description of the project and its benefits (100 characters min). Please ensure the text does not include hidden styling elements (for example if you copy text from a document editor you can ensure the text is style free by copying it as plain text).

Create project Cancel

Open vs safeguarded data

- What is open data?
- What is safeguarded data?
- [The UK Data Service End User Licence Agreement.](#)
- Additional conditions of use and agreements.



Safeguarded dataset example

The screenshot shows the UK Data Service website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and a user account menu. A navigation bar contains links for Find data, Deposit data, Learning Hub, Training and events, About, News, Impact, Help, and Contact. The main content area is titled 'example project title' and includes tabs for Project, Datasets, Members, Notes, and Log. A table lists datasets in the project, with one dataset 'Hunger in the UK, 2022' marked as 'Active'. Below the table is a 'Download selected' button. A 'Special requests' section contains a text box for requesting data and an 'Add special request' button. At the bottom, a table shows no special requests for this project.

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Search the site... My Account (0) Logout

Find data Deposit data Learning Hub Training and events About News Impact Help Contact

Home > My Account > Data > Projects > Project lead

example project title

Project Datasets Members Notes Log

Datasets in project Select all datasets

SN	Dataset	Status	
9110	Hunger in the UK, 2022	Active	Actions

Download selected

Special requests

Special requests can be used to request data held by an external institution. Please provide a description of the data required and the organisation which holds it.

Add special request >

Summary	Updated	Updated By	Status
There are no special requests for this project.			

Safeguarded data with special conditions



Search the site...

My Account (8) Logout

Find data

Deposit data

Learning Hub

Training and events

About

News

Impact

Help

Contact

Home > My Account > Data > Projects > Project lead

Example project title

Project

Datasets

Members

Notes

Log

Datasets in project

Select all datasets

SN	Dataset	Status		
2690	1970 British Cohort Study: 42-Month Subsample, 1973	Active	Actions	<input type="checkbox"/>

Download selected

Special requests

Special requests can be used to request data held by an external institution. Please provide a description of the data required and the organisation which holds it.

Add special request >

Safeguarded datasets requiring an application

Complete actions for access

- Introduction
- Accept standard EUL
- Additional condition of use: analysis
- Additional condition of use: publications
- Depositor permission
- Depositor approval

Welcome

You are requesting access to the following dataset:

INTERSECT: International Survey of Childbirth-Related Trauma, 2021-2024

Before continuing, one or more conditions must first be fulfilled.

Once all conditions are met, you will be granted access to download or view online, depending on the type of data you are requesting.

You can complete all actions at once or come back when ready.

Your changes will be saved automatically.

Close Back Next

UK Data Service ukdataservice.ac.uk

Depositor permission data: Project application form

Data deposited via Re-share (SN 85xxxx)

UK Data Service

Search the site... Login

Find data Deposit data Learning Hub Training and events About News Impact Help Contact

Home > Data catalogue > Studies > Study

Older people's perceptions and experiences of strengths and vulnerabilities across the UK food system

Details [Access data](#)

Access

Conditions:	The Data Collection is available for download to users registered with the UK Data Service.
Availability:	UK Data Service
Contact:	Wendy Wills, University of Hertfordshire

[Download from ReShare repository](#)

Access and Administration

Data sourcing, processing and preparation:

Two csv files are included. One contains fathers' data and one contains mothers' data. Each data file contains responses to all the interview questions and the standardised measures administered. The measures administered were: Family Problem Solving Communication (McCubbin, McCubbin, & Thompson, 1996) General Health Questionnaire – 12 (Goldberg, 1978) Multidimensional Scale of Perceived Social Support (MSPSS) (Zimet, Dahlem, Zimet, & Farley, 1988) Subscales: Friend and Family Stigma (Link, Struening, Rahav, Phelan, & Nuttbrock, 1997) Subscale: Rejection Experiences Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) and Impact Supplement (Goodman, 1997) Note that although the original sample consisted of 32 fathers, 36 mothers and 42 children from 41 families, not all consented to data sharing. Of the adults, 16 fathers and 27 mothers consented to data sharing. These are included. We did not ask consent for data sharing from interviewed children aged under 18 for vulnerability related reasons. Of the five interviewed children aged over 18, three consented to data sharing. We did not think this file was useful for data sharing due to the small sample size, so it is not included. However, note that information on 71 children was supplied by the parents and is contained within the parents' data files. Data is provided in .csv format, however researchers with access to SPSS who would like a version of the data containing variable and valuable labels are encouraged to get in touch.

Rights owners:

Name	Affiliation	ORCID (as URL)
Lanskey Caroline	University of Cambridge	https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4866-4191

Contact:

Name	Email	Affiliation	ORCID (as URL)
Lanskey, Caroline	cm129@cam.ac.uk	University of Cambridge	https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4866-4191

Notes on access:

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Publisher: UK Data Service

Last modified: 09 Jun 2021 16:08

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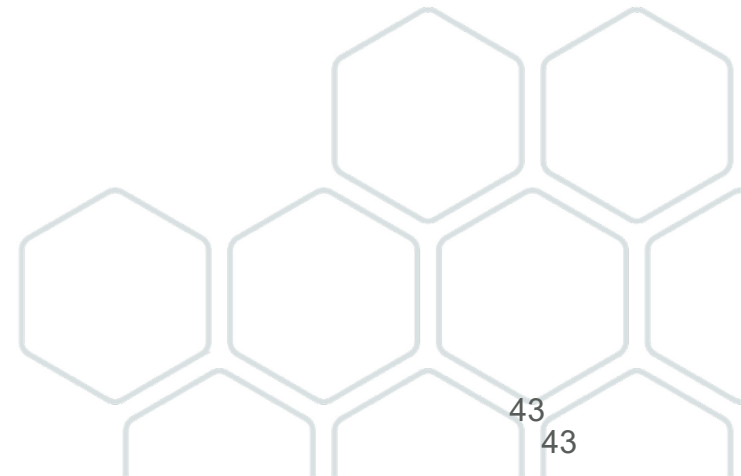
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Safeguarded data: Commercial license

The screenshot shows a web interface for UK Data Service with a modal dialog box titled "Complete actions for access". The dialog lists several steps: Introduction, Accept standard EUL, Additional condition of use, Payment required, Commercial licence, Depositor permission (highlighted), and Depositor approval. The "Depositor permission" step is expanded to show instructions: "This dataset requires depositor permission. The Project Lead must download and complete the application form to request permission. All datasets requiring depositor permission for this project can be listed on the form." It also states: "The completed form must be sent via email to our Access Services team, who will screen the form and then inform the Project Lead of the next steps in the process. Please ensure to include your Project Number in the subject line of the email." Below this text is a link to "Complete Depositor Permission Application" and a status indicator "First downloaded on" with a green checkmark. At the bottom of the dialog are buttons for "Close", "Back", and "Next". The background interface includes a sidebar with "Data", "Projects", "Deposits", and "My Details" sections, and a main content area with a "Complete actions" button.

Special Licence Data

- What is Special Licence Data?
- How can Special Licence Data be applied for?
- Important considerations for applying for Special Licence Data.
- [Research Data Handling and Security: Guide for Users.](#)



Special Licence example

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Complete actions

Download selected

Complete actions for access

- Introduction
- Accept standard EUL
- Complete Special Licence Bundle**
- Depositor approval


Complete Special Licence Bundle

To access data subject to the Special Licence Agreement a completed project application bundle must be submitted. The bundle consists of:

1. the Project Application Form which must be completed once by the project lead; and
2. the Special Licence User Agreement which must be completed and signed by each member of the project accessing the data.

Once the Application Form is completed in full and the Special Licence User Agreements have been signed by all project members, the project lead must return by email to help@ukdataservice.ac.uk the bundle of documents mentioning the Project Number in the subject of the email.

If you wish to add additional Special Licence data to a project that has already been approved, please contact our helpdesk at help@ukdataservice.ac.uk or at 01206 872143 at your earliest convenience.

 [Special Licence Application Bundle](#)

Your changes will be saved automatically.

Close Back Next

Special Licence: Important information




Access study data

The Data Collection is available to UK Data Service registered users subject to the [End User Licence Agreement](#).

Commercial use is not permitted.

Use of the data requires approval from the data owner or their nominee. Users must apply for access via a Special Licence application.

Download these data by adding them to your account.

 **Add to account**

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Title Understanding Society: Waves 1-14, 2009-2023 and Harmonised BHPS: 1991-2009: Special Licence Access






Alternative title United Kingdom Household Longitudinal Study; UKHLS

Study number 6931

Series Understanding Society:

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Complete actions for access ✕

-  Introduction
-  Accept standard EUL
-  Accept Location Agreement
-  Complete Special Licence Bundle
-  Depositor approval

Welcome

You are requesting access to the following dataset:

English Longitudinal Study of Ageing: Waves 1-10, 2002-2023: Quintile Index of Multiple Deprivation Score: Special Licence Access

Before continuing, one or more conditions must first be fulfilled.

Once all conditions are met, you will be granted access to download or view online, depending on the type of data you are requesting.

You can complete all actions at once or come back when ready.

Your changes will be saved automatically.

[Close](#) [Back](#) [Next](#)

Secure Access Datasets

Access study data

The Data Collection is available to users registered with the UK Data Service.

Commercial use is not permitted.


Use of the data requires approval from the data owner or their nominee. Registered users must apply for access via a Secure Access application.

Registered users must complete the Safe Researcher Training course.

Registered users must be based in the UK or be able to access the data via a Safe Room part of the International Data Access Network. For further information please visit the [International Data Access Network webpage](#).

The Data Collection must be accessed via a secure connection method in a safe environment approved by the UK Data Service.

Add these data to your account. (Only available via Secure Lab remote access)

 Add to account

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Study number 6676

Series [Understanding Society](#)

Access These data are [controlled](#)

Persistent identifier (DOI) [10.5255/UKDA-SN-6676-17](#)

Data creator(s) University of Essex, Institute for Social and Economic Research

Citation and copyright

Abstract

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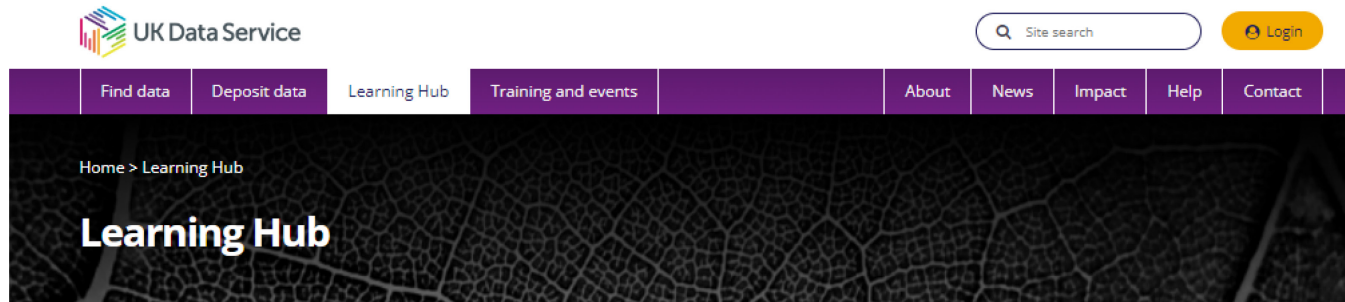
Controlled/Secure data

- Data classified as personal information or personal data and data that are particularly sensitive, commercially or otherwise.
- Use of data is subject to the End User Licence Agreement (PDF) and facilitated via the Five Safes framework.
- These data are made available to registered, authenticated, trained and accredited researchers, with projects approved by the data owner(s) through a secure connection method.
- Before access is given to the UK Data Service SecureLab, each team member and a suitable delegated authority in their institution must sign our Secure Access User Agreement (PDF).

Secure access datasets

The Five Safes	
Is this an appropriate use of the data?	Safe projects +
How trustworthy are the researchers?	Safe people +
Does the environment prevent misuse?	Safe setting +
Is the data detail appropriate?	Safe data +
Is there any confidentiality risk from publication?	Safe outputs =
	Safe use

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Enhance your data skills and teaching

[New to using data](#)

Best practice and training for researchers new to accessing and using data in our collection. Includes advice and tools to correctly cite data; student-specific information on our Dissertation Award for undergraduates; and more.

[Data skills modules](#)

There is a wealth of data available for reuse in research and reports. These free, interactive tutorials are designed for anyone who wants to start using secondary data. They show you how to get started with finding good quality data, understanding it and starting your analyses.

[Students](#)

Students can access most of the UK Data Service's collection of social, economic and population data. Find resources to help you find and use our data during your studies including the UK Data Service dissertation resources.

[Survey data](#)

Survey data, including data from long-running surveys, series and longitudinal studies, are a major part of social science research. Learn how to use survey and longitudinal data through training resources including videos, on-demand webinars and written guides.

[International data](#)

Our international macrodata contain socio-economic time series data aggregated to a country or regional level for a range of countries over a substantial time period.

[Qualitative data](#)

Qualitative research gives a voice to the lived experience, offering researchers a deeper insight into a topic or individuals' experiences. Qualitative data can be combined with quantitative to enhance understanding around a policy or topic in a way that quantitative data by itself often cannot.

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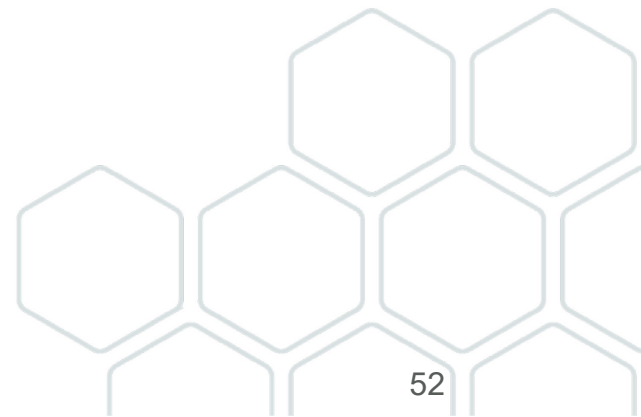
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Other data providers

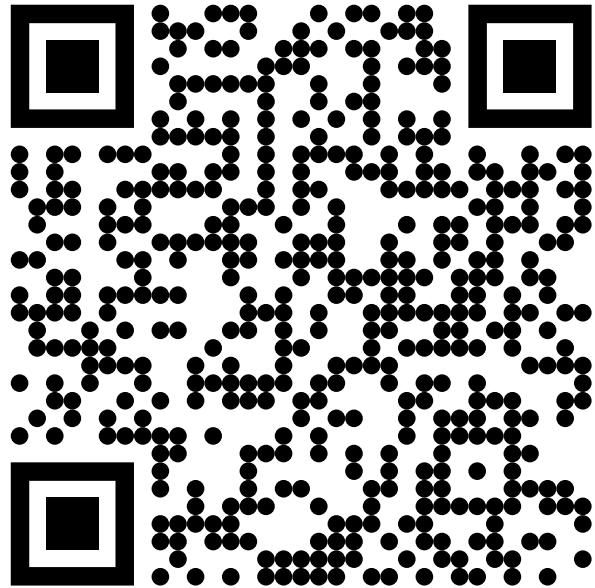
Useful Links

We have the links mentioned in the presentation listed below:

- YouTube channel - [UK DATA SERVICE – YouTube](#)
- Data Catalogue - [UK Data Service › Studies](#)
- Help Desk [Webform](#)
- Browse Data Page – [Browse](#).

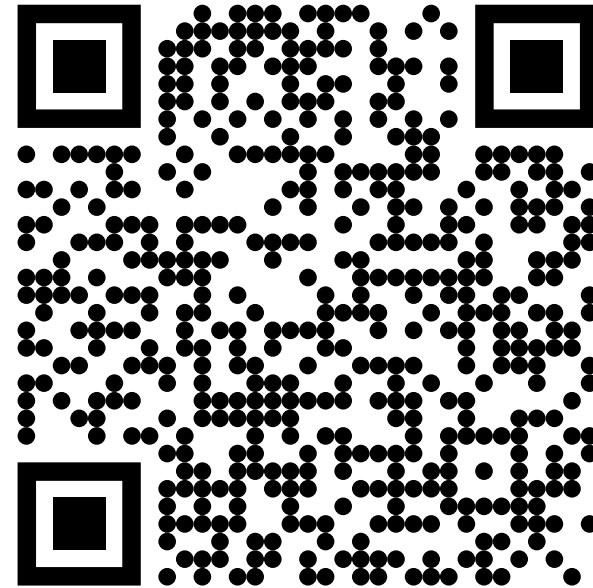


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