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About KOSSDA

**The Korea Social Science Data Archive (KOSSDA) is
Korea's representative data archive, leading in the acquisition and dissemination of
social science research data and related resources.**

KOSSDA collects survey data, statistical tables, interviews and narrative history data, documents, observation records, and other kinds of data produced by research institutes and individuals, establishes digital databases, and provides the data for use in research through the Archive's website.

KOSSDA hosts various kinds of academic events including Data Fairs, academic paper contests, and archiving workshops for expanded provision and use of collected data and operates educational programs such as social sciences methodology workshops and lecture series in advanced statistics. In addition, the Archive carries out research projects related to database construction and the development of indicators and participates in international survey research projects.

KOSSDA has the vision of developing into an Asia-related research data hub through active participation in the Network of Asian Social Science Data Archives (NASSDA).

Key Data Sets by Topic

KOSSDA collections include over 2,300 sets of survey data, 1,900 statistical tables on social and economic trends, and 200 sets of diverse types of qualitative data such as audio and video records and images.

Values

Korean General Social Survey

- Korea's representative repeated cross-sectional survey based on the General Social Survey (GSS) of the University of Chicago with accommodation of distinctive characteristics of Korean society
- The survey is composed of the replicating core, the annual topical modules of the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP), and topical modules of the East Asian Social Survey (EASS), enabling time series analysis and cross-national comparison
- Conducted annually in 2003–2013 and biennially since 2014 on a sample of 2,500 male and female adults aged 19 and above
- Data available for 2003–2014

Unification Attitudes Survey

- A repeated cross-sectional survey aimed to grasp changes in South Koreans' perceptions of North Korea
 - Enables time series analysis of six topics: opinions of unification, perception and attitude toward North Korea, evaluation of policies toward North Korea, attitude toward North Korean refugees, perception of neighboring countries, and political views and social consciousness
 - Conducted annually since 2007, on a sample of male and female adults aged 19 to 65
 - Data available for 2007–2014
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Region / Local Community

Seoul Survey

- A repeated cross-sectional survey monitoring the urban development of Seoul and the quality of life of its residents
- Conducted annually since 2003 on a sample of household heads and members aged 15 and above in 20,000 households in the Seoul metropolitan area
- Data available for 2008–2014

Village History in South Chungcheong Province

- A fieldwork collecting data on geographical features, history, economy, social conditions, daily life, folk customs, etc. for the purpose of recording the history and transformation of farming and fishing villages in South Chungcheong Province
- Conducted from 2004 to 2007 in 13 villages in the South Chungcheong area, associated with important historical figures or sites or possessing culturally significant folk customs
- Data sets (interviews, documents, and observation records) available for four villages: Jangjeong-maeul in Buyeo, Solol-maeul in Yeongi, Oeam-maeul in Asan, and Gaemimok-maeul in Taean

Employment / Labor

Korean Labor and Income Panel Study

- Korea's representative and oldest panel survey allowing researchers to grasp trends in the economic activities of individuals and households, job mobility, as well as the incomes and consumption
- Conducted annually since 1998 on a sample of members of 5,000 households, each respondent aged 15 and above
- Data available for 1998-2014

Korean Innovation Survey

- A repeated cross-sectional survey assessing innovative activities of Korean firms
- The inclusion of standard questions from the Community Innovation Survey measuring innovative activities in European countries enables cross-national comparison
- Conducted every two to three years in 2002-2011 and every year since 2012; targets firms with 10 and more employees in manufacturing and service sectors
- Data available for 2002-2014

Aging / Retirement

Korean Longitudinal Study of Ageing

- A panel survey for researching trends in population aging, related policy-making, and assistant service
- The inclusion of standard questions from the Health and Retirement Survey (HRS, the US), the Survey of Health, Ageing, and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), and other surveys enables cross-national comparison
- Conducted biennially on a sample of 10,254 respondents aged 45 and above
- Data available for 2006 and 2008

Korean Retirement and Income Study

- A panel study for researching the situation in retirement income security, related policy-making and assistant service
- Conducted biennially since 2005 on a sample of households and their members aged 50 and above
- Data available for 2005-2012

Inequality / Justice

Survey on the Inequality and Justice of Korean Society

- A repeated cross-sectional survey of perceptions of inequality and justice among Koreans
- Conducted every 4 to 5 years since 1990, on a sample of male and female adults aged 18 and above
- Data available for 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2009, and 2014

Life Histories of the Homeless

- An interview for research of the life histories of the homeless; examines the previous lives of the homeless, the processes of becoming homeless, their lives on the street, and perceptions of the homeless
- Conducted in 2009-2011, targeting 60 homeless people in the Seoul area
- Transcripts of two to three interviews per respondent

Crime / Safety

Korean Crime Victims Survey

- A repeated cross-sectional survey recording crime victimization and perceptions of crime among Koreans
- The inclusion of standard questions from the International Crime Victims Survey (ICVS) enables cross-national comparison
- Conducted biennially since 2008, on a sample of households and their members aged 14 and above
- Data available for 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2014

Occupational Safety and Health Company Survey in Korea

- A repeated cross-sectional survey of businesses, monitoring trends in industrial accidents and formulating occupational safety policies
- Conducted annually in 2002-2006 and triennially since 2006, on a sample of manufacturing and service businesses with five or more full-time laborers
- Data available for 2002-2006, 2009, and 2012

FAQs

Q. What kinds of data can I access at KOSSDA?

A. KOSSDA provides data of representative repeated cross-sectional and time-series surveys, such as the Korean General Social Survey, as well as statistical tables for research in social sciences. Its collections include over 2,300 sets of survey data and 1,900 statistical tables on social and economic trends. In addition to quantitative data, KOSSDA offers over 200 sets of qualitative data-interview and observation records and documents-on population and family, local communities, overseas Koreans and migrants, poverty, social and labor movements, and other topics.

Q. Where can I find KOSSDA data?

A. KOSSDA data and related documents as well as supporting services are available online at www.kosdda.or.kr

Q. Are the data available only to researchers?

A. No. Anyone can use KOSSDA data for noncommercial purposes. KOSSDA data are open not only to students and researchers in social sciences but also to employees of central and local governments, private research institutions, etc.

Q. Are any data available in English?

A. Among over 2,300 sets of survey data, 250 representative data sets (questionnaires, codebooks, and data) have been translated to English and are available online. The metadata for over 1,000 other survey data sets and 30 sets of qualitative data are also available in English. KOSSDA consistently translates major sets of data into English.

Q. How can I become a member of KOSSDA?

A. Domestic users can sign up for KOSSDA membership at the KOSSDA website. Currently, 112 research institutions and 37 university libraries in Korea are members of KOSSDA through data-sharing agreements, and all users of the member-organizations have free access to KOSSDA data. International users can gain access to KOSSDA databases in English and Korean by signing up for membership in the Korea Foundation.

※ Korean users: Sign up for membership at www.kosdda.or.kr

※ International users: Use the KF-KOSSDA Social Science Data Service at <http://en.kf.or.kr/?menu=3822>

Q. How can I share my research data?

A. You can deposit your research data using the deposit function on the KOSSDA website or by sending your data to KOSSDA via e-mail. KOSSDA offers guidance on the preparation of data for deposition and provides information on database building and archiving of the deposited data.

Q. Can I receive education on methods in data analysis?

A. Four times a year, KOSSDA runs a methodology education program attended by over 1,000 students and researchers annually. Two-week workshops in statistics, alternating lectures with practical sessions at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels, are conducted in the winter and summer; short lecture series in statistical methodology for intermediate and advanced users are offered over four weeks on Saturdays in the spring and fall.

※Methodology education program webpage: <http://kossda.snu.ac.kr/methods>

Q. Are there any regulations for the use of KOSSDA data?

A. When publicizing findings of a study using KOSSDA data, you should disclose the data source. KOSSDA offers information on standard formats of crediting archival sources and requires that all its users properly cite the data source in order to promote data-sharing and comply with ethical standards.



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