UK Data Service

Introductory Webinars 2015

To help you get the most from the UK Data Service we run a series of introductory webinars which introduce different aspects of the Service and explain our key datasets. The webinars are repeated throughout the year so you can choose a webinar session which is convenient for you. Other webinars, on more specialised topics, are also run by the UK Data Service. See our website for more details.

Introduction to the UK Data Service

The UK Data Service holds the UK's largest collection of digital research data. Participants will learn about the different types of quantitative and qualitative data we hold, how to find those data collections using our online resource discovery tools, and how to register to access datasets in a number of different formats. We will also demonstrate how some of our data collections can be viewed and analysed online, as well as providing an overview of our support and training resources for students, researchers and teachers.

20 January, 3 pm

3 March, 3 pm

6 May, 3 pm

7 July, 3 pm

6 October 3 pm

Finding and accessing data in the UK Data Service

This webinar is intended for anyone who wants to know more about finding data from the UK Data Service. Participants will be given a practical overview, focusing on the Service's search-and-browse portal, Discover, which allows users to find datasets, variables, qualitative extracts, support guides, case studies, ESRC outputs, and more. Hints and tips on how to get the best out of Discover will be provided, as well as an overview of the portal's growing content.

10 March, 3 pm

13 May, 3 pm

14 October, 3 pm

Getting started with re-using data

Participants will learn about key issues in secondary analysis, including understanding the context and sampling strategies, exploring data documentation to understand variables and key issues such as missing values. The ethics of re-using data will also be addressed. Participants will find this webinar most useful if they have some experience with quantitative or qualitative methods.

17 March, 3 pm

19 May, 3 pm

22 October, 3 pm

Data management basics

Data management is essential to make sure that well organised, well documented, high quality and shareable research data result from your research project. We will guide you through: documenting your data; formatting and organising your data; storing your data, including data transfer, encryption, and file sharing; ethical and legal issues in data sharing and handling confidential information; writing a data management plan for research grants.

24 March, 3 pm

3 June, 3 pm

5 November, 3 pm

Key Data Webinars 2015

The UK Data Service provides access to over 6,000 computer readable datasets suitable for research and teaching. To help you navigate the data that we hold we run introductory webinars on key data, which focus on our most popular datasets. The webinars are repeated throughout the year so you can choose a webinar session which is convenient for you.

Key Surveys

This webinar is intended for anyone who wants to know more about the UK government survey datasets and the cross-national datasets available from the UK Data Service. The UK Data Service provides access to a wide range of UK government surveys such as the British Social Attitudes Survey, the Labour Force Survey and the Crime Survey for England and Wales. We also provide access to a number of cross-national surveys such as the Eurobarometer surveys and the European Election Studies.

29 January, 3 pm

16 July, 3 pm

Census

This webinar is intended for anyone who wants to know more about the Census data available from the UK Data Service. The UK Data Service provides access to Census data in a range of formats including aggregate data, flow data, microdata and boundary data.

4 February, 3 pm

3 September, 3 pm

Longitudinal Surveys

This webinar is intended for anyone who wants to know more about the longitudinal datasets available from the UK Data Service. The UK Data Service provides access to a range of longitudinal data including the Birth Cohort Studies, the National Child Development Study, Understanding Society and the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing.

11 March, 3 pm

16 September, 3 pm

International Macrodata

This webinar is intended for anyone who wants to know more about the international macrodata available from the UK Data Service. The UK Data Service provides access to a range of international macrodata data including those produced by the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

23 April 2 pm

8 October, 2 pm

Qualitative

This webinar is intended for anyone who wants to know more about the qualitative or mixed-methods data available from the UK Data Service. The UK Data Service provides access to a range of qualitative and mixed-methods data including Peter Townsend's Last Refuge and Neighbourhood Boundaries, Social Disorganisation and Social Exclusion.

7 May, 3 pm

11 November, 3 pm

Business Data

The webinar includes an overview of the business survey areas covered (e.g. earnings and skills) and the data available. Examples of research that have used business microdata will be presented. As the business data are potentially identifiable, they must be accessed through the Secure Lab. The webinar will show you how to apply to access these data.

24 June, 3 pm

2 December, 3 pm