# Request #: 485 - HDFS - Thesis

Family and Consumer Science Extension Agents' Questions from 2009-2019

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## Background

A County Extension Agent had the data set collected and offered it to me to use for my thesis. It is a data set that includes the people who called her extension office (no names) the date, gender, and topic of question that they had from 2009-2019

#### Sample

I did not collect the data, but I have access to the data set mentioned above. but I also plan to do a short survey of Extension faculty around the state of Utah to determine if they see the same trends in their counties as the one the data was collected from and if they felt prepared to answer the questions that are often asked of them.

## Hypothesis

These are my Research questions: 1) What are the most common topics that Extension office are called for? 2) How have these topics changed over the past 10 years? 3) Do Extension Agents feel equipped to answer these questions? 4) What could better qualify and prepare Extension Agents to fill the demands of the public?

### **Progress**

I have the data set collected about the questions that come into the office, but I have not done much else with the data.

#### Request

Help deciding the type of analyses that would be best for my longitudinal data.

#### **Timeline**

I am planning to graduate Spring of 2021, so hoping to propose my thesis mid October, and have it mostly finished and ready for approval by mid February