

The SHARE topics

STANDARD MODULES		Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 4	Wave 5	Wave 6
Cover Screen	Year and month of birth, gender, household composition	x	x	x	x	x
Demographics	Education, marital status, country of birth & citizenship, parents & siblings	x	x	x	x	x
Social Network	Ego-centered network, contact, emotional closeness, geographical distance, satisfaction with network			x		x
Children	Number & demographics of children	x	x	x	x	x
Physical Health	Self-rated health, diseases, weight & height, (I)ADL, limitations	x	x	x	x	x
Behavioral Risks	Smoking & alcohol, nutrition, physical activity	x	x	x	x	x
Cognitive Function	Self-rated reading & writing skills, orientation, memory test, verbal fluency & numeracy	x	x	x	x	x
Mental Health	Depression scales (Euro-D, CES-D), quality of life (CASP-12).	x	x	x	x	x
Health Care	Doctor visits, hospital stays, surgeries, foregone care, out-of-pocket payments	x	x	x	x	x
Employment and Pensions	Employment status, individual income sources (public benefits, pensions), job, work quality	x	x	x	x	x
Computer Use	Computer & Internet use and skills	x	x	x	x	x
Mini Childhood	Accommodation feature, school performance, financial situation of the family, health status, vaccination				x	
Social support	Help & care given and received	x	x	x	x	x
Financial Transfers	Money or gifts given and received, inheritance	x	x	x	x	x
Housing	Owner (mortgages, loans & value), tenant (payments), type & features of building	x	x	x	x	x
Household Income	Income source of all household members	x	x	x	x	x
Consumption	Expenditures for food, goods, services, ability to make ends meet	x	x	x	x	x
Assets	Bank & pension accounts, bonds, stocks & funds, savings	x	x	x	x	x
Activities	Voluntary work, clubs, religious organization, motivations	x	x	x	x	x
Expectations	Expected inheritances, life expectancy, future prospects	x	x	x	x	x
Interviewer Observations	Willingness to answer, understanding of questions, type of building, neighborhood	x	x	x	x	x

PHYSICAL MEASURES

Grip Strength	Measure of handgrip strength using a dynamometer	x	x	x	x	x
Walking Speed	Measure of the time it takes to walk a distance of 2.5 meters	x	x			
Chair Stand	Measure of the time it takes to stand up and sit down five consecutive times		x		x	
Peak Flow	Breathing test which measures people's expiratory lung capacity		x	x		

SPECIAL MODULES

End-of-Life Interview	Information on the last year of life of deceased respondents, cause of death, care		x	x	x	x
Drop-off	Self-administered paper-pencil questionnaire with country-specific questions, sensitive questions	x	x	x	x	x
Vignettes	Check for cultural variation in using answer scales	x	x			
Blood Spots	Four biomarkers based on blood spots (total cholesterol, vitamin D, Long term glucose level, C-reactive protein and cytokines)					x

SHARELIFE

SHARELIFE is the third wave of SHARE. The objective for this wave was to collect information on respondent's life histories in order to examine whether early and adult life conditions affect people's life conditions in the third and fourth age. The SHARELIFE questionnaire will also be administered in wave 7. The SHARELIFE data can be linked to the standard SHARE data.



Children history

Pregnancies, births, adoption and death at birth, children characteristics, maternity leave, source of income during maternity leave or breaks, working behavior after birth of children.

Partner history

Living arrangements with partners, marriages, divorces.

Accommodation history

Residences (country, region), moves, types of accommodation, ownership.

Childhood Circumstances (age 10)

Accommodation features, number of books, school performance.

Work history

Employment status, job characteristics, income, work quality (effort, demand, control, job circumstances), disability leaves, work reduction, disability pension.

Financial history

Investments in stocks, funds, insurance uptake, retirement savings.

Health and health care history

Hospital stays, illnesses, diseases, current self-rated health, vaccinations, doctor visits, preventive check-ups, health behaviours.

General Life events

Periods of happiness, stress, financial hardship, hunger, persecution, oppression.

Special datasets

easySHARE is a simplified (HRS-adapted) dataset for student training and for researchers with little experience in quantitative analyses of complex data.

SHARE-RV links German SHARE survey data with administrative records from the German Pension Fund.

The **Job Episodes Panel** is a ready-to-use long panel based on information taken from SHARE waves 1 to 3 that allows to identify the labour market status throughout the respondent's life.

Data access and information

The SHARE data are available to the entire research community free of charge.

General information on SHARE and its related projects:
<http://www.share-project.org>

General information on SHARELIFE:
<http://www.share-project.org/sharelife/>

Swiss website on SHARE and SHARELIFE:
<http://www.unil.ch/share>