

Good places to start looking for open data sets

- In your research area, there are likely to be large datasets that have already been published - or you could check out and use data from...

- The Google dataset search toolbox:

<https://toolbox.google.com/datasetsearch>

- The Tidy Tuesday datasets:

<https://github.com/rfordatascience/tidytuesday>

- The gapminder datasets:

<https://www.gapminder.org/data/>

- The Kaggle datasets:

<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets>

- Or any other source you might want to use! The data don't have to be psychological in nature.

A dataset

Using the Google dataset search, I looked for the World Happiness data - to download it, I had to create a free account (not always required):

<https://data.world/laurel/world-happiness-report-data>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Google Dataset Search results for the dataset 'laurel/world-happiness-report-data'. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'data.world/laurel/world-happiness-report-data'. The page header includes navigation links like 'Dataset Search', 'World Happiness Report Data - dataset...', and 'Home | data.world'. The main content area shows the dataset title 'laurel/world-happiness-report-data' with buttons for 'Add to project', 'Download', and 'Launch workspace'. Below the title, there are tabs for 'Overview', 'Contributors', 'Discussion', and 'Activity'. The 'Overview' tab is selected, showing a 'Tables' section with the source: 'Helliwell, J., Layard, R., & Sachs, J. (2017). World Happiness Report 2017, New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network.' and a 'DATA DICTIONARY' section with a 'View' button. The '2 files' section shows a table with columns: 'wp5_country', 'country', 'year', 'life_ladder', 'log_gdp_per_capita', and 'social_support'. The table displays data for Afghanistan from 2000 to 2012. The right sidebar shows 'RECENT COMMENTS' with user avatars and names like 'Noah Rippner', '@kieronell', '@quantifieddata', and '@noahbohnson'.

laurel/world-happiness-report-data

Overview Contributors Discussion Activity

2 Coverage, summary statistics and regression

Tables

Source: Helliwell, J., Layard, R., & Sachs, J. (2017). World Happiness Report 2017, New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

DATA DICTIONARY

View all definitions for the 2 files and the 59 columns in this dataset.

2 files

online-data-chapter-2-whr-2017.xlsx

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	wp5_country	country	year	life_ladder	log_gdp_per_capita	social_support
1	Afghanistan	Afghanistan	2000	3.7230	7.1871	0.4527
2	Afghanistan	Afghanistan	2000	4.4818	7.3827	0.5573
3	Afghanistan	Afghanistan	2010	4.7584	7.4163	0.5331
4	Afghanistan	Afghanistan	2011	3.8317	7.4458	0.5211
5	Afghanistan	Afghanistan	2012	3.7820	7.5492	0.5226

Showing 1-5 of 1,420 rows, 27 columns See all

Switch to column overview

RECENT COMMENTS

@kieronell · 9 months ago
Nevermind, I see that Life Ladder is the Happiness Score

@kieronell · 9 months ago
Is the 2016 data in the first sheet used to determine the 2017 scores?

@quantifieddata · last year
https://public.tableau.com/profile/st

@noahbohnson · last year
Zoomed in a bit on Eurasia/Africa

@noahbohnson · last year
Average Life Ladder by Country from Tableau