

Evaluating MTurk as a recruitment tool for rural people with disabilities

Abstract

When researchers want to study people with disabilities, they usually ask disability groups and organizations to help find participants. But sometimes, this approach might not give them a complete picture of what people with disabilities are like. That's where MTurk, an online tool for research, comes in handy for finding participants.

Here's what this study did:

1. They compared two groups of people: one group recruited the usual way (conventional) and the other through MTurk, which is online.
2. They asked these people to fill out a survey about their health and disabilities.
3. The two groups of people were different in some ways. For example, their ages, genders, education levels, and other things were not the same. The MTurk group had more people with lower incomes.
4. The conventional group had more people who got financial help for their disabilities and better health insurance.
5. When they compared these groups to what they know about the general population of people with disabilities, the conventional and MTurk groups were more similar in some ways.

What this study found is that MTurk can help researchers find people with disabilities, but it shouldn't be the only way. Using different ways to find people gives a more complete view of what people with disabilities are like and helps researchers understand them better.

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