

Introduction to Qualitative



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today



- What is Qualitative research
- Tension between Qual & Quant
- Difference between Qual & Quant
- Complementary
- Example



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What is it



- Aim of research
- Aim to gather an in-depth understanding of a phenomenon
- Smaller numbers
- In depth interviews, focus groups, questionnaires, participant observation etc. etc.



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Qualitative vs Quantitative



- Tension between the paradigms
- Einstein
- Everything that can be counted does not necessarily count; everything that counts cannot necessarily be counted.
- Defining RCTs as the ‘Gold Standard’ is like only searching for your lost keys where the light is shining

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	Quantitative Research	Qualitative Research
General framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek to confirm hypotheses • Positivist paradigm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek to explore phenomena • Naturalistic paradigm
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To predict & control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand (what, how, & why)
Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly structured methods: questionnaires, surveys, and structured observation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use semi-structured methods: in-depth interviews, focus groups, and participant observation
Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rigid design • Controlled & experimental 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergent design
Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prediction • Outcomes • Generalizability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rich “thick” description • Similarities & contrasts • Process & context
Nature of data analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-statistical
Sampling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relatively large samples using often random sampling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small samples using purposive, convenient or snow ball sampling technique.

Housing & People with Schizophrenia



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The Study

This study aimed to investigate the impact of different types of housing on the mental health of people with schizophrenia.



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Stage 1

- Re-admission rates and
- Length of stay in hospital.
- Data Sets HBCIS MH-CASC



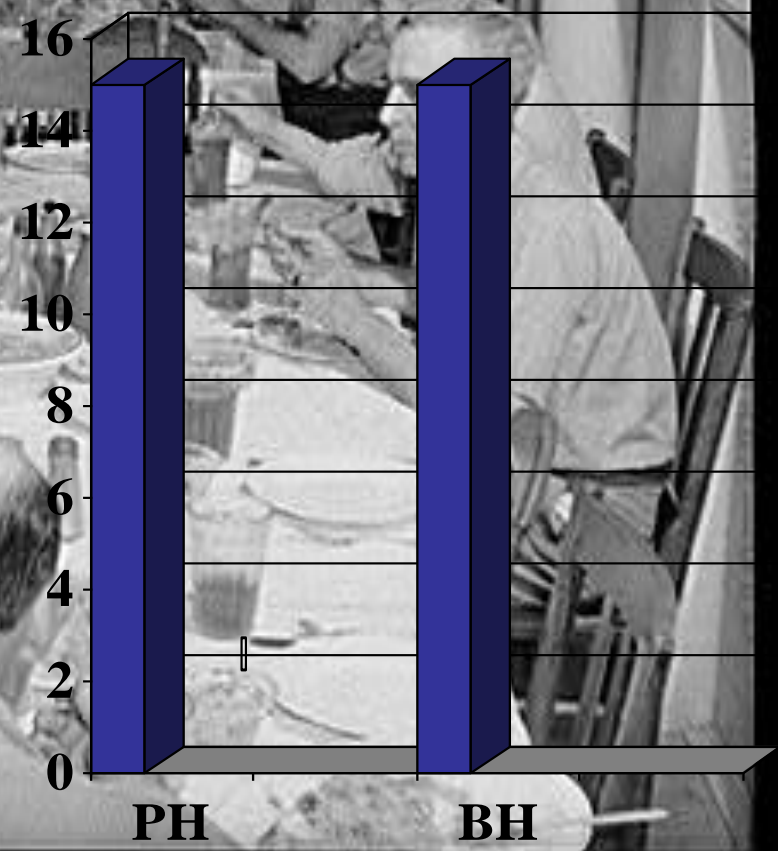
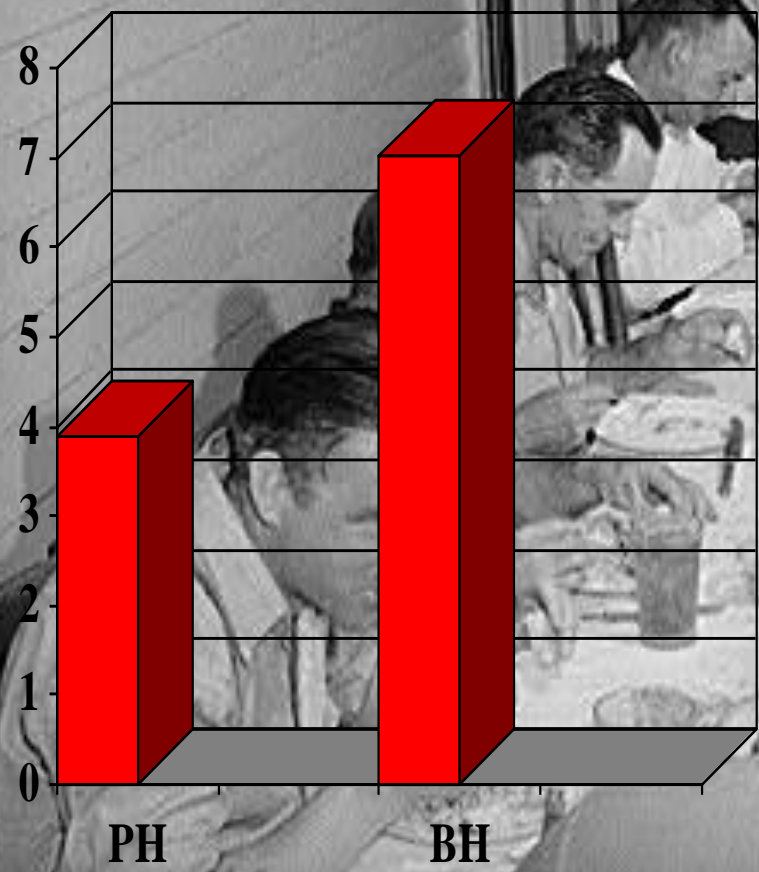
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Stage 2

Semi Structured in-depth interviews:

Qualities of Housing

Relationships



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Relationships

A group of people, including men and women of various ages, are seated around a large, round dining table in what appears to be a restaurant or cafe. They are engaged in conversation, with some looking towards the camera and others looking at each other. The table is set with plates, glasses, and napkins. The background shows a bright window and some indoor plants.

Setting down roots

People accepting and understanding - Coming home to someone

And if there is somebody to talk to about those (paranoid) ideas with I find it much easier. Alone I then to get wound up and the ideas take over.

If you ain't got someone there that you feel like close to , then you ain't got nothing really.

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