

Data Documentation

General Information

Data used in this project are the China Family Panel Studies data.

China Family Panel Studies (CFPS) is a nationally representative, annual longitudinal survey of Chinese communities, families, and individuals launched in 2010 by the Institute of Social Science Survey (ISSS) of Peking University, China. The CFPS is designed to collect individual-, family-, and community-level longitudinal data in contemporary China. The studies focus on the economic, as well as the non-economic, wellbeing of the Chinese population, with a wealth of information covering such topics as economic activities, education outcomes, family dynamics and relationships, migration, and health.

All interviews are conducted using computer assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) technology, provided by the Survey Research Center (SRC) at the University of Michigan.

Data used in this project are data from CFPS 2018 dataset (the fourth wave follow-up survey) and CFPS 2020 dataset (the fifth wave follow-up survey), respectively collected in 2018 and 2020. The full datasets from CFPS 2018 (English version) were released in September, 2021, while so far, only the Chinese version of the individual dataset from CFPS 2020 has been released.

This project will use the individual dataset (referred as “person file” in the do file), the child proxy dataset, the family economy dataset (referred as “famecon file” in the do file), and the family roster dataset (referred as “famconf file” in the do file) from CFPS 2018, as well as the individual dataset (referred as “2020 person file” in the do file) from CFPS 2020.

Data Access

To obtain the data used in this project:

1. Go to website <https://www.issp.pku.edu.cn/cfps/en/>;
2. Click on the tab “DATA” > Register or log in on the following website;
(Users outside the China must register on the English website of CFPS using their passport ID.)
3. After logging in, click on the “Data Download” tab on the left (the tab in the second row)
> click on “+” on the left of the CFPS Public Data, and the lists of files will show;
4. This project uses data from CFPS2018 and CFPS2020;
(1) To download Stata data for CFPS 2018 (also see Figure 1),
 click on “+” on the left of the [CFPS Pub] CFPS 2018
 > click on “+” on the left of the Data
 > Stata
 > English Version
 > download “ecfps2018person_202012”, “ecfps2018famecon_202101”,

“ecfps2018famconf_202008”, “ecfps2018childproxy_202012” files.

To download the questionnaires,

click on “+” on the left of the [CFPS Pub] CFPS 2018

> click on “+” on the left of the Documentation

> download “CFPS2018 English Questionnaire”.

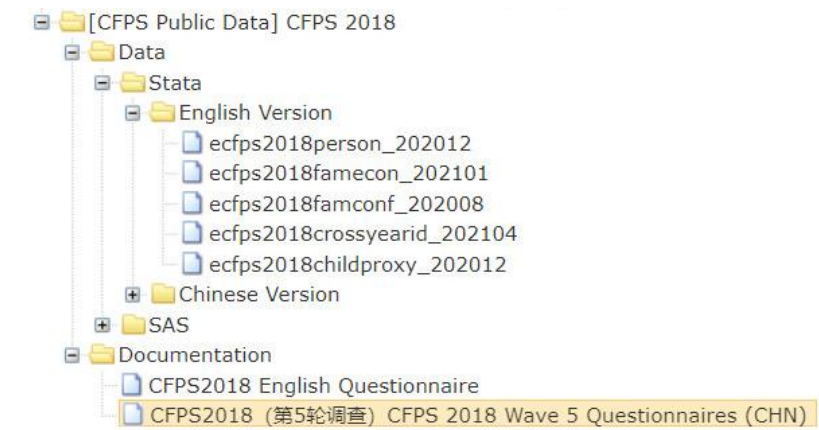


Figure 1 Download CFPS2018 Materials

(2) To download Stata data for CFPS 2020,

click on “+” on the left of the [CFPS Pub] CFPS 2020,

> click on “+” on the left of the Data

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> (Since there are only data in Chinese version released for CFPS2020 data and questionnaire,) download the “cfps2020person_202112” file. (The necessary variables that are needed in the have the same names as the individual dataset from CFPS 2018, so the lack of English questionnaire of CFPS 2020 doesn’t add to any inconvenience)