

Strengths and Limitations of Household-based Surveys

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Strengths and Limitations of Household-based Surveys... for what purpose?

Why do we study family? (my answers)

Family structures social ties, resource sharing, identity

Family structures population processes – fertility, migration, health

Family reveals social boundaries

Question: Why do you study family? (If your motivations aren't mentioned, add them to this conversation)

Benefits of Household-based sampling for achieving research goals:

Known sampling frame and population

Comparability with other data collections

Coresidence is meaningful

Limitations of Household-based sampling for achieving research goals:

Non-institutionalized populations and temporary household members

Interdependencies across households

Assumes coresidence is meaningful, important
expensive

Questions:

How can we best capture family ties within and across households? (contact, communication, exchange, belonging)

(When) should we treat household and family ties differently than other types of social ties?