

## 1. Data controller of the research

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## 2. Description of the research project and purpose of personal data processing

The general objective of the research is to examine the mechanisms that create social inequalities in terms of well-being and health. The research examines the extent to which socioeconomic success, health (including mental health), social exclusion and family formation, and other life events in adulthood are explained by the childhood environment, genetic ancestry and different life events. In addition, the role of social security as an equalising factor for inequalities will be examined. The research describes the differences between birth cohorts and temporal changes in Finland in recent decades. The research uses molecular genetic data, which are combined with the register data of Statistics Finland, the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela) and the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL). Genetic information is not combined with the information provided by administrative courts.

### **3. Parties to the joint research project and division of responsibilities**

The project includes cooperation between the Department of Social Research and the Department of Clinical Medicine at the University of Turku and the researchers of THL within the INVEST flagship programme funded by the Academy of Finland. The research team has access to the research data via Fiona remote access environment of Statistics Finland. THL is responsible for all rights of data subjects.

In this research, the organisations listed in Section 1 act as joint controllers, i.e. they jointly determine the purposes and means of personal data processing.

To exercise the data subject's rights, the research subjects may request any information related to the research from the contact person below:

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If necessary, the contact person shall also forward the request to other organisations acting as joint controllers.

The research subject may exercise their rights under the Data Protection Regulation in relation to each controller. If this happens, the recipient of the request or demand may also forward it to the other joint controllers if necessary.

### **4. Research leader or the team responsible for the research**

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## 5. Contact details of the data protection officer

Data protection officer at THL Jarkko Reittu

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## 6. Parties conducting the research

Researchers at the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare and the University of Turku

## 7. Name, nature and duration of the research

Name of the research: INVEST

Cross-sectional study     Follow-up study

Duration of the study (for how long personal data will be processed):

1 September 2020 – 31 December 2025. The research may be continued after 31 December 2025.

## 8. Legal basis for processing of personal data

In accordance with Article 6(1) of the EU General Data Protection Regulation, the processing of personal data is based on the following:

- Consent of the research subject
- Compliance with a legal obligation
- Performance of a scientific or historical research carried out in the public interest, compilation of statistics or the exercise of official authority vested in the controller
- Legitimate interest
- Other, please specify:

## 9. Processing of sensitive personal data

No sensitive personal data will be processed during the study.

The following sensitive personal data will be processed during the study:

- Racial or ethnic origin
- Political opinions
- Religious or philosophical beliefs
- Trade union membership
- Genetic data
- Processing of biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person
- Data concerning health
- Natural person's sex life or sexual orientation

Processing of sensitive personal data is based on the following special condition of the Article 9(2) of the General Data Protection Regulation:

- Explicit consent of the research subject
- Scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes
- The sensitive data processed have been made public by the research subject. Other,
- please specify:
  
- Data relating to criminal convictions and offences are processed during the research.

## 10. What personal data is included in the research data

Statistics Finland's data (target group is the entire population of Finland; the data start in 1987 and end in the latest year available, unless otherwise stated below):

- FOLK basic data
- FOLK family data
- FOLK qualifications
- FOLK employment data
- FOLK income data
- FOLK cohabitation
- FOLK population census 1950
- FOLK population censuses 1970-1985
- FOLK period data: unemployment, pension, placements, job search, employment, labour market training
- FOLK household-dwelling unit data
- FOLK child-parent year
- FOLK child-parents
- EDUC\_TYHR joint application for upper secondary education (all parts)
- EDUC\_TREK Register of Completed Education and Degrees
- EDUC\_OPIK students (all parts)
- ya246a: Structure of earnings data (inc. harmonised data), total
- YTL (The Matriculation Examination Board) module data from 1967 onwards
- Annual service set of the income distribution statistics from 2014 (selected variables)
- Results of school-leaving certificate from comprehensive school
- Postal code, country of birth, dates of migration to/from the country

- Person-spouse link table: information about spouses of a person (protected identifiers)
  - Person-child link table: information about a person's children (protected identifiers)
  - Relationship of the child with the parent (from the years available): biological/adopted
  - Person's month of birth
- Information about cause of death (inc. ICD classification and place of death (home, hospital, etc.))

#### THL data:

- Register of periods of care and outpatient visits in public health care from 1969–2019
- Register of periods of care and outpatient visits in primary health care from 2010–2020
- Register of periods of care and outpatient visits in social services from 1995–2018
- Medical birth register data
- Social assistance register data
- Child welfare register data

#### Other data from THL

- Genetic data (polygenic risk scores)
- Decisions information from administrative courts (Decisions given on child welfare matters)

#### Information about social security benefits of Kela

- Recipients and payments of housing allowance for pensioners
- Recipients and payments of general housing allowance
- Pension assistance benefits paid out by Kela
- Recipients of pension assistance of Kela
- Recipients and payments of rehabilitation assistance, supplemented with basic data
- Recipients and rehabilitation allowance benefits paid out
- Maternity grant payments
- Child benefit payments
- Child care allowance payments
- Parental allowances payments
- Child support payments
- Government guarantees of student loans
- Student financial aid payments
- Decisions for basic social assistance
- Social assistance notifications and supplementary social assistance applications sent by Kela to municipalities
- Basic social assistance payments
- Households receiving basic social assistance
- Recipients of basic social assistance (persons)
- Basic social assistance for bills (bills paid on behalf of the customer and processed vouchers)
- Information on decisions for basic social assistance by benefit periods
- Information on decisions for basic social assistance by members of a household
- Information about income regarding decisions for basic social assistance

- Information about expenses regarding decisions for basic social assistance
- Duration of periods of sickness allowance that have started
- Sickness allowance payments
- Recipients of sickness allowance
- Rights for reimbursements for medicine expenses
- Dispensed medicines reimbursed under the National Health Insurance scheme
- Doctor's fees per treatment
- Reimbursement for medical expenses
- Examination and treatment, by treatment or procedure
- Doctor's fees by speciality
- Reimbursement for medical expenses (inc. medicines) per item
- Recipients of special care allowance
- Information about payments of unemployment benefit
- Insurance periods
- Recipients of disability allowances
- Disability allowance payments

## **11. Sources of personal data collected**

Registers of the Statistics Finland, Kela (Social Insurance Institution of Finland), National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), and administrative courts, as well as genetic information from THL's population health studies.

## **12. Transfers or disclosure of data outside the research team**

Personal data is processed from abroad from several EU/EEA countries and from two countries outside the EU/EEA (Switzerland and the United Kingdom). Data processing from abroad (and domestically) takes place through the Statistics Finland's Fiona remote access system. Information is not transferred outside the Fiona system. Remote access from Switzerland and the United Kingdom is based on the European Commission's decision on the adequacy of data protection pursuant to Article 45.

## **13. Transfers or disclosure of data outside of the EU or the European Economic Area**

Data will not be transferred.

## 14. Automated decision making

Automated decisions will not be made.

## 15. Principles of personal data protection

Data are confidential.

Protection of manual data: Manual data are not used in the research

Data processed in information systems:

username  password  user registration  access control  
 other, please specify:

Processing of direct identifiers:

Direct identifiers will be erased during the analysis  
 The data is analysed with direct identifiers because (justification for storing direct identifiers):

## 16. Processing of personal data after finishing the research

Research register will be destroyed  
 The research register will be archived:  
 without identifiers  with identifiers

Where the data is archived and for how long:

## 17. Data subject's rights and their possible restrictions

Data protection legislation guarantees the research subject certain rights to ensure their protection of privacy under the basic rights. **If the research subject wishes to exercise their rights, please contact:**

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#### Withdrawal of consent (GDPR Article 7)

You have the right to withdraw your consent when the processing of personal data is based on consent. The withdrawal of consent shall not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.

#### Right to access (GDPR Article 15)

You have the right to be informed whether your personal data are being processed in the research and which of your personal data are being processed. You can also request a copy of the personal data that is being processed.

#### Right to rectification (GDPR Article 16)

If there are inaccuracies or errors in your personal data that is being processed, you have the right to request that information is corrected or added.

#### Right to erasure (GDPR Article 17)

You have the right to request the erasure of your personal data in the following cases:

- a) the personal data are no longer necessary in relation to the purposes for which they were collected or otherwise processed;
- b) you withdraw your consent on which the processing is based, and there is no other legal ground for the processing;
- c) you object the processing, and there are no overriding legitimate grounds for the processing;
- d) the personal data have been unlawfully processed; or
- e) the personal data have to be erased for compliance with a legal obligation in Union or Member State law to which the controller is subject.

#### Exceptions to rights

On the basis of data protection legislation, there may be exceptions to the rights described in the section **17 What rights do you have and any exceptions to the rights**, insofar as the rights



impede or seriously complicate the achievement of scientific or historical research or statistical purposes. The need to deviate from these rights is always assessed on a case-by-case basis.

#### Right of appeal

You have the right to file a complaint with the Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman if you find that the processing of your personal data has violated current data protection legislation.

Contact information:

#### **Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman**

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