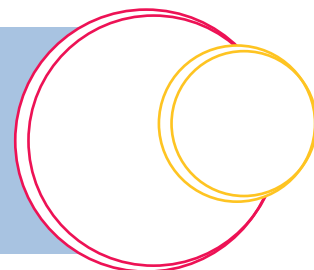


Building a picture of the UK one interview at a time

Everyone who takes part in Understanding Society is an individual – your life and experiences are unique. There's no one else in the Study like you and we can't replace your interview with anyone else's.



From across the UK, tens of thousands of individuals take part in Understanding Society and together these interviews help us to build an accurate picture of life in the UK today. Through Understanding Society we can see where people's lives change, what stays the same and the experiences of different generations. It helps us understand which government policies have worked, and which ones haven't, how families and communities change over time and how social and political opinions develop. Understanding Society plays a key role in medical research, helping us better understand health and treat diseases.

In the last year, information from Understanding Society has been used to look at:

- home schooling during the Covid-19 lockdown
- gender equality at work
- how happy children are
- changes in health behaviour
- recruiting and retaining teachers
- the travel needs of older people
- food bank use
- the impact of later life divorce on mental health
- inequalities between generations
- preventing teenage bullying
- the links between air pollution and memory issues

And much, much more. You can find more information about how Understanding Society is being used by looking on our website: www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/participants

**Whatever your reasons for taking part – thank you.
Your interview makes a difference.**



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Understanding Society and confidentiality

We take great care to protect the confidentiality of our participants. Your personal details such as name, address and date of birth are removed from your survey, so that you cannot be identified. Your details are never made available to researchers or other companies who might use them for marketing purposes. However, if you tell us something that makes us worried about your or your children's safety, we may have to discuss this with somebody else as we need to be sure you are safe.

Is my information secure if I do the survey online?

Yes. The information you provide online is secure. You are issued with a unique log-in for the survey. The information you give us is downloaded on to secure servers.

Who checks that Understanding Society keeps information secure?

Understanding Society is compliant with the ISO-27001 data security protocols and procedures, which is an international standard for information security management. We are regularly inspected by an independent auditor as part of our ISO-27001 certification. Our fieldwork partners, NatCen Social Research and Kantar, have also achieved ISO-27000 certification.

Is Understanding Society compliant with the GDPR?

Yes. We are compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation

For more information on data security and GDPR go to:

www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/participants/data-confidentiality

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