

**PATH Through Life Project – 60+ - Wave 3**  
**Response rates and notes on data**  
**(10<sup>th</sup> June 2010)**

**b\_intervr interview status\_w2 \* c\_intervr interview status\_w3 Crosstabulation**

b_intervr interview status_w2	C_intervr (interview status at Wave 3)					TOTAL
	0 not contacted W3 (refused /dead/not found)	1 interviewed	2 refused + medical refusals	Died before Wave 3 interview	3 not found	
1 interviewed	0	1953	193	66	10	<b>2222</b>
2 refused + medical 'refusals'	*171	15	37	10	1	<b>234</b>
3 dead between waves	*70	0	0	0	0	<b>70</b>
4 not found	0	5	7	0	13	<b>25</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>1973</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>*76</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2551</b>

\*NOT part of sample to approached at Wave 3. **Sample approached** = 2551 – 317 = 2234

**Total number interviewed at wave 3 = 1973.**

**Of those approached at wave 3 (2234):**

**88.3%** were interviewed at Wave 3  
 10.6% refused  
 1.1 % was not found

Of those interviewed at Wave 1 and wave 2, **87.9%** were interviewed at wave 3

Of those interviewed at Wave 1, **77.3 %** were interviewed at Wave 3

	Interviewed at W1 N=2551	Interviewed at W2 N=2222
Interviewed at W3	1973	1953
Not interviewed at W3	578	269
<b>Attrition rate</b>	22.7	12.1

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\_60+\_w3\_10-6-10.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')**

For this age group a number of interviews were done over the phone. These interviews included "immediate recall", "delayed recall", "digit backwards" and number of words starting with F and A. This group was also given the MIS-T. The MIS-T data has not been entered at this stage

Face-to-face interview: 1906

Mailed or emailed questionnaire: 8

Part on computer, part on paper: 13

Phone interview: 46

### **Missing data:**

This was treated similarly to Wave 2.

### **Some general points**

A number of the physical health questions have been asked somewhat differently to the way they were asked in the 20+ and 40+ wave 3 questionnaires

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.

For the 20+ and 40+ cohorts '**life-time trauma**' questions were asked in reference to 'since the last interview' only. 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. *For the 60+ cohort* we asked if they had ever had these events and if they had we then asked how old they were when this happened. I have computed a variable from this information indicating if this event was in the last 4 years. I have provided a scale summing number of traumatic events in the last 4 years.

**Age of retirement:** It was obvious from the answers that some people entered 'number of years ago' that they retired. I computed a new variable (c\_age\_retired\_R) where, for anyone who entered < 20 I took this value away from their current age.

**"Do you feel your balance is:"** This question was used at Wave 2 for the 60s as well. The options *should* be:

1. Excellent / 2. Very good / 3. Good / 4. Fair / 5. Poor.

However, in wave 3 the options were:

1. Very good / 2. Good / 3. Fair / 4. Poor.