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This newsletter informs about **selected new research findings** based on data from the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) by providing summaries of selected studies.

All texts in these articles can be used for press reports.

If you have any more detailed questions about the research presented here, please view the whole scientific study (links under the articles) or get in touch directly with the authors of the study.

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Regional availability of formal long-term care and the well-being of spousal caregivers

Study examines how having control over the care situation affects one's well-being.



Taking care of one's partner in old age can be a heavy burden. The availability of formal care resources, however, is helpful – not only for care recipients but also for the well-being of their spousal caregivers, a new SHARE study finds.

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The retirement age rises

Pension reforms in Europe have raised the realised retirement age.



This study analyses recent shifts in retirement ages in Europe and how they have been affected by pension reforms and the economic crisis in 2008. The findings show that the average realised retirement age has increased, a shift that might be traced back to policy decisions.

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Are immigrants healthier than natives?

New study with SHARE data compares the health effects of different immigration policies in Europe and Israel.



This study analyses the effect of migration policies in Europe and Israel on immigrants' health status. The findings show that migrants in Europe tend to be healthier than the native population. Immigrants in Israel, however, show lower health levels than a comparable native group. The researchers explain their findings by Israel's specific migration policies.

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About SHARE:

SHARE, the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe is a multidisciplinary and cross-national panel database of micro data on health, socio-economic status and social and family networks of more than 120,000 individuals (approximately 297,000 interviews) from 27 European countries and Israel aged 50 or older. The data are available to the entire research community free of charge.

SHARE responds to a Communication by the European Commission calling to "examine the possibility of establishing, in co-operation with Member States, a European Longitudinal Ageing Survey". SHARE has become a major pillar of the European Research Area, selected as one of the projects to be implemented in the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) in 2006 and given a new legal status as the first ever European Research Infrastructure Consortium (SHARE-ERIC) in March 2011.

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