

SURVEY OF HISTORICAL DATABASES WITH LONGITUDINAL MICRO-DATA

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1/ Identifying information

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2/ Main objective and scope of the database:

Complete count Norwegian censuses 1865-1910 and sample 19th century church records.

3/ Sources: Please enter Yes or No and the time period for the main sources included in the database

Yes /no	Start year	End year	Type of source	Comments
Y/N	1664	1918	Baptisms	Church records for sample
Y/N	1696	1909	Marriages from church registers	parishes and periods
Y/N	1696	1918	Burials	
Y/N			Population registers (continuous) maintained by a church	
Y/N			Civil birth certificates	
Y/N			Civil marriage certificates	
Y/N			Civil death certificates	
Y/N			Civil population registers	
Y/N	1865	1910	Census	Full count

Y/N			Nominative lists	
Y/N	1886		Other: Farm taxes	
Y/N	1736	1906	Other: Confirmations	
Y/N			Other:	
Y/N			Other:	

4/ How was the sample (or samples) defined? Use in diverse research projects

Full count except the 2 % sample for 2/3 of the 1875 census. This is full count in ethnically diverse areas and urban areas with heterogeneous social structure.

5/ Units of observation:

Please enter Y or N for each unit that can be followed over time

		Comments:
Y/N	Individuals	Samples
Y/N	Married couples	
Y/N	Families	
Y/N	Households	
Y/N	Farms	Being developed for the nation
Y/N	Other:	
Y/N	Other:	
Y/N	Other:	

6/ Describe the geographic area under observation Norway / sample parishes

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7/ Is information available about related individuals who are not in the sample?

Examples:

Marriage registers often include occupations of parents.

A population register sample may include everyone in the household of an individual in the sample.

Whole households in the censuses

8/ What events can be identified? Do events have dates?

Y/N	Event	Are these events dated? Y/N/P(= partial dates, e.g. year only)	
Y/N	Birth	Y/N/P	Comment: Y
Y/N	Marriage	Y/N/P	Comment: Y
Y/N	Death	Y/N/P	Comment: Y
Y/N	Migration	Y/N/P	Comment: P
Y/N	Other:	Y/N/P	Comment:
Y/N	Other:	Y/N/P	Comment:
Y/N	Other:	Y/N/P	Comment:

9/ These questions describe the way observation is censored.

A) How do individuals enter observation?

Birth / census taking

B) How do individuals leave observation?

Death / emigration / no census available

C) Are some entry or exit dates unknown?

Yes, many

D) Are some entries or exits interval censored (i.e. the exact date is unknown, but it can be located between two known dates)?		
Yes, between censuses		
10/ Residence and Household (Y/N/Partly)		
Y/N/P	Can observations be linked to residential locations? Y	
Y/N/P	Are the dates and locations of movements within the observation area recorded? P	
Y/N/P	Are all individuals who lived in the households of members of the sample recorded? Y/P	
11/ Kinship relations		
A) How is kinship recorded in the sources?		
Census family relation field, church record affiliations		
B) How deep (number of generations) is the available kinship information?		
Mostly two, sometimes three		
12/ Linkage		
Which sources and units of observation have been linked?		
	Y/N/Partly	Comments:
Births/Baptisms	Y/N/P	
Marriages	Y/N/P	
Deaths/Burials	Y/N/P	
Population registers	Y/N/P	
Census	Y/N/P	P
Nominative lists	Y/N/P	
Other:	Y/N/P	Farm tax records, in process
Other:	Y/N/P	
Other:	Y/N/P	
Other:	Y/N/P	

How is linkage represented in the database? For example, do all occurrences of an individual include a universal identification number? Are records linked to each other but not to a universal ID?		
No universal ID yet. Standard farm numbers		
13 / What data structures have been added to the information in the sources?		
		Comments:
Y/N	Date of entry and date of exit by individual	
Y/N	Events by individual	
Y/N	Time constant information (date of birth, sex, etc.) by individual	
Y/N	Husband-Wife pairs	Y
Y/N	Mother-child and Father-child pairs	Y
Y/N	Other:	
Y/N	Other:	
Y/N	Other:	
Y/N	Other:	
14/ What reference/coding systems have been linked to the data?		
Y/N	Occupational titles (like HISCO):	Y
Y/N	Locations (including geo-referenced systems):	In the process
Y/N	Other (religion, civil status etc.):	Y
Y/N	Other:	
Y/N	Other:	
Y/N	Other:	

**15/ Have you developed any software for analysis or data extracting?
Please describe the capabilities and outputs of these programs.**

Software for linking census individuals.

Developing software for linking places of residence across censuses