

## The ONS Longitudinal Study

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#### **Examples of LS research**





## Being a Muslim in Europe: attitudes and experiences Karlsen et al







Ethnic minorities have fewer job opportunities due to 'societal racism', says new study

Comment

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## Evidence quoted in the independent review of children's social care, Sacker et al



 adults who spent time in care between 1971-2001 were 70% more likely to die prematurely than those who did not, and also more likely to experience an unnatural death (selfharm, accidents, and mental and behavioural causes)

- lower rates of long term illness and higher rates of employment for adults with a history of kinship care compared to those that grew up in foster or residential care
- care leavers who were in residential care have the highest prevalence of limiting long term illnesses (around 32% on average), followed by adults who lived in foster care (around 16% on average) and adults who lived in kinship care (12% on average) compared with individuals who have not been in care (7%)



#### Declining social mobility Hecht et al for the Sutton Trust

#### ELITES IN THE UK: PULLING AWAY?

Social mobility, geographic mobility and elite occupa

Katharina Hecht, Daniel McArthur, Mike Savage and Sam Friedman - January 2020

) LS

International Inequalities Institute Figure 13: Social mobility trajectory into higher professional and managerial occupations by cohort and gender





#### How to access the data





## Who can access LS data?

Available for free to all researchers BUT

- Research must be in public interest
- Protection of confidentiality of data relating to individuals in LS is crucial
- Researchers must apply for access







## Where can I access LS data?

#### SRS safe settings

- Hampshire (Titchfield)
- Wales (Newport)

#### Remote access

- Send code to CeLSIUS
- We send output

Institution with Assured Organisational Connectivity agreement

- SRS in office
- Institution owned computer at home (sign extended Security Operations Procedures document & get ONS approval)

#### University-based safe pods

• 2022 onwards



#### Safepods





https://statistics.ukdataservice.ac.uk/dataset/







## Beta testing the 2021 data

#### A beta test will

- Test the data for accuracy etc.
- Inform the decision whether to release the data



# About the beta test programme

- Up to ten test projects
  - Early access to data
  - Involvement with public launch
  - Able to publish when data are released more widely
- Timeline
  - Applications: to end Jan 2023
  - Data available to successful projects: mid 2023 (?)
  - End of testing period: late 2023 (?)
  - Full release: late 2023 / early 2024 (?)



#### Beta test selection criteria

- All projects must
  - Include a longitudinal element
  - Include at least one experienced LS user
  - Quantify the effect of item imputation
  - Produce outputs for England and Wales separately as well as combined
  - Obtain the accreditation required by the Secure Research Service



## Selection criteria ctd.

- The set of projects will cover certain areas
  - New questions in 2021 sexual orientation, gender identity and armed forces veterans
  - 2. Migration and mobility address one year ago, second address, workplace address (COVID-19 relevance?)
  - 3. International migration address one year ago, month and year of arrival, intended length of stay, passport(s) held (Brexit relevance?)



#### Selection criteria ctd.

- Continued...
  - 4. Identity and ethnicity national identity, main language, English proficiency, passport(s) held (first opportunity to look at individual transitions), religion, ethnicity
  - **5. Household composition and relationships** within the household (COVID-19 relevance?)
  - 6. Occupation coding and NS-SEC classifications



## Selection criteria ctd.

- Continued...
  - 7. General **health** and limiting long-term illness
  - 8. Caring including transitions in caring responsibilities between censuses and analysis of the impact of the change to the response scale (COVID-19 relevance?)
  - 9. Mortality particular focus on 2020 and 2021 checking outcome of new process to link deaths (COVID-19 relevance?)



## Desirable additional criteria

- Intention to replicate the same or very similar research using one or both of our sister studies in Scotland and Northern Ireland
- Involve collaboration between academic groups and government departments or other relevant external agencies where possible
- Address themes of key interest to government departments such as:
  - the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
  - the effects of the UK leaving the European Union
  - topics such as social mobility, ageing, caring and migration



#### Beta test applications

- More info:
  - <u>https://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutus/whatwedo/paidserv</u> <u>ices/longitudinalstudyls/longitudinalstudycensus2021</u> <u>linkagebetatest</u>
  - https://bit.ly/ls2021 beta test





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