

EVS user statistics 2008-2016

The EVS user statistics documents the usage of data and documentation of EVS surveys accessible through the GESIS-DAS retrieval systems¹ and the EVS and GESIS websites. It includes information on

- ▶ Registered users by Country and Discipline
- ▶ Data downloads by
 - Data type: EVS waves (1981, 1990, 1999, 2008) and EVS LdF (Longitudinal data File 1981-2008)
 - Country: European and non-European countries
 - Purpose of data usage: for scientific research, academic studies, final exam, teaching as lecturer, professional training and qualification, research with commercial mandate

1. Main download figures

EVS users (registered users) by discipline (2016) and country (2008-2016)

- ▶ In 2016: Sociology (25%), Political Science (23%), and Economics (20%) are the disciplines most often mentioned in the registration form by EVS users (registration is prerequisite for data download)²
- ▶ 2008-2016: EVS users come from altogether 104 countries (59 non-European countries)

EVS data downloads 2016 and 2008-2016³

- ▶ In 2016: 6.096 downloads of EVS data files (EVS waves and EVS LdF)
- ▶ 2008-2016: 38.921 downloads of EVS data files (EVS waves and EVS LdF)

EVS data downloads 2016 by country

- ▶ EVS waves: about 85% of datasets have been downloaded by users from countries participating in EVS; 15% by users from 36 non-European countries
- ▶ EVS LdF: about 78% of datasets have been downloaded by users from countries participating in EVS; 22% by users from 29 non-European countries
- ▶ Largest numbers of downloads are counted for Germany, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, United States, and Italy.

Purposes of EVS data downloads

- ▶ Scientific research (45%) and Academic studies (36%) are the purposes of data downloads most often mentioned in the data download form by registered EVS users

¹ Source of data downloads are the Data Catalogue and the GESIS-DAS Online Study Catalogue ZACAT.

² A new registration form for Data Catalogue and ZACAT has been introduced in 2014 providing statistics on discipline of user and usage of data. The discipline is filled in the registration form; the purpose of data usage is filled in the data download form for every data download.

³ 2003-2005: 479 CD-ROMs were delivered covering data and documentation of EVS wave 1999

EVS survey documentation downloads in 2016 and 2008 to 2016

- ▶ In 2016: 76.230 documentation downloads (questionnaires, guidelines, method and variable reports)
- ▶ 2008-2016: 396.055 documentation downloads (questionnaires, guidelines, method and variable reports, source books)

2. Tables and figures

Table 1: Data downloads by year (2008-2016)⁴

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
EVS 1981	78	118	208	211	146	193	182	134	140	1.410
EVS 1990	105	173	290	319	245	224	230	190	219	1.995
EVS 1999 ⁵	622	928	947	802	529	729	974	942	986	7.459
EVS 2008			1.683	3.597	2.839	2.525	3.428	3.343	3.300	20.715
EVS LdF 1981-2008				334	1.453	1.441	1.359	1.291	1.451	7.329
EVS Surveys	805	1.219	3.128	5.263	5.212	5.112	6.185	5.901	6.096	38.921

Figure 1: Data downloads of EVS waves, EVS LdF (2008-2016)

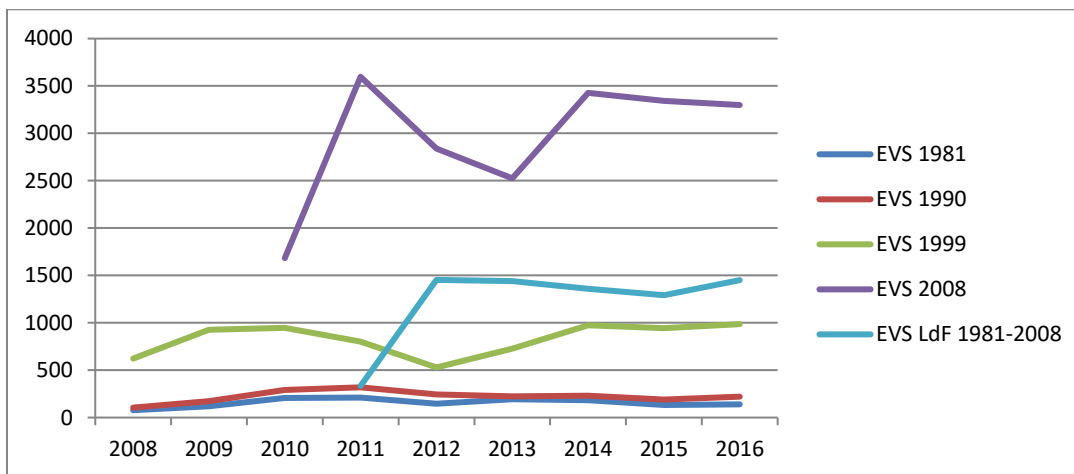


Figure 2: Data downloads of all EVS surveys (2008-2016)

⁴ Not listed is the number of distributed data of the EVS/WVS Integrated dataset 1981-2004 (ZA5080); the data file is available for replication only and needs to be requested from GESIS-DAS staff.

⁵ Download numbers for EVS 1999 and EVS 2008 include both integrated and national datasets of the wave.

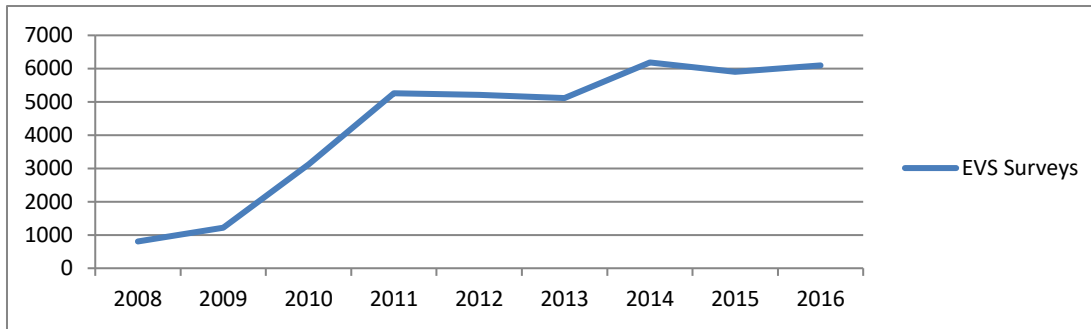


Table 2: Number of EVS data downloads by country (2008-2012 and 2014-2016)⁶

	Country	EVS - LdF	EVS waves	Total
EU		3	30	33
AX	Åland Islands		3	3
AL	Albania	4	20	24
AR	Argentina	7	6	13
AM	Armenia	1	5	6
AU	Australia	25	64	89
AT	Austria	114	757	871
AZ	Azerbaijan		11	11
BY	Belarus	3	32	35
BE	Belgium	115	675	790
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	19	21
BR	Brazil	8	14	22
BG	Bulgaria	11	101	112
CA	Canada	81	366	447
CL	Chile	15	29	44
CN	China	53	221	274
CO	Colombia	8	6	14
CR	Costa Rica		1	1
CI	Côte d'Ivoire		1	1
HR	Croatia	19	95	114
CY	Cyprus	4	64	68
CZ	Czech Republic	82	871	953
DK	Denmark	168	612	780
DM	Dominica	1		1
EC	Ecuador	1		1
EG	Egypt	2	1	3
EE	Estonia	25	202	227
ETH	Ethiopia	1	11	12
FLK	Falkland Islands	0	1	1
FI	Finland	36	185	221
FR	France	139	693	832
PF	French Polynesia	5	6	11
GE	Georgia	2	28	30
DE	Germany	820	4869	5689
GR	Greece	30	153	183
GL	Greenland		1	1
GRD	Grenada		2	2
GUF	Guyana	0	46	46
HK	Hong Kong	15	22	37
HU	Hungary	63	879	942

⁶ Beware: country information for 2008-2012 comes from IP-addresses of downloaders; this information is not provided for 2.860 data downloads; for the year 2013 statistics by country are not available for technical reasons; since 2014 country information comes from user registration form.

IS	Iceland	23	224	247
IN	India	1	12	13
ID	Indonesia	0	2	2
IR	Iran	1	30	31
IE	Ireland	91	368	459
IL	Israel	26	46	72
IT	Italy	354	1787	2141
JP	Japan	34	162	196
KAZ	Kazakhstan	0	1	1
KE	Kenia		2	2
KP	Korea, Dem. People's Rep. of	0	2	2
KR	Korea, Republic of	51	109	160
LV	Latvia	4	238	242
LI	Liechtenstein		1	1
LT	Lithuania	37	376	413
LU	Luxembourg	18	67	85
MK	Macedonia, the Former Yugoslav Rep. of	6	52	58
MY	Malaysia	8	13	21
MT	Malta	4	24	28
MX	Mexico	4	18	22
MD	Moldova, Republic of		3	3
ME	Montenegro	2	21	23
MAR	Morocco	0	1	1
MM	Myanmar		2	2
NP	Nepal		1	1
NL	Netherlands	470	2665	3135
NZ	New Zealand	21	52	73
NG	Nigeria	0	2	2
NO	Norway	45	220	265
PK	Pakistan	5	8	13
PA	Panama		1	1
PE	Peru		1	1
PH	Philippines	1	9	10
PN	Pitcairn	1		1
PL	Poland	69		69
PT	Portugal	46	2	48
PR	Puerto Rico	1	1	2
QA	Qatar	1	1	2
RO	Romania	50		50
RU	Russian Federation	75	1	76
SA	Saudi Arabia	1	2	3
RS	Serbia	7	1	8
SG	Singapore	22		22
SK	Slovakia	22	236	258
SI	Slovenia	29	214	243
ZA	South Africa	1	11	12
GS	South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands		1	1
ES	Spain	158	1	159
SE	Sweden	93		93
CH	Switzerland	97	1	98
TW	Taiwan	5	2	7
TZ	Tanzania	1	1	2
TH	Thailand	2		2
TN	Tunisia	1		1
TR	Turkey	45	353	398
TV	Tuvalu		1	1
UA	Ukraine	38	295	333
AE	United Arab Emirates	2	0	2
GB	United Kingdom	409	1787	2196

US	United States	625	2306	2931
UY	Uruguay	3	2	5
UZ	Uzbekistan	1	2	3
VE	Venezuela	1	1	2
VN	Viet Nam	3	7	10
ZW	Zimbabwe	2		2
n.a.	Not applicable	1007	1857	2864
	Total	5888	27908	33796

Table 3: Number of downloads for EVS survey documentation (2016)

	Total	EVS LF	EVS Waves 1-4	EVS 2008 IDS	EVS 1999 IDS	EVS 1990 IDS	EVS 1981 IDS	EVS 1999 - 33 NDS EVS 2008 - 47 NDS
Field questionnaires	17359		17359					
Master questionnaires	4331		4331	2943	629	320	439	
Variable Report	34511	2263	32248	2204	401	288	382	28973
Method Report*	6703		6703	1080	391			5232
Guidelines	1112		1112	1112				
Further documents	12214	8919	3295	876	666	536	421	796
Summe	76230	11182	65048	8215	2087	1144	1242	

*EVS 1999 Source book

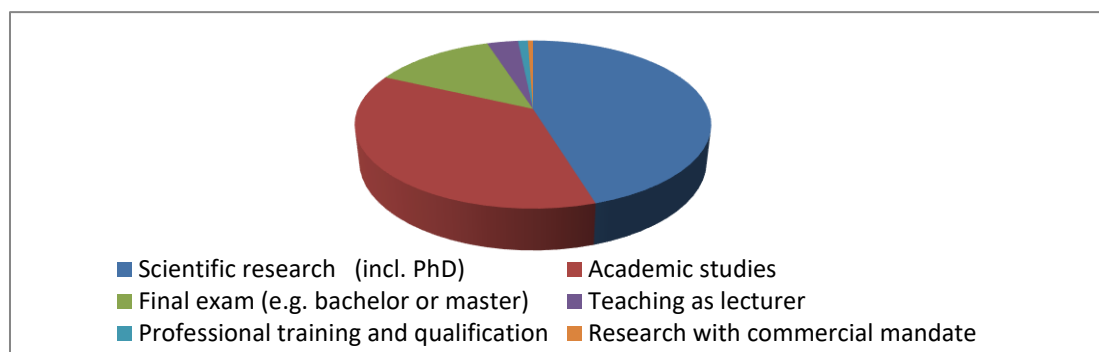
Table 4: Number and percentage of EVS users by discipline in 2016

Discipline/subject	No. of users	% of total users
Sociology	693	25,15
Political Sciences	646	23,44
Economic Sciences	575	20,86
Social Sciences	321	11,65
Basic Research in the Social Sciences	105	3,81
Psychology	98	3,56
Humanities (incl. History)	44	1,60
Social Policy	44	1,60
Demography	32	1,16
21 other disciplines/subjects	198	7,18

Table 5: Purpose of usage of EVS data in 2016 (percent of downloaded datasets)

	Scientific research (incl. PhD)	Academic studies	Final exam (e.g. bachelor or master)	Teaching as lecturer	Professional training and qualification	Research with commercial mandate
EVS LdF	59,24	27,17	9,52	2,55	0,76	0,76
EVS 1981	55,71	29,29	11,43	2,14	1,43	0,00
EVS 1990	54,34	29,68	13,24	1,37	0,91	0,46
EVS 1999	44,73	33,37	18,05	2,43	0,81	0,61
EVS 2008	38,21	42,52	13,33	4,18	1,27	0,48
Total	45,24	36,61	13,14	3,36	1,07	0,56

Figure 3: Purpose of usage of EVS data (2016)



3. Usage of EVS website

Usage of EVS website and online tools (Variable and Study Overviews) is reported by means of visits and page views. Visit or session represents the number of times the website was visited. It starts when a visitor interacts with this site and ends when the user does not interact with the site for a specified period of time (e.g. 30 min). Page views represent the number of times a page was viewed/accessed.

Table 6: Visits and page views for EVS website and online Variable and Study overviews (2013-2016)

	EVS Website ⁷		Online Variable Overview ⁸		Online Study Overview	
	Visits	Page views	Visits	Page view	Visits	Page view
2013	6.092	9.382	5.237	15.944	1.849	9.279
2014	8.670	12.906	5.184	25.672	1.413	7.031
2015	9.884	15.341	5.664	32.430	940	4.786
2016 ⁹	19.506	26.612	5.744	24.627	986	4.577

4. Overview of EVS data releases

Table 7: Dates of EVS data releases (2007-2015)

	Pre release	Full release	Update
EVS LF 1981-2008	30/04/2011 (only DC)	30/12/2011	30/10/2015
EVS 2008	30/06/2010	30/11/2010	15/04/2016
EVS 1999		30/09/2003 (CD-ROM) 30/05/2006 (ZACAT)	20/11/2011 NDS: 28/12/2012
EVS 1990		30/05/2007 ¹⁰	20/11/2011
EVS 1981		30/05/2007	20/11/2011

⁷ GESIS EVS website is not the first place for users for getting information on EVS surveys. Users are always directed to the EVS website maintained by Tilburg University.

⁸ Online Variable and Study Overviews have been publicly accessible since the first release of EVS 2008.

⁹ Number of visits and page views for the GESIS EVS website on 2016 are not directly comparable with the past years. Changes on the structure of the GESIS website could have an effect on the web analytics.

¹⁰ Before that, EVS waves 1981 and 1990 were provided through other data archives.

