

**Ireland**  
**ISSP 2013 – National Identity III**  
**Study Description**

## ISSP Study Description Form

*Study title:* **IRELAND: National Identity III (2013)**

*Fieldwork dates:* 2012-12-21 to 2013-05-20

*Principal investigators:* Dr. Iarfhlaith Watson: University College Dublin, Ireland

*Sample type:* A simple random sample of residential of household addresses was drawn from the November 2012 release of the GeoDirectory database. In addition to the address components (locality, town-land, ED, county, geographic coordinates) the database includes other information such as: building use (residential, commercial, mixed, if the building has a residential/commercial delivery point, as well as if it is vacant, derelict or under construction. At first, the buildings with at least one residential delivery point were selected. Then vacant, derelict, invalid and under construction buildings were excluded from this set. The remaining set of the buildings were then joined to the addresses table in the GeoDirectory. Furthermore, the addresses where the Organisation Name or Department Name was not empty were also excluded. The result of this approach was that from the total number of 2,170,959 addresses in Republic of Ireland, only 1,860,095 addresses were left. Finally, using simple random sampling with integer distribution 5,000 addresses were randomly selected in ArcGIS 10 software environment (using `arccgis.rand('Integer 1 1860095')` command in the table field calculator.

*Fieldwork institute:* Social Science Research Centre, University College Dublin

*Fieldwork methods:* Self-completed Postal Questionnaire with online option

*N. of respondents:* 1215 respondents

*Details about issued sample:*

1. Total number of starting or issued names/addresses (gross sample size) *	5000.....
2. Interviews (1.0)	1215.....
3. Eligible, Non-Interview	
A. Refusal/Break-off (2.10)	96 <sup>1</sup> .....
B. Non-Contact (2.20)	0.....
C. Other	
i. Language Problems (2.33)	0.....
ii. Miscellaneous Other (2.31, 2.32, 2.35)	27 <sup>2</sup> .....
3. Unknown Eligibility, Non-Interview (3.0)	3644 <sup>3</sup> .....
4. Not Eligible	
A. Not a Residence (4.50)	Inc. in D.....
B. Vacant Residence (4.60)	Inc. in D.....
C. No Eligible Respondent (4.70)	0.....
D. Other (4.10,4.90)	18 <sup>4</sup> .....

*Language(s):* English/Gaeilge (Irish)

*Weight present:* A weighting variable has been provided

*Weighting procedure:*

*Known systematic properties of sample:* Men and younger persons generally are underrepresented in the net sample compared to women and older persons. The sample design – permitting substitution - and relying on self-completed mailed (and online) responses - may have contributed to this bias in responses (see further comment in Survey Monitoring Questionnaire)

*Deviations from ISSP questionnaire:* This module was fielded simultaneously with the ISSP Family and Changing Gender Roles IV (2012) module. The research team added a further seven questions: two regarding health; three on bilingualism and two on political attitudes and beliefs.

*Publications:* None

<sup>1</sup> Sum of: ‘Refusal by selected respondent’ (27), ‘implicit refusals’ (36), and Partially completed returned questionnaires (33)

<sup>2</sup> Sum of: ‘too sick/incapacitated to respond’ (5), ‘deceased’ (1), ‘away during survey period’ (21)

<sup>3</sup> Sum of: ‘address which could not be traced’ (138), ‘addresses with no letter boxes’ (18), and ‘no contact’ (3488)

<sup>4</sup> Addresses established as empty, demolished or containing no private dwelling (18)