

How to access



FOR INDIVIDUAL USERS

Please register as **SHARE** user. Data and registration are available free of charge to the entire scientific research community, including students. Registered **SHARE** users can download **easySHARE** from the **SHARE** Research Data Center.

You can find all information on our website:
www.share-eric.eu



FOR TEACHERS / INSTRUCTORS

Registered users who want to use **easySHARE** for teaching purposes can make use of a simplified application procedure, which allows them to distribute **easySHARE** to their students. The required teacher statement can be downloaded on the **SHARE** website.

SUPPORTED STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

The **easySHARE** dataset is available for the statistical software packages Stata, SPSS and R.

Ready to use!



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WHAT IS SHARE?

The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (**SHARE**) is a multidisciplinary and cross-national panel database of micro data on health, socio-economic status as well social and family networks of approximately 123,000 individuals (more than 293,000 interviews) from 20 European countries (+Israel) aged 50 or older.

WHAT IS **easySHARE**?

The many countries in **SHARE** with their institutional variety, the individual-, couple- and household-level data and skip patterns for stable information make **SHARE** data rich but also complex. To provide an easy-to-use introduction **easySHARE** has been developed.

easySHARE is a simplified **SHARE** dataset for student training, and for researchers who have little experience in quantitative analyses of complex survey data.

PLEASE NOTE

easySHARE is intended for student training and teaching purposes. For scientific publications we recommend using the scientific release of the **SHARE** dataset.

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CROSS-COUNTRY PANEL DATASET

While the main release of **SHARE** is stored in more than 120 single data files, **easySHARE** stores information on all respondents and of all currently released data collection waves in one single panel dataset. It contains the data of all countries and the same number of observations as the scientific release of **SHARE** but is restricted to a subset of ready-to-analyse variables.



For the subset of variables, the complexity was considerably reduced:

- Information collected only from one person of a couple or household was transferred to all respective respondents
- Information collected only once in the baseline interview was transferred to all later waves
- The coding of missing values was enriched to provide an easier understanding of questionnaire routing

DOCUMENTATION

The Release Guide to **easySHARE** gives a detailed description of all variables included in the dataset. Additionally, it contains exemplary analyses for the statistical softwares Stata, SPSS and R.



PROGRAMME CODE

The download files also include the Stata programme code that was used to generate **easySHARE**. This allows to retrace how each variable was edited and can be used as an example of how to create an analysis panel dataset yourself.



EXTENSION GUIDANCE

This paper – apart from providing an overview of the construction, structure and content of **easySHARE** - shows how users can extract more variables from the scientific release of **SHARE** and how to include them in the **easySHARE** dataset.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Age, gender, country of birth, citizenship, education, religion, marital status, age and gender of partner.

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Living with partner in the same household, household size, children living in the household.

CHILDHOOD CONDITIONS

Number of books at age ten, relative mathematical skills at age ten, relative language skills at age ten.

SOCIAL SUPPORT & NETWORK

Mother/father alive, number of children, residential proximity of children, number of grandchildren, number of living siblings, social activities, received and given social support.

HEALTH AND HEALTH BEHAVIOUR

Self-perceived health, number of chronic diseases, mental health variables, depression scale EURO-D, CASP-12 index for quality of life and well-being, health care utilization, grip strength, body mass index, smoking and drinking behavior, vigorous activities/sports.

FUNCTIONAL LIMITATION INDICES

Mobility index, large muscle index, activities of daily living index, gross motor skills index, fine motor skills index, instrumental activities of daily living index, cognitive functions.

WORK & MONEY

Current job situation, term of main job, working hours per week, satisfaction with main job, early retirement plans, ability to make ends meet, monthly expenditure on food, wave specific household income percentiles.