

PATH 40+ study SPSS files

The data is in Macfileservr \ PATH through life \ path40data

'path40 data.sav'	=data
'path40 data.por'	=portable data file for those who need it
'path40 variables.spo'	=list of variables
'path40 scales.sps'	=syntax file for calculating scales etc.

Response rate for PATH 40+ study

Response Status	N (% of total letters sent)	% (including Not found)	% (those known to be in age)
Interviews	2530 (28.0)	55.8	64.6
Refusals + no English	1389 (15.4)	30.7	35.4
Total known to be in age	3919 (43.4)		
Not found	612 (6.8)	13.5	
Total who <i>could</i> be in age	4531 (50.2)		
Not in age group	4222 (46.7)		
Moved out of area	280 (3.1)		
Total letters sent	9033		

The computer interview was done in 2 parts:

Part A contained SES, occupation, physical health, SF12, medications, alcohol, tobacco & marijuana use, social support, life events, life transitions, pregnancy, job satisfaction, pets and role strain. It also contains the physical and cognitive testing.

Part B contains 'spot-the-word', PANAS, Goldberg, CIDI, SPAQ, past depression, ruminative style, mastery, religion, EPQ, BISBAS, amount of physical activity & mental activity.

Due to computer problems 2 part A's and 12 Part B were lost and not redone.

12 other PART A's were lost but were redone except for immediate & delayed recall and digit backwards. 5 Part B's were lost but redone.

Spot -the-word is missing for 24 people because interview had to be read to respondent (illiteracy or sight problems).

I found a mistake in the 40+ program. In the life events questions, those without a partner jump the 3 questions about life events to partners. Unfortunately!!, the jump was incorrect and this group (519) were not asked any of the life event questions from 'lifeev9' on. Sorry!