

GSS 2018

Description

Cross-section data for 536 individuals taken from the US General Social Survey 2018.

Files

- data description.pdf (this file)
- GSSdata2018_cleaned.csv (main data, including 536 individuals after eliminating missing observations)
- GSSdata2018_original.csv (raw data, including 2348 individuals)
- Variables Code.txt (coding of the variables)

Variables

Variable	Definition
SEX	Sex of respondent
AGE	Age of respondent
RACE	Race of respondent
MARITAL	Marital status
SIBS	Number of siblings
CHILDS	Number of children
HOMPOP	Number of persons in household
ADULTS	Number of household members over 17
BABIES	Number of household members under 6
EDUC	Highest year of school completed
MAEDUC	Highest year school completed, mother
PAEDUC	Highest year school completed, father
SPEDUC	Highest year school completed, spouse
RINCOME	Respondent's income
INCOME	Total family income
WRKSTAT	Labor force status
YEARSJOB	How long worked in current job
WRKGOVT	Government or private employee
WRKSLF	Self-employed or work for somebody
SPWRKSTA	Spouse labor force status
SATJOB1	Job satisfaction in general
HEALTH	Health condition
HAPPY	General happiness
VOTE12	Voted in 2012 election
VOTE16	Voted in 2016 election

PRES12	Voted Obama or Romney
PRES16	Voted Clinton or Trump
OWNGUN	Have gun in home
HELL	Believe hell
HEAVEN	Believe heaven
ODDS1	Test of knowledge about probability1 (see Q.1 below)
ODDS2	Test of knowledge about probability2 (see Q.2 below)

Q.1: Now, think about this situation. A doctor tells a couple that their genetic makeup means that they've got one in four chances of having a child with an inherited illness.

A. Does this mean that if their first child has the illness, the next three will not have the illness?

Q.2: Now, think about this situation. A doctor tells a couple that their genetic makeup means that they've got one in four chances of having a child with an inherited illness.

B. Does this mean that each of the couple's children will have the same risk of suffering from the illness?

About the GSS

The General Social Survey (GSS) is a nationally representative survey of adults in the United States conducted since 1972. The GSS collects data on contemporary American society in order to monitor and explain trends in opinions, attitudes and behaviors. The GSS has adapted questions from earlier surveys, thereby allowing researchers to conduct comparisons for up to 80 years.

(About the GSS: <https://gss.norc.org/About-The-GSS>)

Link to the Data Source

GSS Data Explorer: <https://gssdataexplorer.norc.org/>