

HART data access and conditions of use agreement

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The Health and Aging Research Team (HART) is committed to responsibly sharing data from the HART datasets which comprise the 7 waves of the longitudinal cohort survey. The HART aims to make data from all core survey measures available for the purposes of academic research within two years of the conclusion of each survey wave.

The HART is obliged by the Treaty of Waitangi to take responsibility for the inclusion and protection of data provided by Māori participants. No ethnicity identifiers will be provided within the demographic data. If access to participants' ethnic identifiers is required, we will request additional information about how ethnicity will be used in your analysis (i.e. specific research questions, hypotheses and analytic plan) and justification for this use. Advisors will assist us to ensure that any analyses focussing on the use of these data are conducted with consideration and respect. Any analyses of HART data that involve the use or interpretation of information specifically related to those of Māori ethnicity/descent will first be approved by the HART before the data are distributed.

Terms and conditions for access to and use of HART data

1. All data generated by the Health and Ageing Research Team projects remain the intellectual property of Massey University, New Zealand. All proprietary rights are retained by Massey University and the dissemination of this information does not convey any right or license to use the information other than for the stated purpose.
2. The data are for your use only. You will not distribute these data to another party.
3. When you have completed your study you will delete all copies of the data, including any versions you may have made, from your files. This includes all electronic and hard copies of the data.
4. Any papers produced from analysis focussing on ethnicity as a key variable must be approved by the HART before submission for publication.

5. You will provide the HART with information regarding any research product or publication (dissertation, thesis, journal article, book, book chapter, report, etc.) based on the data by sending an electronic copy.
6. You will report to the HART any disclosure of study participant identity as well as any discovery of flaws or errors in the data or documentation files.
7. You will notify the HART of any changes in your contact details, including email address, postal address, telephone number, or organizational affiliation.
8. You will acknowledge the HART as the source of the data as appropriate.

Accepting the terms and conditions

These terms and conditions can be accepted by emailing hart@massey.ac.nz providing:

- an acknowledgment and acceptance of the terms and conditions outlined above;
- your full contact information, including name, email address, postal address, telephone number, and organizational affiliation (we can only share data with recognised academic institutions), and;
- a description of the variables required.

On acceptance of these terms and conditions, you will be sent a soft copy of the requested raw survey data. Please note that while the HART make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the data and documentation, errors may be present, even in files that have been thoroughly cleaned. The HART will make all reasonable effort to notify users of version updates pertinent to the data they have accessed. Best wishes for your research.