

Using Audit files to get the time of each question (TIEQ) in China Family Panel Study(CFPS)

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Abstract

To verify the work of interviewers and ensure the high-quality interview of the survey, we want to know all the operations of interviewers during the interview. With the Blaise system all the interviewer's operations are recorded in audit files. We can get a lot of para data through analyze audit files, it contains a so many information that we can't use these files directly. So we should develop special softwares to help us analysis audit files .

In China Family Panel Study(CFPS), we use audit files to compute the answer time of each question(TIEQ). With TIEQ data we can do lots of analysis, such as verify the completion of the work of interviewers, determining the Interviewer's remuneration and labor costs, providing the basis for judging whether this sample need to re-visit and so on.

This paper describe the solution of getting TIEQ from audit files and challenges we encountered. And also discuss the future use of audit files in helping the analysis of para data.