



ISSDA Newsletter

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Welcome to the Autumn/Winter issue of the ISSDA Newsletter.

In this issue we have an update on ISSDA datasets, the upcoming ISSDA Winter webinar with CSTAR and information on upcoming CESSDA events.

ISSDA News

ISSDA Winter Webinar



ISSDA & CSTAR webinar: Introduction to the R statistical computing package

Tue, 21 Nov 2023 10:00 - 10:45 GMT

Join Jenny O'Neill, ISSDA Data Manager & Dr Ricardo Segurado, Director UCD CSTAR for a webinar on use of the R statistical software.

R is a free and open source statistical package with a vast community-developed set of analysis and visualisation tools. In this 45 minute webinar Dr. Ricardo Segurado, Director of UCD CSTAR, will introduce you to data analysis using R, including an introduction to the R language and its advantages, together with managing data and exporting results.

This webinar is for anyone with an interest in data analysis and social science research.

UCD CSTAR, a University College Dublin (UCD) Research and CPD Centre, was founded with the support of the Health Research Board (HRB) by a group of academic/health researchers from UCD, Trinity College Dublin, University of Galway, University of Limerick and a number of other institutions. UCD CSTAR operates as a collaborative and consulting agency from the School of Public Health, Physiotherapy, and Sports Science at UCD.

Dr. Ricardo Segurado is the Director of UCD CSTAR and a consultant biostatistician. He has a particular interest in longitudinal models, statistical genetics, and in developing statistical education amongst biological and clinical researchers.

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If you missed any of our previous webinars they are available to view on the [ISSDA YouTube Channel](#)

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New Datasets

ISSDA is pleased to announce the following new and updated datasets are now available to request:



SEAI Survey of Irish Attitudes to Wind and Solar Power

Study number (SN): 0084-01

The purpose of the survey is to understand attitudes and beliefs of people on the topic of commercial wind and solar power infrastructure and specific public policy measures under the government's Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS). It is particularly aimed at establishing a baseline to compare the attitudes of those who live far (>10km) from new (as of 2022) commercial solar and wind farms with those who live near (<5km from) new infrastructure projects and who may (after 2022) benefit from RESS policies such as community benefit funds or household payments.

Topics covered include standard socio-demographic variables; familiarity with renewable energy technologies; general attitude to wind and solar power; attitude to wind and solar projects near household; interaction with wind or solar power infrastructure; attitude to the planning process and RESS policies (community benefit fund and household payments).

Find out more about the study and instructions on how to access the data -

<https://www.ucd.ie/issda/data/seaiattitudeswatersolarpower/>



Growing up In Ireland Cohort '08 (Infant Cohort) Wave 6 at 13 years, 2021/2022

Study number (SN): 0019-06

Growing Up in Ireland is the national longitudinal study of children and youth in Ireland. It started in 2006 and follows two cohorts of children aged 9 years (child cohort) and 9 months (infant cohort). It is the most significant survey of its kind ever to take place in this country, and will help us to improve our understanding of children and their development. The main aim of the study is to paint a full picture of children in Ireland and how they are developing in the current social, economic and cultural environment. This information will be used to assist in policy formation and in the provision of services which will ensure all children have the best possible start in life.

Data collection for the Infant Cohort started in 2008 with over 11,000 9-month-olds and their families. Follow-up waves were completed when the child was aged 3 years, 5 years, 7/8 years (postal), 9 years and 13 years old. Depending on the particular wave, information has been collected from parents, carers, non-resident parents, teachers and principals.

This wave of data concerns the Wave 6 interviews of the Infant Cohort at 13 years of age.

For more information and instructions on how to access the data see

<https://www.ucd.ie/issda/data/guiinfant/guiinfantwave6/>

Update to Growing up In Ireland Cohort '08 (Infant Cohort) Wave 5 at 9 years, 2017/2018

Study number (SN): 0019-05

The CSO have recently deposited an updated version of the Growing Up in Ireland (Infant Cohort) wave 5 AMF data. This update brings the AMF more inline with the RMF data.

For more information and instructions on how to access the data see

<https://www.ucd.ie/issda/data/guiinfant/guiinfantwave5/>

Healthy Ireland Survey, 2022



Study number (SN): 0021-07

The Healthy Ireland Survey is an annual interviewer administered survey conducted on behalf of the Department of Health by Ipsos MRBI. The purpose of the Healthy Ireland Survey is to provide current and credible data about the wide variety of factors which determine health and wellbeing in the population aged 15 years and older.

The topics covered include general health, health service utilisation and key lifestyle factors, such as smoking, alcohol consumption, physical activity, diet, sexual health and wellbeing to monitor the key trends and policy impacts in those areas. It also offers flexibility for the substitution of further modules to meet particular policy needs, including cross-sectoral /health determinant 'health in all policies' issues.

For more information and instructions on how to access the data see

<https://www.ucd.ie/issda/data/healthyireland/healthyirelandsurvey2022>

Update to Labour Force Survey (LFS)

Study number (SN): 0061-00

ISSDA is pleased to announce the latest update of the Labour Force Survey from the Central Statistics Office (CSO). This update adds Q2 2023 of the Labour Force Survey to ISSDA.

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a large-scale, nationwide survey of households in Ireland conducted by the Central Statistics Office. It is designed to produce quarterly labour force estimates that include the official measure of employment and unemployment in the state.

For more information and instructions on how to access the data see <https://www.ucd.ie/issda/data/lfs/>

To request these and other ISSDA datasets please fill in the relevant request form available from the ISSDA website

ISSDA WEBSITE

Upcoming Training & Events

Improve your DMP with expert guidance



Tue 14 Nov 2023 10:00 CET

Join CESSDA experts for this webinar focusing on the research data life cycle, the FAIR principles and hear about researcher's own experiences with writing a DMP.

Need expert help for your Data Management Plan (DMP)? DMPs are not only required by funding agencies but also an important tool to structure the research data management of your project. The DMEG, CESSDA's Data Management Expert Guide, is designed by European experts to help you as social science researchers make your research data Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable (FAIR).

To find out more and register <https://www.cessda.eu/Events/CESSDA-Event-aid3623>

Methodological and Analytical Aspects of Longitudinal Research



Fri 17 Nov 2023 11:00 CET

As part of CESSDA partners participation in the COORDINATE project.

This lecture on longitudinal research and analysis of longitudinal data will include an introductory overview of challenges that typically occur when theorising, designing, and conducting longitudinal studies. Methodological challenges will be described using examples and recommendations based on our previous experience in designing and conducting longitudinal studies among adolescents. The lecture will conclude with brief guidelines for choosing a method for analysing longitudinal data.

Academic researchers, ranging from PhD students to full professors, policy practitioners, and anyone interested in longitudinal research methodology and/or the analysis of longitudinal data, are warmly welcomed to participate in this event.

The goal of the [COORDINATE project](#) is to mobilise the community of researchers and organisations to advance the coordinated development of the birth cohort and survey research on children's wellbeing in Europe. CESSDA ERIC is one of the beneficiaries in the project.

To find out more and register <https://www.cessda.eu/Events/CESSDA-Event-aid3607>

Use cases, challenges and issues in data management



12 Dec, 14:00-15:00 CET

Research data management (RDM) ensures that your data is complete, documented, and accessible to you and to future researchers. It encourages the discovery and reuse of your data to further discoveries in your field of research. Good RDM practices are at the heart of FAIR sciences, and they are increasingly important as research in many domains becomes data-intensive.

BY-COVID aims to make COVID-19 and other infectious diseases data open and accessible to scientists and anyone who can use it, such as medical staff in hospitals or government officials. It is a multidisciplinary project mobilising data from various sources and disciplines (socio and economic sciences, life sciences, public health, humanities).

To find out more and register <https://by-covid.org/events/>

Topic Highlight WorldFAIR Project



The WorldFAIR project, lead by CODATA and the Research Data Alliance (RDA), sets out to produce recommendations, interoperability frameworks and guidelines for FAIR data assessment.

The project aims to join up initiatives on data management, data stewardship, and FAIR data practices, within and across disciplines and internationally, by utilising eleven case studies including social surveys, population health and urban health.

Project outputs to date include:

[Cross-national Social Sciences survey best practice guidelines](#)

This is the second deliverable and focuses on three recommendations from the [initial report](#) - the use of the DDI Lifecycle and variable cascade (R6.1 and R6.2), and requirements for formal registries of variables and reusable content (R6.5). Exploring the development of recommended practices for the management and processing of cross-national survey data for the establishment of harmonised social science datasets.

[Population Health Data Implementation Guide](#)

This implementation guide describes the way all aspects of the data are made available for use, both within and from outside the INSPIRE Network community, using standard metadata to describe the data. This is an exploration of how generic standards can be used to express the agreed community metadata set.

[Urban Health Data – Guidelines and Recommendations](#)

This report assessed the implementation of FAIR principles within the Urban Health field through two case studies. Then it focuses on the data collection and harmonisation process of health survey data. This allowed the elaboration of

consensus on terminologies and procedures that facilitates the use of survey health data in cities for research and action.

You can find out the project here

WorldFAIR Project



Irish Social Sciences Data Archive

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