



Call for Papers

Panel Study of Income Dynamics Annual User Conference 2026 October 1-2nd, 2026, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Submission Deadline: July 15th, 2026

Purpose

The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) announces a call for papers for the 2026 Annual User Conference. The conference encourages submissions that use data from PSID or its supplements—the Child Development Supplement (CDS), the Transition into Adulthood Supplement (TAS), the Disability and Use of Time Supplement (DUST), the Childhood Retrospective Circumstances Study (CRCS), or the Wellbeing and Daily Life Supplement (WB).

The submission deadline is July 15th, 2026. 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 (ISR) in Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 1-2nd, 2026. Travel and lodging expenses will be covered for one author per accepted paper/poster. 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 study faculty and 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.

Inequality Session (PSID x CID)

This year the PSID is hosting a special session with the [Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics](#) (CID) here at ISR. The session will focus on inequality research using data from the PSID. Let us know in your abstract if you would like to be considered for that session!

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 58 years and final data are available through 2023 (early release through 2025). New immigrant refresher samples were added in 1997 and 2017 to maintain sample representation and a new immigration module was added in 2021.

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 and continuing with CDS-2019, CDS-2024, and beyond, information is collected on all PSID children aged 0–17 years.

The PSID Transition into Adulthood Supplement (TAS) collects information on young adults in PSID families. It has been conducted biennially since 2005 and final data are available through 2023. The 2005-2015 TAS collected information on the original CDS cohort during their young adult years, but since 2017 it has been expanded to collect information on all PSID young adults aged 18–28 years.

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, aging and dementia, 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. Papers that provide new insights on the topics mentioned here, that use PSID intergenerational data, or that focus on new topics highlighted here would all be welcome, as would submissions on other topics that use data from PSID and its supplements. Complete information on PSID and its supplements, 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 on:

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

Submissions will also be selected to balance topics and disciplines.

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:
 - Name, contact information, and CVs 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, the data and research methods, and preliminary analyses if available.

Timeline and Important Dates

Event	Date
a. Submission deadline	July 15 th , 2026
b. Notification of decisions	August 1 st , 2026
c. Conference in Ann Arbor	October 1-2 nd , 2026

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