

The English Longitudinal Study of Ageing Wave 8 launch October 2018

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English Longitudinal Study of Ageing

Year	Modality	Sample	Refreshment
Wave 1 (2002/3)	CAPI	12,099	
Wave 2 (2004/5)	CAPI + Nurse visit	9,432 + 7,666	
Wave 3 (2006/7)	CAPI	9,771	HSE 2001-4
Wave 4 (2008/9)	CAPI + Nurse visit	11,050 + 8,643	HSE 2006
Wave 5 (2010/11)	CAPI	10,274	
Wave 6 (2012/13)	CAPI + Nurse visit	10,601 + 8,054	HSE 2009-11
Wave 7 (2014/5)	CAPI	9,666	HSE 20011-12
Wave 8 (2016/17)	CAPI + Nurse visit (50%)	8,445 + 3,525	

Wave 8 (2016/17) new content

- Pensions – questions about taking lump sums from pensions
- Risk preferences in financial and health domains

55 Thinking specifically about your finances, spending and savings, are you a person who is fully prepared to take risk, or do you try to avoid taking risks?

Tick one box

Avoid taking risks		<i>Tick one box</i>										Fully prepared to take risks	Don't know
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₀	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₆	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₇	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₈	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₉	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁₀	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁₁		

60 Are you a person who would be willing to use experimental treatments, or someone who would never use experimental treatments?

Tick one box

Willing to use experimental treatments		<i>Tick one box</i>										Would never use experimental treatments	Don't know
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₀	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₆	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₇	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₈	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₉	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁₀	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁₁		

61 Are you a person who prefers to make the final decision about your healthcare, or someone who prefers to leave all treatment decisions to their doctor?

Tick one box

Prefer to make the final treatment decision		<i>Tick one box</i>										Prefer to leave all treatment decisions to my doctor	Don't know
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₀	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₆	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₇	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₈	<input type="checkbox"/> ₀₉	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁₀	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁₁		

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- Pensions – questions about taking lump sums from pensions
- Risk preferences in financial and health domains
- Grandparenting, generativity and legacy
- Additional internet use questions
- Whether the respondent voted in general election
- Perceived body weight and trying to lose weight
- Quality of senses of taste and smell

Wave 8 (2016/17) reintroduced content

- Sexual Relationships and Activities Questionnaire
- Fluid intelligence
- Sleep questions
- Weight measurement moved into CAPI
- Nurse visit
 - Blood pressure, grip strength, blood sampling
 - No height, lung function, chair stands, or balance
 - Additional PaxGene tube for gene expression analysis

Healthy Cognitive Aging Project (HCAP)

- Designed to measure key domains of cognitive function affected by ageing, so as to estimate more precisely the prevalence of mild cognitive impairment and dementia
- International initiative, involving the Health and Retirement study, and other national studies from the HRS family
- Administration of the Harmonised Cognitive Assessment Protocol to a subset of ELSA participants
- Supports joint epidemiological analysis of the aetiology and impact of cognitive decline
- Compute national estimates of the prevalence of dementia using comparable data

Implementation of HCAP in ELSA

- 1,274 productive interviews (75.3% response rate)
- 1,180 nominated an informant
 - 1,137 informant interviews (paper and telephone respondents)
 - 96% of nominated cases, 89% of productive cases

ELSA polygenic risk scores

- Genome wide genotyping of 7,597 participants
- Illumina HumanOmni2.5 BeadChip
- 2.5 million SNPs
- Duplicates, ethnic outliers and related individuals reduced sample to 7,412
- After quality control, sample is 7,224

Genetic variants linked to education predict longevity

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Genetic analysis of social-class mobility in five longitudinal studies

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Genetic Heterogeneity in Depressive Symptoms Following the Death of a Spouse: Polygenic Score Analysis of the U.S. Health and Retirement Study

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Education can reduce health differences related to genetic risk of obesity

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ELSA polygenic risk scores

- Years of education
- Smoking behaviour
 - Ever smoked
 - N cigarettes
- Depressive symptoms
- Neuroticism
- Subjective wellbeing
- General cognition
- Coronary artery disease
- Type 2 diabetes
- Alzheimer's disease
- Height
- Body mass index
- Waist circumference
- Waist/hip ratio

ELSA: Data linkage

- Mortality and cancer incidence - up to April 2018
- Hospital Episode Statistics – up to January 2018
- National Insurance contributions – up to 2003
- DWP benefits data – in progress

Wave 8 funding

- Division of Behavioral and Social Research,
National Institute on Aging
- Government Departments coordinated by the ESRC
 - Department of Health and Social Care
 - Department of Work and Pensions
 - Department of Transport