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CESR UAS Data User Newsletter **May, 2020**

Welcome to the Center for Economic and Social Research's regular Understanding America Study data user newsletter, providing you with a quick update on UAS data news and happenings. This is the first newsletter of 2020.

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

----- UAS Data Releases Since Last Update -----

Longitudinal Coronavirus Tracking Survey

National, California and Los Angeles County

Funded by USC, with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Wave 1: UAS230/231 (March 10-31, 2020) N=7145 available now

Wave 2: UAS235/236 (April 1-14, final on April 29) N=5496 available now

Wave 3: UAS240/241 (April 15-28, final on May 12) available on May 14

Wave 4: UAS242/243 (April 29-May12, final on May 26) available on May 28

Visit our tracking survey: <http://cv19pulse.usc.edu>

and our data site: <https://uasdata.usc.edu/covid19>

Los Angeles Barometer

A quarterly longitudinal survey of over 1,800 Los Angeles County residents, monitoring social conditions and attitudes in Los Angeles. Focusing on four key issues: livability, mobility, sustainability & resiliency, and affordability & prosperity.

2019 Livability and Mobility surveys are now available. Sustainability and Affordability: Summer and Fall 2020

- UAS 194 - 2019 Livability Survey (July 19, 2019 - September 30, 2019)
- UAS 199 - 2019 Livability Survey Complement (Aug 12, 2019 - Sept 08, 2019)
- UAS 219- 2019 Mobility Survey (Dec 11, 2019 - Feb 7, 2020)

Highlights of Other Recent Data Releases

- UAS Monthly Life Events Panel longitudinal data file - 10 waves so far, updated monthly (ages 50+) <https://uasdata.usc.edu/page/UAS+Monthly+Events+Panel>
- UAS221 - Presidential Politics and Caregivers N=6128
- UAS212 - UAS End of Year Survey N=6728

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

*Since UAS Redesign - July 2017

Number of active users	617
Survey data sets	3294
Non-response files	282
Timings data files	198
Platform data files	143
Survey codebook downloads	25,940
Zip files (HRS or Election data)	516
Question cart data sets	47
Recruitment, behavior, attrition	69
Newsletter	1292
AAPOR recruitment rates files	1142
Custom Stata data sets	360
Custom comma delimited data sets	243

UAS Comprehensive Data File Update

Latest version release: March 31, 2020

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

NEW: Since the last newsletter, we've added UAS HRS Wave 2 derived health, retirement, and health insurance variables. More Wave 2 variables will be added this year, as well as a re-designed Component file that will include timestamp and demographic variables from all UAS surveys included in the Comprehensive file.

- 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
- 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).

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

Other CESR News

CESR's 2nd *Current Innovations in Probability-based Household Internet Panel Research* (CIPHER) conference took place 26-27 February 2020, in Washington, D.C.

Our last in-person conference before the novel coronavirus pandemic! More than 100 attendees joined CESR to discuss the latest research on issues related to building and using probability-based online panels in the U.S. and around the world. We devoted a second half day to discussing the use of panels in policy and practice. The conference [agenda](#) includes links to presentations for each panel. [Website: https://cesr.usc.edu/cipher_2020](https://cesr.usc.edu/cipher_2020)

CESR's UAS Panel is continuing to grow:

UAS now has nearly 9000 active panel members, including representative sub-panels of more than 3200 Californians and more than 2000 residents of Los Angeles County.

We continue to offer free data housing service to survey authors:

In support of open-science data transparency, and due to an increasing number of journals that require published manuscripts to make their data available for replication, we are offering a new free service to UAS survey authors. We will house your published analytic data files, or create fully de-identified files that you may house elsewhere.

From CESR's Evidence Base Blog

Recent posts based on UAS data

[Individuals with Low Incomes, Less Education Report Higher Perceived Financial, Health Threats from COVID-19](#)

By Simone Schaner and Natalie Theys - April 1, 2020

[Americans Disagree on How Risky the Coronavirus Is, But Most Are Changing Their Behavior Anyway](#)

By Wändi Bruine de Bruin, MSc, PhD, Anya Samek, PhD and Daniel Bennett, PhD - March 26, 2020

[This Recession May Be Different, But Many of the Victims May Look the Same](#)

By Daniel Bennett, PhD, Arie Kapteyn, PhD and Htay-Wah Saw, PhD - March 25, 2020

[Discrimination Against Asian, Black Americans More Likely Amid Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

By Ying Liu and Brian Karl Finch - March 23, 2020

[Knowledge of COVID-19 Symptoms May Not Be Sufficient to Change Behavior](#)

By Ying Liu and Soeren Mattke - March 20, 2020

[USC Study Finds Increasing Actions and Risk Perceptions for Coronavirus](#)

By Wändi Bruine de Bruin, MSc, PhD and Daniel Bennett, PhD - March 18, 2020

[Numbers or Narratives? A Misleading Account of White Decline Fuels Whites' Anxiety about Rising Diversity](#)

By Morris Levy, PhD and Dowell Myers, PhD - January 21, 2020

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