Summative Datasets (2024/25)

For the formative assignment you should design a research question using the following data sources as a guide. The first table contains example datasets. These can all be used for the assignment.

If you wish to use a different dataset, then you must ensure that the source is on a similar level of reputability as those in this list. For example, a lot of the example data is UK/US-based but official data from other countries (governments, national statistics offices...etc) would also be appropriate.

If you choose to use a different dataset, then you must clearly outline this in your formative and explain how it is a similar quality to the examples displayed. Research using datasets from less reputable sources is unlikely to be approved. It is recommended that you select a source from Table 1 if you want to guarantee that your proposed data will be okay. Table 2 gives some examples how you may choose datasets not in the original list.

Table 1: Approved dataset sources	Link
European Social Survey	https://www.europeansocialsurvey.org/data
World Bank	https://databank.worldbank.org/
Office of National Statistics	https://www.ons.gov.uk/
Oxford Internet Survey	https://oxis.oii.ox.ac.uk/
US Government Data	https://data.gov/
UK Government Data	https://www.data.gov.uk/
European Data Portal	https://data.europa.eu/en
UK Data Service	https://ukdataservice.ac.uk/
Understanding Society	https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/
OECD	https://data.oecd.org/
United Nations	https://data.un.org/
IMF	https://www.imf.org/en/Data
All national statistics offices worldwide	https://opendatawatch.com/knowledge-partnership/%E2%80%8Bnational-statistical-offices-online/
Our World in Data	https://ourworldindata.org/
Earth Data (NASA)	https://www.earthdata.nasa.gov/
US Covid Tracker	https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home
WHO	https://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.home

Table 2: Example alternative datasets	Link
Government of Canada Data Reason it would be okay: Official government data from a country not on the original list.	https://www.canada.ca/en.html
GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences Reason it would be okay: Well established research institute.	https://www.gesis.org/en/home
University of Michigan Health and Retirement Study Reason it would be okay: Large scale survey supported by official sources.	https://hrs.isr.umich.edu/about
IPUMS data Reason it would be okay: Well established data platform.	https://www.ipums.org
China health and retirement study Reason it would be okay: Large scale national longitudinal study. Clear how data was collected. Backing from well-known university.	https://charls.pku.edu.cn/en/