

Table showing ELSA data and documentation currently (or prospectively¹) available from the UK Data Archive

File	Wave 0	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 3	Wave 4	Wave 5	Wave 6
Core Data	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nurse Data	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	✓
Index File ²	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Life History Data	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	N/A
Ryff Self Completion Data ³	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Household Grid	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Telephone Interview (with non - responders) Data	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓
End of Life Interview Data	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Derived Variables ⁴	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Financial Derived Variables ⁵	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pension Wealth Derived Variables	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pension Grid	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mortgage Data	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mortgage Grid	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Technical Report	N/A ⁶	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Notes

General: 'N/A' normally denotes that this data is not applicable to that particular wave, however sometimes it denotes that there are no plans to create that dataset for that wave.

1. Prospective datasets (i.e. those that we plan to deposit in the future) are denoted in red, with prospective waves bordered by non-solid lines in the table.
2. The Index File is a 'reference file', updated after each wave (so there is in fact only one file and not a series of them). It contains information about all respondents who were eligible for ELSA from HSE (as well as their partners and others in their households) and includes, amongst other information, basic demographic information, interview outcome codes and mortality information.
3. This data is from a self-completion questionnaire, given to respondents at the end of the Wave 2 Nurse Visit, which relates to personal beliefs and wellbeing.
4. These variables mainly consist of demographic and socio-economic measures.
5. New versions of all three waves' Financial Derived Variables will be available by early 2010.
6. This is equivalent to the HSE Technical Reports for the years 1998, 1999 and 2001, which are accessible through the HSE pages of the UK Data Archive.

Documentation

All datasets mentioned in the table above have an accompanying User Guide, and all data collected at interview has (or will have in the case of prospective data) accompanying questionnaire documentation. The exception to this is Wave 0, where the questionnaire documentation is that of HSE, and can be accessed in the same way as the HSE Technical Report. There are also field documents deposited for Waves 1 – 4, which include the self-completion questionnaires, interviewer (and nurse) project instructions and protocols, codebook and edit instructions, showcards, consent forms/booklets and newsletters/leaflets/letters given to respondents.