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LIFE HISTORY SURVEY

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1 Released Modules

In this released version (versionID: **20160601**) we released *seven* main modules, and the associated *one* dataset (sample information). The PSU information is the same as the 2013 wave. Table 1 provides detailed information about these *eight* datasets.

Table 1: Released Datasets

Module in Questionnaire	Dataset	Information
Residence	Residence.dta	Residence and Migration history, history of living conditions
Demographic Backgrounds	Demographic_Backgrounds.dta	Spouse, Children, Pregnancy and Hukou history
Family Information	Family_Information.dta	Parents, Siblings and Childhood history
Education History	Education_History.dta	Full Education History
Health History & Health Care History	Health_History.dta	Health and Health Care History
Wealth History	Wealth_History.dta	Inheritance, Family Background and Land History
Work History	Work_History.dta	History of Works for six months or more and Retirement
	Sample_Infor.dta	Sample Identification, Death and Interview Time

You can also find the summary information of *all* variables from the released codebook.

2 Samples

The life history sample includes all live respondents in the first two waves (longitudinal sample), all refresh sample from wave 1, so you may find a significant samples without any 45+ respondent. The same as Wave 2, we also try to interview those non-response sample in the first two waves.

We only release the responded samples, but you can identify the dead from "Sample_Infor.dta". The weight is not provided for life history sample.

3 IDs

The IDs (individualID, householdID and communityID) can be matched with their counterparts in the first two waves, but you should adjust them in wave 1, as suggested by the release note of wave 2.

4 Data Structure

Most of the life history data are in loop form, in this release version, we only release the wide format data, that is, the same structure of the questionnaire, please pay attention to those *Procedures* in the questionnaire, the starting point, the ending point, and loop index of loops.

Note that t002_psu_‘i’_ in Residence.dta are address codes for the corresponding t002_‘i’_, we only release the address code with city level, and these address codes are *not* comparable with those in PSU.dta, users can find the corresponding address name from China NBS (2011 version).