Background Variables LISS Panel

Questionnaire administered to the LISS panel

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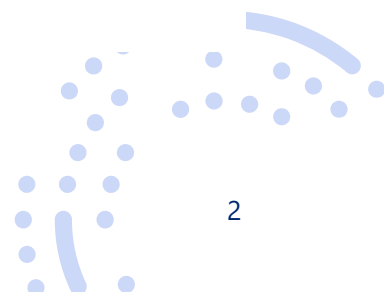
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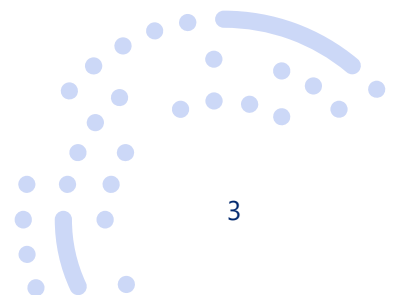
1   Introduction

To ensure that the most important general characteristics of LISS panel households remain up-to-date, these are measured every month using a separate questionnaire, known as the 'household box'. For every LISS panel household, a single contact person completes this questionnaire. The household box needs to be completed when joining the panel, before the household can start completing other questionnaires. Thereafter, the contact person is presented the household box every month to enter any changes that may have occurred.

Some of the questions in the household box concern the household, and others concern the individual household members. All questions of the questionnaire are completed by the household contact person only.

> Variables at **household level**: lftdhhh, aantalhh, aantalki, partner, woonvorm, woning, sted (updated since August 2022), nettohh_f, brutohh_f, werving (published from April 2011 onwards), simpc

> Variables at **individual level**: geslacht, gender (published from February 2022 onwards), positie, gebjaar, leeftijd, lftdcat, burgstat, belbezig, brutoink, brutoink_f, nettoink/netinc, nettoink_f, brutocat, nettocat, oplzon, oplmet, oplcat, herkomstgroep (published from October 2010 onwards), doetmee

From every field work period, a data file containing details from the household box is made available. The variables in these data files are presented per person, including variables that contain information on the entire household. These data represent a snapshot of the situation at the end of the field work period concerned.

Newly added in 2022
- The variable "sted" has been updated based on the most recent municipality data from the CBS since August 2022.
- The variable "gender" has been added and answer category 3 has been added to *geslacht* since February 2022.
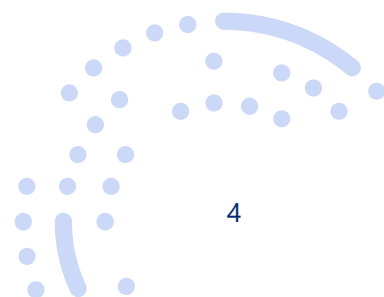
2   Background variables LISS panel

This codebook describes the general background variables of the LISS panel households. The variable names are indicated in **bold** and correspond to the names in the dataset.

nomem_encr   Number of household member encrypted

**nohouse_encr**   Number of the household encrypted.

wave   Year and month of the field work period

geslacht   Gender
                        1 Male
                        2 Female
                        3 Other[1]

gender[2]   Gender self-identification
                        1 Male
                        2 Female
                        3 Intersex
                        4 Non-binary
                        5 Transgender
                        6 In a different way
                        7 I don't know
                        8 I prefer not to say
                        999 Missing - question was never asked

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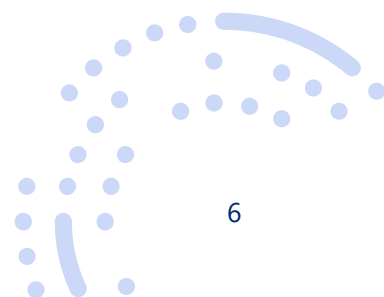
[1] Answer category 3 has been added since February 2022.

[2] This question is asked in the "Initial Questionnaire" and disseminated as a background variable since February 2022.

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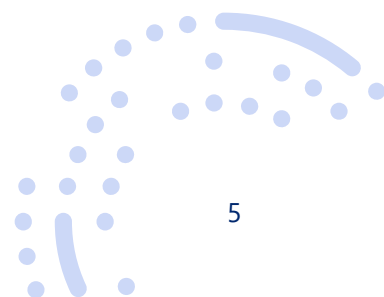
positie   Position within the household

1 Household head[3]

2 Wedded partner

3 Unwedded partner

4 Parent (in law)

5 Child living at home

6 Housemate

7 Family member or boarder

9 Unknown (missing)

gebjaar   Year of birth

1900..present

leeftijd   Age of the household member

integer

lftdcat   Age in categories

1 14 years and younger

2 15 - 24 years

3 25 - 34 years

4 35 - 44 years

5 45 - 54 years

6 55 - 64 years

7 65 years and older

lftdhhh   Age of the household head

integer

aantalhh   Number of household members

1 One person

2 Two persons

3 Three persons

4 Four persons

5 Five persons

6 Six persons

7 Seven persons

8 Eight persons

9 Nine persons or more

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[3] The household head is the person whose name appears on the rent contract or purchase deed of the house. If the contract or deed carries more than one name, the household head is the person with the highest income.

aantalki   Number of living-at-home children in the household, children of the household head or his/her partner

0 None

1 One child

2 Two children

3 Three children

4 Four children

5 Five children

6 Six children

7 Seven children

8 Eight children

9 Nine children or more

partner   The household head lives together with a partner (wedded or unwedded)

0 No

1 Yes

burgstat   Civil status

1 Married

2 Separated

3 Divorced

4 Widow or widower

5 Never been married

woonvorm   Domestic situation

1 Single

2 (Un)married co-habitation, without child(ren)

3 (Un)married co-habitation, with child(ren)

4 Single, with child(ren)

5 Other

woning   Type of dwelling that the household inhabits

1 Self-owned dwelling

2 Rental dwelling

3 Sub-rented dwelling

4 Cost-free dwelling

9 Unknown (missing)
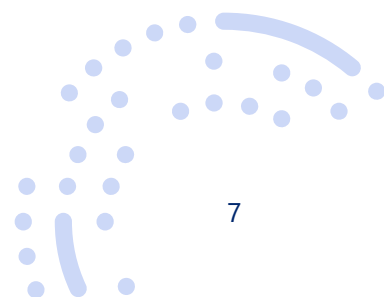
sted[4]   Urban character of place of residence

1 Extremely urban

2 Very urban

3 Moderately urban

4 Slightly urban

5 Not urban

Urban character:	Surrounding address density per km^2
extremely urban	*2,500 or more*
very	*1,500 to 2,500*
moderately	*1,000 to 1,500*
slightly	*500 to 1,000*
not	*less than 500*

belbezig   Primary occupation

1 Paid employment

2 Works or assists in family business

3 Autonomous professional, freelancer, or self-employed

4 Job seeker following job loss

5 First-time job seeker

6 Exempted from job seeking following job loss

7 Attends school or is studying

8 Takes care of the housekeeping

9 Is pensioner ([voluntary] early retirement, old age pension scheme)

10 Has (partial) work disability

11 Performs unpaid work while retaining unemployment benefit

12 Performs voluntary work

13 Does something else

14 Is too young to have an occupation

brutoink   Personal gross monthly income in Euros[5]

integer

-13 I don't know

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[4] This variable has been updated based on the most recent municipality data from the CBS since August 2022.

[5] Since some people prefer not to make their income information available to Centerdata, a 0 (zero) can mean two different things: (1) that there is no income at all, or (2) that a panel member does not know what the income is or does not want to make that information available to us. In the second case, panel members ought to indicate that they do not know what the income is (-13). Unfortunately, not all panel members do so, so that there are and continue to be panel members that enter (0) while they actually do have an income. It is impossible to determine who these panel members are, however.
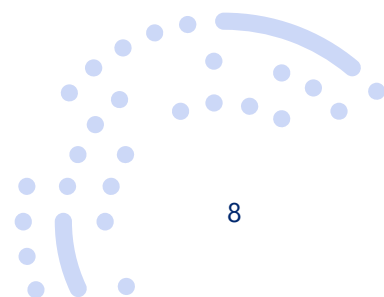
-15 Unknown (missing)

brutoink_f   Personal gross monthly income in Euros, imputed
integer

Variable data available as from July 2008. Estimate based on netinc or nettocat if gross income not entered. For more information see on our website: 'Imputation income LISS until sept 2011.pdf', Klaas de Vos, 2008. From September 2011 see file: 'imputation income LISS from sept 2011.pdf', Klaas de Vos, 2011.

nettoink   Personal net monthly income in Euros (incl. nettocat)
integer
-13 I don't know
-14 Prefer not to say
-15 Unknown (missing)

If the respondent did not answer this question, the income was again asked in terms of categories (nettocat) and the average of the indicated category imputed in nettoink. The variable netinc, excluding the average of nettocat, is also available as from July 2008.

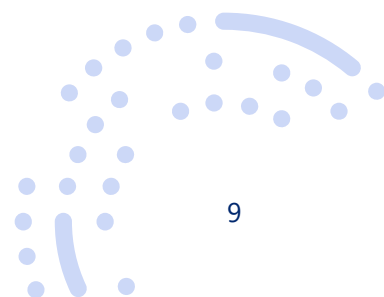**netinc**   Personal net monthly income in Euros (available as from July 2008)
integer
-13 I don't know
-15 Unknown (missing)

nettoink_f   Personal net monthly income in Euros, imputed (available as from July 2008)
integer

Estimate based on brutoink if net income not entered. For more information see on our website: 'Imputation income LISS until sept 2011.pdf', Klaas de Vos, 2008. From September 2011 see file: 'imputation income LISS from sept 2011.pdf', Klaas de Vos, 2011.

brutocat   Personal gross monthly income in categories
0 No income
1 EUR 500 or less
2 EUR 501 to EUR 1000
3 EUR 1001 to EUR 1500
4 EUR 1501 to EUR 2000
5 EUR 2001 to EUR 2500
6 EUR 2501 to EUR 3000
7 EUR 3001 to EUR 3500
8 EUR 3501 to EUR 4000
9 EUR 4001 to EUR 4500
10 EUR 4501 to EUR 5000
11 EUR 5001 to EUR 7500

12 More than EUR 7500
13 I don't know

nettocat Personal net monthly income in categories
0 No income
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13 I don't know
14 I prefer not to say

brutohh_f Gross household income in Euros
integer

Imputed monthly income (brutoink_f) of all household members combined.

nettohh_f Net household income in Euros
integer

Imputed monthly income (nettoink_f) of all household members combined.

oplzon Highest level of education irrespective of diploma
1 primary school
2 vmbo (intermediate secondary education, US: junior high school)
3 havo/vwo (higher secondary education/preparatory university education, US: senior high school)
4 mbo (intermediate vocational education, US: junior college)
5 hbo (higher vocational education, US: college)
6 wo (university)
7 other
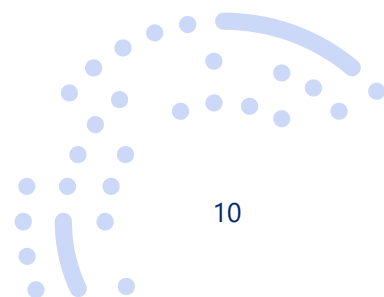
8 Not yet completed any education[6]

9 Not (yet) started any education

oplmet   Highest level of education with diploma

1 primary school

2 vmbo (intermediate secondary education, US: junior high school)

3 havo/vwo (higher secondary education/preparatory university education, US: senior high school)

4 mbo (intermediate vocational education, US: junior college)

5 hbo (higher vocational education, US: college)

6 wo (university)

7 other

8 Not (yet) completed any education

9 Not yet started any education[6]

oplcat   Level of education in CBS (Statistics Netherlands) categories

1 primary school

2 vmbo (intermediate secondary education, US: junior high school)

3 havo/vwo (higher secondary education/preparatory university education, US: senior high school)

4 mbo (intermediate vocational education, US: junior college)

5 hbo (higher vocational education, US: college)

6 wo (university)

doetmee   Household member participates in the panel

0 no

1 yes

werving   From which recruitment wave the household originates

1 the household originates from the pilot study of 2007

2 the household originates from the main recruitment wave of 2007

3 the household originates from the additional recruitment wave of 2009

4 the household originates from the recruitment wave of the immigrant panel 2010*
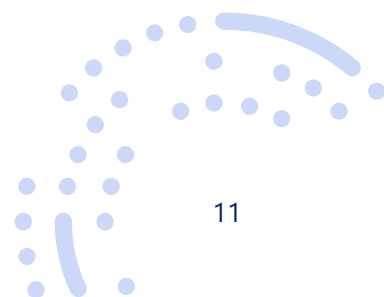
5 the household originates from the additional recruitment wave of the immigrant panel 2011*

6 the household originates from the additional recruitment wave of 2011

7 the household originates from the additional recruitment wave of 2013

8 the household originates from the additional recruitment wave of 2016/2017

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[6] The answer categories 8 and 9 have been changed in December 2008. Category 8 of question 'oplzon' and category 9 of 'oplmet' are no longer offered as options to the respondents. The values remain unchanged.

9 the household originates from the additional recruitment wave of 2019/2020

10 the household originates from the additional recruitment wave of 2022

99 the household is a split-off of an original recruited panel household

) Since October 2010 a special immigrant panel was available in addition to the LISS panel. These households formed a separate panel. Therefore categories 4 and 5 will not appear in the dataset of the LISS panel. The background variables for the immigrant panel can be found on our website (Access Data Archive – Browse Studies – Choose Panel – Immigrant panel).

herkomstgroep   Origin

0 Dutch background

101 First generation foreign, Western background

102 First generation foreign, non-western background

201 Second generation foreign, Western background

202 Second generation foreign, non-western background

999 Origin unknown or part of the information unknown (missing values)

simpc   Does the household have a simPC[7]?

0 no

1 yes

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[7] If the respondent does not have a computer at the moment that he/she joins the LISS panel, he/she is loaned a simPC to complete the questionnaires. SimPC is a PC that is easy to operate, developed especially for people that have never worked with a computer before.
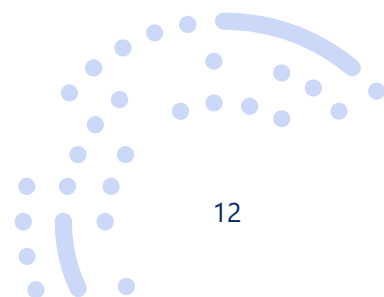
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