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Introduction

This report aims at providing information on students that were interviewed in the wave 3 of the "Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Survey in Four European Countries" (CILS4EU) that were not part of the target population as defined in the Technical Report of the third wave (CILS4EU 2017; for the data see: Kalter et al. 2017a; Kalter et al. 2017b). These non-sampled respondents stem from three sources:

(1) Students who visited a school that participated in the first wave although the school was not sampled in the first wave (in the Netherlands only; cf. Smith et al. 2013).

(2) Students who are not part of the sample themselves but who are classmates of a sampled student in wave 2 (because they entered a sampled class after wave 1 was conducted (applies to all countries) or because a sampled student changed to their classroom (in the Netherlands only)).

(3) Students who are not part of the sample themselves but who are classmates of a sampled student in wave 3 (because they entered a sampled class after wave 2 was conducted or because a sampled student changed to their classroom (in the in-school surveys in the Netherlands only)).

Two variables in the data sets give information on why the respondent is defined as an outside-sample case. The variable y3_sampledw1 is coded (1) if the respondent was already part of the class in the first wave, but visited a school that was not sampled and (0) otherwise. The second variable outside informs whether the school was sampled in the first wave (0) or not (1). Note that for some students both exclusion criteria apply, thus, these students enter classes in schools that were not sampled during the first wave.

Composition of the sample

Table 1 shows the number of outside-sample cases in each country, separately for the different strata.

As can be seen, most of the outside-sample cases are Dutch cases (1,605 out of 1,898). This is due to a pronounced restructuring of the class composition between the first and second wave, as well as between the second and third wave, in which the whole class was surveyed with at least one student of the wave 1 sample. In England and Sweden, only individual newcomers in sampled classes were surveyed who entered the class context in between the first and the second wave. In total, 1,898 students were interviewed that are not sampled (15%).

		Achieved sample sizes (% in brackets)				
		Regular sample	Outside sample	Total		
	Strata 1	309 (15.3)	28 (17.3)	337 (15.5)		
	Strata 2	708 (35.1)	46 (28.4)	754 (34.6)		
England	Strata 3	523 (25.9)	56 (34.6)	579 (26.5)		
-	Strata 4	479 (23.7)	32 (19.8)	511 (23.4)		
	Total (State)	2,019	162	2,181		
	Indep.	208 (9.3)	5 (3.0)	213 (8.9)		
	Total (All)	2,227	167	2,394		
	Strata 1	562 (16.7)	0 (0.0)	562 (16.7)		
	Strata 2	1,191 (35.4)	0 (0.0)	1,191 (35.4)		
Germany	Strata 3	769 (22.9)	0 (0.0)	769 (22.9)		
-	Strata 4	844 (25.1)	0 (0.0)	844 (25.1)		
	Total	3,366	0 (0.0)	3,366		
	Strata 1	515 (20.3)	465 (30.3)	980 (24.0)		
	Strata 2	903 (35.5)	590 (38.5)	1,493 (36.6)		
Netherlands	Strata 3	796 (31.3)	288 (18.8)	1,084 (26.6)		
	Strata 4	329 (12.9)	190 (12.4)	519 (12.7)		
	Total (Known)	2,543	1,533	4,076		
	Unknown	0 (0.0)	72 (4.5)	72 (1.7)		
	Total (All)	2,543	1,605	4,148		
	Strata 1	403 (15.5)	11 (8.7)	414 (15.2)		
	Strata 2	833 (32.0)	20 (15.9)	853 (31.3)		
Sweden	Strata 3	738 (28.4)	31 (24.6)	769 (28.2)		
	Strata 4	628 (24.1)	64 (50.8)	692 (25.4)		
	Total	2,602	126	2,728		
	Strata 1	1,789 (17.0)	504 (27.7)	2,293 (18.6)		
	Strata 2	3,635 (34.5)	656 (36.0)	4,291 (34.7)		
Total	Strata 3	2,826 (26.8)	375 (20.6)	3,201 (25.9)		
	Strata 4	2,280 (21.7)	286 (15.7)	2,566 (20.8)		
	Total (State/Known)	10,530	1,821	12,351		
	Indep. (EN)	208 (1.9)	5 (0.3)	213 (1.7)		
	Unknown (NL)	0 (0.0)	72 (3.8)	72 (0.6)		
	Total	10,738	1,898	12,636		

Table 2 shows the composition of the outside sample with respect to immigrant status (Dollmann et al. 2014). Germany is excluded from the table because no outside-sample cases were interviewed. In general, the number of immigrants is slightly lower in the outside sample compared to the regular sample (see Table 5 in the Technical Report) with 9.5 per cent less immigrants (43.1% vs. 33.6%).

		Students				
		with immigrant	without immigrant	immigrant		
		background	background	background unclear		
		(% of total)	(% of total)	(% of total)	Total	
England	Strata 1	3 (10.7)	23 (82.1)	2 (7.1)	28	
	Strata 2	13 (28.3)	31 (67.4)	2 (4.4)	46	
	Strata 3	20 (35.7)	32 (57.1)	4 (7.1)	56	
	Strata 4	22 (68.8)	8 (25.0)	2 (6.3)	32	
	Indep.	3 (60.0)	2 (40.0)	0 (0.0)	5	
	Total	61 (36.5)	96 (57.5)	10 (6.0)	167	
Netherlands	Strata 1	66 (14.2)	362 (77.9)	37 (8.0)	465	
	Strata 2	147 (24.9)	357 (60.5)	86 (14.6)	590	
	Strata 3	115 (39.9)	148 (51.4)	25 (8.7)	288	
	Strata 4	111 (58.4)	66 (34.7)	13 (6.8)	190	
	Unknown	47 (65.3)	25 (34.7)	0 (0.0)	72	
	Total	486 (30.3)	958 (59.7)	161 (10.0)	1,605	
Sweden	Strata 1	5 (45.5)	6 (54.6)	0 (0.0)	11	
	Strata 2	12 (60.0)	8 (40.0)	0 (0.0)	20	
	Strata 3	20 (64.5)	11 (35.5)	0 (0.0)	31	
	Strata 4	54 (84.4)	9 (14.1)	1 (1.6)	64	
	Total	91 (72.2)	34 (27.0)	1 (0.8)	126	
Total	Strata 1	74 (14.7)	391 (77.6)	39 (7.7)	504	
	Strata 2	172 (26.2)	396 (60.4)	88 (13.4)	656	
	Strata 3	155 (41.3)	191 (50.9)	29 (7.7)	375	
	Strata 4	187 (65.4)	83 (29.0)	16 (5.6)	286	
	Indep.(EN)	3 (60.0)	2 (40.0)	0 (0.0)	5	
	Unknown (NL)	47 (65.3)	25 (34.7)	0 (0.0)	72	
	Total	638 (33.6)	1,088 (57.3)	172 (9.1)	1,898	

 Table 2: Composition of the outside sample

Data access

The outside sample cases are stored separately from the regular sample and are only available in the Secure Data Center of GESIS in Cologne. In contrast to the inside sample cases, they are stored as data sets combining all four CILS4EU countries for the different questionnaire parts (youth main and youth friends; youth classmates only for the Netherlands).

Advice on using the data

As the outside sample cases of wave 3 are not a random sample and respondents may be likely to differ from respondents of the regular sample, the advice from Smith et al. (2013) about the problems and possible pitfalls when using the outside sample cases of wave 1 still holds also when using the outside sample cases of wave 3 – even more than in the previous waves (CILS4EU 2016). We strongly recommend not using the outside sample when the aim is to make generalizable statements. If the outside sample is used in order to increase the power of non-generalizable analyses, we strongly recommend to run separate analyses with the inside sample as well as with the combined inside and outside sample cases are used for analyses, the researcher should report that the outside sample is used and how this sample is a non-random convenience sample. Furthermore, we strongly recommend reporting descriptive as well as multivariate results of the analyses for the inside sample cases and the combined (inside and outside) sample cases separately in order to make possible differences between the subsamples clear.

Besides increasing statistical power due to larger sample sizes, the outside sample may be of another use. As the outside sample captures newcomers in participating schools and classes, panel participants of wave 3 (the ones stored in the regular data versions; Kalter et al. 2017a; Kalter et al. 2017b) may have nominated some of the outside sample cases in the sociometric instrument. Therefore, the outside sample data may be of use to merge additional information when analyzing the sociometric data of CILS4EU (cf. also Kruse et al. 2016).

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