

Agenda

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 - Data available via UK Data Service
 - Application processes
- Non-Archived Data
 - Restricted data available via special request
 - Application processes
- Q & A



Archived Data



1.

UK Data Service (UKDS)

- Publicly (ESRC) funded service, based at the University of Essex
- Facilitates systematic quality assurance, storage, cataloguing and dissemination of a range of social and economic research data

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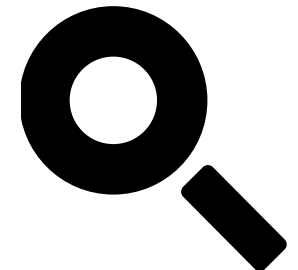
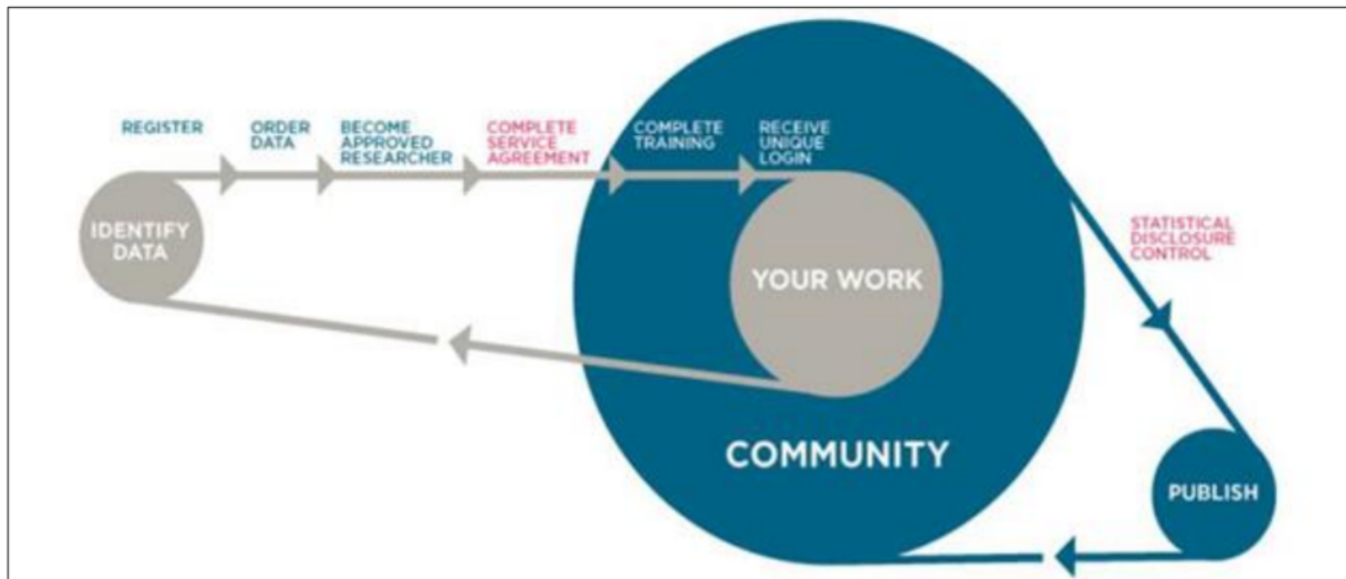
UKDS Access Levels

- End User Licence (EUL)
 - Anonymised datasets available for download
 - Requires users to register with UKDS, provide institutional affiliation and justification for use of the data, and accept terms of the agreement prohibiting further data sharing
 - Sometimes additional special conditions are attached
- Special Licence (SL)
 - Include variables posing slightly higher risk of disclosure
 - Requires users to complete a set of forms to provide further details regarding intended use of the data and confirm destruction of data with UKDS
 - UKDS Data Access Team sends requests to the depositor for approval before providing access

UKDS Access Levels

- Secure Access (SA)
 - More sensitive and/or pose a higher risk of disclosure than EUL or SL; thus are not available for download
 - Requires users to be ESRC Accredited Researchers, complete face-to-face training, and agree to the SA User Agreement and the Licence Compliance Policy
 - Applications are screened by UKDS and the depositor
 - Data are made available via Secure Lab, a secure environment hosted in Safe Centre facilities, or available via encrypted remote access
 - No data is released from the network, and all statistical results are vetted for Statistical Disclosure Control by UKDS, e.g. small cell counts in tabulations

Access Summary



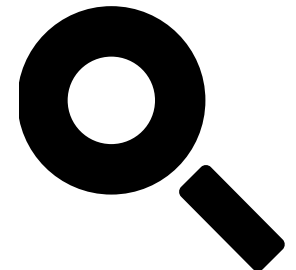
*Diagram courtesy of UKDS

ELSA Datasets Available

■ End User Licence (EUL)

- Waves 0-5 Index
- Wave 0 (HSE)
- Waves 1-8 core, financial DVs, IFS DVs, pension/pension grid
- Waves 2, 4, 6, & 8 Nurse
- Waves 2, 3, 4, & 6 End of Life
- Wave 2 Ryff
- Wave 3 Life History
- Harmonised ELSA

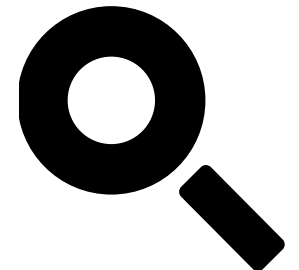
SN	Study description
5050	English Longitudinal Study of Ageing: Waves 0-8, 1998-2017



ELSA Datasets Available

- Special Licence (SL)
 - Wave 8 Primary – includes all EUL variables + additional disclosive variables such as month of birth
 - Wave 8 Nurse – includes all EUL variables + additional disclosive variables such as drug codes
 - Wave 8 State Pension Age
 - Wave 8 Sexual Self-Completion
 - Waves 1-8 Geographies*

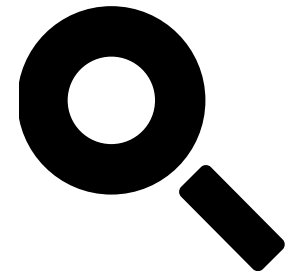
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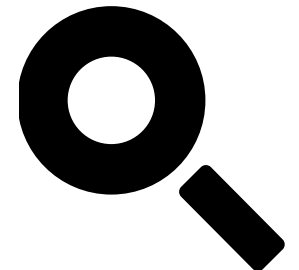
Non-Archived Data



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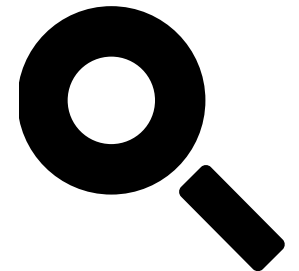
ELSA Datasets Available

- Non-archived survey and administrative data
 - Request via NatCen ELSA team, Data Release Panel
- Genetic data managed by UCL
 - Request via METADAC
- Linked economic data
 - Request via ELSA Linked Data Access Committee (ELDAC)
- Linked health data
 - Request via NatCen ELSA team, Data Release Panel



NatCen Data Release Panel

- A body of statisticians, researchers, research ethics experts and data managers who provide guidance on data protection procedures and review complex external data release requests for the surveys NatCen manages
- Meets fortnightly to assess applications based on the following criteria:
 - Users of the data
 - Proposed use of the data
 - Environment in which the data will be made available
 - Risk of disclosure in releasing the requested variables





Questions?

Useful Resources

UKDS ELSA Catalogue: <https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/series/series?id=200011>

UKDS YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuHmFA7iAlct9eNgEE1a_BA

ELSA Project Website: <https://www.elsa-project.ac.uk/>

METADAC: <https://www.metadac.ac.uk/metadac-about/>

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