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Registered Data User Newsletter **Summer, 2019**

Welcome to the Center for Economic and Social Research regular data user newsletter, providing you with a quick update on UAS data news and happenings. This is the second newsletter of 2019.

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Did you miss a newsletter? They are archived online at <https://uasdata.usc.edu>.

UAS is growing...

Another wave of national recruitment is now underway and we have more than 7800 active panel members so far. UAS' population-representative California state sub-panel has more than 2600 members at this time.

NEW UAS functionality: survey experiment codebook summaries and searchable experiment categories

We have categorized the types of experiments conducted in UAS surveys, and added a search function to allow users to quickly view a list of all experiments of a selected type. Survey experiments are also now documented in survey codebook introductions.

----- New UAS Data Releases -----

In case you missed it: we released our internal files

UAS has released recruitment, behavior, and panel attrition data files. Formally available only to UAS internal analysts, these data are now available to all registered UAS users under the *Special Datasets* menu tab. This release includes recruitment data, first "my household" (demographic data, updated quarterly), the full "my household"

longitudinal data file, survey order, and survey invitations. More info here:
<https://uasdata.usc.edu/page/UAS+Recruitment%2C+Behavior+And+Attrition+Data>

Latest Data from the UAS Monthly Survey Series

No Embargo. New data, released monthly.

- **UAS 180:** April/May 2019. Donation decisions, life events
- **UAS 191:** May/June 2019. Election history, forecasts, and politics
- **UAS 193:** June/July 2019. Finger length, risk, and issues in the news
- **UAS 197:** July/Aug 2019 (Available August 23). Prescription drugs, politics, and reactions to news events

Other Data Releases Since Last Quarter

- **UAS 170:** Open probability panel alliance winners; Perceptions of sexual harassment and body image
- **UAS 062:** 2016 Boston Fed Survey of Consumer Payment Choice

----- UAS Data Usage Stats* -----

**Since UAS Redesign - July 2017*

Number of active users	446
Survey data sets	2113
Non-response files	210
Timings data files	109
Platform data files	93
Survey codebook downloads	14,426
Zip files (HRS or Election data)	334
Question card data sets	22
Recruitment, behavior, attrition	23
Newsletter	319
AAPOR recruitment rates files	458

UAS Comprehensive Data File

Latest version release: March 2019

Merged data from HRS and other UAS surveys:
harmonized, cleaned, and ready to download and analyze

- UAS Health and Retirement Study (HRS) items
- cognitive and personality tests
- financial literacy
- subjective well-being
- health
- retirement data
- financial management
- preparation for retirement
- pensions
- **marital history and family structure (new!)**
- knowledge of Social Security rules
- useful derived variables. (e.g. household total wealth, yearly earnings, self-reported health, etc.)

The UAS Comprehensive File merges data from core surveys in the UAS. We carefully derive variables from these and the UAS Health and Retirement Study (UAS HRS).

Wave 2 is coming: We will begin adding derived variables from UAS HRS Wave 2 in September 2019 starting with the Income and Wealth variables. Also ahead: adding the final Wave 1 derived variables on the topic of Social Security and disability benefits.

Data and documentation at: <https://uasdata.usc.edu/page/UAS+Comprehensive+Data+File>

From CESR's Evidence Base Blog Recent posts based on UAS data

The Effect of Thank-You Calls on Charitable Giving. Anya Samek, April 15, 2019

Recent CESR UAS Publications

JOURNAL PAPERS

Marco Angrisani and Maria Casanova, "[What you think you know can hurt you: under/over confidence in financial knowledge and preparedness for retirement.](#)" Journal of Pension Economics & Finance pp 1-16 (2019)

BOOK (CHAPTERS)

Anya Samek, "[Advantages and disadvantages of field experiments](#)" Handbook of Research Methods and Applications in Experimental Economics pp 04-120 (2019)

WORKING PAPERS/Other Publications

David Lauter, "[On tax day, most Americans don't feel new law made them better off](#)" Los Angeles Times April 15 (2019)

Alessandra Gaia, Carli Lessof, and Mick P. Couper, "[A review of new technologies and data sources for measuring household finances: Implications for total survey error](#)" Understanding Society at the Institute for Social and Economic Research No. 2019-02 (2019)

Jeffrey R. Brown, Arie Kapteyn, Erzo Luttmer, Olivia S. Mitchell and Anya Samek, "[Behavioral Impediments to Valuing Annuities: Complexity and Choice Bracketing](#)" Pension Research Council March 12 (2019)

Lukas Brenner, Tobias Meyll, Oscar Stolper and Andreas Walter, "[Consumer fraud victimization and financial well-being](#)" Philipps-Universität Marburg Accounting & Finance Research Group (2019)

Here is the List of All UAS Publications

[<https://uasdata.usc.edu/page/Academic+Papers>]

Have you sent us yours ?

Please forward references to papers, presentations, blog posts etc. that are based on UAS data. Tracking them is a UAS funding requirement. We will feature your research in these newsletters and add your citation to our permanent online list.

Remember to acknowledge UAS as the source in all publications based on UAS Data

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