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RUSSIAN LONGITUDINAL MONITORING SURVEY (RLMS-HSE)

1. Location of the facility
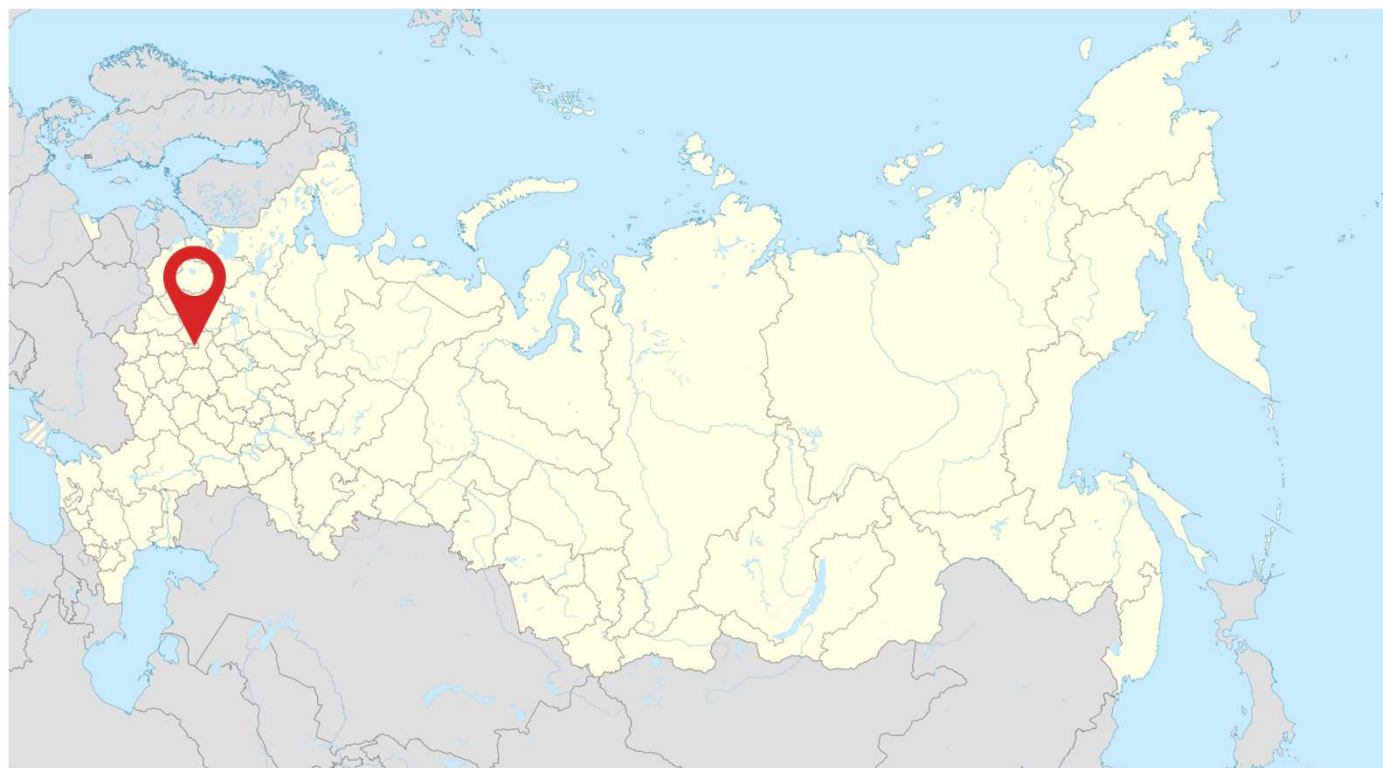
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2. Facility uniqueness

About:

- RLMS-HSE is a series of nationally representative surveys designed to monitor the effects of Russian reforms on the health and economic welfare of households and individuals in the Russian Federation, *data have been collected 24 times since 1994 till now*

Facility uniqueness:

- The comprehensive structure of the survey's questionnaires is in line with best global practice, thus allowing for clear results and cross-country comparisons

- Thanks to the RLMS-HSE, researchers now have access to non-state microeconomic statistics, which are generated on a scientifically grounded country-by-country basis

- This monitoring survey includes key indicators that are often excluded from state statistics, e.g. the RLMS-HSE is the only survey to feature data on both the incomes of households AND their individual members

- The scope of daily activities on the part of both households and individuals included in the RLMS-HSE is not only valuable for analysis of separate (albeit important) issues (e.g., poverty, employment rates, investment strategies, etc.), but also helps in developing interdisciplinary explanatory models, thus boosting both the quality and depth of analysis

- The RLMS-HSE is perhaps on the only representative microeconomic survey in Russia with a significant panel component that boosts the quality of forecasts based on RLMS-HSE data

- The RLMS-HSE features a large section of value judgments, which ensure additional data on developments in the objective characteristics of Russian households' daily activities according to individuals' own views and opinions on changes in the country, thus allowing researchers to gauge and predict the expectations and plans of various segments of the population

3.Existing types of access to the facility

Data collected by the RLMS-HSE is available online and can be downloaded from:

- National Research University Higher School of Economics

- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Carolina Population Center

- The Luxembourg Income Study Database

4. Access to the facility

Data collected by the RLMS-HSE are available online with the following restrictions:

1) ONLINE REGISTRATION: in order to download the data any user must create a personal login account on the Russian RLMS-HSE server and indicate an email address with which one registered on the Data Use Agreement

2) DATA USE AGREEMENT: the Data Use Agreement must be signed by the users during online registration or signed and mailed to the RLMS-HSE per the included instructions

3) ONLINE DOWNLOAD: data is available for download on the Data Downloads page for registered users, the data files are available in Stata and SPSS portable format and are zipped together into a single zip file per round

4) IRB APPROVAL: in order to get some modules of RLMS-HSE data such as "Family planning and Reproductive Health" users will need special approval from local Institutional Review Board (IRB) – to get it a request should be sent to HSE-RLMS team

5. Main users of the facility

- **Main users** of the RLMS-HSE **are researchers** across the Globe

- **In 2014 – 2020** the National Research University **Higher School of Economics registered 10 119 users**, of which 9 054 from Russia and 1 065 from foreign countries

- **In 2016 – 2020 the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill registered 30 036 users from** more than **15 countries**, including 5 601 from Russia and the former Soviet Union

- Citing RLMS-HSE

  o 1994 – 2017: **2023 scientific articles**, of which **951** in foreign languages

  o 2018: **over 90 scientific articles**, of which **42** in foreign languages

6. Cooperation with the European RI facilities

The RLMS has been organized and coordinated by Dr. Barry M. Popkin, economist, Professor of Nutrition, and Fellow of the Carolina Population Center, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Since 2010 RLMS-HSE is conducted by National Research University Higher School of Economics

The key collaborator in EU:
- LIS Cross National Data Center in Luxembourg

Other collaborators include:
- Independent Research Center "Demoscope"
- Institute of Sociology, Federal Center of Theoretical and Applied Sociology, Russian Academy of Sciences
- Cross National Equivalent File (CNEF), Ohio State University

7. Brief analyses of the facility

RLMS-HSE allow monitoring the effects of Russian reforms on the health and economic welfare of households and individuals in the Russian Federation measured by a variety of means:

- a detailed monitoring of **individuals'** health status and dietary intake

- precise measurement of **household-level** expenditures and service utilization

- collection of relevant **community-level** data, including region-specific prices and community infrastructure data

Researchers are welcome for cooperation in the field of study in the economic behavior of the population, including analysis of the structure of income and expenditures, material welfare, investment behavior, employment structure, migration behavior, health and nutrition structure, family planning and educational behavior, the values system of population, their perception of the ongoing changes in the country, etc.

RLMS-HSE runs every second year User Conference to promote exchange of research data, share the results of original studies as well as to learn new practices in data infrastructure and management

8. Facility website and the link

https://www.hse.ru/en/rlms/

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