

PATH Through Life Project – 40+ - Wave 3
Response rates and notes on data
(May 2009)

Please note that 'respid2 has now been changed to 'PATHid'

See notes on 20+w3 response rates

b_intervr interview status_w2 * c_intervr interview status_w3 Crosstabulation

Count

		c_intervr interview status_w3				
		0 not contacted W3 (refused /dead/not found)	1 interviewed	2 refused	3 not found	Total
b_intervr interview status_w2	1 interviewed	63	2152	131	8	2354
	2 refused + medical 'refusals'	87	17	27	4	135
	3 dead between waves	8	0	0	0	8
	4 not found	5	13	6	9	33
Total		163	2182	164	21	2530

Status	N	% of W2	% of W1
Interviewed W1,W2,W3	2152	91.4	
Interviewed W1, W3	30		1.2
Total interviews W3	2182	92.7	86.2
Refusal W3: interviewed W2	131	5.6	
Interviewed W1	164		6.9
Not found W3: interviewed W2	8	0.3	
Interviewed W1	21		0.8
Not contacted at W3 (previous withdrawal or death):			
interviewed W2	63	2.7	
Interviewed W1	163		6.4
Total (interviewed W 2)	2354		
Total (interviewed W 1)	2530		

	Interviewed at W1 N=2404	Interviewed at W2 N=2354	Not interviewed at w2 n=176
Interviewed at W3	2182	2152	30
Not interviewed at W3	348	202	146
Attrition rate	13.8	8.6	83.0

Wave 2 response can also now be expressed in terms of temporary attrition ie those who were not interviewed at Wave 2 but were at w3:

$$= 30 / 2530 = 1.2\%,$$

and permanent attrition ie those who were not interviewed at either w2 or w3:

$$= 146 / 2530 = 5.8\%.$$

Note that at Wave 4 no attempt will be made to contact those not found or who refused at both w2 and w3.

'Status' variables

The first 3 variables (after PATHid) in the Wave 3 data file (PATH_40+_w3_28-5-09.sav) describe the response status at both wave 2 and 3. *If you want to select only those who completed an interview at Wave 3 select 'c_intervr=1'.*

Method of interview (variable = 'c_int_method'):

Face-to-face interview: 2101

Mailed or emailed questionnaire: 74

Questionnaire on paper but testing also completed: 7

Missing data:

This was treated similarly to Wave 2.

Some general points

A number of the questions ask about events '*since your last interview*'. For those who had not completed a Wave 2 interview these questions were asked about the last 4 years.

New scales

Adult ADHD (variable name=c_ADHD_dis)

Problems with Wave 3 40+ data

1. Note that many people have 'dropped' stepchildren from their children even though in most cases they are still with the same partner. This is probably because the children are now adults and the participant has no involvement with them. We just have to accept this.

2. Life events: On the paper version one question ('you had a serious problem with a friend') was omitted from 53 of the questionnaires sent out.

3. At wave 3 '**life-time trauma**' were asked in reference to 'since the last interview' only. As with the 20+ wave 3 data, it is obvious that participants included many examples of trauma before the last interview and which were included at wave 2. It is impossible to distinguish in the majority of cases the time frame within which participants have answered the questions. So, in consultation with Kaarin, I have not computed a 'trauma' scale. This data may be looked at in more detail later.

4. BISBAS and COPE: q10 and 20 of each of these scales were found to have been left out after starting 40+ wave 3. There is missing data for approximately 15 more cases than for the other questions in these scales.

