

# Perks and Perils of Online Data Collection

Jane Squires, Ph.D., Diane Bricker, Ph.D., Luis Anunciação, Ph.D., and Kimberly Murphy, B.S.

## Objectives



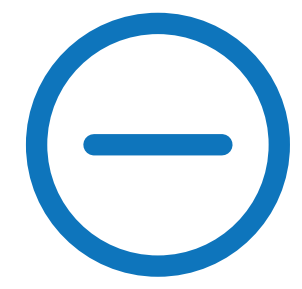
### Online data collection

- Gathering information via websites, email, and cell phones
- Collecting high quality, representative normative data for ASQ-4 efficiently



### Advantages

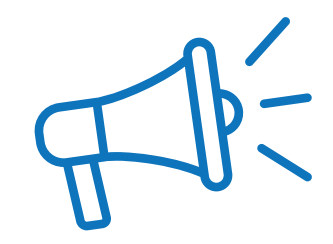
- Lower costs
- Ease of data collection from large samples
- Convenience for caregivers
- Reach diverse populations
- Access often difficult-to-reach populations
- Reduction of data entry errors



### Disadvantages

- Sampling errors
- May be skewed towards those with internet/cell service
- Over-representation of caregivers with concerns about child's development
- Accuracy of information cannot be verified
- Participants may not understand items or criteria
- May complete questionnaires quickly or incompletely

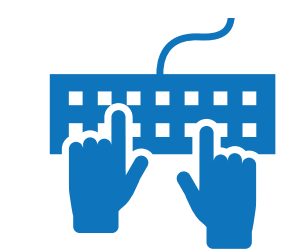
## Innovation



Ease of broad-based subject recruitment



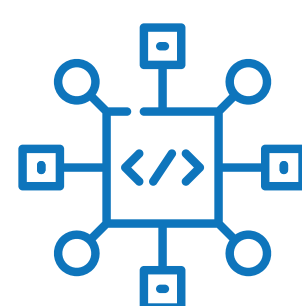
Access to a diverse subject pool



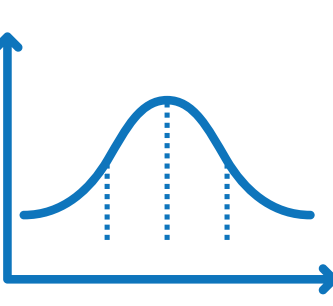
Ease of data entry and analyses



Ability to conduct analyses on large data sets during implementation to ensure data quality



Automated algorithms enable performance of in-depth analyses in which reliability of data is quantitatively assessed with implementation of scoring procedures



Sampling adjustments available post-hoc to fix skewed sample

- Weighted random sampling
- Relative sampling

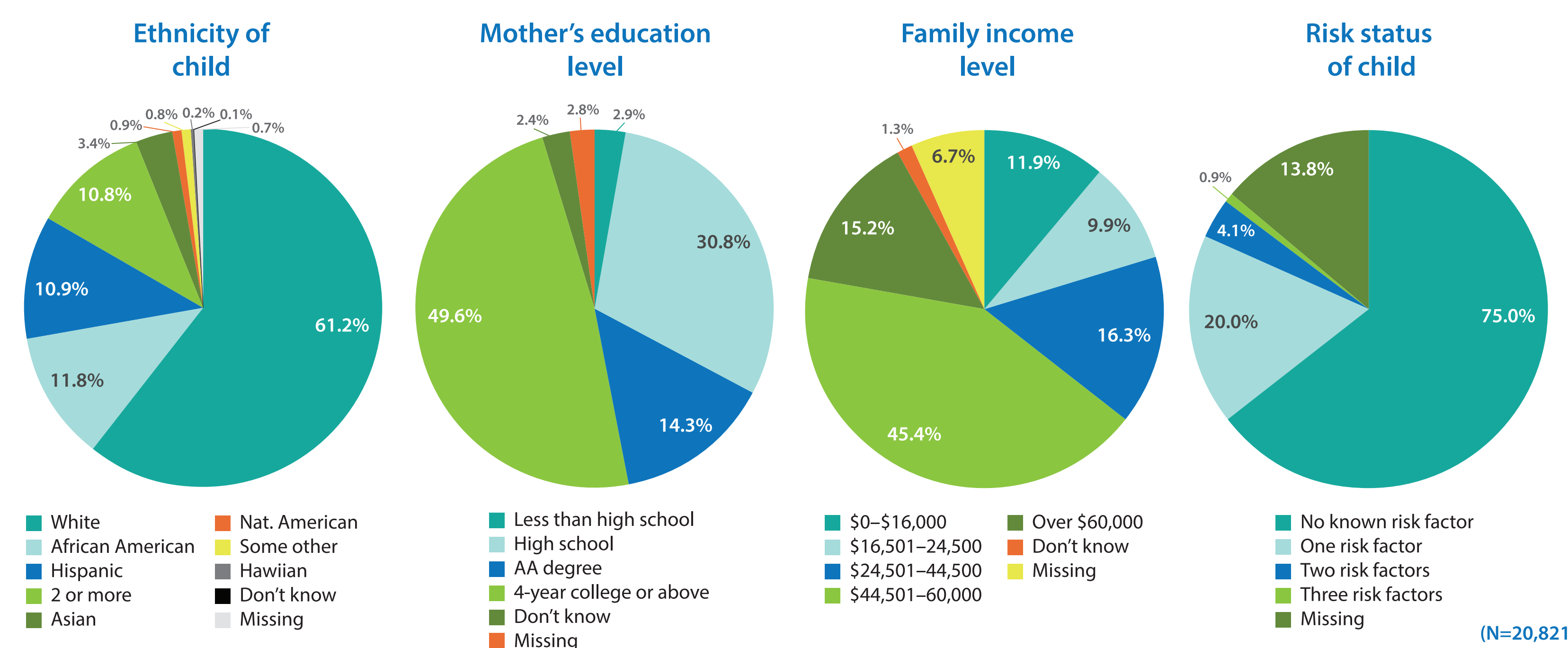
## Method

### Sample characteristics and number of ASQ-4 completed



Questionnaire interval	Gender		Race			Age
	Missing cases	Male	Female	African American	Other races	White
2 (N=101)	0	45 (44.6%)	56 (55.4%)	18 (17.8%)	28 (27.7%)	55 (54.5%)
4 (N=135)	2	70 (52.6%)	63 (47.4%)	31 (23.0%)	29 (21.5%)	75 (55.6%)
6 (N=101)	2	42 (42.4%)	57 (57.6%)	17 (16.8%)	24 (23.8%)	60 (59.4%)
8 (N=169)	0	69 (40.8%)	100 (59.2%)	21 (12.4%)	41 (24.3%)	107 (63.3%)
9 (N=111)	0	57 (51.4%)	54 (48.6%)	4 (3.6%)	36 (32.4%)	71 (64.0%)
10 (N=30)	0	15 (50.0%)	15 (50.0%)	5 (16.7%)	15 (50.0%)	10 (33.3%)
12 (N=188)	0	83 (44.1%)	105 (55.9%)	25 (13.3%)	56 (29.8%)	107 (56.9%)
14 (N=66)	0	29 (43.9%)	37 (56.1%)	16 (24.2%)	14 (21.2%)	36 (54.5%)
16 (N=179)	0	87 (48.6%)	92 (51.4%)	16 (8.9%)	44 (24.6%)	119 (66.5%)
18 (N=246)	0	132 (53.7%)	114 (46.3%)	23 (9.3%)	61 (24.8%)	162 (65.9%)
20 (N=118)	2	62 (53.4%)	54 (46.6%)	20 (16.9%)	26 (22.0%)	72 (61.0%)
22 (N=44)	0	21 (47.7%)	23 (52.3%)	12 (27.3%)	16 (36.4%)	16 (36.4%)
24 (N=168)	1	78 (46.7%)	89 (53.3%)	42 (25.0%)	40 (23.8%)	86 (51.2%)
27 (N=86)	0	41 (47.7%)	45 (52.3%)	27 (31.4%)	33 (38.4%)	26 (30.2%)
30 (N=214)	1	112 (52.6%)	101 (47.4%)	21 (9.8%)	63 (29.4%)	130 (60.7%)
33 (N=75)	0	33 (44.0%)	42 (56.0%)	19 (25.3%)	21 (28.0%)	35 (46.7%)
36 (N=202)	1	106 (52.7%)	95 (47.3%)	54 (26.7%)	62 (30.7%)	86 (42.6%)
42 (N=308)	1	152 (49.5%)	155 (50.5%)	87 (28.2%)	75 (24.4%)	146 (47.4%)
48 (N=311)	1	133 (42.9%)	177 (57.1%)	97 (31.2%)	96 (30.9%)	118 (37.9%)
54 (N=290)	7	130 (45.9%)	153 (54.1%)	54 (18.6%)	89 (30.7%)	147 (50.7%)
60 (N=155)	2	77 (50.3%)	76 (49.7%)	28 (18.1%)	32 (20.6%)	95 (61.3%)

### Demographics of total sample (94% online and 6% other methods)



## Implications



Websites should be caregiver friendly—easy to navigate and use



Online advertising funds aimed at specific target populations are needed



Search terms should be carefully chosen

- Negative terms may yield more caregivers of children with disabilities (*Worried about...*)
- Positive terms attract more caregivers of younger children, with fewer developmental concerns (*Learn about...*)



Offering incentives can increase sample size and diversity



Providing research staff contact information may assist in accurate and timely data collection



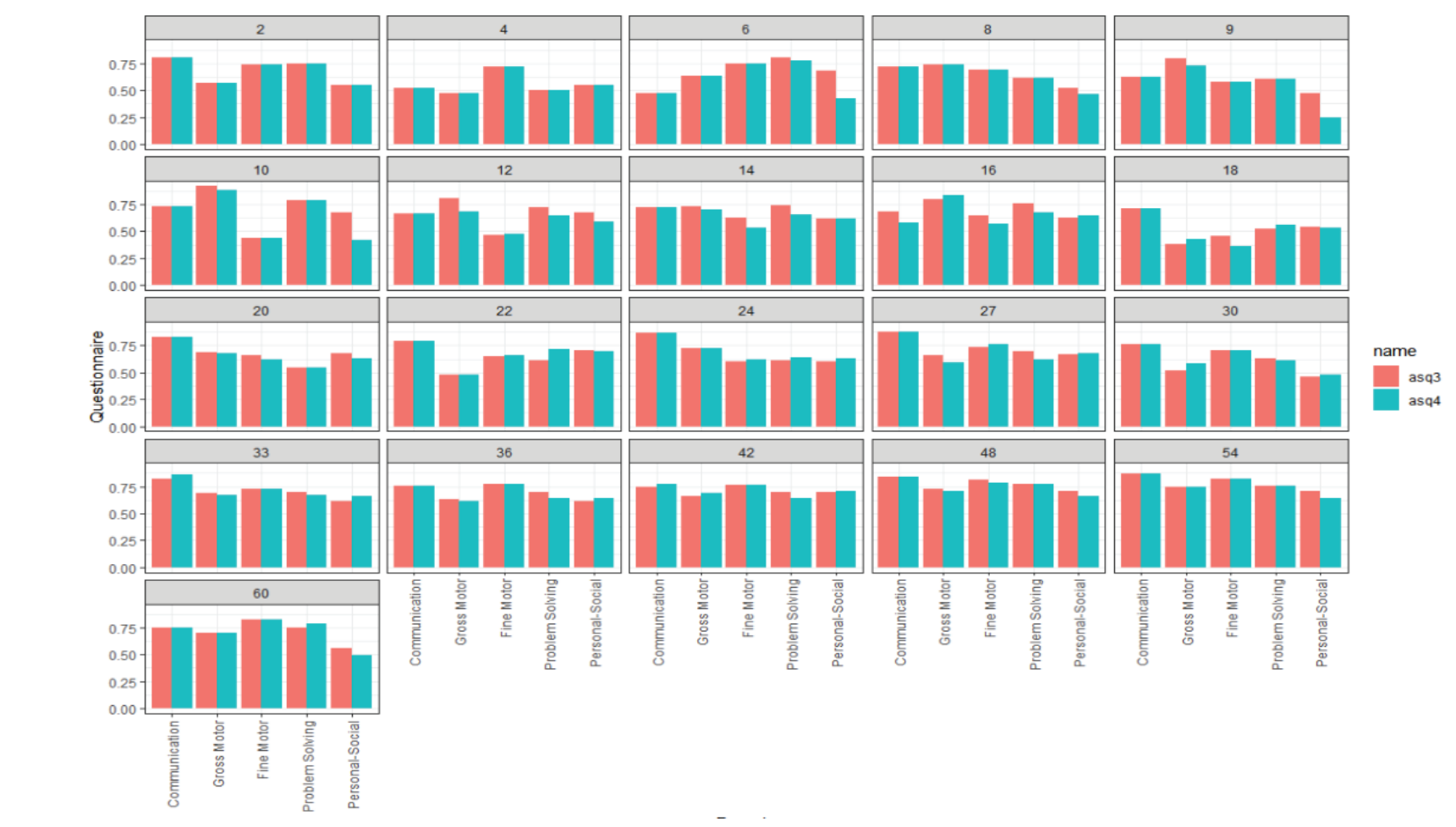
Collecting print data from the target normative sample is necessary

## Results

### Coefficient Alpha comparing ASQ-3 and ASQ-4 domains

Domain	Average Cronbach's alpha	
	ASQ-3	ASQ-4
Communication	0.740887	0.7385519
Fine Motor	0.676084	0.6632785
Gross Motor	0.670141	0.6600401
Problem Solving	0.680111	0.6652179
Personal-Social	0.614677	0.5703569

### Comparison by interval and domain of ASQ-3 and ASQ-4



### Test-Retest Reliability

Intraclass Coefficient and percentage of agreement

Questionnaire interval	Communication (ICC = 0.908)	Gross Motor (ICC = 0.928)	Fine Motor (ICC = 0.905)	Problem Solving (ICC = 0.885)	Personal-Social (ICC = 0.89)
2 (n=11)	100%	100%	82%	91%	100%
4 (n=19)	100%	95%	84%	89%	100%
6 (n=10)	90%	90%	100%	100%	100%
8 (n=17)	88%	94%	94%	100%	94%
10 (n=11)	100%	100%	100%	91%	100%
12 (n=12)	100%	100%	100%	100%	92%
14 (n=8)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
16 (n=5)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
18 (n=8)	100%	100%	100%	88%	100%
20 (n=6)	83%	83%	100%	100%	67%
22 (n=10)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
24 (n=9)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
27 (n=13)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
30 (n=16)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
33 (n=16)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
36 (n=25)	100%	100%	92%	100%	100%
42 (n=35)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
48 (n=17)	100%	100%	100%	100%	94%
54 (n=35)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
60 (n=28)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
72 (n=21)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Overall	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%

(N=332)

Overall agreement 97.5% on classifications of children as risk/nonrisk