

Data Update

March 2020

ALSWH Open for Business

We want to assure you that ALSWH survey data will continue to be provided as usual during this period. You will find most staff available via their usual email address.

If you experience any difficulty in contacting an ALSWH staff member, please email either: alswh@uq.edu.au or alswh@newcastle.edu.au.

For questions about data access please contact alswh@uq.edu.au or call (07) 3346 4723 during business hours.

New Data Release

Survey 8 of the 1973-78 cohort

Data from Survey 8 of the 1973-78 cohort (now aged 42 to 47 years) is now available for research use. Over 7,000 women responded to the survey, which covered a range of topics, such as women's physical, mental, and reproductive health; their lifestyle and preventive health activities; their use of health services (e.g. GPs, hospitals); medications, and childcare; as well as experiences caring for others, and of abuse. Full details of all questions on Survey 8 are available on the website, along with details of how to access the data.

▶ [View data books](#)

▶ To update your EOI and access these data please contact alswh@uq.edu.au

Linked Data Updates

New and updated collections since our last newsletter:

- MBS and PBS (to June 2019)
- Victorian Perinatal Data Collection (**NEW!** 1999 to 2016)
- New South Wales Data Collections:

- Admitted Patients (2001 to March 2019)
- Emergency Department (**NEW!** 2005 to March 2019)
- Perinatal (1994 to 2016)
- ACT Data Collections:
 - Admitted Patients (2004 to June 2017)
 - Emergency Department (**NEW!** 2005 to June 2018)
 - Perinatal (1997 to 2016)

These data are available for all study cohorts, except Perinatal collections, which are only linked for the 1989-95 and 1973-78 cohorts.

We hope you will make use of these datasets in your research. Please be aware that it will take additional time for us to get approvals on your behalf from HRECs and data custodians for each new collection you nominate on your EOI.

► [Read more about ALSWH's linked data collections or apply to use linked data](#)

► [Request updated data for your existing project \(EOI\): contact Christine Coleman \(\[c.coleman@uq.edu.au\]\(mailto:c.coleman@uq.edu.au\)\)](#)

2019 Technical Report

The 2019 ALSWH Technical Report is now available on the Study website. Of particular note to data users, the report includes:

- 1989-95 cohort – detailed information on content of Survey 6
- 1973-78 cohort – response rates for Survey 8
- 1946-51 cohort – detailed information on content of Survey 9
- 1921-26 cohort – update on progress of six-monthly follow-up surveys (now at Survey 17)

Methodological issues covered include:

- Using geocoded data to calculate domestic violence prevalence maps across Australia
- Audits of ALSWH cancer data and of childbirth data
- Calculation of K-10 score in different surveys (ALSWH, HILDA, 45 and UP, others).

► [Download the 2019 Technical Report](#)

Refreshed ALSWH website – coming soon!

A revamp of the Study website is almost complete. A major change for our data users will be the introduction of a 'data user portal'. When the website is relaunched, all new applications for accessing Study data, (and linked administrative health datasets), will be made through the portal. Users will also be able to view their existing projects through personal 'dashboards'. The portal will make it easier for data users to keep track of their ALSWH projects and keep us informed of project outcomes. Full details of how to use the portal will be provided when the new website is launched in the next couple of months – we'll keep you informed!

Publishing a Linked Data Analysis?

If you are proposing to publish analyses which include linked health record data, please remember your obligations to the Government Departments who provide these data.

1. For certain record collections, you are required to submit your draft manuscript, report, presentation or poster to the Data Custodian/s for pre-publication review. (Please allow a minimum of four weeks for this process).
2. You are also required to accurately acknowledge **all** data sources.
3. The ALSWH Data Access Committee has also developed a new protocol to assist you to formulate ethics statements for publications (if required by the target journal).

Failure to adhere to these requirements is a breach of the data use agreements which you have entered into.

▶ [Visit the study website for details of these processes.](#)

▶ [Contact Colleen Loos \(c.loos@uq.edu.au\)](mailto:c.loos@uq.edu.au) for further information.

Promote your Research

Congratulations on being published Here are our top three tips to get your results into the hands of practitioners and policymakers.

1. Contact your media/marketing team about a media release.
2. Write a plain English summary and distribute it to relevant organisations.
3. Promote your research on social media (tag us on Twitter [@ALSWH_Official](#))

▶ [Download a plain English summary template](#)

EOI Closing Dates

Interested in using our data for your project or proposing a new substudy?

Upcoming closing dates for expressions of interest are:

- March 31 2020
- May 31 2020
- July 31 2020

▶ [Read more about accessing study data](#)

Recent Publications

These are the most recent study-based publications listed in our database. A full list of publications can be found on the [Study website](#). If your publication isn't listed please email alswh@uq.edu.au with details.

Change in diet quality over 12 years in the 1946–1951 cohort of the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health. Baldwin JN, Forder PM, Haslam RL, et al. *Nutrients*, 2020; 12(1): 147

▶ doi: <https://doi.org/10.3390/nu12010147>

Vasomotor menopausal symptoms and cardiovascular disease risk in midlife: A longitudinal study. Dam V, Dobson AJ, Onland-Moret NC, van der Schouw YT & Mishra GD. *Maturitas*, 2020; 133: 32-41

► doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.maturitas.2019.12.011>

Flexible age-period-cohort modelling illustrated using obesity prevalence data. Dobson A, Hockey R, Chan HW & Mishra G. *BMC Medical Research Methodology*, 2020; 20(1): 16

► doi: <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12874-020-0904-8>

Paid work, household work, or leisure? Time allocation pathways among women following a cancer diagnosis. Gao N, Ryan M, Krucien N, Robinson S & Norman R. *Social Science & Medicine*, 2020; 246: 112776 ;

► doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2019.112776>

Older women's patterns of home and community care use and residential transition: An Australian cohort study. Rahman M & Byles J . *Maturitas*, 2020; 131: 28-33 ;

► doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.maturitas.2019.10.004>

Consistency and inconsistency of young women's reporting of intimate partner violence in a population-based study. Rowlands IJ, Holder C, Forder PM, Hegarty K, Dobson AJ, Loxton D. *Violence Against Women*, 2020.

► doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801220908324>



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