

# **Religion and Ethnicity**

## **LISS Core Study**

### **wave 10**

Questionnaire administered to the LISS panel

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# 1 Project description

**Title:** Religion and Ethnicity – LISS Core Study

**Datafile:** cr17j

**Funding sources:** MESS - CentERdata

**Investigator:** CentERdata

**Project description:** The study focuses on religion and ethnicity

**Sample:** Panel members aged 16 years or older.

Selected number of household members:	7533 (100%)
Non-response:	1290 ( 17.1%)
Response:	6324 ( 83.9%)
Complete:	6315 ( 83.8%)
Incomplete:	9 ( 0.1%)

**Date of data collection:** August 2017 and September 2017

**Titel:** Religie en Etniciteit - Kernvragenlijst

**Databestand:** cr17j

**Financiering:** MESS - CentERdata

**Onderzoeker:** CentERdata

**Projectbeschrijving:** De vragenlijst gaat over religie en etniciteit

**Responsoverzicht:** Panelleden van 16 jaar of ouder.

Selectie aantal leden huishouden:	7533 (100%)
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**Datum van data verzameling:** augustus 2017 en september 2017



## 2 Introduction

In August 2017, the LISS panel<sup>1</sup> completed a questionnaire on religion and ethnicity. The survey was repeated in September 2017 for non-respondents.

This questionnaire is part of the tenth wave of a longitudinal panel survey delivering a broad range of social core information about the panel members. The data of the LISS panel survey may be used for scientific purposes only.

The questionnaire was presented to 7533 panel members, of which 6324 completed the questionnaire (response percentage 83.9%).

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<sup>1</sup> Reference to LISS panel data in text:

In this paper use is made of data of the LISS (Longitudinal Internet Studies for the Social sciences) panel administered by CentERdata (Tilburg University, The Netherlands).



### 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 that permits entering a maximum number of characters (default is 255)
- *empty*: a question can be left unanswered
- For numerical variables, the range from which the respondent could choose an answer is presented in *italics* in the codebook if this range was not visible to the respondent. If there were no limits to the range within which an answer could be given, this is indicated in the codebook as *'integer'*.
- [...]: fills (variable text) are presented between straight brackets.
- Variables in between curly brackets {} are not part of the dataset, but the corresponding questions or text were part of the questionnaire.

#### **nomem\_encr<sup>2</sup>**

Number of household member encrypted

#### **cr17j\_m**

Year and month of the field work period

#### **cr17j001**

Preloaded variable: main activity (belbezig)

#### **{intro}**

This questionnaire is about your religion and languages you speak, now and during your upbringing.

*\* questions cr17j002 through cr17j011 were only asked if the information was not yet available from an earlier wave of this core questionnaire.*

#### **cr17j002**

When you were 15 years old, did your parents consider themselves member of a certain religion or church community?

1 yes

2 no

99 I don't know

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<sup>2</sup> Use nomem\_encr as key variable for merging with other LISS panel studies from the LISS Panel Data Archive: <https://www.dataarchive.lissdata.nl/>



*if cr17j002=1*

**cr17j003**

Of which religion or church community did they consider themselves a member?

- 1 Roman Catholic
- 2 Protestant Church in the Netherlands (*Protestantse Kerk in Nederland, PKN*)
- 3 Eastern Orthodox Christian Church
- 4 Evangelical and Pentecostal churches
- 5 Dutch Reformed (*Nederlands Hervormd*) (nowadays merged in PKN)
- 6 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (*Gereformeerde*) (nowadays merged in PKN)
- 7 other Christian church community
- 8 Hinduism
- 9 Buddhism
- 10 Other Eastern religion
- 11 Judaism
- 12 Islam / Muslim
- 13 Humanism (*Humanistisch Verbond*)
- 14 other non-Christian religion
- 999 I don't know

*if cr17j003=5*

**cr17j004**

Of which religion or church community did your parents consider themselves a member?

- 1 Dutch Reformed: middle-orthodox direction
- 2 Dutch Reformed: confessional direction
- 3 Dutch Reformed: orthodox direction (*Gereformeerde bond*)
- 4 Dutch Reformed: liberal direction
- 5 Dutch Reformed: other direction
- 6 Dutch Reformed: no further specification
- 99 I don't know

*if cr17j003=6*

**cr17j005**

Of which religion or church community did your parents consider themselves a member?

- 1 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: synodal
- 2 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: liberated (article 31)
- 3 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: unassociated
- 4 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: Christian Reformed Church
- 5 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: reformed congregations
- 6 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: old Reformed Church congregations
- 7 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: other direction
- 8 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: no further specification
- 99 I don't know



*if cr17j004=5*

**cr17j006**

What other direction of the Dutch Reformed Church do you mean?

*string*

*if cr17j005=7*

**cr17j007**

What other direction of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands do you mean?

*string*

*if cr17j003=7*

**cr17j008**

What other Christian church community do you mean?

*string*

*if cr17j003=10*

**cr17j009**

What other Eastern religion do you mean?

*string*

*if cr17j003=14*

**cr17j010**

What other non-Christian religion do you mean?

*string*

**cr17j011**

When you were 15 years old, how often did your parents attend religious gatherings?

1 every day

2 more than once a week

3 once a week

4 at least once a month

5 only on special religious days

6 less often

7 never

99 I don't know

**cr17j012**

Do you consider yourself a member of a certain religion or church community?

1 yes

2 no

99 I don't know





*if cr17j012=1*

**cr17j013**

Of which religion or church community are you a member?

- 1 Roman Catholic
- 2 Protestant Church in the Netherlands (Protestantse Kerk in Nederland (PKN), merger of Dutch Reformed and Reformed Churches in the Netherlands and the Evangelical Lutheran Church)
- 3 Eastern Orthodox Christian Church
- 4 Evangelical and Pentecostal churches
- 5 Other Christian church community
- 6 Hinduism
- 7 Buddhism
- 8 Other Eastern religion
- 9 Judaism
- 10 Islam / Muslim
- 11 Humanism (*Humanistisch Verbond*)
- 12 Other non-Christian religion
- 999 I don't know

*if cr17j013=2*

**cr17j133**

Were you a member of Dutch Reformed (Nederlands Hervormd) or Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Gereformeerd) in the past?

- 1 Yes, Dutch reformed
- 2 Yes, Reformed Churches in the Netherlands
- 3 No
- 99 I don't know

*if cr17j0133=1*

**cr17j014**

Of which religion or church community were you a member?

- 1 Dutch Reformed: middle-orthodox direction
- 2 Dutch Reformed: confessional direction
- 3 Dutch Reformed: orthodox direction (*Gereformeerde bond*)
- 4 Dutch Reformed: liberal direction
- 5 Dutch Reformed: other direction
- 6 Dutch Reformed: no further specification
- 99 I don't know



*if cr17j0133=2*

**cr17j015**

Of which religion or church community were you a member?

- 1 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: synodal
- 2 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: liberated (article 31)
- 3 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: unassociated
- 4 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: Christian Reformed Church
- 5 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: reformed congregations
- 6 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: old Reformed Church congregations
- 7 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: other direction
- 8 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: no further specification
- 99 I don't know

*if cr17j014=5*

**cr17j016**

What other direction of the Dutch Reformed Church do you mean?

*string*

*if cr17j015=7*

**cr17j017**

What other direction of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands do you mean?

*string*

*if cr17j013=5*

**cr17j018**

What other Christian church community do you mean?

*string*

*if cr17j013=8*

**cr17j019**

What other Eastern religion do you mean?

*string*

*if cr17j013=12*

**cr17j020**

What other non-Christian religion do you mean?

*string*

*if cr17j012=2 or cr17j012=99*

**cr17j021**

Have you ever considered yourself member of a certain religion or church community?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 99 I don't know



*if cr17j021=1*

**cr17j022**

Of which religion or church community did you consider yourself a member?

- 1 Roman Catholic
- 2 Protestant Church in the Netherlands (*Protestantse Kerk in Nederland, PKN*)
- 3 Eastern Orthodox Christian Church
- 4 Evangelical and Pentecostal churches
- 5 Dutch Reformed (*Nederlands Hervormd*) (nowadays merged in PKN)
- 6 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (*Gereformeerd*) (nowadays merged in PKN)
- 7 other Christian church community
- 8 Hinduism
- 9 Buddhism
- 10 Other Eastern religion
- 11 Judaism
- 12 Islam / Muslim
- 13 Humanism (*Humanistisch Verbond*)
- 14 other non-Christian religion
- 999 I don't know

*if cr17j022=5*

**cr17j023**

Of which religion or church community did you consider yourself a member?

- 1 Dutch Reformed: middle-orthodox direction
- 2 Dutch Reformed: confessional direction
- 3 Dutch Reformed: orthodox direction (*Gereformeerde bond*)
- 4 Dutch Reformed: liberal direction
- 5 Dutch Reformed: other direction
- 6 Dutch Reformed: no further specification
- 99 I don't know

*if cr17j022=6*

**cr17j024**

Of which religion or church community did you consider yourself a member?

- 1 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: synodal
- 2 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: liberated (article 31)
- 3 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: unassociated
- 4 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: Christian Reformed Church
- 5 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: reformed congregations
- 6 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: old Reformed Church congregations
- 7 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: other direction
- 8 Reformed Churches in the Netherlands: no further specification
- 99 I don't know

*if cr17j023=5*

**cr17j025**

What other direction of the Dutch Reformed Church do you mean?

*string*



*if cr17j024=7*

**cr17j026**

What other direction of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands do you mean?  
*string*

*if cr17j022=7*

**cr17j027**

What other Christian church community do you mean?  
*string*

*if cr17j022=10*

**cr17j028**

What other Eastern religion do you mean?  
*string*

*if cr17j022=14*

**cr17j029**

What other non-Christian religion do you mean?  
*string*

**cr17j030**

Which of the following statements best matches your idea of God?

- 1 I do not believe in God
- 2 I do not know if God exists, and I do not believe that we have any way of knowing
- 3 I do not believe in a God that is personally concerned with each of us, but I do believe in a higher power
- 4 at some moments I do believe in God, at other moments I don't
- 5 I believe in God, although I have my doubts
- 6 I believe without any doubt that God exists

**cr17j031 - cr17j035**

**cr17j031** Do you believe in a life after death?

**cr17j032** Do you believe in the existence of heaven?

**cr17j033** Do you believe in purgatory?

**cr17j034** Do you believe in hell?

**cr17j035** Do you believe in a devil?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 3 maybe
- 4 I don't know



**cr17j036 - cr17j040**

**cr17j036** Do you believe Adam and Eve existed?

**cr17j037** Do you see the Bible as the word of God?

**cr17j038** Do you see the Koran as the word of God?

**cr17j039** Do you see the Torah as the word of God?

**cr17j040** Do you think that it makes sense of you to pray?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 3 maybe
- 4 I don't know

**cr17j041**

Aside from special occasions such as weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious gatherings nowadays?

- 1 every day
- 2 more than once a week
- 3 once a week
- 4 at least once a month
- 5 only on special religious days
- 6 less often
- 7 never
- 99 I don't know

**cr17j042**

Aside from when you attend religious gatherings, how often do you pray?

- 1 every day
- 2 more than once a week
- 3 once a week
- 4 at least once a month
- 5 only on special religious days
- 6 less often
- 7 never
- 99 I don't know



*\* the questions cr17j079 through cr17j087 were only asked if the information was not yet available from a previous wave of this core questionnaire.*

**cr17j079 - cr17j087**

Which language or languages did you grow up speaking?

*More than one answer is possible.*

**cr17j079** Dutch

**cr17j080** Arab

**cr17j081** Berber

**cr17j082** German

**cr17j083** Frisian

**cr17j084** Indonesian

**cr17j085** Turkish

**cr17j086** Flemish

**cr17j087** other language

0 no

1 yes

*if cr17j087=1*

**cr17j088**

What other language do you mean?

**cr17j089**

At home, do you generally speak Dutch or another language?

1 Dutch

2 other language

*if cr17j089=2*

**cr17j090**

What other language do you generally speak at home?

1 Arab

2 Berber

3 German

4 Frisian

5 Indonesian

6 Turkish

7 Flemish

8 other language

*if cr17j090=8*

**cr17j091**

What other language do you mean?



**cr17j092**

Do you ever speak dialect?

- 1 yes, daily
- 2 yes, regularly
- 3 yes, once in while
- 4 no

**cr17j093 - cr17j096**

Do you speak Dutch with...

**cr17j093** your partner?

**cr17j094** your children?

**cr17j095** most of your friends and acquaintances?

*if cr17j001 < 4*

**cr17j096** colleagues?

- 1 yes, often/always
- 2 yes, sometimes
- 3 no, never
- 4 not applicable

**cr17j097**

When having conversations in Dutch, do you ever have trouble speaking the Dutch language?

- 1 yes, often have trouble/do not speak Dutch
- 2 yes, sometimes
- 3 no, never

**cr17j098**

When reading newspapers, letters or brochures, do you ever have trouble understanding the Dutch language?

- 1 yes, often have trouble/do not speak Dutch
- 2 yes, sometimes
- 3 no, never

**cr17j099 - cr17j108**

**cr17j099** Do you think that religion is a human invention?

**cr17j100** Do you think it would be good if everyone had the same religion?

**cr17j101** Does a wife have to do what her husband asks of her?

**cr17j102** Does a husband have to do what his wife asks of him?

**cr17j103** Should women enter marriage as a virgin?

**cr17j104** Should men enter marriage as a virgin?

**cr17j105** Do you consider it good that abortion is permitted?

**cr17j106** Do you believe in reincarnation?

**cr17j107** Do you believe in karma (the law of cause and effect)?

**cr17j108** Do you ever meditate?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 3 maybe
- 4 I don't know



**cr17j109 - cr17j113**

Note: Please continue with the questionnaire until you are returned to the starting screen. Only then will the system register that the questionnaire has been completed **fully**.

Finally: what did you think of this questionnaire?

**1 = certainly not**

**5 = certainly yes**

**cr17j109** Did you find it difficult to answer the questions?

**cr17j110** Were the questions clear to you?

**cr17j111** Did the questionnaire get you thinking?

**cr17j112** Did you find the topic interesting?

**cr17j113** Did you enjoy answering the questions?

1 certainly not

2

3

4

5 certainly yes

**cr17j116**

Starting date of the questionnaire

**cr17j117**

Starting time of the questionnaire

**cr17j118**

End date of the questionnaire

**cr17j119**

End time of the questionnaire

*derived variable*

**cr17j120**

duration in seconds





## 4 Descriptives

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
nomem_encr Number of household member encrypted	6,324	800,009	899,993	850,110.66	28,803.564
cr17j_m Year and month of the field work period	6,324	201,708	201,709	201,708.11	.319
cr17j001 Preloaded variable: main activity (belbezig)	6,129	1	13	4.92	3.841
cr17j002 When you were 15 years old, did your parents consider themselves member of a certain religion or church community?	6,247	1	2	1.40	.490
cr17j003 Of which religion or church community did they consider themselves a member?	3,595	1	14	3.34	2.958
cr17j004 Of which religion or church community did your parents consider themselves a member?: Dutch Reformed	543	1	6	3.89	1.769
cr17j005 Of which religion or church community did your parents consider themselves a member?: Reformed Churches in the Netherlands	356	1	8	2.78	2.343
cr17j011 When you were 15 years old, how often did your parents attend religious gatherings?	6,268	1	7	4.86	1.896
cr17j012 Do you consider yourself a member of a certain religion or church community?	6,215	1	2	1.66	.473
cr17j013 Of which religion or church community are you a member?	2,060	1	12	2.64	2.522



cr17j133 Were you a member of Dutch Reformed (Nederlands Hervormd) or Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Gereformeerd) in the past?	655	1	3	1.55	.677
cr17j014 Of which religion or church community were you a member?: Dutch Reformed	351	1	6	4.26	1.828
cr17j015 Of which religion or church community were you a member?: Reformed Churches in the Netherlands	219	1	8	2.99	2.797
cr17j021 Have you ever considered yourself member of a certain religion or church community?	4,155	1	2	1.59	.492
cr17j022 Of which religion or church community did you consider yourself a member?	1,697	1	14	2.70	2.566
cr17j023 Of which religion or church community did you consider yourself a member?: Dutch Reformed	240	1	6	5.05	1.515
cr17j024 Of which religion or church community did you consider yourself a member?: Reformed Churches in the Netherlands	122	1	8	3.84	2.977
cr17j030 Which of the following statements best matches your idea of God?	6,324	1	6	3.09	1.844
cr17j031 Do you believe in a life after death?	5,818	1	3	1.97	.758
cr17j032 Do you believe in the existence of heaven?	5,809	1	3	1.94	.678
cr17j033 Do you believe in purgatory?	5,754	1	3	2.02	.361
cr17j034 Do you believe in hell?	5,920	1	3	1.96	.444



cr17j035 Do you believe in a devil?	5,945	1	3	1.94	.469
cr17j036 Do you believe Adam and Eve existed?	5,692	1	3	2.01	.718
cr17j037 Do you see the Bible as the word of God?	5,926	1	3	1.86	.623
cr17j038 Do you see the Koran as the word of God?	5,703	1	3	2.00	.431
cr17j039 Do you see the Torah as the word of God?	5,639	1	3	1.96	.490
cr17j040 Do you think that it makes sense of you to pray?	6,029	1	3	1.89	.725
cr17j041 Aside from special occasions such as weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious gatherings nowadays?	6,271	1	7	6.05	1.449
cr17j042 Aside from when you attend religious gatherings, how often do you pray?	6,265	1	7	5.37	2.339
cr17j079 Which language or languages did you grow up speaking: Dutch	6,323	0	1	.94	.237
cr17j080 Which language or languages did you grow up speaking: Arab	6,323	0	9	.02	.293
cr17j081 Which language or languages did you grow up speaking: Berber	6,323	0	9	.01	.131
cr17j082 Which language or languages did you grow up speaking: German	6,323	0	1	.01	.115
cr17j083 Which language or languages did you grow up speaking: Frisian	6,323	0	1	.02	.129
cr17j084 Which language or languages did you grow up speaking: Indonesian	6,323	0	1	.00	.063
cr17j085 Which language or languages did you grow up speaking: Turkish	6,323	0	1	.01	.096



cr17j086 Which language or languages did you grow up speaking: Flemish	6,323	0	1	.00	.036
cr17j087 Which language or languages did you grow up speaking: other language	6,323	0	1	.07	.261
cr17j089 At home, do you generally speak Dutch or another language?	6,318	1	2	1.07	.250
cr17j090 What other language do you generally speak at home?	448	1	8	6.18	2.345
cr17j092 Do you ever speak dialect?	6,318	1	4	3.21	1.141
cr17j093 Do you speak Dutch with...your partner?	6,318	1	4	1.90	1.296
cr17j094 Do you speak Dutch with...your children?	6,318	1	4	2.09	1.385
cr17j095 Do you speak Dutch with...most of your friends and acquaintances?	6,318	1	4	1.19	.514
cr17j096 Do you speak Dutch with...colleagues?	3,181	1	4	1.21	.580
cr17j097 When having conversations in Dutch, do you ever have trouble speaking the Dutch language?	6,318	1	3	2.90	.327
cr17j098 When reading newspapers, letters or brochures, do you ever have trouble understanding the Dutch language?	6,317	1	3	2.90	.314
cr17j099 Do you think that religion is a human invention?	5,689	1	3	1.50	.764
cr17j100 Do you think it would be good if everyone had the same religion?	5,468	1	3	1.97	.686
cr17j101 Does a wife have to do what her husband asks of her?	6,205	1	3	2.05	.350



cr17j102 Does a husband have to do what his wife asks of him?	6,210	1	3	2.05	.359
cr17j103 Should women enter marriage as a virgin?	6,082	1	3	1.99	.336
cr17j104 Should men enter marriage as a virgin?	6,086	1	3	1.99	.334
cr17j105 Do you consider it good that abortion is permitted?	6,104	1	3	1.40	.730
cr17j106 Do you believe in reincarnation?	5,779	1	3	2.09	.580
cr17j107 Do you believe in karma (the law of cause and effect)?	5,806	1	3	2.01	.716
cr17j108 Do you ever meditate?	6,193	1	3	1.84	.487
cr17j109 Did you find it difficult to answer the questions?	6,315	1	5	1.62	1.012
cr17j110 Were the questions clear to you?	6,315	1	5	4.39	.931
cr17j111 Did the questionnaire get you thinking?	6,315	1	5	2.84	1.297
cr17j112 Did you find the topic interesting?	6,315	1	5	3.67	1.128
cr17j113 Did you enjoy answering the questions?	6,315	1	5	3.85	.997
cr17j120 Duration in seconds	6,234	51	4,084,458	5,842.01	109,606.147
Valid N (listwise)	0				