More information for research participants

Information about the FinMONIK survey

The FinMONIK survey is implemented by the National Institute for Health and Welfare. 13,600 persons born abroad and whose both parents were born abroad have been randomly selected for this survey. Your information was drawn from the Population Register Centre.

The survey collects reliable information about the well-being and health, working ability and functional capacity, service use and experiences of foreign population. Information is also collected about employment and possible barriers to finding work as well as possible experiences of discrimination. This information can help in promoting the working ability and functional capacity of the foreign population as well as developing health and social services.

The study is funded by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, municipalities and the EU's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF). The information is needed for health and welfare promotion, the improvement of services and monitoring integration. The results will be published in 2019.

Your responses are important and confidential

Your data will be processed fully confidentially and in compliance with the Personal Data Act in all stages of the research process. No personal details are included in the research files and statistics, but these use a different research number. Your identity cannot be recognised based on the collected information. It is not possible to identify information provided by individual respondents or anyone's identity based on the research findings. Researchers have a statutory duty of non-disclosure. The original research data will be permanently stored at the National Institute for Health and Welfare. Regular disclosure of information will not be carried out based on your data and the data will never be disclosed outside of the EU or EEA.

You may also withdraw your participation in the study at any point by informing the researcher responsible for the study or the research manager about this. Their contact information is included in this letter.

Combining data in registers

With your *consent*, data from different register holders may be combined with your study results: The National Institute for Health and Welfare (data about the treatment of illnesses, appointments and procedures), the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (data about paid benefits and reimbursements), Statistics Finland (data about education and vocations, socio-economic status and causes of death), Finnish Centre for Pensions (data on pensions, rehabilitation and employment relationships), Tax Administration (taxation data), Population Register Centre (name, date and place of birth, address information, gender, marital status, mother tongue, citizenship) and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment (data about employment and related measures). A separate permit from each register holder is sought for combining the data.

Register data attached to the FinMONIK research data with your consent:

Register	Data
THL (National Institute for Health and Welfare)	Data from the Hospital Discharge Register/Care Register for Health Care (HILMO, period 1994–2023), including diagnoses and conducted measures, data from the Register of Primary Health Care Visits (AvoHILMO, period 2011–2023), data on diagnosed cancers from the Finnish Cancer Registry (period 1953–2023), data from the Mass Screening Registry (period 2004–2023 for women included in the FinMONIK sample), including whether the person has participated in a cancer screening, Medical Birth Register (period 1987–2023), including years of giving birth and information related to monitoring a pregnancy, Register of Induced Abortions (period 1983–2023), including whether the person has had induced abortions and sterilisation, years when this was performed, Register of Sterilisations (period 1987–2023). Data from the Infectious Diseases Register (period 1980–2023), including HIV, hepatitis A, B, C, syphilis, malaria and tuberculosis cases, Data from the Register of Social Assistance (period 2006–2023).
Tilastokeskus (Statistics Finland)	Data on education, training and vocation, socio-economic status, causes of death (period 2010-2023)
KELA	data on insurances, disability allowance, care allowance for pensioners, rehabilitation data, data from a register on reimbursement of medicine expenses at a special rate, data from the prescription register on medicines used for treating the most common chronic diseases, data from the Sickness Allowance Register on periods of sickness allowance and their causes (period 2010–2023)
VRK (Population Register Centre)	Marital status, history of marriages, other residents in a dwelling, total number of residents in a dwelling, number of under-aged residents in a dwelling (period 2010–2023).
TEM (Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment)	Data on unemployment (employment codes of a jobseeker and related changes); data related to jobseekers (basic information, education, diagnoses) and data on employment (employment training, vocations sought by a jobseeker, work try-outs, assessment of fitness for work) and related changes. (period 2010–2023).