

Belgium
ISSP 2013 – National Identity III
Study Description

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ISSP Study Description Form – Belgium

- Study title:* ISSP modules Family and Changing Gender Roles and National Identity
- Fieldwork dates:* November 13th, 2013 – February 24th, 2014
- Principal investigators:* Vlaamse Overheid, Studiedienst van de Vlaamse Regering (Research Centre of the Flemish Government) (Ann Carton)
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- Sample type:* Target population: Persons 18 years or more, Belgian and non-Belgian nationality, resident within private households, in Belgium.
- Sampling design: Simple random sampling procedure
N=7.500 with 2.500 selected units in each region (Flemish Region, Walloon Region, Brussels Capital Region)
- No substitution.
- The National Register is a national governmental institution that stores data on all residents in Belgium: name, address, gender, date of birth, nationality, and composition of the family.
- Fieldwork institute:* Research Centre of the Flemish Government and IWEPS – mailing by the National Register
- Fieldwork methods:* ISSP-modules: questionnaire send by mail, self-completion by respondent and mailed back by respondent to Research Centre of the Flemish Government (questionnaires send out to the Flemish Region and questionnaires from Dutch speaking people in the Brussels Capital Region) and to IWEPS (questionnaires send out to the Walloon Region and questionnaires from French speaking people in the Brussels Capital Region).
- Total of 4 mailings:
- 1) Introduction letter, questionnaire, preprint and prepaid envelope to send the completed questionnaire back to the Research Centre of the Flemish Government (Flemish Region and Brussels Capital Region – questionnaires in Dutch) or IWEPS (Walloon Region and Brussels Capital Region – questionnaires in French)
 - 2) 1st thank you / reminder card
 - 3) New Introduction letter, questionnaire, preprint and prepaid envelope to send the completed questionnaire back to the Research Centre of the Flemish Government (Flemish Region and Brussels Capital Region – questionnaires in Dutch) or IWEPS (Walloon Region and Brussels Capital Region – questionnaires in French)
 - 4) 2nd thank you / reminder card

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N. of respondents: N=2.202 completed the questionnaire

<p><i>Details about issued sample:</i></p> <p>Please follow the standards laid down in AAPOR/WAPOR, Standard Definitions: http://www.aapor.org/uploads/standarddefs_4.pdf. The numbers in the parentheses are those used in Tables 2 and 3 of Standard Definitions.</p>	1. Total number of starting or issued names/addresses (gross sample size) *	7.500
	2. Interviews (1.0)	2.202
	3. Eligible, Non-Interview	
	A. Refusal/Break-off (2.10)	79
	B. Non-Contact (2.20)	0
	C. Other	0
	i. Language Problems (2.33)	23
	ii. Miscellaneous Other (2.31, 2.32, 2.35)	116
	3. Unknown Eligibility, Non-Interview (3.0)	5.070
	4. Not Eligible	
A. Not a Residence (4.50)		
B. Vacant Residence (4.60)		
C. No Eligible Respondent (4.70)		
D. Other (4.10,4.90)	10	

* When new sample units are added during the field period via a new dwelling units list or other standard updating procedure, these additional issued units are added to the starting number of units to make up the total gross sample size. Also, when substitution is used, the total must include the originally drawn cases plus all substitute cases. See AAPOR/WAPOR Standard Definitions, pp. 9-10 for further clarification.

Remark: we used table 3 for Mail Surveys of Specifically Named Persons

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	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1) Complete interview	2202	29,4	29,4	29,4
212) Break-off questionnaire too incomplete to process	20	,3	,3	29,6
231) Deceased	5	,1	,1	29,7
232) Physically or mentally unable/incompetent	53	,7	,7	30,4
233) Language	23	,3	,3	30,7
234) Literacy problems (kan niet lezen of schrijven)	2	,0	,0	30,7
236) Miscellaneous (verkeerde persoon ingevuld)	56	,7	,7	31,5
319) Nothing ever returned	5006	66,7	66,7	98,2
330) Unknown whereabouts, mailing returned undelivered	64	,9	,9	99,1
410) Selected respondent screened out of sample (geschrapd van ambtswege, vertrokken naar buitenland)	10	,1	,1	99,2
2111) Other person refusal	5	,1	,1	99,3
2112) Known respondent-level refusal	39	,5	,5	99,8
2113) Blank questionnaire mailed-back, implicit refusal	15	,2	,2	100,0
Total	7500	100,0	100,0	

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Language(s): Dutch and French

Weight present: yes

Weighting procedure: In order to deliver one integrated harmonized data file for Belgium post stratification weights were calculated based upon age (three age groups: 18-39; 40-59; 60+), sex, and geographical classification (NUTS1 Flemish Region, Walloon Region, Brussels Capital Region). These characteristics are known for all sampled units and the population distributions are published by the Belgian Institute for National Statistics (ADS). The age-sex distribution in each region is reproduced by the weights as well as the distribution over the regions.

The result of this weighting procedure in combination with the sampling design is that the weights for respondents of the Brussels Capital Region are much smaller than the weights for the respondents of the Flemish and Walloon regions.

The use of adequate software is always necessary when analysing data with weights, but with these data it is vitally important when comparing the regions or analysing only one region separately.

The weights were scaled to make the weighted sample size equal to the unweighted sample size.

Known systematic properties of sample: Realized sample versus population:
Following groups are (slightly) under represented:
- Men between 18 and 39 years old

Following group is (slightly) over represented:
- Men aged 60 or older

Deviations from ISSP questionnaire: none

Publications: Technical report about the fieldwork.