

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 Data World dataset page for 'laurel/world-happiness-report-data'. The page includes a header with navigation links, a main content area with a 'Tables' section, a 'DATA DICTIONARY' section, and a '2 files' section. The 'Tables' section lists the source as 'Helliwell, J., Layard, R., & Sachs, J. (2017). World Happiness Report 2017, New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network.' The 'DATA DICTIONARY' section provides a link to view all definitions for the 2 files and the 59 columns in the dataset. 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 from users like @kieronell and @quantifiedata.

laurel/world-happiness-report-data

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Tables

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

DATA DICTIONARY

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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

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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?
- @quantifiedata · 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