

Health and Cognitive Aging in Latin America

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Cognitive Aging



- Decline in mental functions
 - Memory, decision-making, learning, problem solving
- Alzheimer's and dementia-related diseases

Chile-cog

- Estimate the cognitive function of older chilean adults (60+)
 - Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol (HCAP)
- Estimate its socioeconomic determinants
- Collaboration with the Catholic University of Chile
- ~2,000 respondents

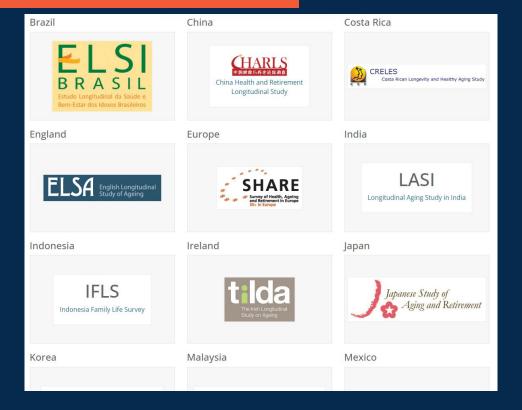


Compared to rest of Latin America...

- Older pop
- More educated
- Higher income
- Different health behaviors



Harmonized Data



Social Protection Survey (SPS)

- Largest and oldest longitudinal panel survey in Chile
- ~16,000 respondents
- Socioeconomic information
 - Employment, social security, education, health, wealth and
 - assets, family history, and housing

Methods

1. Data collection

- a. 2015 SPS
- b. 2019 Chile-cog Survey

2. Data Analysis and Modeling

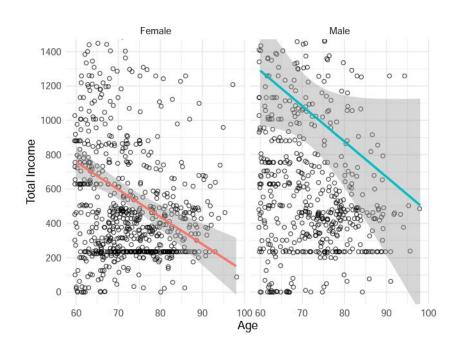
- a. Data coding
- b. Exploratory analysis of sample
- c. Linear regressions

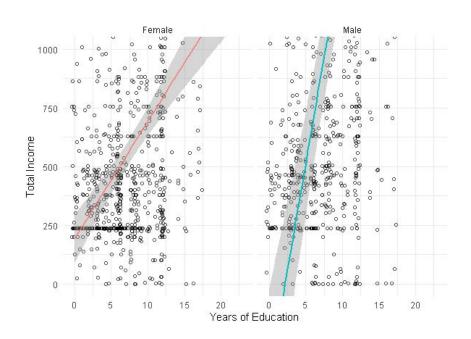
My Role

Data analysis, coding and cleaning the economic data

Sample characteristics - Income

Income vs Age





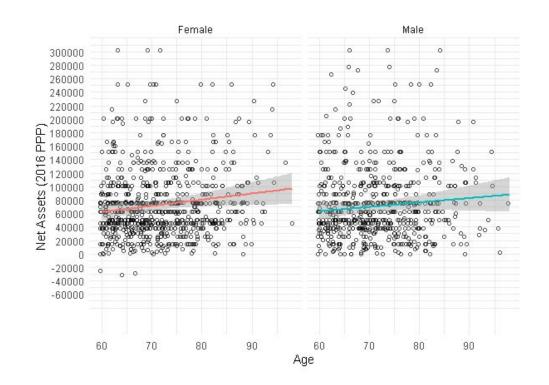
Income vs Education

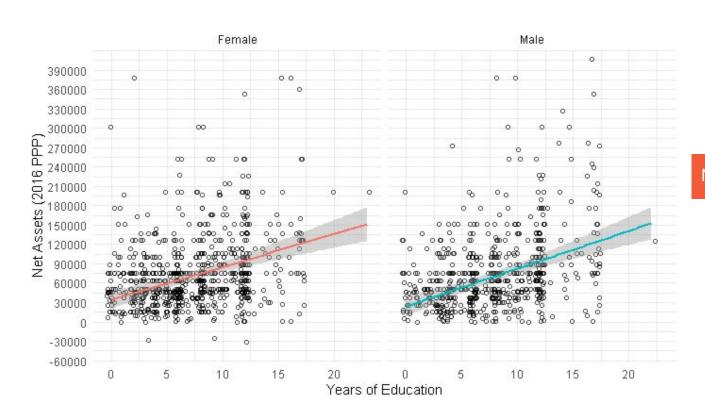
Sample characteristics - Assets

Net Assets vs Age

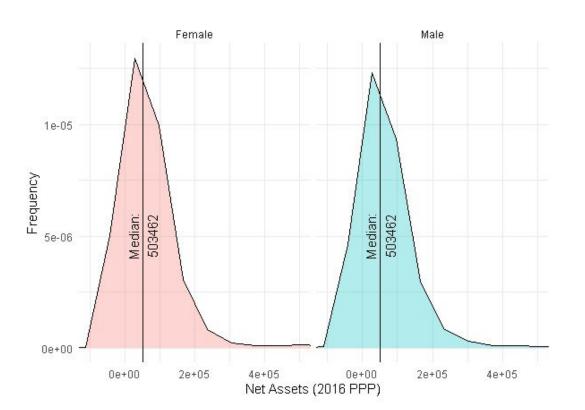
Net Assets:

- House + other properties
- Business





Net Assets vs Education





Lessons learned

- Assumptions & data are not always pure
- How to communicate data and findings
- I like research

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