



Call for Papers

Panel Study of Income Dynamics Annual User Conference 2020

Deadline for submissions: 1 June 2020

Conference dates: 10–11 September 2020

Purpose

The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) announces a call for papers for the 2020 PSID Annual User Conference. The conference welcomes submissions on any topic, from researchers in any field, that use data from PSID or its supplements—the Child Development Supplement, the Transition into Adulthood Supplement, the Disability and Use of Time Supplement, the Childhood Retrospective Circumstances Study, or the Wellbeing and Daily Life Supplement.

The submission deadline is 1 June 2020. A total of 20 to 25 papers will be accepted for the conference, either for presentation or as posters. The conference will be held at the University of Michigan’s Institute for Social Research in Ann Arbor, Michigan, 10–11 September 2020. Travel and lodging expenses will be available for one author per accepted paper. Meals will be provided to all conference participants.

The goals of the PSID Annual User Conference are to provide new and experienced researchers with a forum to present preliminary results, to obtain comments and feedback from experienced PSID data users and PSID study staff, to facilitate future collaborations including NIH and NSF proposal submissions, to learn about new PSID data, and to provide feedback to PSID about study content and future data collections.

Study Background

PSID is a longitudinal survey of a nationally representative sample of U.S. families that began in 1968. Data have been collected on the same families and their descendants for 41 waves through 2019. New immigrant supplements to PSID were added in 1997 and 2017.

There are several major PSID supplements. The PSID Child Development Supplement (CDS) collects information on children in PSID families. The original CDS was based on a cohort of children aged 0–12 years in 1997; beginning with CDS-2014, information is collected on all children aged 0–17 years in PSID families who were born after 1997. The PSID Transition into Adulthood Supplement (TAS) collects information on young adults in PSID families. It has been conducted biennially from 2005 to 2017; through 2015 it collected information on the original CDS cohort during their young adult years but since 2017 it has been expanded to collect information on all young adults aged 18–28 years in PSID families. The 2014 PSID Childhood Retrospective Circumstances Study (CRCS) collected information from PSID adults about their childhood experiences and the 2016 PSID Wellbeing and Daily Life Supplement collected information about psychological wellbeing, personality traits, and everyday skills. The PSID Disability and Use of Time (DUST) supplement collected information in 2009 and 2013 from older adults in PSID families about disability, time use, and wellbeing.

PSID’s innovative design, broad content, and long duration have been central to understanding many key research and policy issues, including: income and poverty dynamics; demographic

behavior such as marriage, cohabitation, and teen childbearing; child development; cyclical behavior of wages, labor supply, and consumption; savings and wealth accumulation; disparities in mortality, health status, and health behaviors including obesity, exercise, and smoking; intergenerational transmission of socioeconomic status; post-secondary education, career choices, and early labor market activities; family, period, and contextual effects on education, household formation, and other key indicators of the transition to adulthood; long-term consequences of policy interventions; and migration, residential change, and the effects of neighborhoods. The growing number of three- and four-generation families support analyses of multigenerational associations. Across these and other topics, research based on PSID data highlights the importance of a life course approach, in which factors earlier in life have lasting influences on outcomes later in life.

Complete information on CDS, TAS, and Core PSID, as well as public use versions of these data, are available through the PSID website: www.psidonline.org.

Selection Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated by senior scholars affiliated with PSID based upon several factors, including:

- The substantive or methodological motivation for the study;
- The quality of study design, including the choice of appropriate research methodology and data; and
- The significance of the submission in terms of extending scientific knowledge.

Submissions will also be selected to balance topics, disciplines, and the different PSID data sets being used.

Submission Instructions

The submission webpage is: psid.org/Conference.

The following items are required to be submitted through the webpage:

1. An online form with:
 - The name, email address, telephone number, institution, and curriculum vitae for the corresponding author and all coauthors;
 - The title of the paper;
2. An abstract (1,000 words or less) which should include a description of the topic to be studied, the theoretical focus, and the data and research methods.

Timeline and Important Dates

Event	Date
a. Submission deadline	1 June 2020
b. Notification of decisions	19 June 2020
c. Conference in Ann Arbor	10–11 September 2020

Contact Information

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