



Millennium Cohort Study at age 23: explore the new data

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Today's schedule

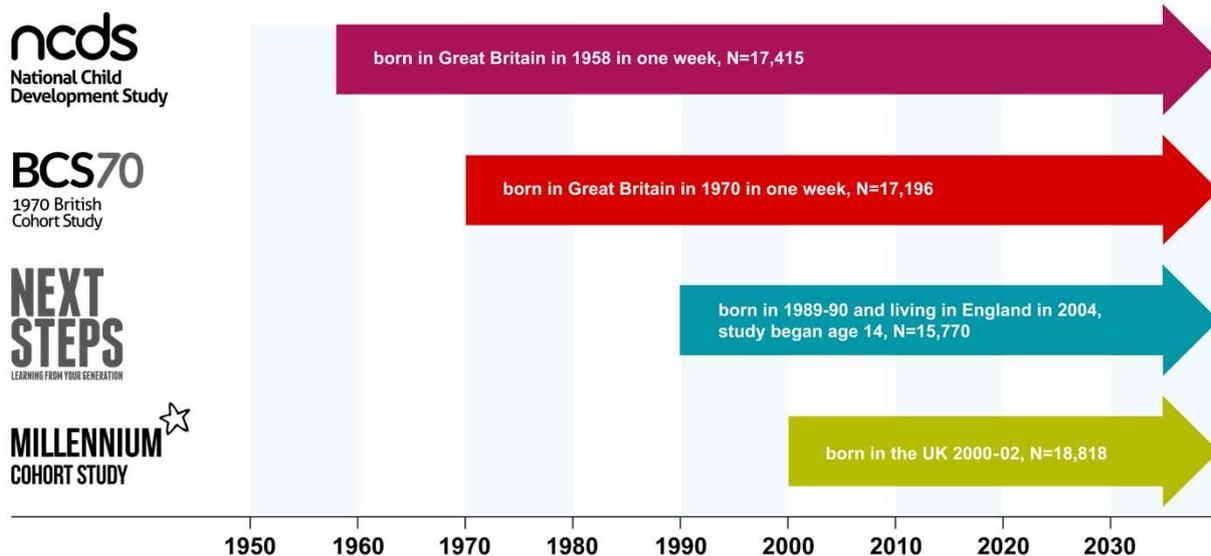
Time	Topics covered	Speaker
10 mins	Introduction	Morag Henderson
15 mins	Survey contents	Habtamu Beshir / Dominic Kelly
10 mins	Handling the age 23 data	Liam Wright
5 mins	Overview of descriptive statistics	Aase Villadsen
5 mins	Data access	Morag Henderson
15 mins	Q&A	ALL

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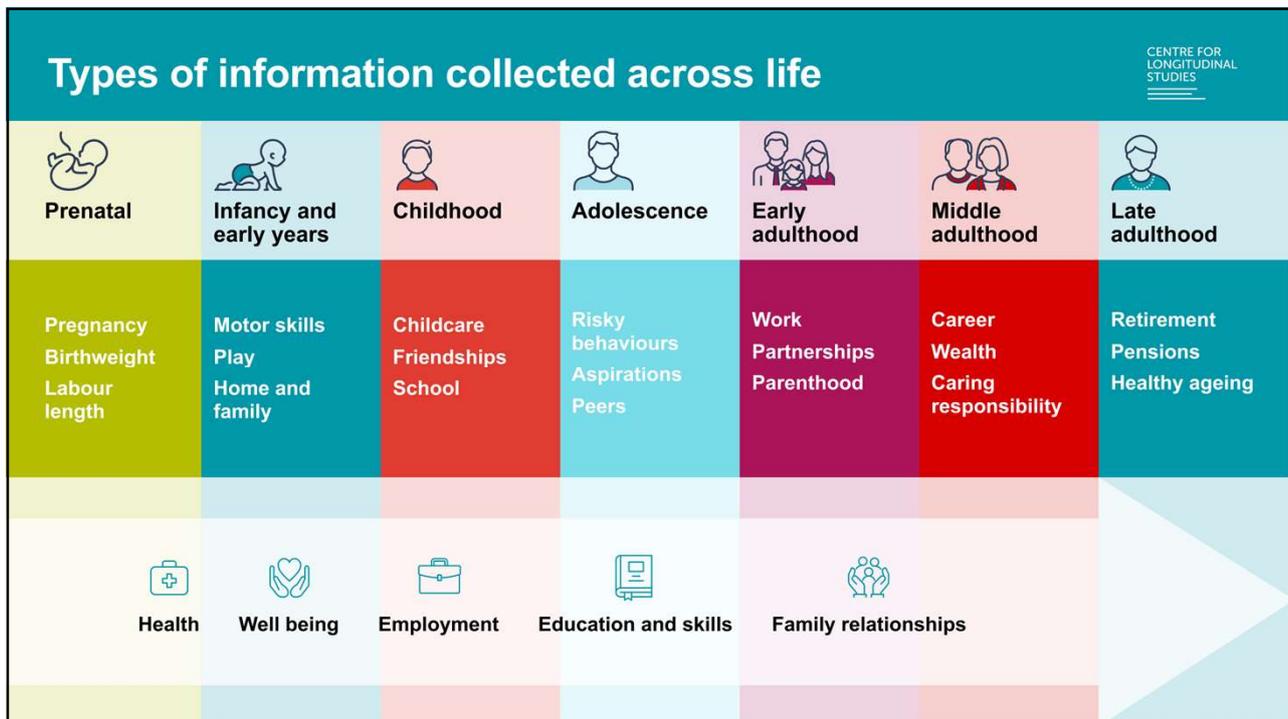
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Four core national cohort studies

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MCS A study of people born between 2000-2002

	2001-03	2003-05	2006	2008	2012-13	2015-16	2018-19	2023-24
	9 months	3	5	7	11	14	17	23
 main respondent:	Parents	Parents / Cohort member	Parents / Cohort member	Parents / Cohort member	Parents / Cohort member	Parents / Cohort member	Parents / Cohort member	Cohort member
 others:		Older siblings (England)	Teachers, Siblings	Teachers	Teachers		Parents	Parents (Ongoing)
 Health:	Birth weight	Height, weight, conditions, illnesses, accidents, vaccinations	Height, weight, waist size, conditions, illnesses, accidents, vaccinations	Height, weight, waist size, body fat, conditions, illnesses, accidents, vaccinations	Height, weight, body fat conditions, illnesses, accidents, diet, puberty	Height, weight, body fat, puberty, diet, sleep, conditions, illnesses, vaccinations, alcohol, smoking	Conditions, illnesses, physical activity, puberty, sexual health, alcohol, smoking, drugs	Conditions, illnesses
 Survey instruments:	Developmental milestones	Cognition and mental health, developmental milestones	Cognition and mental health	Cognition and mental health, activity monitor	Cognition and mental health	Cognition and mental health, time use diaries, accelerometer, genetic data (trios)	Cognition and mental health	Cognition and mental health
 linked admin data:	Health, Geographical Identifiers, Air Pollution, Green Space, Birth Registration, Maternity Hospital Episodes, Hospital of Birth	Health, Education, Geographical Identifiers, Air Pollution, Green Space	Health, Education, Geographical Identifiers, Air Pollution, Green Space, Distances to Preferred Schools, Air Pollution, School Inspections	Health, Education, Geographical Identifiers, Points of Interest, Air Pollution, School Inspections, Green Space	Health, Education, Geographical Identifiers, Points of Interest, Air Pollution, School Inspections, Green Space, Distances to Grammar Schools	Health, Education, Geographical Identifiers, Points of Interest, Air Pollution, School Inspections, Green Space, Polygenic Indices	Health, Education, Geographical Identifiers, School Inspections	Health, Education, Geographical Identifiers, COVID-19 antibodies
 sample:	18,818 from 18,552 families	15,808 from 15,590 families	15,460 from 15,246 families	14,043 from 13,857 families	13,469 from 13,287 families	11,872 from 11,726 families	10,757 from 10,625 families	9,735 cohort members

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Age 23 Survey: methodology

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Overview

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- Total number of cases issued = 13,713
- Total number of interviews achieved = 9,735
- Fieldwork (£30 incentive)
 - Pilot: July 2023
 - Soft launch (with experiment) : October 2023 to April 2024
 - Main stage: April 2024 – January 2025
 - Online mop-up (20 mins): January 2025 – February 2025
 - Partner survey (placed during cohort member survey and completed by partner online), 15 mins, £10 thank you for taking part
- Survey response rate before mop up = 68.8%
- Survey response rate after mop up = 71.6%

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Soft launch and experiment

Sequential Mixed Mode

Web first (CAWI) followed
Interviewer visit for non-
respondents (CAPI/CASI)
Sample size: 1,500
Length: 45 mins
Physical measurements: self
report in CASI
Response: 66.8%

Face to face only

Interviewer visits (CAPI and
CASI)
Sample size: 1,500
Length: 75 minutes
Physical measurements:
taken by interviewer
Response: 53.5%

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Phase 1 data deposit

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Age 23 Millennium Cohort Study data now available !!

- **Core Survey Datasets:** Covering housing, employment, health, identity, and wellbeing for key analyses
- **Derived Variables Dataset:** Includes mental health, health indicators, and socioeconomic measures
- **Education and Cognitive Assessments:** Basic education data and cognitive test data (Backward Digit Span and Stroop)
- **Secure Access Data** Phase 1 includes some secure access versions of sensitive data ensuring confidentiality and compliance with disclosure controls.

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Available now at UKDS

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SN 9509 - Millennium Cohort Study: Sweep 8, Age 23, 2023-2025

<https://datacatalogue.ukdataservice.ac.uk/studies/study/9509#details>

SN 8172 - Millennium Cohort Study: Sweeps 1-8, 2001-2025: Longitudinal Files

<https://datacatalogue.ukdataservice.ac.uk/studies/study/8172#resources>

SN 9510 - Millennium Cohort Study: Sweep 8, Age 23, 2023-2025: Secure Access

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Phase 2 data deposit

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Phase 2 will be made available in **Spring 2026** and will include:

- **Detailed geographical indicators**
- **Partner data**
- **More education measures** including education subjects and qualifications; combined school level qualifications; and Covid education impact assessment
- **More data from the main survey** including Household grid information; pregnancy and child data (controlled); Non-resident children, and income (unfolding brackets)
- **Outcome variables**

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Features of MCS age 23

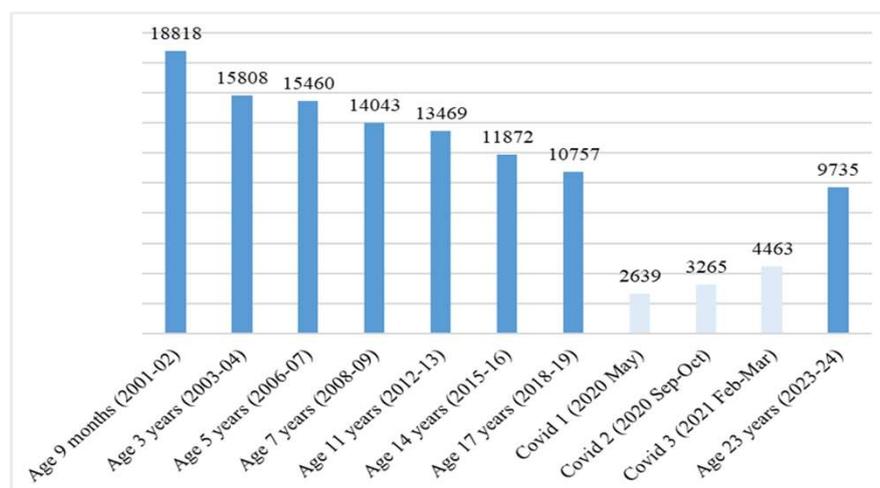
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Sample size

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Family and Relationships

⊕ : parents
 ○ : cohort member
 ■ : cohort member and parents

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	Age 9m	Age 3	Age 5	Age 7	Age 11	Age 14	Age 17	Age 23
Household members and composition	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	○
Childcare/involvements	⊕	⊕	⊕					
Grandparents	⊕	⊕	⊕					
Relationship with partner	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	○
Parenting activities			⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕		

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Family and Relationships

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- Composition
- Closeness
- Caring

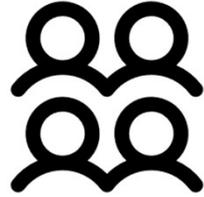


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Household



Children

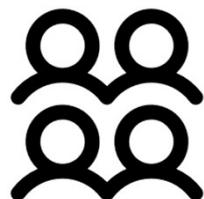
- Resident children
- Non-resident children

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Family and Relationships

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Household



Children

- Resident children
- Non-resident children

- Cohabiting
- Length
- Satisfaction



Relationships

- Domestic violence
- Managing financially

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Housing (Previous)

⊕ : parents
 ○ : cohort member
 ■ : cohort member and parents

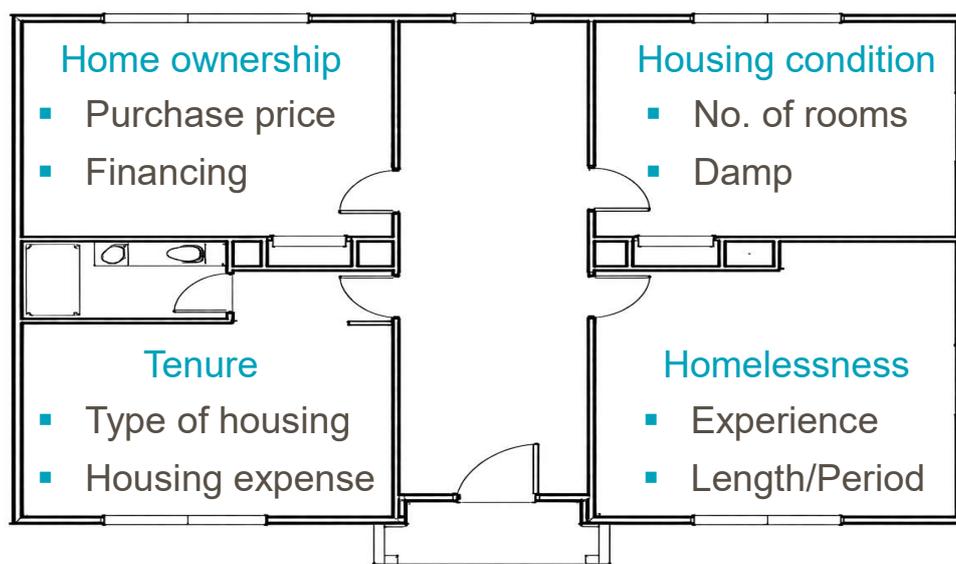
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	Age 9m	Age 3	Age 5	Age 7	Age 11	Age 14	Age 17	Age 23
Housing tenure	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	○
Housing condition	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	○
Accommodation type	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	○
Homelessness experience	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	○	○

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Housing

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Education and qualifications (Previous)

- Parental education (9m, 3, 5, 7, 11, 14)
- Early education provision (5, 7)
- Foundation Stage Profile (and equiv.) (5)
- Teacher assessment (7, 11)
 - Abilities, groupings/sets, behaviour, language, SEN etc.
- Key stage 1, 2, and GCSE (National Pupil Database)
 - GCSE or equiv. self-report
- Study intentions (11, 14)
- Academic and vocational qualifications (17)
 - Current
 - Attained

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Education and qualifications

- Baccalaureate-type qualification
- School-level academic qualifications not previously reported
- Post-secondary academic qualifications
- Choice of institution for Bachelor's degree
- Vocational qualifications
- Academic/vocational qualifications currently being studied
- Uncompleted courses (number, types, reasons)
- Educational debt

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Economic activity

⊕ : parents
 ○ : cohort member
 ■ : cohort member and parents

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	Age 9m	Age 3	Age 5	Age 7	Age 11	Age 14	Age 17	Age 23
Current activities	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	■	○
Occupation types	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	■	○
Apprenticeships	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	■	○
Jobs and training	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	■	○
Unemployment / NEET	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	■	○
Income	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	■	○

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Economic activity

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- Occupation
- Income
- Work hours (full or part time)
- Overtime and Shift work
- Type of contract (permanent or temporary) / Zero-hours contract
- Second job
- Unemployment / inactivity / NEET

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Cognitive Measures (Previous)

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<u>Developmental milestones</u>	9 months
<u>School readiness (BSRA-R)</u> Colours, letters, numbers, sizes, comparisons, shapes	3
<u>Verbal skills</u> BAS II Naming Vocabulary BAS II Word Reading APU Vocabulary Test	3, 5 7 14 (and parents)
<u>Verbal reasoning</u> BAS II Verbal Similarities	11
<u>Non-verbal reasoning</u> BAS II Picture Similarities	5
<u>Mathematics and numeracy</u> NFER Progress in Maths Number Analogies (GL)	7 17
<u>Visual/spatial processing</u> BAS II Pattern Construction	5, 7
<u>Decision making (CANTAB)</u> Cambridge Gambling Task	11, 14
<u>Memory (spatial working) (CANTAB)</u>	11

BSRA- R (Bracken School
Readiness Assessment – Revised)
BAS (British Ability Scales)
APU (Applied Psychology Unit)
NFER (National Foundation for
Education Research)
GL Assessment

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Cognitive Measures

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Backwards Digit Span

2 3
7 1 3
9 7 3 5
1 9 5 7 3
3 5 1 6 4 2
8 6 1 5 2 3 7
4 4 5 6 8 1 3 2
2 5 8 1 9 2 5 6 7
1 5 8 2 9 2 6 3 7 4
1 4 3 7 1 6 9 2 8 5 5

Test of working memory

Stroop Task

Yellow

Blue

Green

Test of inhibitory control

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Behaviours (Previous)

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- Temperament (14 items – Carey Infant Temperament Scale) (9m)
- Personality - Big Five personality traits (OCEAN) (M&P 7,14) (CM, 17)
- Self-regulation (3, 5, 7)
- YP Brief Self-Control Scale (17)
- Risky and antisocial behaviour (11, 14, 17)
 - Stealing, gambling, criminality, gangs, contact with police
- Risk and time preferences (17)
- Bullying, victimisation (11, 14, 17)

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Behaviours

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Crime

- Stopped / cautioned / arrested
- Carried a knife / weapon
- Convicted
- Physically assaulted
- Sexually assaulted
- Cyberbullied

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Behaviours

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Crime



Gambling

- Includes online
- Financial problems

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Behaviours

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Crime



Social media



Gambling

- Hours spent
- Addiction
- Happier online

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Behaviours



Crime



Social media



Gambling



Smoking

- Cigarettes
- Vaping

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Behaviours



Crime



Social media



Alcohol



Gambling



Smoking

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Behaviours

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Crime



Social media



Alcohol



Gambling



Smoking



Drugs

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Identity

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LGBT+



Politics



Environment



Language

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Physical Health (Previous)

- Anthropometrics:
 - Height, Weight and BMI (3, 5, 7, 11, 14, 17)
 - Waste circumference (5, 7)
 - Body fat (11, 14, 17)
- Samples:
 - Saliva sample – DNA extraction and genotyping (14)
 - Oral fluid sample - assays used to detect variety of infections (3)
 - Milk teeth - test for exposure to lead in the environment (7)

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Physical Health (Previous)

- Parents health (9m, 3, 5, 7, 11, 14, 17)
- Parent/self-assessed of CM's general health (3, 5, 7, 11, 14, 17)
- Medical conditions/Long standing illness (9m, 3, 5, 7, 11, 14, 17)
- Adolescence:
 - Pubertal Development Scale (adapted) (14)
 - Periods (14, 17)
 - Sex, contraception, pregnancy, STIs (17)
- Linked administrative health records:
 - Hospital Episodes Statistics

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Physical Health (Previous)

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- Physical activity (7, 11, 14, 17)
- Diet
 - YP Eating Choices Index (4 item index to measure healthiness of diet) (14, 17)
 - Dieting (14, 17)
 - Body image (14, 17)
- Sleep (14, 17)
- Drugs (14, 17)
- Smoking (11, 14, 17)
- Drinking (11, 14, 17)

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Physical Health

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General Health

- Self-assessed general health
- Long-term health conditions
- Disability

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Physical Health

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General Health



Measurements

- Height
- Weight
- Body Mass Index

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Physical Health

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General Health



Sexual Health

- Contraceptives
- STIs



Measurements

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Physical Health

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General Health



Sexual Health



Measurements



Lifestyle

- Exercise
- Sedentary activities
- Sleep

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Physical Health

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General Health



Sexual Health



Diet



Measurements



Lifestyle

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Physical Health

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General Health



Sexual Health



Diet



Measurements



Lifestyle



Long COVID

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Mental Health and Wellbeing (Previous)

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Parent	Cohort member
	<p><u>Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)</u> Emotional symptoms, conduct, and peer problems, and hyperactivity, prosocial behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - parent-report about CM (3, 5, 7, 11, 14, 17) - teacher report (7, 11) - CM report (17)
<p><u>Kessler 6 (K6)</u> (3, 5, 7, 11, 14, 17) Depressive and anxiety symptoms</p>	<p><u>Kessler 6 (K6)</u> (17)</p>
	<p><u>Mood & Feelings Questionnaire (Shortened)</u> (14)</p>
	<p>Diagnosis of depression or anxiety (17)</p>
	<p><u>Self-harm</u>: 6 questions from the Edinburgh Study of Youth and Transitions incl. attempted suicide (17)</p>

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Mental Health and Wellbeing (Previous)

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Parent	Cohort member
Shortened Rosenberg <u>Self-Esteem</u> Scale (9m)	Shortened Rosenberg <u>Self-Esteem</u> Scale, (11, 14, 17)
	Warwick-Edinburgh <u>Mental Wellbeing</u> Scale (WEMWBS) (17)
<u>Life satisfaction</u> (9m, 3, 5, 7, 11, 14)	<u>Life satisfaction</u> (11)
<u>Happiness</u> (9m, 3, 5, 7, 11, 14)	<u>Happiness</u> (11, 14)

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Mental Health and Wellbeing

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Instrument	Construct	MCS 1-7
Kessler-6	Psychological distress	Yes
Warwick-Edinburgh	Wellbeing	Yes
Social Provisions	Support from family / friends	Yes
GAD-2	Anxiety	Yes*
PHQ-2	Depressive symptoms	Yes*
Self-harm including suicide attempts		Yes
UCLA	Loneliness	No
EDE-QS	Eating disorders	No
GRIT-8	Perseverance	No
AUDIT-C	Alcohol addiction	No
PCE	Childhood experiences	No
DCQ	Body image	No

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Data Handling

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Outline

- The MCS Sample and Design
- Data Handling Guide
- Response Rates and Patterns
- Accounting for Missing Data
- Sweep 8 Mixed-Mode Design

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MCS Sample and Design

- MCS is comprised of 19,243 families, 18,552 of whom join at Sweep 1 (9 months) and 691* of whom joined at Sweep 2 (3 years).
- The target population is *all children born between 1 September 2000 and 31 August 2001 (for England and Wales), and between 23 November 2000 and 11 January 2002 (for Scotland and Northern Ireland), alive and living in the UK at age nine months, eligible to receive Child Benefit at that age.*
- Most (18,980) cohort members are singletons, but some (452) are twins and fewer (33) triplets.
- The survey used a two-stage complex design: families were selected from electoral wards with oversampling of wards from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, with high child poverty, or large number of ethnic minority individuals.

MCS Data Structures

- MCS data structures are complex, with data split across multiple files (e.g., `mcsx_cm_interview.dta`, `mcsx_parent_derived.dta`)
- A new feature of Sweep 8 is that cohort members may live apart of their twins, so UKDS deposit now includes individual level longitudinal file.
- CLS have produced data handling guides in [R](#) and [Stata](#) to get to grips with the data.
- In due course, a “core” MCS file with derived variables will be released.

CLS Data Handling Guide

Introduction
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Documentation
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Next Steps
MCS

Creating a Simple Folder Structure
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Working with the Household Grid
Combining Data Across Sweeps
Combining Data Within A Sweep
Reshaping Data from Long to Wide (or Wide to Long)

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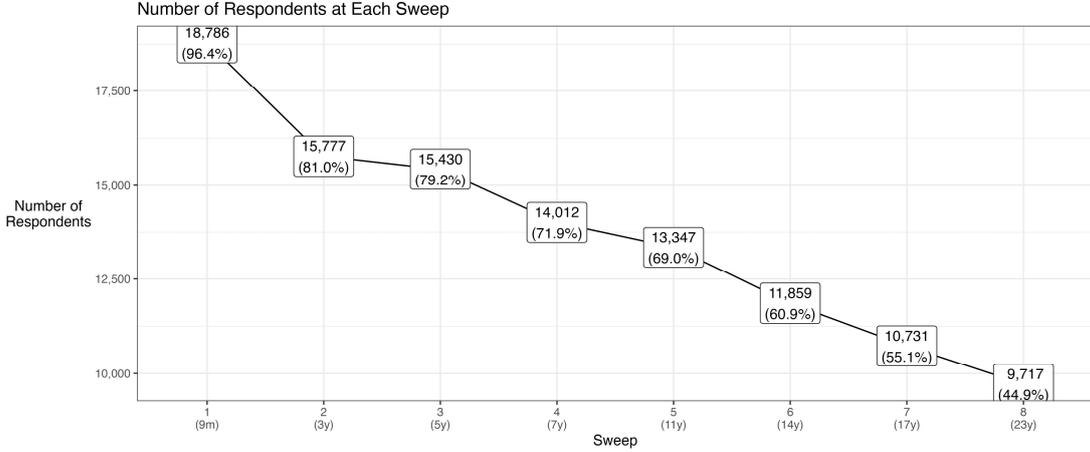
MCS / Data Structures

Introduction

Once you have downloaded MCS data from the UK Data Service, you will notice that the data from a given sweep is split across multiple files (e.g., as in the below screenshot). The reason for this is that the MCS contains information on different observational units, for instance on the cohort members, the cohort members' parents, and the cohort members' families. The data is split across different files so that it can be stored efficiently. For instance, variables on the cohort members themselves are stored in files with one row per cohort member, while variables on parents are stored in files with one row per parent. The aim of this tutorial is to give you an overview of the data structures used by the MCS.

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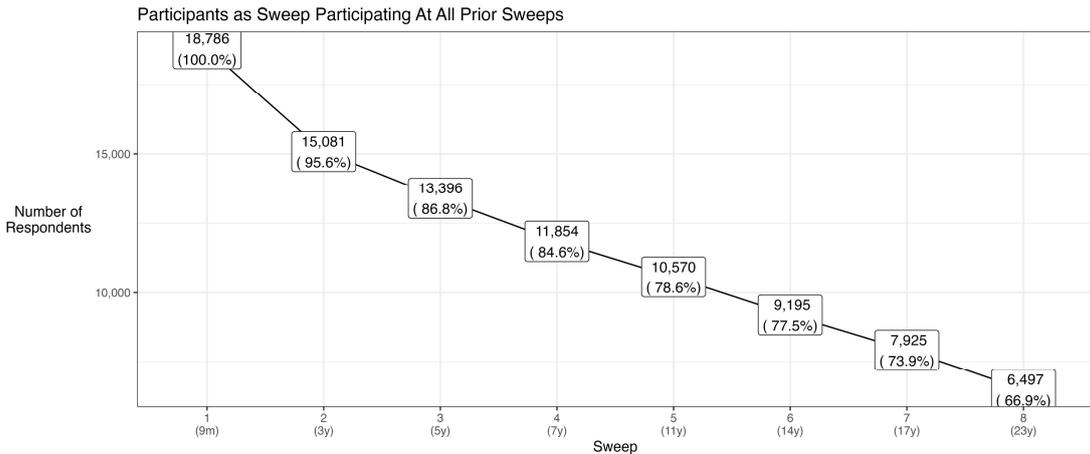
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Response Patterns



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Non-Response Weights

- Non-response can cause bias in analysis where it is non-random.
- As with previous sweeps, we have created survey weights to account for non-response.
- Target population is individuals in the initial target population who were alive at time of Sweep 8 fieldwork.
- Note, analysis should also account for clustered sampling design.
- Analysts may need to create bespoke weights for the subsamples they are using (e.g., genotyped individuals).

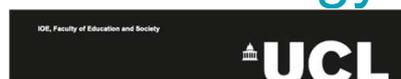
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[pweight=HOVWT2],
strata(PTTYPE2)
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R

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library(survey)
mcs_svy <- svydesign(id = ~
SPTN00, strata = ~ PTTYPE2,
weights = ~ HOVWT2, data =
mcs_23)
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CLS Missing Data Strategy



Handling missing data in the
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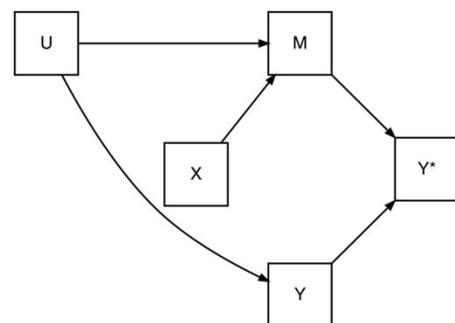
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Sweep 8 Mixed-Mode Design

- Sweep 8 used a web then face-to-face then web sequential mixed-mode design (78.8% web).
- Differences in mode can influence responses through **mode effects**
- *Mode effects*: differences in response due to *how* they are responding
- Biases univariate statistics and induces association between variables that are subject to mode effects, but also between variables subject to mode effects and subject to **mode selection**
- *Mode Selection*: Differences in response due to *who* is responding

Bias from Mode Effects

- Mode is a collider for factors influencing mode selection; people are not randomized to mode.
- The key is that simply controlling for mode may not be sufficient to account for bias and could even make things worse.



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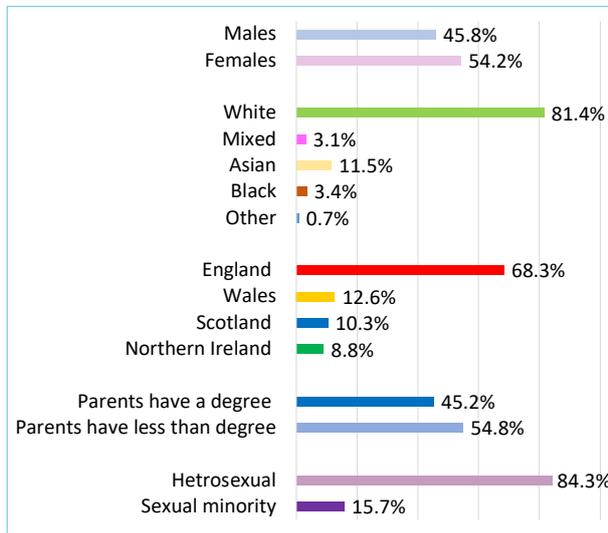
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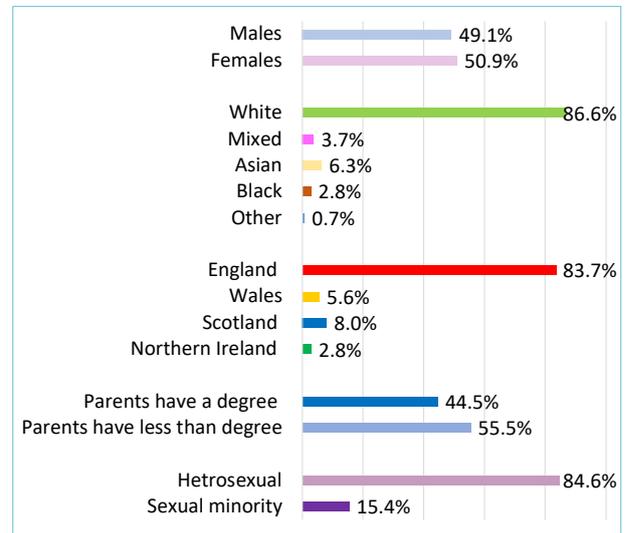
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Sample descriptives

Unweighted

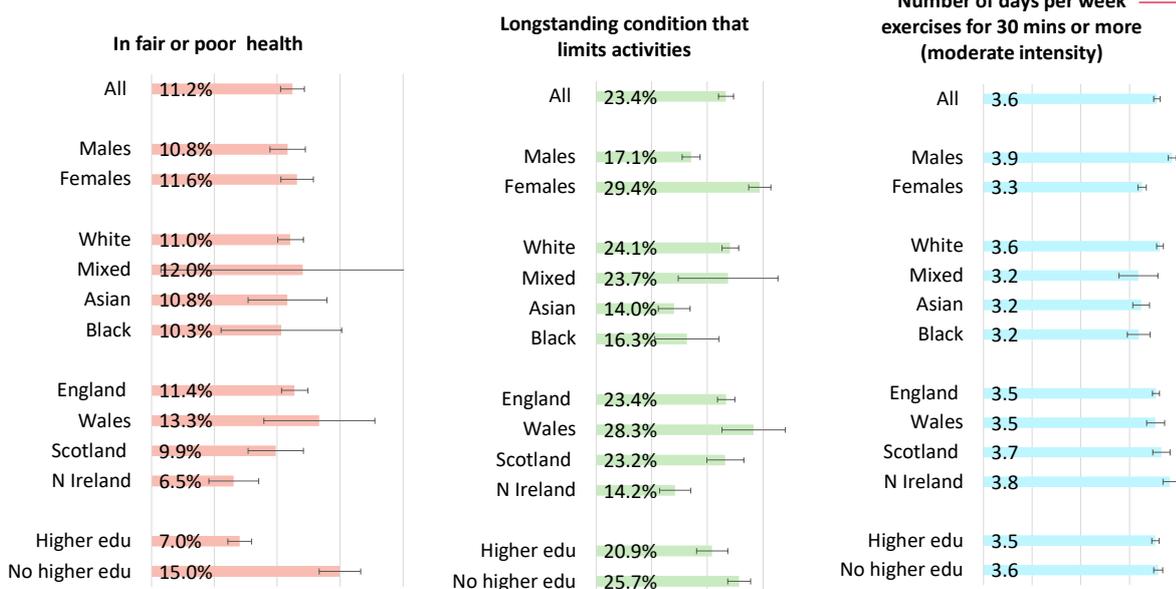


Weighted for sampling design and attrition



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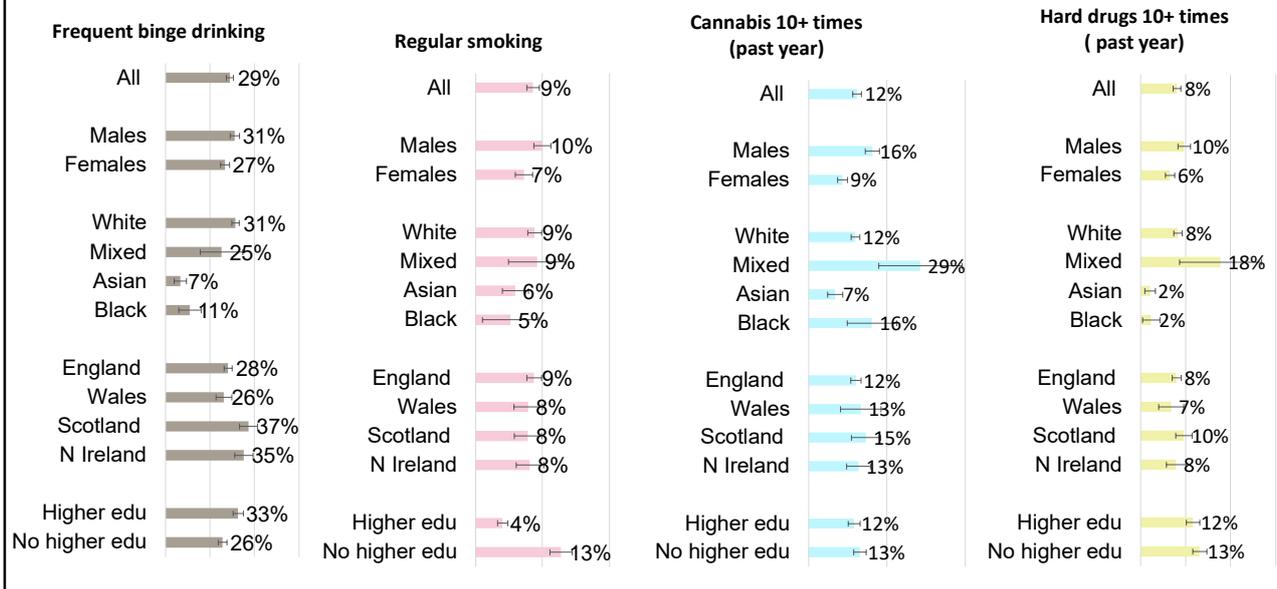
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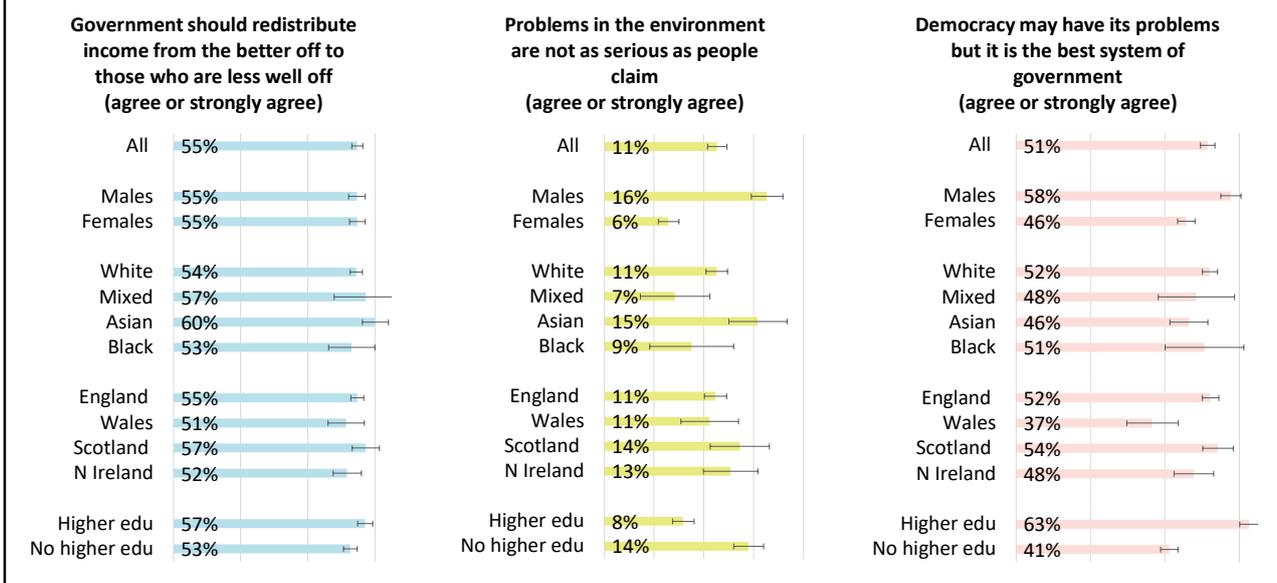
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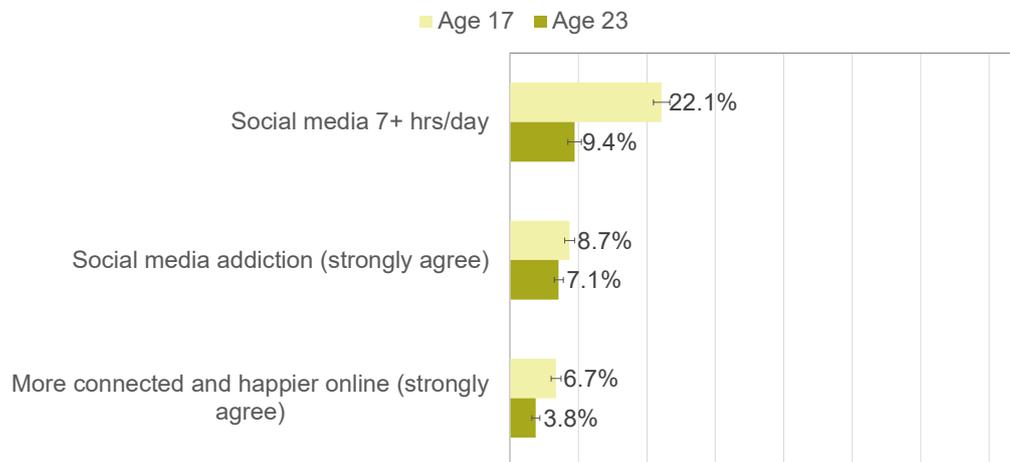


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Exploring our data

There are a range of tools and resources to help you get to know what content is available in our studies. These include:

- CLS data collection documentation
- UK Data Service study documentation
- Data dictionaries at variable level
- CLS Data site
- Research topic guides
- CLOSER Discovery
- CLS online bibliography



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CLS Variable Search tool
<https://cls-data.ucl.ac.uk/explore/variable-search>

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Browse Variables

This BETA site version 1.2 is subject to ongoing testing and improvements. For more details, refer to the [Metadata Guide](#). If you have feedback or encounter any issues, please [contact us](#).

Filters

Study / Sweep	Category	Research topic	Variable name string
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Sort by: Relevance

Item types: All
Query: life satisfaction
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COVID, Social, and Mental health - Life satisfaction

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Alternative methods for identifying variables

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- [Data dictionary](#) - soon to be updated
- Search in questionnaires (available from UK Data Service or [CLS website](#))
- Or download the actual datasets and search the variables ([UK Data Service](#))
- Descriptions of variables in published papers (most of which can be found in the CLS bibliography)

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Publications and resources

CLS Bibliography

The CLS Bibliography includes thousands of publications based on data from our studies. It is searchable by study, year, author, journal, title and abstract. [➔](#)

Data documentation

Here you will find all the documentation for our studies. This includes survey questionnaires, interviewer instructions, showcards, technical reports, survey reports, and derived variables. [➔](#)

Guide to the documentation

Here you can find out more about the different types of documents we publish on our website for each of our studies. [➔](#)

Briefings and impact

Our briefings and impact library includes summaries of our research findings as well as reports highlighting the impact of our cohort studies. [➔](#)

CLS working papers

Our working papers series features research based on our four cohort studies and dates back to 1983. Topics range from social inequalities and mobility, to physical health and cognitive development. Other papers in the series seek to improve the practice of [➔](#)

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<https://ukdataservice.ac.uk/>

Highlights

Empowering researchers to influence the visions of policy makers

The UK Data Service has released a new film that explains the value of its key services to researchers around the world and how it supports their work to make positive changes to people's lives. With over 10,000 datasets in our collection, we help over 52,000 researchers worldwide to drive impactful social and economic research.

UK Data Service celebrates reaching 10,000 data collections landmark

The UK Data Service has hit a significant milestone in its history, with the number of data collections we make available reaching the 10,000 mark. Over the past six decades, the UK Data Service and its forerunners have supported research by simplifying findability and access to social, economic and population data.

How research data can help shape government policies

We were pleased to join forces with the team at CLOSER again this year to produce another informative podcast featuring several high-profile experts from the world of data, including our own Director, Dr Steve McEachern, in this new production, we explore how research data can be used by government policymakers to make positive influences to our society.

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SN 9509 - Millennium Cohort Study: Sweep 8, Age 23, 2023-2025

<https://datacatalogue.ukdataservice.ac.uk/studies/study/9509#details>

SN 8172 - Millennium Cohort Study: Sweeps 1-8, 2001-2025: Longitudinal Files

<https://datacatalogue.ukdataservice.ac.uk/studies/study/8172#resources>

SN 9510 - Millennium Cohort Study: Sweep 8, Age 23, 2023-2025: Secure Access

<https://datacatalogue.ukdataservice.ac.uk/studies/study/9510#details>

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Access to different types of data at UKDS

Safeguarded data: End User Licence (EUL)

- Low level of sensitivity and disclosivity.
- Most of our data are available under this licence.
- Application approved directly by UKDS.
- Download data from UKDS.

Special safeguarded data: Special Licence (SL)

- Moderately sensitive or disclosive data.
- Application approved by CLS.
- Download data from UKDS.

Controlled data: Secure Access Licence (SA)

- The most sensitive and/or potentially disclosive data.
- Application approved by CLS.
- Attend specialised training.
- Access via UKDS SecureLab.

More information: <https://cls.ucl.ac.uk/data-access-training/data-access/>

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Other resources

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User guides

- Overview of measures
- Response and weights

Questionnaires

- Exact question wording
- Questionnaire routing
- Variable names

Data documentation

- Data notes
- Coding frames
- Variables lists, including derived variables

Technical reports

- Sample and questionnaire design, development
- Fieldwork, response, ethics
- Coding, editing

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- An introduction to MCS at age 23
- Some of the scientific content in the MCS
- Handling the age 23 data
- Some initial findings
- Data access and where to go for more information

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