

**The Role of Kin in Support Networks Over the Life Course:  
An Introduction to the UCNets Project**

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INTRODUCTION

THREE QUESTIONS ABOUT KIN AND SUPPORT

1. WHO HAS KIN AVAILABLE?
2. WHO DRAWS ON THEIR AVAILABLE KIN?
3. HOW DOES KIN SUPPORT AFFECT – OR HOW IS IT AFFECTED BY –  
INTERPERSONAL DYNAMICS?

THE UCNETS PROJECT (UNDER WAY)

*MEANWHILE.....* EXPLORING THE QUESTIONS IN THE 2005 PEW SURVEY:  
SOME ILLUSTRATIVE RESULTS

CONCLUSION

**PCT. OF 21-to-30-YR-OLDS AND 50-to-70-YR-OLDS  
WITH AVAILABLE KIN (Pew, 2005)**

