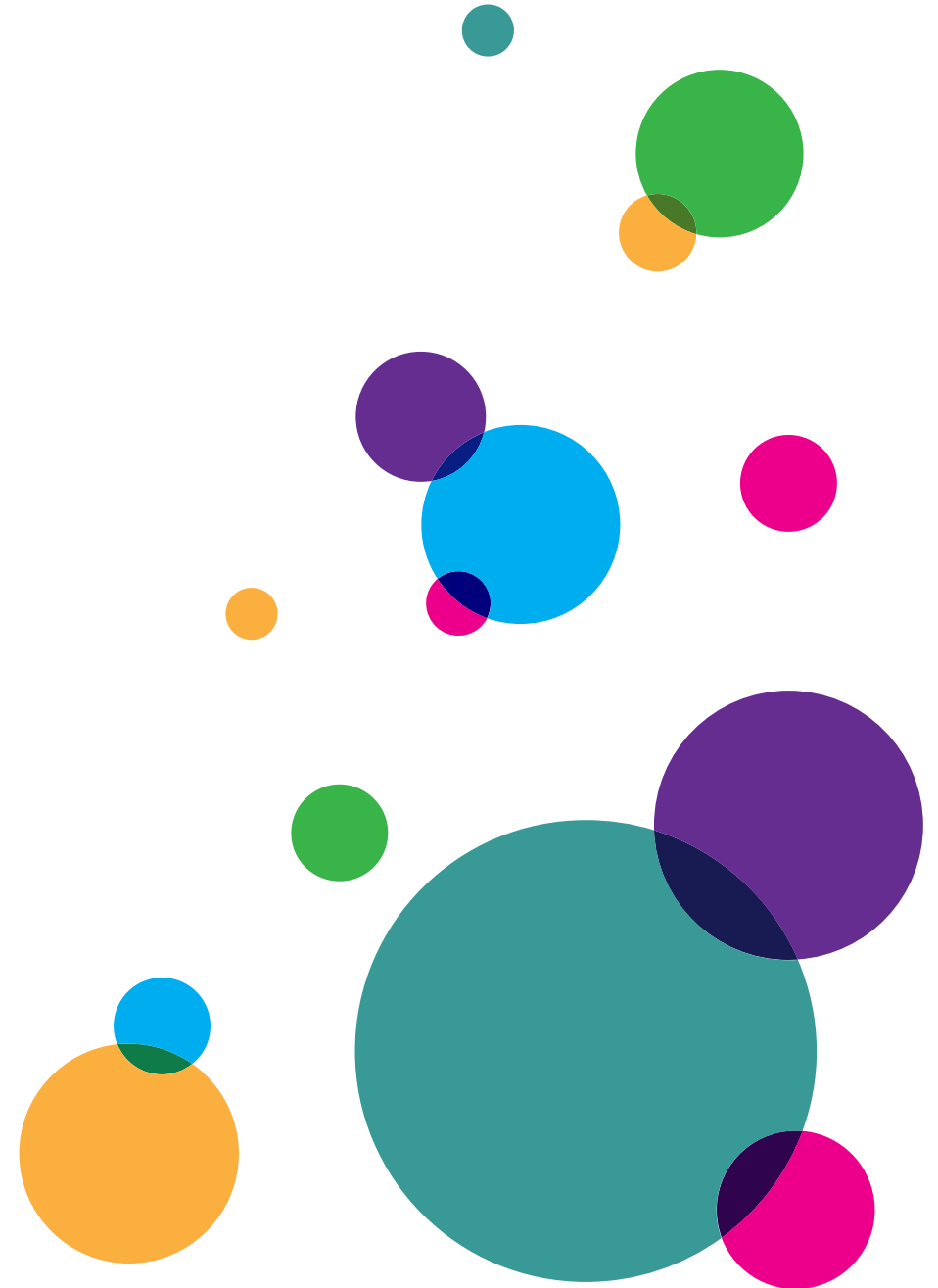


CLOSER Discovery webinar: Lists

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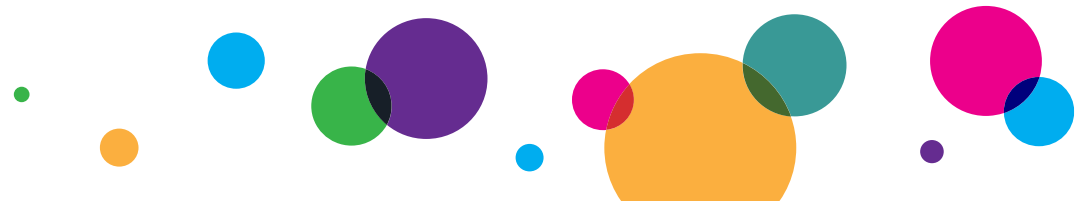
Outline

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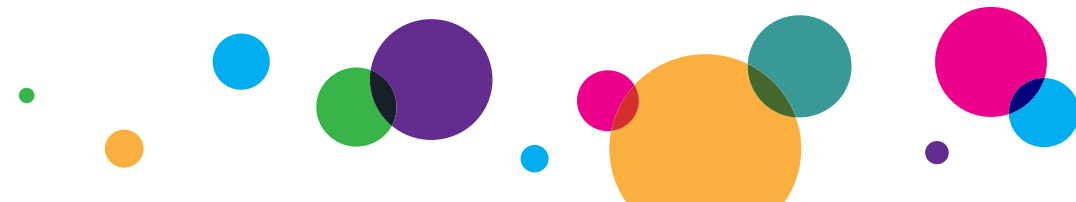


About CLOSER

- The UK's partnership of social and biomedical longitudinal population studies, the UK Data Service and The British Library
- UKRI ESRC-funded, based in the UCL Social Research Institute at IOE, Faculty of Education and Society
- Mission: Increase **visibility**, **use** and **impact** of longitudinal population studies, data and research



CLOSER partner studies



CLOSER resources

CLOSER Discovery

Search and explore data from UK longitudinal population studies

Our Changing Society

Historical and political backdrop to the lives of study participants

Cross-study guides

Interactive guides on cognition, physical activity, and diet measures

Learning Hub

Resources for those new to longitudinal population studies

Training Hub

Advanced learning resources and training opportunities

Policy Hub

Bespoke guidance, tools and templates to help mobilise research



CLOSER Discovery

Free research tool which allows users to **search, browse** and **explore** 10+ longitudinal population studies data all in one place.

Enabling researchers and data managers at all stages of the research process to **discover, assess** and **understand** longitudinal population study data.

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Standard topic list

Summary statistics



Questionnaire & question context

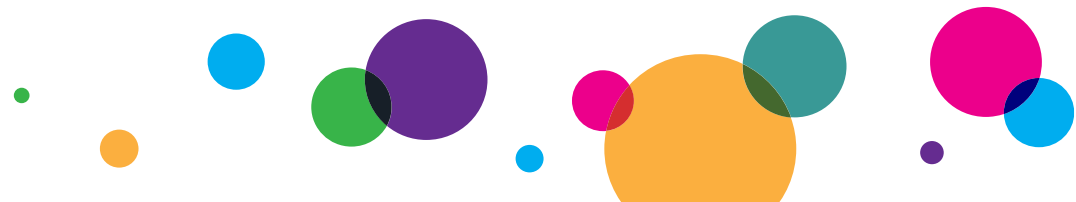


Create & download lists



CLOSER Discovery feature: Lists

- Save questions, variables, questionnaires, and datasets to a list
- Can be downloaded in several formats (PDF, CSV, Excel, and XML)
 - Some formats include more information than others
- Keep private or make public with a persistent identifier



Saving questions, variables, questionnaires, and datasets to a list

- Can you think of any use cases?
- Why/when would it be helpful to have a downloadable list of the variables and datasets you're interested in or using?



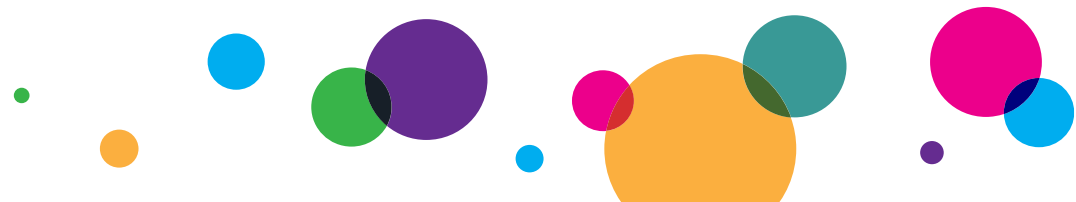
Preliminary research

- Scope out datasets you could use in your research
 - Variable metadata includes summary statistics
 - Questionnaire metadata is clean and structured
 - Save time by assessing the data before accessing/requesting it
 - Keep all this information in one place (help your future self)
- Find questions to include in your survey



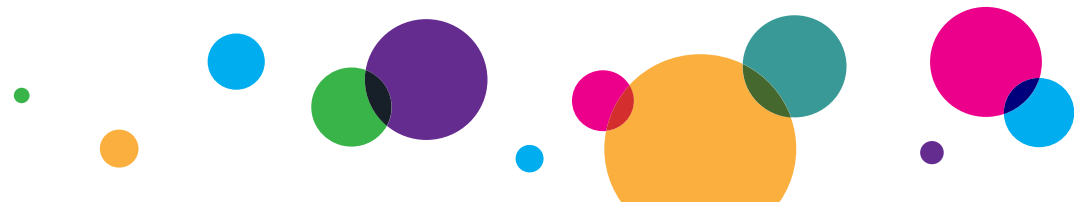
Requesting information/access to data

- Asking the study questions about the data
- Make the data request process easier by sending your list of variables/datasets to the study



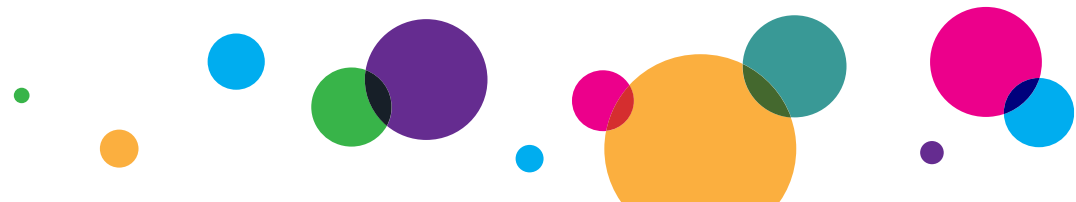
Collaboration

- Facilitate collaboration by sharing your list with different people working on a research project
 - PhD student sharing variables/datasets of interests with their supervisor
 - Collaborating with others who don't have access to the data

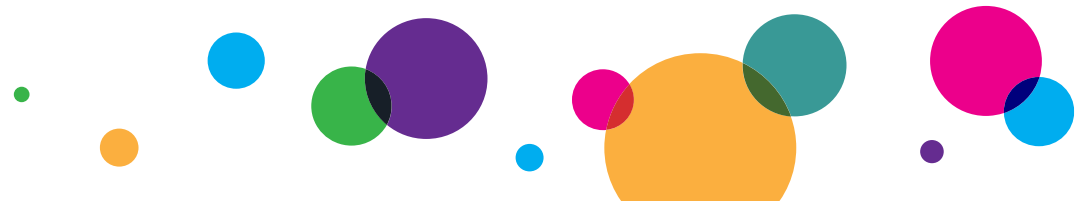


Open science

- Document and share the variables/datasets and questions/questionnaires you've used in a publication



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● 491 Datasets

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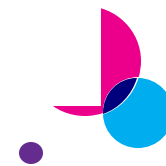
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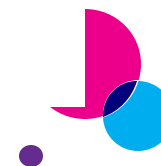
attitudes marriage|

Variables



 Search

Explore available studies:



Review search results

Variable [Marriage is for life](#) Add to list

Study: [1970 British Cohort Study](#)
Sweep: [Age 26 Survey \(1996\)](#)
Dataset: [BCS70 Questionnaire \(1996\) Dataset](#)
Name: B960128

Variable [WDYT:11,F3 Marriage is for life](#) Add to list

Study: [National Child Development Study](#)
Sweep: [Age 33 Survey \(1991\)](#)
Dataset: [NCDS5 What Do You Think \(1991\) Dataset](#)
Name: N509665

Variable [WDYT:11,F7 Marriage gives you economic security](#) Add to list

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Sweep: [Age 33 Survey \(1991\)](#)
Dataset: [NCDS5 What Do You Think \(1991\) Dataset](#)
Name: N509669



Marriage is for life

1970 British Cohort Study | Age 26 Survey (1996) | BCS70 Questionnaire (1996) Dataset



Variable Description | Representation | Source Questions | Lineage | Variable Groups

Name B960128
Label Marriage is for life
Dataset BCS70 Questionnaire (1996) Dataset

B960128

Summary Statistics for 'B960128'

Value	Valid	Label	Frequency	% of Valid	% of All
-8	✗ Missing	Inappropriate Answer	7		0.08%
-2	✓ Valid	Does Not Apply	0	0.00%	0.00%
-1	✓ Valid	Not Answered	0	0.00%	0.00%
1	✓ Valid	Strongly agree	2,971	33.64%	33.00%
2	✓ Valid	Agree	3,437	38.91%	38.18%
3	✓ Valid	Uncertain	1,302	14.74%	14.46%
4	✓ Valid	Disagree	951	10.77%	10.56%
5	✓ Valid	Strongly disagree	172	1.95%	1.91%
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Valid		Invalid	Min	Max	Mean
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<< B960127

BCS70 Questionnaire (1996) Dataset (10 of 280)

B960129 >>





1

People have very different opinions about many things. Below is a list of statements on different topics on which we'd like your views. Please read each statement then decide how much you agree or disagree with the opinion and tick the relevant BOX on the right.

Please tick one box for each statement

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1 - Strongly Agree

2 - Agree

3 - Uncertain

4 - Disagree

5 - Strongly Disagree

The law should be obeyed, even if a particular law is wrong

There should be more women bosses in important jobs in business and industry

Having almost any job is better than being unemployed

For some crimes the death penalty is the most appropriate sentence

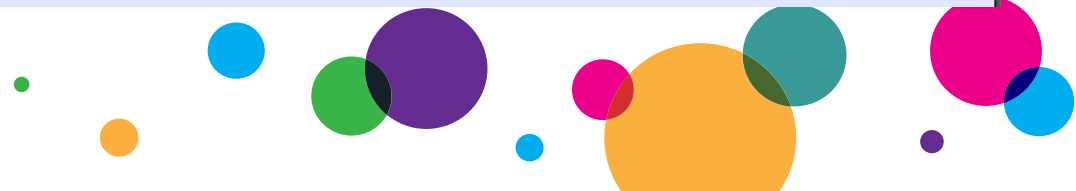
When both partners work full-time, the man should take an equal share of domestic chores

It does not really make much difference which political party is in power in Britain

Divorce is too easy to get these days

If I didn't like a job I'd pack it in, even if there was no other job to go to

Marriage is for life



Add variables to a list



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BCS70 Age 26 'Where Are You Now?' Self-Completion Questionnaire

11 questions before...



Please follow the instructions given for each question. You may be asked to give your answers in a number of ways. For some questions you will be asked to tick a box, for others you will have to write your answer, and sometimes you may have to do both.

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Create a List

Create a list to save variables and/or questions you want to return to later, or to share with others. See the [How-to guides](#) for more information. You can have many lists. To swap between lists, click on the list name and select **Activate** at the bottom of the page. Any variables and/or questions you add to a list, will be automatically added to your active list.

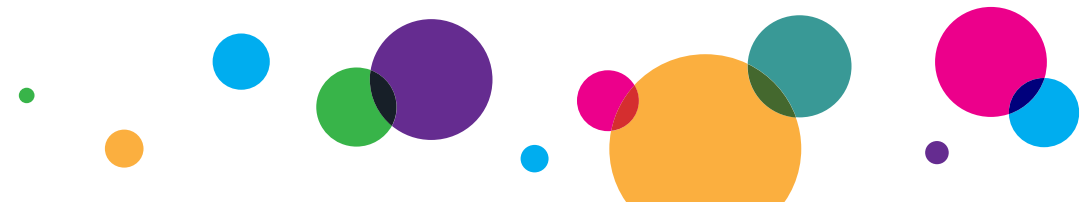
Share a list

You can download the metadata in PDF, csv, Excel or DDI-Lifecycle format which can be shared. Alternatively, if you set your list to public, the URL of the list can be shared.

Your Lists

Title	Item Count	Status
Marriage attitudes study	1	Active

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This is your active list.

Variables (1)

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Details

Title
Marriage attitudes study



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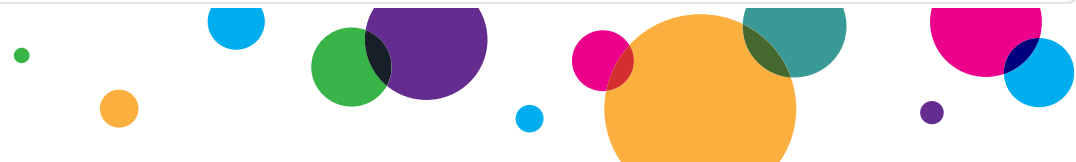
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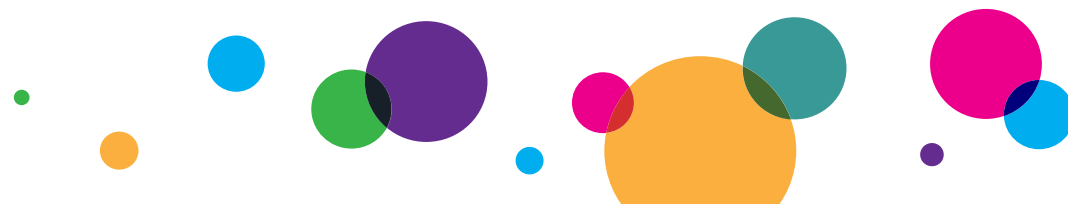
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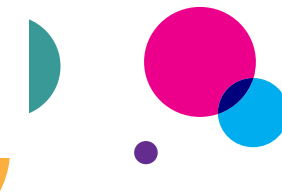
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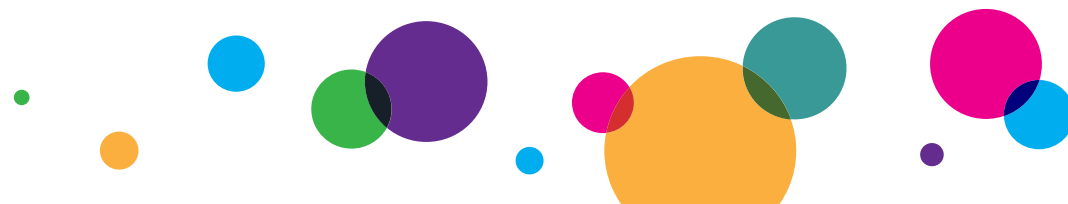
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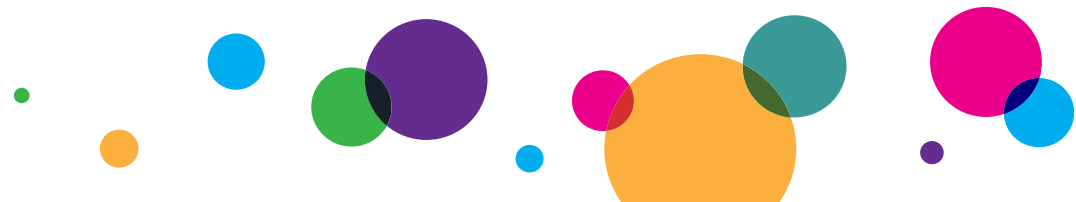
Next step

- Add example lists to CLOSER Discovery (e.g. training datasets)



Summary

- Lists can be useful at all stages of the research lifecycle, from scoping out possible datasets to publication
- Lists can be created for individual or collaborative purposes
- Lists can be private or made public with a persistent identifier
- Lists can be downloaded in a variety of formats to suit your needs
- Feedback is welcome!



Questions/feedback? 😊

