Dear SHARE users and friends,

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, its far reaching effects on various areas of our lives are gradually becoming more and more visible. The non-intended consequences of the epidemic control decisions are huge and affect the well-being of European citizens in terms of economics, social relationships and physical and mental health. To examine these consequences in their depth, the data of the SHARE Corona Surveys, also in connection with the SHARE panel data, offer an ideal data basis. Since the end of last year, the data of the first SHARE Corona Survey are available and have already been used for numerous scientific publications. In addition, the SHARE team successfully completed the data collection for the second SHARE Corona Survey in summer 2021. These data deepen and complement those of the first survey. The SHARE team is working hard to publish these data, which are expected to be available to registered researchers by the beginning of 2022. Furthermore, the fieldwork of the ninth SHARE panel wave has started in the participating SHARE countries. The data for the pilot of the HCAP project will also be collected in five SHARE countries. Last but not least, several new SHARE Working Papers and publications based on our data have been published. Please enjoy reading about these and other news in our SHARE Newsletter.

Sincere regards and stay healthy,

Axel Börsch-Supan
SHARE Wave 8 data release

Release version 1.0.0 of Wave 8 data published in June 2021

SHARE Wave 8 data have been released in June 2021. Apart from the Computer Assisted Personal Interviews (CAPI) conducted prior to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic between October 2019 and March 2020, release 1.0.0 of Wave 8 also contains an update of the SHARE Corona Survey 1 data. In addition, the data comprise the third repetition of the social networks module (after SHARE Waves 4 and 6), as well as new modules on saving regrets and time expenditure. Furthermore, accelerometer data on physical activity have been collected for a subset of ten countries.

Researchers can download the data free of charge after registration.

Here, you can find all information about data access and data documentation.

Fieldwork of SHARE Corona Survey 2 completed

SHARE completed its fieldwork of the second Corona Survey successfully in all 28 countries.

All 28 SHARE countries have successfully conducted the interviews of the second SHARE Corona Survey, a special study, which has been designed as a reaction to the COVID-19 crisis last year. The SHARE Corona Survey is targeted specifically at collecting data on the living situation of people who are 50 years and older during the pandemic across Europe and Israel. The second SHARE Corona Survey now re-interviewed respondents of the first SHARE Corona Survey enabling to study (intra-individual) changes between the start of the pandemic and the situation one year later in a cross-national perspective. The questions covered physical and mental health, Corona-related infections in the personal social circle, quality of healthcare, changes in work and economic situation, social networks and internet use during the pandemic. The interest of the respondents in the survey was overwhelming: the response rate is approaching 90%. We are very grateful to our respondents.

Find the questionnaire of the Second SHARE Corona Survey online on the >>SHARE webpage.

Read more about the SHARE Corona Survey online on the >>SHARE webpage.

The data of the first Corona Survey (SHARE Wave 8 COVID-19 data) has already been released in December 2020 and been used in various >>research publications from all over the world.

Have you also published a scientific publication based on SHARE-COVID-19 data? Please inform us via email to info@share-project.org.

SHARE in the Corona crisis: Turning challenges into chances

How SHARE was coping with the Corona crisis

When the world held its breath in March 2020 due to the spread of the novel Corona virus, SHARE was not spared from these unfolding events either. The survey’s ongoing fieldwork had to be paused and it soon became clear that a quick return to the normal face-to-face Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) was unlikely. However, the SHARE
The SHARE team was able to turn the challenges brought on from the Corona crisis into chances: After careful considerations, it was decided that SHARE would resume interviewing with a Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI). This method was used to collect data on the same topics as in the regular SHARE questionnaire but shortened and targeted at the COVID-19 living situation of people who are 50 years and older. About one and a half years later, the SHARE team has not only completed the first telephone survey, but already a second one on the Corona crisis and is ready to start face-to-face interviewing again for its ninth panel wave. Please find an overview on SHARE’s most important developments from the beginning of the Corona crisis in 2020 until summer 2021 in the graphic below:

**SHARE Wave 9 fieldwork has started**

*Start of the new SHARE Wave 9 fieldwork*

After successfully completing the Train-the-Trainer Sessions and the National-Training-Sessions in October and November 2021, the SHARE Wave 9 fieldwork has started. The data collection will take place via face-to-face interviews (CAPI) in the participating SHARE countries. The one-hour interview duration and the requirement of physical presence to enable data collection for certain measures are distinctive of the SHARE survey. Due to such specifics, CAPI is the most suitable method to collect data for the standard SHARE interview. Since previous SHARE waves were collected in CAPI mode, it is also important to continue CAPI data collection to ensure wave comparability.

As in the past, the safety of respondents and interviewers is, of course, of the highest priority. In order to guarantee the integrity of respondents and interviewers also during the ongoing pandemic, the survey agencies have been instructed to follow their national rules closely and to set up appropriate hygiene and safety measures. The SHARE Country Teams are closely monitoring the situation in every country together with SHARE Central.
fieldwork time has been planned in a way that also allows a later start or interruptions if necessary due to the pandemic.

The CAPI questionnaire for Wave 9 will be close to that from Wave 8. This will allow a comparison of the pre-pandemic and pandemic situation among SHARE respondents. Additional telephone surveys on pandemic-related aspects (SHARE Corona Survey 2) had been fielded a few months prior to the start of the Wave 9 CAPI data collection. The data from both surveys can be linked. The End-of-Life interview (a proxy interview for deceased SHARE respondents) in Wave 9 was also extended by several pandemic-related questions.

The planned fieldwork time of the SHARE Wave 9 CAPI is until summer 2022.

**Start of the SHARE HCAP pilot**

*Start of fieldwork for the pilot is planned for the end of 2021 in five SHARE countries*

The pilot of the SHARE-HCAP study is in its final preparation phase. The fieldwork for the pilot will start at the end of 2021 and preliminary results will be available in early 2022. The start of the main fieldwork is planned for spring 2022. The SHARE-HCAP project aims to exploit the international variation of health and life circumstances in Continental Europe. This helps identify interactions of bio-medical and socio-economic conditions over the life course, which possibly affect cognition in later life. Conducted in five SHARE countries (Denmark, Czech Republic, Germany, France, Italy) in a stratified study sample of 2,500 SHARE panel respondents, the project will administer in-depth measurement of cognition. To do so, it will employ the Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol (HCAP), which has been developed for HRS-style ageing surveys.

The collected data will be used
- to estimate prevalence rates of mild and severe cognitive impairment in the SHARE countries;
- to compare these rates to prevalence rates of cognitive impairment in other HCAP-participating countries, including the US;
- and to exploit the international variation of the combined SHARE plus SHARE-HCAP data.

Read more on the HCAP project on [>>SHARE’s webpage](https:// SHARE.org).

**News from the SHARE countries**

**UPCOMING:** Nordic Gerontological Congress in Odense, Denmark – June 8-10, 2022

The SHARE Denmark Team would like to draw your attention to the Nordic Gerontological Congress in Odense. Organised by the Danish Society of Gerontology, the Danish Geriatric Society, and the Nordic Gerontological Federation, the congress invites professionals, scholars, policy makers, and companies to explore questions of change and continuity in the perspective of ageing and later life. Plenary lectures, symposia, oral sessions, posters, and exhibitions will reflect themes from a multitude of gerontological and geriatric topics, particularly: Digitisation and technology – Housing, generations and mobility – Lifestyle, engagement and transition – Education and competences in ageing societies – Morbidity, medical treatment and ageing processes – A good life and a good death. The organisers welcome presentations and discussions to address perspectives that have major impact on societies and future generations: Citizen perspective, ethnicity, inequality, sustainability and ecology, the Coronavirus pandemic and lockdown. In order to investigate these diverse topics, SHARE offers a unique database.

If you are interested in participation, please find detailed information on the [>>conference webpage online](https://conferenceonline).

Please note the following deadline: The deadline for submission of abstracts on oral presentations and posters is **31 December 2021**.

Please note that for participation **conference fees will apply**. The rates are posted **[>>online](https://online)**.
**CONFERENCE REPORT: SHARE Netherlands User Conference – SHARE users meet online**

On June 25th 2021, the biennial SHARE Netherlands User Conference took place online. The conference was organized by the SHARE Netherlands Country Team together with ODISSEI. A look back at the online conference: Adriaan Kalwij of the Dutch Country Team was the chairman of the day and gave the opening speech. In total, about 40 participants joined the meeting: mostly academic researchers from PhD students to professors, but also a few policy researchers.

Several scientific presentations were given on research projects that use SHARE data. Among these talks were projects that use the Dutch linkage data: Dutch SHARE data in combination with register data at Statistics Netherlands. Further, informative lectures were held about the linkage data and the SHARE Corona Survey. The audience was involved, gave good tips after the presentations and was able to talk to the speakers in smaller meet & greet breakout rooms after the plenary sessions. Adriaan Kalwij concluded the program with an overview of the current developments of SHARE and upcoming data.

**PUBLICATION: Special issue of Revista Inclusiones on “Ageing in times of a pandemic: social, economic and health challenges for people 50+”**

The Bulgarian SHARE Team initiated a special issue of Revista Inclusiones, collecting seven research papers from Bulgarian researchers. The guest editorial board of this special issue includes Dr. Alexander Katranyzhiev (SWU “Neofit Rilski, Blagoevgrad), Prof. Gabriela Yordanova (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), Dr. Ekaterina Markova (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), Prof. Alexey Pamporov (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), Prof. Ekaterina Tosheva (UNWE - Sofia), Prof. Šime Smolčić (University of Zagreb) and Prof. Ivan Čipin (University of Zagreb). The focus is on recent developments in South-East European countries during the global pandemic. The first paper by Elitsa Dimitrova presents research on social differences in self-perceived health of people aged 50+ in European societies. Boryana Bogdanova and Zhelyu Vladimirov investigate cross-sectional differences of levels of depression in light of the additional risks that emerged in Europe and Israel since the Covid-19 outbreak. Ekaterina Tosheva, Gabriela Yordanova and Ekaterina Markova present an analysis of health expectancy and self-rated health of Bulgarians aged 50+ before and during the outbreak. Factors that affect the active life of elderly in Europe and risk factors for inactivity before and during the pandemic are investigated by Mihaela Angelova. Country-specific causes of mental health risk alerts (MHRA) and loneliness during the pandemic among elderly 60+ are analysed by Ekaterina Markova, Gabriela Yordanova and Ekaterina Tosheva in three Balkan countries: Bulgaria, Romania and Greece. Vladimir Yordanov presents findings on relationship between mental health and social distance restrictions taken by the government during the pandemic among the elderly in Europe. Nikolay Netov and Diana Tisheva, propose an approach for analysing big datasets such as SHARE, based on a simple acquisition of intuitionistic fuzzy sets, assigned on health, socio-economic status, social and family relations in the context of Covid-19 for the purposes of data analysis and visualization.

Revista Inclusiones, Special Issue “Ageing in times of a pandemic” is available [online (open access)].

More about the Special Issue “Ageing in times of a pandemic” can be found on the webpage of [SHARE Bulgaria.](#)
Annual Activity Report 2020-21

In July 2021, SHARE-ERIC has published its Annual Activity Report, which provides an overview of the scientific, operational and financial proceedings of SHARE in the past year. It includes a whole chapter about SHARE in the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting how SHARE was coping with the new circumstances and which innovations emerged. In addition, the report outlines several examples of how SHARE data has supported evidence-based policy making in Europe.

Access the report on >>SHARE’s webpage (pdf).

Interviews, users, publications: SHARE’s numbers are constantly on the rise

More than half a million interviews with respondents; 13,600 registered SHARE users and 3,300 SHARE-based publications

By the beginning of November 2021, SHARE recorded more than 13,600 registered SHARE users and over 3,300 SHARE-based publications. In addition, by the end of October 2021, a total of more than half a million interviews (530,000) were counted, which had been conducted with SHARE respondents in Waves 1-8 and both of the SHARE Corona Surveys.

Do you already know about all advantages of SHARE data for researchers? Check out our researcher flyer “SHARE in a nutshell”!
New SHARE Working Papers

New issues of the SHARE Working Paper Series have been published:

**SHARE Working Paper 75-2021**
Berniell, I., Y. Fawaz, A. Laferrière, P. Mira and E. Pronkina: The COVID-19 Curtain: Can Past Communist Regimes Explain the Vaccination Divide in Europe?

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