

RETIREMENT HISTORY STUDY (RHS) (NOT REVIEWED)

This study examines the social and economic characteristics of men and unmarried women, aged 58-63 as they approached the retirement phase of their lives. Similar data has been collected about wives of sample members, and widowed spouses of sample members have been retained in the study.

Listing of study variables & measurement of variables

- basic demographic information, including education level
- labour history: current and past work live
- health: self-perceived health, mobility and work limitations, postponements and reasons for postponements of health care and, institutionalization
- health expenses: cost of health care and source of payments
- living arrangements
- financial resources: income and sources of income
- assets, expenditures
- leisure activities
- retirement preparation and expectations
- family contacts, including financial aspects
- contacts with friends
- psychology: morale, work attitudes, and life satisfaction
- spouse's labour history
- data from social security records (single-year earnings since 1951, spouse's earnings)