Measuring the Desire for Children in Low Fertility Settings

Wave 1

Questionnaire administered to the LISS panel

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1   Project description

Title: Measuring the Desire for Children in Low Fertility Settings
Data file: dq10a
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Project description: The survey aims to refine measurement of desires for children in a modern low fertility setting by concentrating on the ideal family size.

Sample: Selected number of household members:	4018	(100%)
Non-response:	1427	(35.5%)
Response:	2591	(64.5%)
Complete:	2587	(64.4%)
Incomplete:	4	(0.1%)

Date of data collection: August 2010

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Databestand: L_DesireChild_p.sav
Financiering: CentERdata –MESS project
Onderzoekers: C. Bühler, A. H. Gauthier, J. R. Goldstein en S. C. Hin
Projectbeschrijving: Het onderzoek is gericht op het verbeteren van metingen naar kinderwensen in een moderne maatschappij met een laag kinderaantal door te vragen naar de ideale grootte van het gezin.
Steekproef:

Responsoverzicht: Selectie aantal huishoudleden:	4018	(100%)
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2   Introduction

In the month of August 2010, the LISS panel completed a questionnaire on the desire for children. The survey aims to refine measurement of desires for children in a modern low fertility setting by concentrating on the ideal family size.

The questionnaire was presented to 4018 panel members with the age of 16 years and older, and 2587 respondents fully completed the questionnaire (response percentage 64.4 %).

3   Codebook

This codebook contains the questionnaire as administered to the LISS panel.

- The variable names are printed in **bold** and correspond to the names in the dataset.
- The questionnaire routing is printed in *italics* for each variable concerned.
- *Open*: answer box; no limit to the length of the answer.
- *String*: answer box allowing a maximum number of characters (standard is 255).
- The range within which a respondent could provide an answer for numerical variables is printed in the codebook in *italics* if this range was not visible to the respondent. If there were no limits to the range within which an answer could be provided, this is indicated in the codebook as '*integer'*.
- The so-called 'fills' (variable text) are presented between straight brackets [].
- Variables in between curly brackets are not part of the data set, however the corresponding questions or pieces of text were part of the questionnaire.

nomem_encr
Number of the household member encrypted

nohouse_encr
Number of the household encrypted

dq10a_m
Year and month of the field work period

*PERMUTATIONS
The value of the permutation variable indicates which question was on that position in the questionnaire.
For example: dq10a029-dq10a038 and dq10a039-dq10a048 are permuted conform apermu01.
Suppose that apermu01 has the value 5 in the dataset. In that case, dq10a033 or dq10a043 was presented first.

dq10a001
question presented first: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048

dq10a002
question presented second: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048

dq10a003
question presented third: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048

dq10a004
question presented fourth: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048

dq10a005
question presented fifth: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048

dq10a006
question presented sixth: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048

dq10a007
question presented seventh: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048

dq10a008
question presented eighth: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048

dq10a009
question presented ninth: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048

dq10a010
question presented tenth: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048

dq10a011
random variabele: order of choice
1 lowest number of children first
2 highest number of children first

dq10a012
random variable: groups
1 group 1
2 group 2
3 group 3
4 group 4
5 group 5

if (dq10a012=1) or (dq10a012=2) or (dq10a012=3)
dq10a013
This questionnaire is about your family and having children.

Filling in this questionnaire will take only a few minutes of your time. Do you wish to participate?
1 yes
2 no

if (dq10a013=1)
dq10a014
We would like to know more about your preferences for *different* numbers of children.

Can you to tell us how many children you would *ideally* desire? If you already have children, we would still like to know how many children you would *ideally* like to have. The children can be born to you or adopted.

What is your ideal number of children?
1 no children
2 1 child
3 2 children
4 3 children
5 4 children or more

if (dq10a014=2)
dq10a015
Suppose for some reason you are unable to have one child, would you rather have no child or 2 children?
1 no children
2 2 children

if (dq10a015=2)
dq10a016
If you also couldn't have 2 children, would you rather have no child or 3 children?

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1 no children
2 3 children

if (dq10a016=2)
dq10a017
If you also couldn't have 3 children, would you rather have no child or 4 or more children?
1 no children
2 4 children or more

if (dq10a014=3)
dq10a018
Suppose for some reason you are unable to have 2 children, would you rather have 1 child or 3 children?
1 one child
2 3 children

if (dq10a018=1)
dq10a019
If you also couldn't have one child, would you rather have no child or 3 children?
1 no child
2 3 children

if (dq10a019=2)
dq10a020
If you also couldn't have 3 children, would you rather have no child or 4 or more children?
1 no child
2 4 or more children

if (dq10a018=2)
dq10a021
If you also couldn't have 3 children, would you rather have 1 child or 4 or more children?
1 1 child
2 4 children or more

if (dq10a021=1)
dq10a022
If you couldn't have one child, would you rather have no child or 4 or more children?
1 no child
2 4 children or more

if (dq10a014=4)
dq10a023
Suppose for some reason you were unable to have 3 children, would you rather have 2 children or 4 or more children?
1 2 children
2 4 children or more

if (dq10a023=1)
dq10a024
If you also couldn't have two children, would you rather have 1 child or 4 or more children?
1 1 child
2 4 children or more

if (dq10a024=1)
dq10a025
If you also couldn't have one child, would you have no child or 4 or more children?
1 no child
2 4 children or more

if (dq10a014=2) or (dq10a014=3) or (dq10a014=4)
dq10a026
How much do you prefer having [**dq10a014**] over [*if (dq10a014=2 and dq10a015=1)*:
no child / *if (dq10a014=2 and dq10a015=2) or (dq10a014=4 and dq10a023=1)*: 2
children / *if (dq10a014=3 and dq10a018=1)*: 1 child / *if (dq10a014=3 and
dq10a018=2)*: 3 children / *if (dq10a014=4 and dq10a023=2)*: 4 children or more]?
1 barely
2 a little
3 fairly much
4 very much
5 extremely much

if (dq10a015=2) or (dq10a018=1) or (dq10a018=2) or (dq10a023=1)
dq10a027
How much do you prefer having [*if (dq10a014=2 and dq10a015=1)*: no child / *if
(dq10a014=2 and dq10a015=2) or (dq10a014=4 and dq10a023=1)*: 2 children / *if
(dq10a014=3 and dq10a018=1)*: 1 child / *if (dq10a014=3 and dq10a018=2)*: 3 children
/ *if (dq10a014=4 and dq10a023=2)*: 4 children or more] over [*if (dq10a016=1)*: no child
/ *if (dq10a016=2)*: 3 children / *if (dq10a019=1)*: no child / *if (dq10a019=2)*: 3 children /
if (dq10a024=1) or (dq10a021=1): 1 child / *if (dq10a024=2) or (dq10a021=2)*: 4
children or more]?
1 barely
2 a little
3 fairly much
4 very much
5 extremely much

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5)
{intro3}
This questionnaire is about family and having children.

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5)
dq10a028
We would like to know more about your preferences for *different* numbers of children.

Now you will be asked several similar questions to get the information we need. Filling it
in will take only a few minutes of your time. Do you wish to participate?
1 yes
2 no

if (dq10a028=1)
{intro4}
During the following questions, imagine the number of children you would *ideally* desire.
Or, if you already have children, the number of children you would *ideally* like to have.
The children can be born to you or adopted.

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=1)
dq10a029
Suppose you have to choose between having either no child or 1 child.

Which would you choose?
1 no child
2 1 child

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=1)
dq10a030
Suppose you have to choose between having either no child or 2 children.

Which would you choose?
1 no child
2 2 children

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=1)
dq10a031
Suppose you have to choose between having either no child or 3 children.

Which would you choose?
1 no child
2 3 children

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=1)
dq10a032
Suppose you have to choose between having either no child or 4 or more children.

Which would you choose?
1 no child
2 4 children or more

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=1)
dq10a033
Suppose you have to choose between having either 1 child or 2 children.

Which would you choose?
1 1 child
2 2 children

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=1)
dq10a034
Suppose you have to choose between having either 1 child or 3 children.

Which would you choose?
1 1 child
2 3 children

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=1)
dq10a035
Suppose you have to choose between having either 1 child or 4 or more children.

Which would you choose?
1 1 child
2 4 children or more

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=1)
dq10a036
Suppose you have to choose between having either 2 children or 3 children.

Which would you choose?
1 2 children
2 3 children

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=1)
dq10a037
Suppose you have to choose between having either 2 children or 4 or more children.

Which would you choose?
1 2 children
2 4 children or more

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=1)
dq10a038
Suppose you have to choose between having either 3 children or 4 or more children.

Which would you choose?
1 3 children
2 4 or more children

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=2)
dq10a039
Suppose you have to choose between having either 1 child or no child.

Which would you choose?
1 1 child
2 no child

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=2)
dq10a040
Suppose you have to choose between having either 2 children or no child.

Which would you choose?
1 2 children
2 no child

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=2)
dq10a041
Suppose you have to choose between having either 3 children or no child.

Which would you choose?
1 3 children
2 no child

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=2)
dq10a042
Suppose you have to choose between having either 4 or more children or no child.

Which would you choose?
1 4 children or more
2 no child

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=2)
dq10a043
Suppose you have to choose between having either 2 children or 1 child.

Which would you choose?
1 2 children
2 1 child

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=2)
dq10a044
Suppose you have to choose between having either 3 children or 1 child.

Which would you choose?
1 3 children
2 1 child

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=2)
dq10a045
Suppose you have to choose between having either 4 or more children or 1 child.

Which would you choose?
1 4 children or more
2 1 child

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=2)
dq10a046
Suppose you have to choose between having either 3 children or 2 children.

Which would you choose?
1 3 children
2 2 children

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=2)
dq10a047
Suppose you have to choose between having either 4 or more children or 2 children.

Which would you choose?
1 4 children or more
2 2 children

if (dq10a012=4) or (dq10a012=5) and if (dq10a011=2)
dq10a048
Suppose you have to choose between having either 4 or more children or 3 children.

Which would you choose?
1 4 children or more
2 3 children

if (dq10a013=1 or dq10a028=1)
dq10a049 – dq10a053
Note: Please complete the questionnaire until you are returned to the starting screen.
Only then will the system register the questionnaire as **fully** completed.

Finally; what did you think of this questionnaire?

1 = **certainly not**

5 = **certainly yes**

dq10a049 Was it difficult to answer the questions?
dq10a050 Were the questions sufficiently clear?
dq10a051 Did the questionnaire get you thinking about things?
dq10a052 Was it an interesting subject?
dq10a053 Did you enjoy answering the questions?
1 certainly not
2
3
4
5 certainly yes

dq10a054
Starting date questionnaire

dq10a055
Starting time questionnaire

dq10a056
End date questionnaire

dq10a057
End time questionnaire

calculated variable
dq10a058
Duration in seconds

4 Descriptives

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
nomem_encr Number of the household member encrypted	2591	800015	899993	850524.25	29198.413
nohouse_encr Number of the household encrypted	2591	500128	599964	548599.60	29000.992
dq10a_m Number of the household encrypted	2591	201008	201008	201008.00	.000
dq10a001 question presented first: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048	2591	1	10	5.60	2.929
dq10a002 question presented second: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048	2591	1	10	5.54	2.883
dq10a003 question presented third: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048	2591	1	10	5.48	2.864
dq10a004 question presented fourth: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048	2591	1	10	5.52	2.885
dq10a005 question presented fifth: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048	2591	1	10	5.45	2.844
dq10a006 question presented sixth: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048	2591	1	10	5.49	2.869

dq10a007 question presented seventh: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048	2591	1	10	5.53	2.858
dq10a008 question presented eighth: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048	2591	1	10	5.47	2.836
dq10a009 question presented ninth: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048	2591	1	10	5.41	2.875
dq10a010 question presented tenth: dq10a029-dq10a038; dq10a039-dq10a048	2591	1	10	5.50	2.882
dq10a011 random variabele: order of choice	2591	1	2	1.49	.500
dq10a012 random variable: groups	2591	1	5	2.96	1.407
dq10a013 This questionnaire is about your family and having children. Filling in this questionnaire will take only a few minutes of your time. Do you wish to participate?	1577	1	2	1.04	.190
dq10a014 We would like to know more about your preferences for different numbers of children. Can you to tell us how many children you would ideally desire? What is your ideal number of children?	1517	1	5	3.09	.939
dq10a015 Suppose for some reason you are unable to have one child, would you rather have no child or 2 children?	91	1	2	1.56	.499

dq10a016 If you also couldn't have 2 children, would you rather have no child or 3 children?	51	1	2	1.29	.460
dq10a017 If you also couldn't have 3 children, would you rather have no child or 4 or more children?	15	1	2	1.40	.507
dq10a018 Suppose for some reason you are unable to have 2 children, would you rather have 1 child or 3 children?	875	1	2	1.54	.499
dq10a019 If you also couldn't have one child, would you rather have no child or 3 children?	402	1	2	1.62	.485
dq10a020 If you also couldn't have 3 children, would you rather have no child or 4 or more children?	251	1	2	1.31	.465
dq10a021 If you also couldn't have 3 children, would you rather have 1 child or 4 or more children?	473	1	2	1.31	.462
dq10a022 If you couldn't have one child, would you rather have no child or 4 or more children?	327	1	2	1.59	.492
dq10a023 Suppose for some reason you were unable to have 3 children, would you rather have 2 children or 4 or more children?	316	1	2	1.30	.459
dq10a024 If you also couldn't have two children, would you rather have 1 child or 4 or more children?	221	1	2	1.46	.500

dq10a025 If you also couldn't have one child, would you have no child or 4 or more children?	119	1	2	1.65	.480
dq10a026 How much do you prefer having [1 child/ 2 children/ 3 children] over [no child/2 children/1 child /3 children /4 children or more]?	1282	1	5	2.66	.992
dq10a027 How much do you prefer having [no children/2 children /1 child/ 3 children/4 children or more] over [no child/3 children/no child/3 children /1 child/4 children or more]?	1146	1	5	2.75	1.026
dq10a028 We would like to know more about your preferences for different numbers of children. Filling it in will take only a few minutes of your time. Do you wish to participate?	1014	1	2	1.04	.190
dq10a029 Suppose you have to choose between having either no child or 1 child. Which would you choose?	484	1	2	1.87	.339
dq10a030 Suppose you have to choose between having either no child or 2 children. Which would you choose?	484	1	2	1.88	.320
dq10a031 Suppose you have to choose between having either no child or 3 children. Which would you choose?	484	1	2	1.76	.425
dq10a032 Suppose you have to choose between having either no child or 4 or more children. Which would you choose?	484	1	2	1.54	.499

dq10a033 Suppose you have to choose between having either 1 child or 2 children. Which would you choose?	484	1	2	1.85	.356
dq10a034 Suppose you have to choose between having either 1 child or 3 children. Which would you choose?	484	1	2	1.61	.489
dq10a035 Suppose you have to choose between having either 1 child or 4 or more children. Which would you choose?	484	1	2	1.29	.454
dq10a036 Suppose you have to choose between having either 2 children or 3 children. Which would you choose?	484	1	2	1.31	.463
dq10a037 Suppose you have to choose between having either 2 children or 4 or more children. Which would you choose?	484	1	2	1.13	.335
dq10a038 Suppose you have to choose between having either 3 children or 4 or more children. Which would you choose?	484	1	2	1.09	.291
dq10a039 Suppose you have to choose between having either 1 child or no child. Which would you choose?	492	1	2	1.14	.348
dq10a040 Suppose you have to choose between having either 2 children or no child. Which would you choose?	492	1	2	1.12	.320
dq10a041 Suppose you have to choose between having either 3 children or no child. Which would you choose?	492	1	2	1.21	.409

dq10a042 Suppose you have to choose between having either 4 or more children or no child. Which would you choose?	492	1	2	1.40	.490
dq10a043 Suppose you have to choose between having either 2 children or 1 child. Which would you choose?	492	1	2	1.13	.339
dq10a044 Suppose you have to choose between having either 3 children or 1 child. Which would you choose?	492	1	2	1.35	.478
dq10a045 Suppose you have to choose between having either 4 or more children or 1 child. Which would you choose?	492	1	2	1.61	.488
dq10a046 Suppose you have to choose between having either 3 children or 2 children. Which would you choose?	492	1	2	1.65	.477
dq10a047 Suppose you have to choose between having either 4 or more children or 2 children. Which would you choose?	492	1	2	1.83	.378
dq10a048 Suppose you have to choose between having either 4 or more children or 3 children. Which would you choose?	492	1	2	1.87	.334
dq10a049 Was it difficult to answer the questions?	2491	1	5	1.70	1.098
dq10a050 Were the questions sufficiently clear?	2491	1	5	4.35	.951
dq10a051 Did the questionnaire get you thinking about things?	2491	1	5	2.72	1.245

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
dq10a052 Was it an interesting subject?	2491	1	5	3.50	1.127
dq10a053 Did you enjoy answering the questions?	2491	1	5	3.72	1.004
dq10a058 Duration in seconds	2587	4.00	440510.00	454.9729	11099.46819
Valid N (listwise)	0				