

The 2006 'Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe' – *SHARE goes longitudinal ...*

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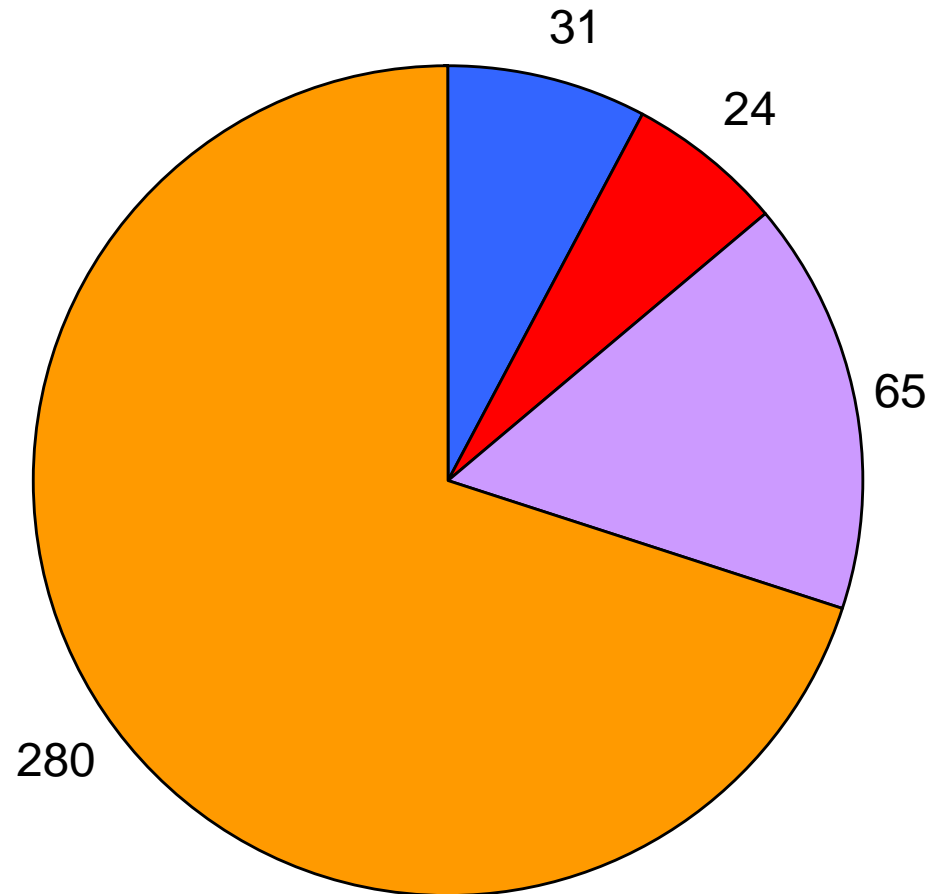
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Looking back:

The first wave of SHARE data collection in 2004

- **April – October 2004:** Main field period of first wave in 10 countries ⇒ **22,777 interviews (Release 1)**
- **April 2005:** **SHARE Launch in Brussels** ⇒ Publication of 'First Results' book (~ 3,000 copies distributed so far)
- **September 2005:** First **SHARE-ELSA-HRS User Conference**, Lund, Sweden
- **June 2006:** **More than 20 registered publications** (incl. articles in *European Journal of Public Health*, *Health Economics*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*) & **400 registered users ...**

The SHARE users – where are they from?



■ UK ■ U.S. (edu) ■ Other ■ SHARE countries

Looking ahead:

Wave 1 (cont'd.) & preparing for Wave 2

- **(Very) late 2006:** Release 2 of SHARE 2004, incl. ...
 - ❖ ... data from Belgium & Israel,
 - ❖ ... additional observations from 'vignettes samples',
 - ❖ ... improved imputations of income & wealth variables,
 - ❖ ... further variables (ISCO, regional identifiers, etc.)

- **From Spring 2005:** Proposals for continuation of SHARE ⇒ *European Union* (SHARE-I3, COMPARE, SHARELIFE) & U.S. *National Institute on Aging* (IAG) ...

Looking ahead:

New features in SHARE 2006 (Wave 2)

- **Prospective time dimension:** measuring **continuity & change** in people's life (and death) ...
- **Additional health dimensions:** **peak flow measure & chair stand test** ...
- **Expanding geographically:**
 - ❖ ... inclusion of the new central European member states **Czech Republic & Poland, plus Ireland!**
 - ❖ ... cooperation with **Korean & Japanese** ageing surveys!
 - ❖ ... improving the **integration of ELSA & SHARE** databases!

Current state of Wave 2 & future steps

- **May – June 2006:** (Longitudinal) **pretest in all countries** (postponed in Ireland)
- **September 2006 – May 2007:** **Field period of Wave 2** (baseline wave in CZ & PL; later start in Ireland)
- **January 2007:** Official start of **SHARELIFE** project –
 - ❖ collection of **retrospective life-histories** (*employment, family events, health*) for full SHARE sample
- *... and finally:* preparing for **Wave 3!**

Thank you!