

How to deal with high attrition in a small complicated data set?

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Briefly Explain Your Question (max. 100 words)

In a quasi-experimental pre-post study, we want to examine the effect of a parental mediation program in complex divorces. The first wave contains 37 mothers, 30 fathers, and 18 children from 53 high-conflict divorced families. Consequently, most families are 'incomplete'. While we are collecting data for the second wave, we run into the additional problem that many respondents do not participate anymore. So, we want to analyze a small complex sample, with missing cases at both time-points. Our two questions are: How to deal with these 'incomplete' families? And how to deal with high attrition in this small complex sample?

Scientific field(s) of the author(s)

Child and adolescent studies.

Relevance to conference theme (max. 50 words)

Our problem is related to the conference theme because we use a very small sample. Next to a small sample, we also have to deal with high attrition, which makes it even harder to analyze our data.

Keywords (max. 3)

Divorce mediation, attrition, divorce