

Data Organization

Wide and Long Files

The data are arranged into two formats, one in the “wide” form and the other in the “long” format. The wide form is appropriate for analysis of the affective module (pain, sad, etc.), while the long form is appropriate for analysis of time use throughout the day. The wide form can have as many as three records per respondent (i.e., one record for each activity probed in the affect module). The long form has as many as 72 activity records per person. Both files contain all work and demographic variables.

Random Digit Dialing and Panel Files

The long and wide files are further divided by data source. Subjects were recruited by random digit dialing (RDD) with additional retiree subjects selected from Gallup’s established survey panel. Since the selection bias issues are different in the two samples, care should be taken in combining the two samples.