

IFNA Research Survey 2013: Results - Part B

The Research Committee continues to work to meet our members' needs. Results from the fall 2013 members' survey ($N=139$) are informing our efforts to build resources, engage members, and contribute to plans for the 2015 IFNA conference. In Table 1, we report members' most frequent responses (top seven) regarding interest in learning more about research methods.

Question #14: To facilitate your family research, which research methods would you be interested in learning more about? (Your responses will be used to identify topics for our webinar series.)

Research Methods	% Response	Response count
Analysis from multiple family members	55%	69
Mixed methods	50%	63
Intervention research methods	50%	63
Qualitative—descriptive narrative	34%	43
Meta-analysis	29%	36
Tool development	29%	36
Qualitative—focus group methods	27%	34

This particular question elicited much interest among participants as evidenced by multiple responses by many individuals. Other research methods of interest identified (in descending order of %s from 24% to 11%) were:

- Prospective quantitative methods
- Implementation research
- Case studies
- Community-based participatory research
- Survey methods
- Secondary data analysis

- Qualitative—phenomenology
- Policy research methods
- Qualitative—grounded theory
- Qualitative—ethnography

In summary, respondents to the survey endorsed interest in learning more about a wide range of research methods and approaches. We speculate that challenges inherent in conducting family research fuel such interest across levels of research expertise. That is useful information indeed! Our IFNA members are life-long learners and one of the organization's goals is to help meet such learning needs. The Research Committee invites your assistance and suggestions concerning follow-up related to these results. Thank you!