

Technical report

ISSP 2001 Social Networks

Denmark

This report contains a general description of sampling procedure, fielding etc. for the Danish *Social Networks 2001* ISSP-module. For more detailed information about point 1-7 below, please consult the Methodological questionnaire.

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1. Sample type, fieldwork etc:

Sampling-procedure: A representative sample (simple random sample) was drawn from the *Central Population Register* (CPR) from which respondent's name and address were identified. Thus, the sampled unit was 'named individuals'. No stratification, clustering etc. was employed.

The fieldwork method was postal survey (self-completion). Two reminders were sent out to respondents who had not returned the questionnaire. After this telephone interviews were attempted. If respondents were not met, they were contacted at least five times (in practice the average number of calls are 8) before given up as "not met". In total 90,7 pct. of the interviews were completed by mail while 9,3 pct were completed as telephone interviews (cf. MODE-variable).

No substitutions were permitted at any stage of the selection process or during the fieldwork.

The questions in the module were asked in the prescribed order, except that four additional questions were added to the question battery including the variable “No influence on government decisions”.

2. Sample size:

Issued: 1944

Achieved: 1293

3. Language:

Danish

4. Danish study title:

”Sociale Forhold og Personlige Netværk”

5. Fieldwork dates:

The fieldwork was conducted from 4 June 2002 to 15 August 2002.

6. Known systematic properties:

None known.

7. Response rate:

The response rate is calculated to 67,4 percent.

Full productive interviews / (Issued names – (respondents moved, no forwarding address + respondents deceased)):

$1293 / (1944 - (23 + 4)) \times 100 = 67,4$ percent.

Description	(N)
Issued names	1944
Selected respondent moved, no forwarding address	23
Selected respondent too sick/incapacitated to participate	43
Selected respondent deceased	4
Selected respondent inadequate understanding of language	13
Personal refusal by selected respondent	212
Implicit refusal (empty envelopes, questionnaires etc)	354

Suspicion of wrong person who have filled in the questionnaire (mismatch between self-reported age and age according to <i>Central Population Register</i>)	2
Full productive interviews	1293

8. Matters concerning AGE

The AGE variable included in the data-set are based on information from the *Central Population Register (CPR)* from which the sample was drawn. Thus, this variable is not based on the self-reported age, but year of birth according to the CPR subtracted from 2002.

However, we also asked respondents about their year of birth. In this manner it was possible to check any discrepancies between the self-reported age, and the corresponding information from the CPR. Thereby it was possible to detect those cases where a (presumably) different person (a ‘wrong person’), than the one drawn from the sample has filled in the questionnaire.

When crossing the respondents’ self-reported information on year of birth and the age from the CPR we found some discrepancies – for example a person who ought to be 68 years old according the CPR, had reported that he was 21 years old. In total 2 respondents had discrepancies. These are not included in the data set.

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10. Coding etc.

The survey institute has coded the questionnaires according to the filters. Thus if respondents have answered questions they shouldn't according to their answers in a filter question, the filter question is the stronger.

DK95x and DK107x

A valuelabel has been added: 110 = armed forces, all personel.