

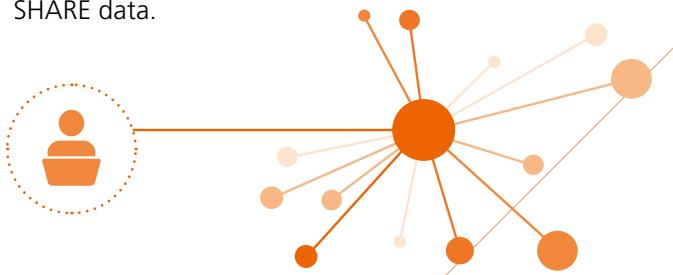
# ACCESS SHARE DATA

## From Researchers to Researchers

SHARE data is provided free of charge to all scientists globally. Our quick and transparent release policy ensures that data are available to the research community as soon as possible.

## Join a Growing Network

Tens of thousands of researchers already use SHARE data.



## Comprehensive Documentation

Our website provides easy-to-use guides, including:

- ✓ Step-by-step data access instructions
- ✓ Variable details & multilingual cross-references
- ✓ Downloadable questionnaires
- ✓ A full list of SHARE-based publications

## How to Get Started

Register as a SHARE user and start exploring – visit [www.share-eric.eu](http://www.share-eric.eu) for details.

## Supported Statistical Software

SHARE data can be downloaded as Stata or SPSS files, but the data can be transferred to other software and worked with in any programming language.

# HOW LIVES UNFOLD: DATA ACROSS THE LIFE COURSE

With its broad data on the economic, social and health situation of European citizens, SHARE enables policymakers to tackle socio-economic and public health challenges with the help of scientific evidence and contributes to improving the living situation of European citizens.



## SHARE-ERIC

Chausseestraße 111 | 10115 Berlin

info@share-project.org

[www.share-eric.eu](http://www.share-eric.eu)



Picture credits:  
pixelheadphoto, ulza, fizkes – stock.adobe.com



Funded by  
**DFG** Deutsche  
Forschungsgemeinschaft  
German Research Foundation

With funding from the:



Federal Ministry  
of Research, Technology  
and Space

Supported by the



National Institute  
on Aging



Funded by  
the European Union



# LARGEST SOCIAL SCIENCE PANEL STUDY IN EUROPE

SHARE provides longitudinal data on the effects of health, social, economic and environmental policies over the life-course of the generation 50+ in Europe and beyond.

## WHAT IS SHARE?

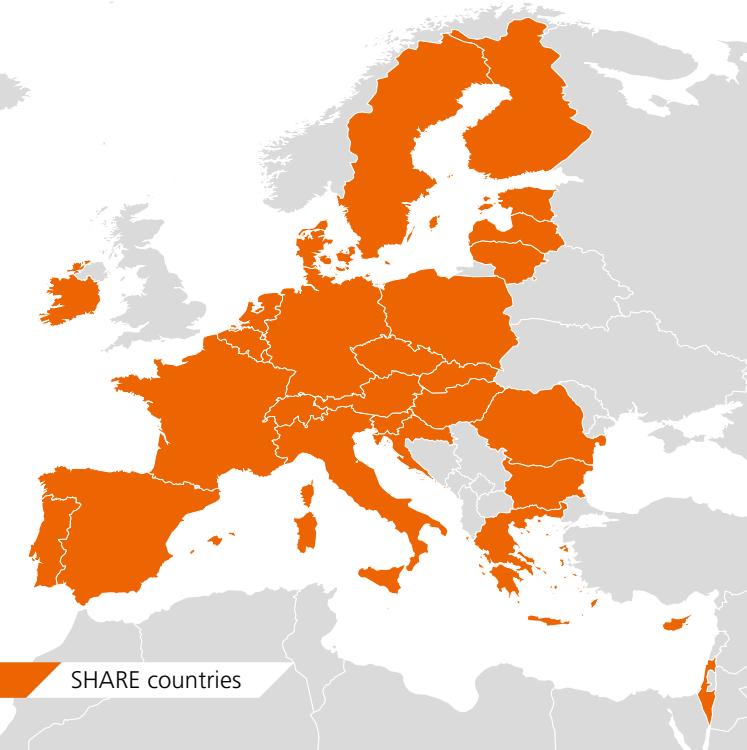
A unique observatory for policy effects over the life course!

SHARE – the **Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe** – is the largest Pan-European study tracking the effects of health, social, economic and environmental policies over the life-course of European citizens.

For more than 20 years, SHARE has conducted interviews with **160,000+ individuals** aged 50+ across **27 European countries and Israel**.

We provide **internationally comparable data** for scientists and policymakers.

SHARE **covers all EU member countries** and is embedded in a network of sister studies all over the world, from **the Americas to Eastern Asia**.



## WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE?

### Economic Situation

 Work status, job characteristics, opportunities to work past retirement age, sources and composition of current income, wealth and consumption, housing, education

### Physical Health

 Self-reported health, diagnosed health conditions, physical functioning, health behaviour, use of health care facilities

### Mental Health

 Depressive symptoms, well-being and life satisfaction, big five personality traits

### Cognitive Health

 Word recall test, numeracy test, measurement of cognition according to the Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol (HCAP)

### Biomarkers

 Grip strength, body-mass index, peak flow, accelerometry data, dried blood spot samples

### Social Networks and Support

 Familial support, transfers of income and assets, social networks, volunteer activities

### Demographics

 Marital status, children, housing, education

### COVID-19 Data

 Life situation during the pandemic

## WHY USE SHARE DATA?

### A 360° View of the Life Course

Health, wealth, work, family – SHARE connects the dots between economic, social, and public health factors to provide the bigger picture on people's lives.

### Internationally Comparable Data

Standardised sampling and survey methods across countries mean you get reliable, internationally comparable data.

### Longitudinal Design

SHARE follows individuals every two years, tracking how their life situation changes. Additionally, SHARE-LIFE (Waves 3 and 7) links individual micro data over the respondents' entire life (early childhood until now) with institutional macro data on the welfare state.

### Not Just Europe

Data collection is also harmonised with the U.S. Health and Retirement Study (HRS) and the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA) – making it part of a worldwide research network.

### Accompanying Datasets



- › **easySHARE**  
A simplified dataset perfect for students and beginners
- › **Data linkage**  
SHARE data links to administrative records in Germany, Denmark, Finland, and the Netherlands.
- › **Job Episodes Panel**  
A ready-to-use dataset to track employment history over time