Ü: Methods and theories

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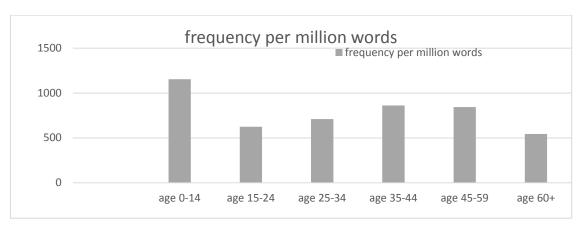
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Want to and wanna

Steps

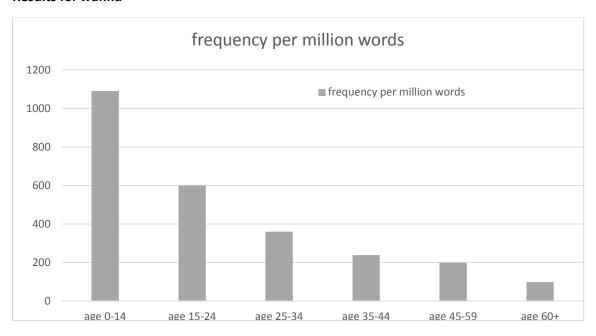
- 1. Enter the BNCweb: https://eng-ling.uni-bamberg.de/
- 2. Register.
- 3. Since the focus is on spoken language for this task, click the "Spoken restrictions" field on the left
- 4. Enter the term you want to investigate on (in this case: want to or wanna).
- 5. Press "Start Query". Result will show immediately.
- 6. Click the "New Query" menu in the right hand corner and select "Distribution". Press "Go!". Again, results will show immediately.
- 7. Click the "General information" field and select "Speaker: Age". Click "Show distribution.

Results for want to



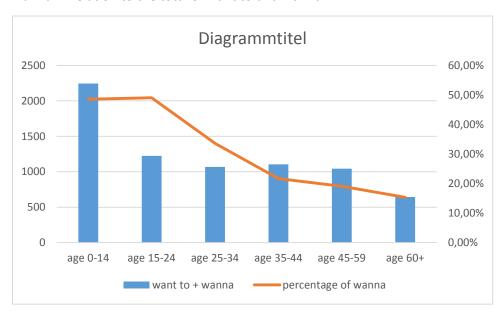
- enormous increase of usage from age 24-44
- decline of usage from age 15-24 and starting with 45 again
- people between age 15-24 and above 60 use want to the least

Results for wanna



- the younger the people are, the more they use wanna
 - → increase of usage across generations of speakers

wanna in relation to the total of want to and wanna



percentage of contractions has increased enormously across generations of speakers