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Research Topics



Non-intended consequences of epidemic control decisions



Societal reception of crisis management



Resilience of Health Care Systems



Physical and Mental Health



Demography



Social Networks & Support



Family Structures



Economics



Work and Retirement



Effects of environmental policies



Housing and living conditions

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Evidence-based policy making with SHARE data

Tackling societal challenges in Europe



What is SHARE?

SHARE in Europe

SHARE is a research infrastructure for studying the effects of health, social, economic and environmental policies over the life-course of European citizens and beyond. The study is providing internationally comparable longitudinal micro data which allows insights in the fields of public health and socio-economic living conditions of European individuals, both for scientists and policy makers. SHARE has been selected as one of the projects to be listed on the Roadmap of the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) in 2006 and became the first European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) in 2011. Since 2016, SHARE is an ESFRI Landmark.

What kind of information is provided?

SHARE's respondents from 27 European countries and Israel are aged 50 and older. They provide information about their health situation (including biomedical data), socio-economic status as well as social and family networks. Since 2020, SHARE also examines how the risk group of the older individuals is coping with the health-related and socioeconomic consequences of COVID-19.

How does SHARE study the ageing process?

SHARE is a longitudinal survey. This means that the same respondents are being interviewed repeatedly in order to best describe their life circumstances and developments.

How comprehensive is SHARE?

From the beginning of the survey in 2004, data from more than 140,000 individuals aged 50 or older has been collected in almost 530,000 interviews. SHARE is the largest pan-European social science panel study with 27 European countries and Israel participating.

Does SHARE allow global comparisons?

SHARE is harmonised with other studies around the world. This allows for comparisons between European countries and other many countries across the globe.

How can my institution benefit from SHARE?

Understand the non-intended consequences of epidemiological containment decisions!

With SHARE's new COVID-19 data, non-intended consequences of epidemiological containment decisions and the long-term effects of the pandemic on the economic, social and health situation of European citizens can be measured.

Make political decisions more targeted and effective!

With its broad data on the economic, social and health situation of European citizens, SHARE enables national policy makers to base difficult decisions on evidence.

Measure the impact of political decisions!

SHARE data permits an accurate account of who wins and who loses (socio-) economically from a policy change.

Conduct cross-national research!

Analyse the impact of different policies by comparing countries. Profit not only from SHARE-based research in your country but in others as well.

„The impact of policy decisions is causing emotional debates, especially in times of crisis. It is of crucial importance to base political decisions on facts rather than feelings“

Prof. Dr. Axel Börsch-Supan, Ph.D.
SHARE-ERIC Managing Director
& Principal Investigator



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What is an ERIC?

An ERIC is a legal entity set up by a decision of the European Commission. Membership in an ERIC is open to EU member states, associated countries, third countries and intergovernmental organisations.

Being a member of SHARE-ERIC has advantages for national policy-making processes and the research community in your country.

• Enable long-term studies!

SHARE research supports policy makers. A SHARE-ERIC membership makes sure that the necessary long-term research projects are based on a secure foundation.

• Increase the network!

Research with SHARE data leads to new collaborations and projects for your national researchers in an international environment and increases the reputation of science in your country.

• Profit from global research findings!

All researchers worldwide are able to examine reforms, country specific situations and potentials in all SHARE member countries and compare them. Every country and its research community also profits from research findings published by researchers from all over the world.

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