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Editorial

Dear SHARE users and friends,

We are currently preparing the pretest fieldwork of SHARE Wave 8 in 28 countries. Countries which started with the SHARElife questionnaire in Wave 7 will administer the full regular SHARE interview for the first time. This means we are translating, programming, and testing CAPI instruments in 38 languages. Survey agencies from all countries will be trained in the first half of June and start the pretest fieldwork immediately after the training sessions.

Besides preparations for the upcoming wave, we have also released an update of Wave 6 data, Release 6.1.0. Thanks to all who have helped getting this release done! It has just been published and is now available for all SHARE users. Furthermore, a methodology volume for Wave 6 has been released which documents the most important questionnaire innovations, methodological advancements and new procedures introduced during the sixth wave of SHARE. Finally, a new SHARE Working Paper has been published that deals with response and retention rates in SHARE and may serve as a reference.

News from the country teams include a Polish first results book, a Stata package for SHARE and an invitation to a summer school on ageing.

Please enjoy reading our SHARE Newsletter!

Yours sincerely,

Axel Börsch-Supan

Data Release: Update 6.1.0

We are happy to announce SHARE Release 6.1.0! This data release is an update of Release 6.0.0 covering Wave 1 to Wave 6. It comprises the latest state of data cleaning as well as some small additions and updates. We have added the children's country of residence coding in Waves 1 & 2. Moreover, there were some minor corrections to a small number of variables, for instance regarding the imputations and weights.

Download the data: You can register as a user and download the data [>>here](#).

Documentation: All documentation files can be found [>>here](#). Note that there has been an update of the SHARE Release Guides, too.

Questionnaires: Generic and country-specific questionnaires used during fieldwork can be downloaded [>>here](#).

Release of Wave 6 Methodology Volume

Panel Innovations and Collecting Dried Blood Spots in Wave 6

SHARE has released a methodology volume for Wave 6. This volume documents the most important questionnaire innovations, methodological advancements and new procedures introduced during the sixth wave of SHARE. The questionnaire of Wave 6 remained stable with respect to the major areas of life of our respondents and the research interests of our scientists, namely health status and health behavior, socio-economic matters like work, retirement, income and wealth, social networks, cognitive functioning, the use of health care, a number of psychological variables (e.g. mental health, well-being, life satisfaction), and many more.

The volume furthermore documents the software innovations introduced in Wave 6, the sampling design and weighting strategies as well as fieldwork monitoring and survey participation. The key innovation of Wave 6, however – a truly cutting-edge endeavour – was the inclusion of the Dried Blood Spots (DBS) data collection with lay interviewers. The volume describes the handling of the methodological challenges of collecting blood in a large-scale survey, such as the legal and ethical aspects of the inclusion of DBS in SHARE, the procedures of collecting DBS from respondents, training interviewers in DBS collection and the shipment and storage of the samples.

The book can be found [here](#).

New SHARE Working Paper

Survey Participation in the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), Wave 1-6

A SHARE Working Paper dealing with response and retention rates in SHARE has been published. The paper provides SHARE users with a general overview of both the participation of respondents in their first interview as well as the longitudinal development of the survey so far.

You can access the paper [here](#).

You have won a science award for research with SHARE data? Let us know!

If you have been awarded a prize for your work with SHARE data, such as best paper/presentation award or other distinctions, inform us and we will be happy to spread the news about your achievements in the SHARE community. Of course, we are also interested in past awards – let SHARE know where its data enables excellent research!

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8000 SHARE Users!

We are happy to announce that we now have more than 8000 SHARE users! Furthermore, we counted over 2100 SHARE-based publications until April 2018. If you have published a paper with SHARE data, please inform us so we can link it on our website.

>>> [contact us!](#)

News from the Country Teams

Poland: Polish First Results Book

SHARE Poland published a Polish first results book on Wave 6 data on October 19, 2017 and held a conference in Warsaw, during which SHARE got good attention among the academic and policy audience. The report (in Polish) can be found [here](#).

Poland: readSHARE Tool

Monika Oczkowska presented the readSHARE tool at the SHARE meeting in Sofia in September. It is a Stata package that is useful to users of SHARE data especially at initial stages of conducting analysis. It can be easily downloaded and used free of charge. More information can be found [here](#).

Italy: Summer Institute on Ageing

The Venice International University is hosting the VIU Summer Institute on Ageing on June 4-9, 2018. It offers a state-of-the-art program which will provide the students with a thorough understanding of the ageing process, ranging from recent advances of the medical and epidemiological literature, to an extensive treatment of the economic dimension (pensions and long term care) and of the sociological dimensions (intergenerational transfers, role of family networks). Special attention will be given to the use of large micro-data sets, such as SHARE (Survey of Health Ageing and Retirement in Europe) and sister surveys. This edition of the Summer Institute will have a focus on “Ageing and Gender”. Faculty includes several researchers who are affiliated with SHARE, including SHARE Managing Director Professor Axel Börsch-Supan.

Applications can be submitted from March 5 to April 29, 2018. For more details, visit the [website](#).

Call for Papers: Cross National Comparisons of Family, Social Environments and Aging, using the HRS Family of Surveys

A Call for Papers for a supplemental issue for the **Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences** has been published. It seeks submissions of cross-national comparative studies using data from the HRS-family of surveys (of which SHARE is a part). It encourages the use of the Harmonized Data files and concordance information available from the **Gateway to Global Aging Data**. Potential topics include but are not limited to:

- Quality of relationships with spouse/partner, children, and other family members
- Relationship formation, dissolution, bereavement
- Family size, composition, and living arrangements
- Caregiving for or from a spouse, parent, child, or other family member
- Social contact and social isolation
- Health concordance between spouses
- Effects of family and social environments on physical and mental health as well as psychosocial well-being

The submission timeline as well as further details can be found in the Call for Papers that is attached to this newsletter.

Call for Rltrain Knowledge/Staff Exchanges

SHARE is participating in **RITrain**. This project will develop a flagship training program enabling research infrastructures across all domains to gain expertise on governance, organisation, financial and staff management, funding, IP, service provision and outreach in an international context. The purpose of "Rltrain Knowledge/Staff Exchanges" is for managerial staff from European Research Infrastructures to develop management and leadership expertise in areas that are new to them, or in which they feel their research infrastructure needs to develop specific expertise in, by making short knowledge-exchange visits to research infrastructures that are noted for their excellence in the same area.

Please find an overview of the calls for Knowledge/Staff Exchanges [here](#).

Did you know? – SHARE Findings on Website

On our website, we regularly portray scientific publications which are based on SHARE data. The summaries are meant to give insights into what kind of research is done with the help of SHARE data in a non-technical language. You can find the articles [here](#).

In order to stay up-to-date on these summaries, you can subscribe to our SHARE Findings Newsletter by sending an e-mail to info@share-project.org.

SHARE on Social Media

SHARE is on Facebook and Twitter. Follow us to receive the latest information on all things SHARE: Data releases, events, research findings as well as news from other relevant research institutions.



Selected new Publications

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