

# Country Report : France

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## Background: First Wave

Études des relations familiales et intergénérationnelles (Érfi),  
INED-INSEE survey conducted in 2005:

- 10,079 women and men aged 18-79
- CAPI questionnaire in France
- 1-hour interview on average
- 88% of respondents agreed to be contacted again in 2011 for the second wave

## Inter-Wave period (2005-2008)

In France, no population registers linked to the survey

- 2006: the addresses of 9,000 persons who agreed to remain in contact were recorded
- 5 letters were sent between 2005 and 2008 (one every 6 months) :

*Thank you letter*

*First results (Population & Sociétés bulletin, 4 pages)*

*First results (8-page bulletin)*

*Promotional greetings card with the survey emblem*

*Announcement of the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave*

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## Test for second wave (1/3)

First test limited to the "new module" on occupational history:

- Paper and Pencil
- 2007
- 80 persons of all ages

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## Test for second wave (2/3)

### Results

- recall problems for older persons and persons with numerous occupational changes
- Problem of date overlap (date of end of period N > date of start of period N+1)
  - with CAPI, automation :  
*Date of end of period N = Date of start of period N+1*
- Certain events forgotten (maternity leave for example)

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## Test for second wave (3/3)

### CAPI test on entire questionnaire in March 2008

- On 180 persons not interviewed in the first wave
- As some answers from the first wave are used to filter questions in the second wave (to save time), use of a test pre-questionnaire to collect information from 2005
- No specific problems

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## Second Wave: implementation

- Sample before the second wave: 8,350 addresses
- No new respondents added to the second wave sample
- Field interviews: autumn 2008 (by INED and INSEE)
- CAPI questionnaire, face-to-face
- Mean duration: 55 minutes
- Total number of respondents: 6,570 persons (35% attrition rate)
- Acceptance rate for third wave: 97% !

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## Second Wave: implementation



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## Assessment of 2nd wave interviews

BUT selective attrition

- Geography of attrition :

- > 40% in Paris region and Mediterranean regions (lots of holiday homes)
- < 30% in towns of less than 5,000 inhabitants

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## Assessment of 2nd wave interviews

Difference by sociodemographic characteristics

- >40 % among persons living alone in 2005
- >40% among foreigners
- >40% among persons aged under 26 and over 70, for different reasons
- Also > among persons in poor health, intending to move, etc.

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## Ongoing...

### In 2009 : file preparation (French format )

- Thank you letter (early 2009)
- Database consistency checks, creation of variables
- Matching of waves 1 and 2
- Calculation of an adjustment variable to correct for attrition
- Documentation

### Forthcoming...

- Initial results for communication to respondents
- Conversion to international format

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The end!

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