

# THE MULTIPLE FACETS OF LONE PARENTHOOD : A QUALITATIVE PANEL STUDY IN THE CANTONS OF VAUD AND GENEVA

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## General panel data content

Individual experience with lone parenthood of a sample of 40 lone parents living in the cantons of Vaud and Geneva:

- Biographical information on places of residence, couple relationships, family, work, health
- Life story before the transition to lone parenthood
- Story of the transition to lone parenthood
- Life as a lone parent (problems, advantages, public policy support informal support)
- Life as a man / woman
- Social network structure
- Future prospects

## Structure of the panel

Wave 1  
(2012-2013)  
N=40

- Semi-structured interviews
- Life calendars

Wave 2  
(2015)  
N=33

- Problem-centred interviews
- Life calendars
- Social network charts

Wave 3  
(2017-2018)  
N=28

- Semi-structured interviews
- Social network charts

Wave 4  
(2019)

- Parents' interviews
- **Children's interviews**
- Parents' life calendars
- Parents' network charts

## Ongoing activities

- Data archival in the FORS database
- Social network project
- Preparation for the fourth wave of the fieldwork

## Sample characteristics at the transition to lone parenthood

<b>Sex</b>	
Female	38
Male	2

<b>Years in lone parenthood at w1</b>	
0-5	29
6	5
7	4
11	1
14	1

<b>Age</b>	
18-24	2
25-30	11
31-40	22
41-54	5

<b>Number of children</b>	
1	24
2	14
3+	2

<b>Age of the youngest child</b>	
0-2	28
3-5	9
6-10	3

<b>Employment status</b>	
Full-time	6
Part-time	21
Students	4
Unemployed	4
Inactive	4
Freelance	1

<b>Education level</b>	
Lower secondary	4
Upper secondary	18
Tertiary	18

<b>Type of entry into lone parenthood</b>	
Singlehood	7
Separation	31
Widowhood	2

<b>Nationality</b>	
Swiss	31
Other	9

## Related publications

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