

**Croatia**  
**ISSP 2008 – Religion III**  
**Study Description**

## ISSP Study Description Form

*Study title:* Religion III 2008

*Fieldwork dates:* 2009.06.01. – 2009.09.15.

*Principal investigators:* Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, Croatia

*Sample type:* Sampling frame: list of settlements derived from Census 2001.  
Stratified random multi-staged sample: level of settlements, level of household, level of individual.  
Two-way stratification: by 6 regions (defined as the traditional groups of counties) and 4 settlement sizes (defined by the number of residents). The size of each stratum is based on the proportion of the number of 18 + residents within the stratum in the total 18 + population.

Multistage sampling procedure:

1. Selection of primary sampling units (settlements) was conducted by the “probability proportionate to size” method. Each settlement had a probability of being in the sample proportionate to its population size. The selection of settlements was based on a random sampling procedure. All settlements in a stratum were alphabetically ordered and their respective populations were cumulated. Assignment of random numbers from the cumulative population of all settlements was conducted. Those settlements under which randomly assigned numbers fell into were chosen.  
Within each primary sampling unit, the “random starting points method” was used to select starting points. There were 120 starting points in total. On average allocation of 10 respondents was assigned to each starting point.
2. Selection of households within the starting points was conducted by the “random walk method”. Interviewers were instructed to follow a specified route from the starting point, conducting an interview at every 6-th dwelling/ housing unit (systematic sampling). Non-contacts were re-visited 5 times before being declared as non-response.
3. Selection of the respondent within a household was conducted by random selection by last birthday key.

*Fieldwork institute:* Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, Croatia

*Fieldwork methods:* Face to face interview

*N. of respondents:* 1201

2009-11-04

*Details about issued sample:*

1. Total number of starting or issued names/addresses (gross sample size) *	<b>2622</b>
2. Interviews (1.0)	<b>1201</b>
3. Eligible, Non-Interview	<b>2594</b>
A. Refusal/Break-off (2.10)	1027
B. Non-Contact (2.20)	334
C. Other	18
i. Language Problems (2.33)	2
ii. Miscellaneous Other (2.31, 2.32, 2.35)	12
3. Unknown Eligibility, Non-Interview (3.0)	0
4. Not Eligible	<b>28</b>
A. Not a Residence (4.50)	0
B. Vacant Residence (4.60)	28
C. No Eligible Respondent (4.70)	0
D. Other (4.10,4.90)	0

*Language(s):*

Croatian language

*Weight present:*

No

*Weighting procedure:*

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*Known systematic*

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*properties of sample:*

*Deviations from ISSP questionnaire:*

There are two deviations from ISSP questionnaire:

- 1) Following variables were omitted from the Croatian fielding of the Religion III module:

v66 "Q34a Religion helps people: Find inner peace".  
v67 "Q34b Religion helps people: Make friends".  
v68 "Q34c Religion helps people: Gain comfort".  
v69 "Q34d Religion helps people: Meet right kind of people".

The reason for this substantial omission are the problems in the printing of the questionnaires. The questionnaires were delivered to members of the Croatian research team in three instalments of which only first had the aforementioned four items at the end of the religion module. The other two thirds of the used questionnaires did not have them. We discovered this at the point of data entry. We fully respect responsibility for this mistake, mainly due to the fact that we did not check all individual questionnaire instalments. Result of this mistake that our submission does not feature v66 to v69. For more see NOTE.

- 2) We used the old format for the religious attendance variable instead of suggested new one due to the comparability with other existing data sets.

VARIABLE LABEL attend "R: Attendance of religious services".

*Publications:*

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