

# Get data

## 1 Find data

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Make sure this box is checked to select only studies for which data are available.

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## 2 Choose and download data

a) Choose a study

8793	Love at the Registry Office	12.09.2009	2
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↑ Click on the title of a study to learn about it and download related documents.

← Indicates the number of datasets in the study available for download.

b) Learn about the study

**Love at the Registry Office**

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c) Get data

Login ← You need to be logged in to access data (create an account if necessary).

Datasets ⇒

Ref	Dataset title	Data type
247	Measuring love – questionnaire survey	Quantitative data
248	Understanding love – in-depth interviews	Qualitative data

⇒ Download data

Note: download is usually possible immediately. In some cases however approval of the data producer is needed.

## 3 Manage your downloads

- Go anytime to **My downloads** to:
- see the user contract
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  - re-download data
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# The data catalogue

### A few characteristics

- Over 400 datasets
- Longitudinal and cross-sectional studies
- Data from individual researchers and from public institutions

Please note that while most of our data are quantitative, we intend to broaden our offer of qualitative data.

### Why re-use data?

There are many advantages to re-using data. These include:

- **Analytical potential**  
Research data often remain largely un(der)exploited. Secondary data hold important analytical potential.
- **Costs and time**  
Data collection is a very expensive process. With FORSbase you can access data for free and start analysing immediately.
- **Learning and teaching**  
Secondary data are a valuable resource for training with real data.

### Browse data on Nesstar

Swiss data from several large-scale surveys are accessible on FORS Nesstar. Nesstar allows you to conduct basic statistical analyses online, without needing any statistical analysis software. To access Nesstar, click on [Browse data on Nesstar](#).

# A question?

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