

Guidelines for Requesting MIDUS Refresher ARTS Survey Data

The Arts project surveyed members of the MIDUS Refresher National and Milwaukee samples via a mailed Self-Administered Questionnaire (SAQ) to measure their participation in cultural, leisure and hobby activities during the previous 12-month period.

ARTS Survey is a supplemental MIDUS project. Funding for the project was provided by a grant from the University of Wisconsin Madison Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education (UW-Madison OVCRGE). Therefore, they are not released publicly as other MIDUS project data.

Researchers interested in the ART survey data can request access by submitting a letter to the MIDUS PI Carol Ryff (cryff@wisc.edu). Please also cc Jieun Song (jieunsong@wisc.edu) and Linzhu Tian (ltian2@wisc.edu) on those requests.

The letter should include the following:

1. The purposes for which the data are requested (scientific questions) and the investigators involved.
2. Who will have access to the data. This is particularly important as these data are not in the public domain.
3. Assurances that the following steps will be taken to protect participant confidentiality:
 - a. No attempt will be made to identify individual respondents for any purpose, any such attempt will void permission to use the data.
 - b. In addition, any findings made available to the public (i.e., publications, reports, working papers) will present data at the aggregate level. The following guidelines will be employed when producing tabulations for distribution:
 - i. Magnitude Data: Ensure that no cells/strata with $n < 10$ are produced.
 - ii. Frequency Data: Apply a marginal threshold of $n \geq 10$ and cell threshold of $n \geq 10$ to all tabulations.
 - iii. Protecting against deductive disclosure: Additional cells may be suppressed to make sure that an individual's identity cannot be discerned due to integration of multiple data sources.