

## ESS: LOOKING BEYOND WELLBEING

The ESS is a major European research infrastructure with resources to inform academic and policy debate on a range of social, moral and political issues

Seven ESS surveys have now been conducted, carried out every two years since 2002 and addressing the key challenges facing European society in the 21st Century. As well as the promotion of individual and societal wellbeing these include: increased migration, democratic (dis)engagement, changing patterns of work and family life, and pressures on welfare provision. The ESS contains data relevant to all these topics and many others. The survey's rigorous methodological standards and emphasis on knowledge transfer have helped to place it at the forefront of quantitative social measurement and make it a valuable resource to inform social policy at both a national and European level.

Information on the survey's coverage, methodology and findings are readily available through a range of channels:

**ESS website:** which allows unrestricted access to the project's protocols, methods, data and other resources.  
[www.europeansocialsurvey.org](http://www.europeansocialsurvey.org)



**Nesstar:** an online data analysis tool which can be used to explore ESS data

**ESS multilevel Data:** combines data from ESS respondents with national and regional level data from sources such as OECD, WHO and Eurostat to make it easier for researchers to explore how contextual factors might influence attitudes and behaviour

**Edunet:** an online training resource using ESS data to guide students through the analysis of large-scale cross-national data



**ESStopline Results Series:** accessible short reports of findings on topics such as welfare, trust in justice, work and family, attitudes to democracy, and personal and social wellbeing

**ESS Policy Seminar Series:** specialist seminars bringing together leading academics and policymakers to discuss how ESS data can inform debate on the key social and economic challenges facing Europe



**ESS Findings:** compendiums of published research on a range of topics using ESS data from the first three rounds and the first five rounds of the ESS