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Overview

Type	General Social Survey
Identification	gss-12M0012-E-1998-c-12e
Version	1.0
Series	The two primary objectives of the General Social Survey (GSS) are: to gather data on social trends in order to monitor changes in the living conditions and well being of Canadians over time; and to provide information on specific social policy issues of current or emerging interest.

Abstract

The two primary objectives of Cycle 12 are: to gather data on social trends in order to monitor temporal changes in the living conditions and well-being of Canadians; and to provide immediate information on specific social policy issues of current or emerging interest. The GSS is a continuing program with a single survey cycle each year. However, there was no GSS undertaken for the 1997 reference year due to budgetary priorities at that time. The core content of time use repeats that of Cycle 7 (1992) and Cycle 2(1986), and provides data on the daily activities of Canadians. Question modules were also included on unpaid work activities, cultural activities and participation in sports.The episode file provides the detailed information on each activity episode reported by respondents. For each episode there is information on the start and end time of the activity, the duration of episode (derived from start and end time), the location of the episode, a set of variables that reflect who the respondent was with during the episode, and information on who an activity helped. Since there could be multiple contacts for an episode, the contact data is provided in the form of a set of variables, one for each type of contact. The unit record for this file is the episode and not the respondent. Each record represents a single activity in a respondents day, and all respondents episodes 4 must add up to twenty four hours (1440 minutes). For example, a respondent who has reported 26 different episodes for his/her reference day has generated 26 records on the Episode file. There is no information on the characteristics of the respondent. However each episode can be linked to the respondent using the RECID and characteristics can be obtained from the Main File. In addition, each episode includes information on the diary day and the total number of episodes for a respondent.

Kind of Data	Survey data, microdata file
Unit of Analysis	Individual

Scope & Coverage

Scope

In the survey, all respondents were contacted by telephone. Households without telephones were therefore excluded; however, persons living in such households represent less than 2% of the target population. Survey estimates have been adjusted (i.e., weighted) to account for persons without telephones. The tacit assumption is that, given the small number of people without telephones, their characteristics are not different enough from those of the rest of the target population to have an impact on the estimates. Since no one without a telephone is in the sample, this assumption cannot be verified using GSS data. The characteristics of the population without telephones has been examined using data from the Survey of Consumer Finance and the Household Facilities and Equipment Survey. Telephone ownership is high among virtually all socio-economic groups, but is lowest among the 3% of the population with the lowest household income (less than $10,000). The telephone ownership rate was 92.6% for this population, while it was over 96% for all other groups.

Keywords	Activities, Children, Enjoyment, Friends, Household, Organization, Social Contact, Spouse, Time, Work
Time Period(s)	1998-1999
Countries	Canada

| **Geographic Coverage** |
| Canada, Provinces |

| **Universe** |
| Included: All individuals aged 15 and over living in a private household in one of the ten provinces. |
| Excluded: Persons living in the Yukon and Northwest Territories and individuals without phones. |

Producers & Sponsors

Primary Investigator(s)	Statistics Canada. Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division., StatCan
Other Producer(s)	Statistics Canada

Sampling

Sampling Procedure

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The GSS used a stratified design, with significant differences in sampling fractions between strata. Thus, some areas are over-represented in the sample (relative to their populations) while some other areas are relatively under-represented; this means that the unweighted sample is not representative of the target population, even if there were no non-response.

Since it is an unavoidable fact that estimates from a sample survey are subject to sampling error, sound statistical practice calls for researchers to provide users with some indication of the magnitude of this sampling error.

Although the exact sampling error of the estimate, as defined above, cannot be measured from sample results alone, it is possible to estimate a statistical measure of sampling error, the standard error, from the sample data. Using the standard error, confidence intervals for estimates (ignoring the effects of non- sampling error) may be obtained under the assumption that the estimates are normally distributed about the true population value. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that the difference between a sample estimate and the true population value would be less than one standard error, about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than two standard errors, and virtually with certainty that the differences would be less than three standard errors.

Response Rate

Response rate was 77.6%

Weighting

When a probability sample is used, as was the case for the GSS, the principle behind estimation is that each person selected in the sample 'represents' (in addition to himself/herself) several other persons not in the sample. For example, in a simple random sample of 2% of the population, each person in the sample represents 50 persons in the population. The number of persons represented by a given person in the sample is usually known as the weight or weighting factor of the sampled person.

There are two microdata files from which GSS Cycle 12 estimates can be made. The Main File contains summary time use information from 10,749 respondents. It also contains the questionnaire responses obtained from these respondents. The Time Use Episode File contains information describing the details of the 221,105 time use episodes reported by these respondents. Questionnaire information was not collected for those respondents who refused to complete a full diary. For a description of the file layouts, contents and correct interpretation of data on the microdata file, users should refer to Appendices D, E, F, G, H and N.

When analyzing GSS Cycle 12 data, it is necessary to use one of the weighting factors WGHTFIN on the Main File and WGHTEPI on the Time Use Episode File. WGHTFIN indicates the number of persons in the population that a record on the

Main file represents, while WGHTEPI indicates the number of time use episodes that a record on the Episode file represents. For example, using the Main File, the estimate of the number of Canadians 15 years of age and older who feel 'trapped in a daily routine' (i.e. D2G = 1) is 8,859,095. This is the sum of WGHTFIN over all records on the Main File with D2G = 1. Using the Time Use Episode File, the estimate of the number of episodes of watching TV by Canadians 15 years of age and older in an average day is 33,559,271, the sum of WGHTEPI over all records on the Time Use Episode File with ACTCODE=911, 912, 913, or 914.

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates	start 1998-02 end 1999-01
Time Period(s)	single 1998
Data Collection Mode	As in the other General Social Surveys taken since 1994, data for Cycle 12 were collected using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) using Computer-Assisted Survey Execution System software (CASES). With CATI, the survey questions appeared on a computer monitor. The interviewer asked the respondent the questions, and entered the responses into the computer as the interview progressed. CATI methodology eliminated the need for paper and pencil questionnaires. All interviewing took place using centralized telephone facilities in four of Statistics Canada's regional offices with calls being made from 9:00 until 21:00, Monday to Friday inclusive, and from 12:00 until 16:00 on Saturday and Sunday. The four regional offices were: Halifax, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Interviewers were trained by Statistics Canada staff in telephone interviewing techniques using CATI, survey concepts and procedures in a two day classroom training session. The majority of interviewers had computer and telephone interviewing experience. Using CATI, responses to survey questions were entered directly into computers as the interview progressed. The CATI data capture program allowed a valid range of codes for each question and automatically followed the flow of the questionnaire. Certain edits were also executed by the CATI system. The data were then transmitted to Ottawa electronically. In Cycle 12, the CATI system provided the interviewer with two main "components" which can be imagined to represent two paper questionnaires: GSS 12-1 Selection Control Questionnaire

Data Collection Notes
Data collection for this reference period: February 1998 – December 1998 Responding to this survey is voluntary. Data are collected directly from survey respondents.

Data Processing & Appraisal

Estimates of Sampling Error
<p>Sampling error is the difference between the estimate derived from a sample and the result that would have been obtained from a population census using the same data collection procedures. For a sample survey such as the GSS, this error is estimated from the survey data. The measurement of error used is the standard deviation of the estimate. When a sampling error is more than 33 1/3% of the estimate itself, it is considered to be too unreliable to be published. In such a case, the symbol " -- " appears in statistical tables in place of the estimate. When the sampling error is between 16 2/3% and 33 1/3%, the corresponding estimate is accompanied by the symbol " * ' in a table. Such estimates should be used with caution. Finally, all estimates with a sampling error of less than 16 2/3% can be used without restriction. </p>

Accessibility

Distributor(s)	Data Liberation Initiative

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DLI License

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Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

gss12e	
# Cases	221105
# Variable(s)	30

Variables Group(s)

Dataset contains 6 group(s)

Group Episode

#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	EPINO	Sequential episode number.	continuous	numeric-2.0	221105	0	Sequential episode number.
2	TOTEPISO	Number of episodes during the designated day	continuous	numeric-2.0	221105	0	Total number of episodes during the reference day.
3	ACTCODE	Activity code of the episode.	continuous	numeric-3.0	221105	0	Activity code of the episode.
4	STARTIME	Start time of the episode.	continuous	numeric-4.0	221105	0	Start time of the episode.
5	ENDTIME	End time of the episode.	continuous	numeric-4.0	221105	0	End time of the episode.
6	STARMIN	Start time of the episode in minutes.	continuous	numeric-4.0	221105	0	Start time of the episode in minutes.
7	ENDMIN	End time of the episode in minutes	continuous	numeric-4.0	221105	0	End time of the episode in minutes.
8	DURATION	Duration (in minutes) of the episode.	continuous	numeric-4.0	221105	0	Duration (in minutes) of the episode.
9	PLACE	Location of the episode.	discrete	numeric-2.0	221050	55	Location of the episode.

Group Social Contact

#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	ALONE	Social contacts - alone?	discrete	numeric-1.0	180251	40854	Social contacts - alone?
2	SPOUSE	Social contacts - with spouse?	discrete	numeric-1.0	180251	40854	Social contacts - with spouse?
3	CHILDHSD	Social contacts - with children of the household less than 15 years of age?	discrete	numeric-1.0	180251	40854	Social contacts - with children of the household less than 15 years of age?
4	PARHSD	Social contacts - with parent(s) or parent(s) in-law living in the household?	discrete	numeric-1.0	180251	40854	Social contacts - with parent(s) or parent(s) in-law living in the household?
5	MEMBHSD	Social contacts - with other member(s) of the household (including children of 15 and older)?	discrete	numeric-1.0	180251	40854	Social contacts - with other member(s) of the household (including children of 15 and older)?
6	NHSDCL15	Social contacts - with child(ren) of the respondent living outside the household, less than 15 years of age?	discrete	numeric-1.0	180251	40854	Social contacts - with child(ren) of the respondent living outside the household, less than 15 years of age?
7	NHSDC15P	Social contacts - with child(ren) of the respondent living outside the household, 15 years of age and older?	discrete	numeric-1.0	180251	40854	Social contacts - with child(ren) of the respondent living outside the household, 15 years of age and older?
8	NHSDPAR	Social contacts - with parent(s) or parent(s) in-law living outside the household?	discrete	numeric-1.0	180251	40854	Social contacts - with parent(s) or parent(s) in-law living outside the household?
9	OTHFAM	Social contacts - with other family member(s) living outside the household?	discrete	numeric-1.0	180251	40854	Social contacts - with other family member(s) living outside the household?
10	FRIENDS	Social contacts - with friends living outside the household?	discrete	numeric-1.0	180251	40854	Social contacts - with friends living outside the household?

#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
11	OTHERS	Social contacts - with others living outside the household?	discrete	numeric-1.0	180251	40854	Social contacts - with others living outside the household?

Group Help People

Subgroup(s)		Enjoyable					
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	HELP	Did this activity help a person outside your household or an organization?	discrete	numeric-1.0	70647	150458	Did this activity help a person outside your household or an organization?
2	HELP65	Was the person helped 65 years or older?	discrete	numeric-1.0	3717	217388	Was the person helped 65 years or older? (If more than one, principal person helped.)
3	HELPLIM	Does the person you helped have a long-term health or physical limitation?	discrete	numeric-1.0	3711	217394	Does the person you helped have a long-term health or physical limitation? (Any conditions lasting or expected to last more than 6 months and which can be either chronic or permanent.)
4	HELPREL	What is this person's relationship to you?	discrete	numeric-2.0	3716	217389	What is this person's relationship to you?
5	ORGCON	Was this organization mostly concerned with seniors, children, persons with disabilities or other?	discrete	numeric-1.0	594	220511	Was this organization mostly concerned with seniors, children, persons with disabilities or other?

Group Weight

#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	RECID	Record identification.	continuous	numeric-5.0	221105	0	Record identification.
2	WGHTEPI	Episode weight.	continuous	numeric-10.4	221105	0	Episode weight.
3	WGHTFIN	Final weight.	continuous	numeric-10.4	10749	210356	Final weight.

Group Record Identifier

#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	RECID	Record identification.	continuous	numeric-5.0	221105	0	Record identification.
2	DDAY	Designated day of interview.	discrete	numeric-1.0	221105	0	Designated day of interview.

Group Enjoyable

#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	ENJOYAC	Is this activity the most enjoyable?	discrete	numeric-1.0	211391	9714	Is this activity the most enjoyable?

Variables Description

Dataset contains 30 variable(s)

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RECID: Record identification.

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-10749] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=221105 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] [Mean=5314.99 /-] [StdDev=3081.867 /-]
Literal question	Record identification.
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998.

EPINO: Sequential episode number.

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-60] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=221105 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] [Mean=11.874 /-] [StdDev=7.79 /-]
Literal question	Sequential episode number.
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998.

WGHTEPI: Episode weight.
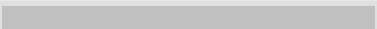
Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 77.9085-18842.261] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=221105 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] [Mean=2252.069 /-] [StdDev=1693.894 /-]
Literal question	Episode weight.
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. See Appendix N for use of this weight.

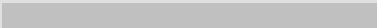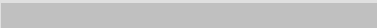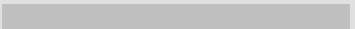## # WGHTFIN: Final weight.

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 77.9085-18842.261] [Missing=*/97/98/99]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=10749 /-] [Invalid=210356 /-] [Mean=2256.967 /-] [StdDev=1720.757 /-]
Literal question	Final weight.
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998.

DDAY: Designated day of interview.

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-7] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=221105 / 497943803.601] [Invalid=0 / 0]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Designated day of interview.
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	Sunday	28980	64336021.6	12.9%
2	Monday	33082	72123828.3	14.5%
3	Tuesday	33135	73381352.4	14.7%
4	Wednesday	33480	72704499.6	14.6%
5	Thursday	32245	73750157.3	14.8%
6	Friday	31226	74354097.9	14.9%
7	Saturday	28957	67293846.6	13.5%

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TOTEPISO: Number of episodes during the designated day

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 3-60] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=221105 / 497943803.601] [Invalid=0 / 0] [Mean=22.748 / 22.69] [StdDev=7.277 / 7.273]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Total number of episodes during the reference day.

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TOTEPISO: Number of episodes during the designated day

Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998.

ACTCODE: Activity code of the episode.

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-990] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=221105 / 497943803.601] [Invalid=0 / 0] [Mean=426.284 / 425.328] [StdDev=285.231 / 284.381]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Activity code of the episode.
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998.

STARTIME: Start time of the episode.

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-2359] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=221105 / 497943803.601] [Invalid=0 / 0] [Mean=1345.327 / 1343.368] [StdDev=574.271 / 576.505]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Start time of the episode.
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. 24-hour clock is used.

ENDTIME: End time of the episode.

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-2359] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=221105 / 497943803.601] [Invalid=0 / 0] [Mean=1345.327 / 1343.368] [StdDev=574.271 / 576.505]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	End time of the episode.
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. 24-hour clock is used.

STARMIN: Start time of the episode in minutes.

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 240-1679] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=221105 / 497943803.601] [Invalid=0 / 0] [Mean=852.272 / 852.695] [StdDev=339.636 / 341.14]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Start time of the episode in minutes.
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. Time expressed in total minutes from midnight prior to the reference day to 4:00 a.m. following the diary day. For example, 6:00 a.m. equals 360 minutes.

ENDMIN: End time of the episode in minutes

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 241-1680] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=221105 / 497943803.601] [Invalid=0 / 0] [Mean=922.277 / 922.853] [StdDev=354.309 / 355.683]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	End time of the episode in minutes.
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. Time expressed in total minutes from midnight prior to the reference day to 4:00 a.m. following the diary day. For example, 6:00 a.m. equals 360 minutes.

DURATION: Duration (in minutes) of the episode.

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-1200] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=221105 / 497943803.601] [Invalid=0 / 0] [Mean=70.005 / 70.158] [StdDev=89.714 / 90.285]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Duration (in minutes) of the episode.
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998.

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PLACE: Location of the episode.

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-10] [Missing=*/97/98/99]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=221050 / 497833065.954] [Invalid=55 / 110737.648]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Location of the episode.
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. Category `97´ compares with category `88´ of Cycle 7.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)	
1	Respondet's home	136617	304554423.9		61.2%
2	Work place	16148	37088367.7		7.4%
3	Someone e's home	6112	13645562.5		2.7%
4	Other plourhood)	21263	49689923.9		10.0%
5	Car (driver)	26409	59357396.2		11.9%
6	Car (passenger)	6233	14497086.3		2.9%
7	Walk	6258	13907161.1		2.8%
8	Bus and subway	1483	3927614.5		0.8%
9	Bicycle	269	632734.7		0.1%
10	Other (aorcycle)	258	532795.1		0.1%
97	Not statormation	43	93344.7		
98	Don´t know	2	3354.6		
99	Not stated	10	14038.3		

Warning: these figures indicate the number of cases found in the data file. They cannot be interpreted as summary statistics of the population of interest.

ALONE: Social contacts - alone?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=180251 / 404590923.712] [Invalid=40854 / 93352879.89]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Social contacts - alone?
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. Personal activity includes activity codes 400, 450, 460 and 480.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)	
1	Yes	88786	190062469.1		47.0%
2	No	91465	214528454.7		53.0%
7	Not askeity code	43	93344.7		
8	Personalactivity	40783	93216302.7		
9	Not stated	28	43232.5		

Warning: these figures indicate the number of cases found in the data file. They cannot be interpreted as summary statistics of the population of interest.

SPOUSE: Social contacts - with spouse?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=180251 / 404590923.712] [Invalid=40854 / 93352879.89]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Social contacts - with spouse?
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. Personal activity includes activity codes 400, 450, 460 and 480.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)	
1	Yes	34240	84432667.0		20.9%

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SPOUSE: Social contacts - with spouse?

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)	
2	No	146011	320158256.7		79.1%
7	Not askeity code	43	93344.7		
8	Personalactivity	40783	93216302.7		
9	Not stated	28	43232.5		

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CHILDHSD: Social contacts - with children of the household less than 15 years of age?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=180251 / 404590923.712] [Invalid=40854 / 93352879.89]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Social contacts - with children of the household less than 15 years of age?
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. Personal activity includes activity codes 400, 450, 460 and 480.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)	
1	Yes	24851	54599554.6		13.5%
2	No	155400	349991369.1		86.5%
7	Not askeity code	43	93344.7		
8	Personalactivity	40783	93216302.7		
9	Not stated	28	43232.5		

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PARHSD: Social contacts - with parent(s) or parent(s) in-law living in the household?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=180251 / 404590923.712] [Invalid=40854 / 93352879.89]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Social contacts - with parent(s) or parent(s) in-law living in the household?
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. Personal activity includes activity codes 400, 450, 460 and 480.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)	
1	Yes	2672	8421948.8		2.1%
2	No	177579	396168975.0		97.9%
7	Not askeity code	43	93344.7		
8	Personalactivity	40783	93216302.7		
9	Not stated	28	43232.5		

Warning: these figures indicate the number of cases found in the data file. They cannot be interpreted as summary statistics of the population of interest.

MEMBHSD: Social contacts - with other member(s) of the household (including children of 15 and older)?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=180251 / 404590923.712] [Invalid=40854 / 93352879.89]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Social contacts - with other member(s) of the household (including children of 15 and older)?
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. Personal activity includes activity codes 400, 450, 460 and 480.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)	
1	Yes	5720	18171156.6		4.5%
2	No	174531	386419767.2		95.5%

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MEMBHSD: Social contacts - with other member(s) of the household (including children of 15 and older)?

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
7	Not askeity code	43	93344.7	
8	Personalactivity	40783	93216302.7	
9	Not stated	28	43232.5	

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NHSDCL15: Social contacts - with child(ren) of the respondent living outside the household, less than 15 years of age?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=180251 / 404590923.712] [Invalid=40854 / 93352879.89]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Social contacts - with child(ren) of the respondent living outside the household, less than 15 years of age?
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. Personal activity includes activity codes 400, 450, 460 and 480.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	Yes	728	1536614.8	0.4%
2	No	179523	403054308.9	99.6%
7	Not askeity code	43	93344.7	
8	Personalactivity	40783	93216302.7	
9	Not stated	28	43232.5	

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NHSDC15P: Social contacts - with child(ren) of the respondent living outside the household, 15 years of age and older?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=180251 / 404590923.712] [Invalid=40854 / 93352879.89]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Social contacts - with child(ren) of the respondent living outside the household, 15 years of age and older?
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. Personal activity includes activity codes 400, 450, 460 and 480.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	Yes	1693	3392668.9	0.8%
2	No	178558	401198254.8	99.2%
7	Not askeity code	43	93344.7	
8	Personalactivity	40783	93216302.7	
9	Not stated	28	43232.5	

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NHSDPAR: Social contacts - with parent(s) or parent(s) in-law living outside the household?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=180251 / 404590923.712] [Invalid=40854 / 93352879.89]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Social contacts - with parent(s) or parent(s) in-law living outside the household?
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. Personal activity includes activity codes 400, 450, 460 and 480.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	Yes	2409	4812814.7	1.2%

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NHSDPAR: Social contacts - with parent(s) or parent(s) in-law living outside the household?

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
2	No	177842	399778109.0	98.8%
7	Not askeity code	43	93344.7	
8	Personalactivity	40783	93216302.7	
9	Not stated	28	43232.5	

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OTHFAM: Social contacts - with other family member(s) living outside the household?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=180251 / 404590923.712] [Invalid=40854 / 93352879.89]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Social contacts - with other family member(s) living outside the household?
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. This variable doesn´t necessarily compare with `OTHFAM´ of Cycle7 since in Cycle 7 it can include both other family members living or not in the household. Personal activity includes activity codes 400, 450, 460 and 480.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	Yes	5783	11660581.1	2.9%
2	No	174468	392930342.6	97.1%
7	Not askeity code	43	93344.7	
8	Personalactivity	40783	93216302.7	
9	Not stated	28	43232.5	

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FRIENDS: Social contacts - with friends living outside the household?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=180251 / 404590923.712] [Invalid=40854 / 93352879.89]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Social contacts - with friends living outside the household?
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. This variable doesn´t necessarily compare with `FRIENDS´ of Cycle7 since in Cycle 7 it can include both friends living or not living in the household. Personal activity includes activity codes 400, 450, 460 and 480.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	Yes	15733	35354697.4	8.7%
2	No	164518	369236226.3	91.3%
7	Not askeity code	43	93344.7	
8	Personalactivity	40783	93216302.7	
9	Not stated	28	43232.5	

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OTHERS: Social contacts - with others living outside the household?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=180251 / 404590923.712] [Invalid=40854 / 93352879.89]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Social contacts - with others living outside the household?

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OTHERS: Social contacts - with others living outside the household?

Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998. This variable doesn´t necessarily compare with `OTHERS´ of Cycle7 since in Cycle 7 it can include both others living or not living in the household. Personal activity includes activity codes 400, 450, 460 and 480.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)	
1	Yes	19408	44983681.3	11.1%	
2	No	160843	359607242.5		88.9%
7	Not askeity code	43	93344.7		
8	Personalactivity	40783	93216302.7		
9	Not stated	28	43232.5		

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HELP: Did this activity help a person outside your household or an organization?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range=1-3] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=70647 / 156319225.493] [Invalid=150458 / 341624578.109]
Universe	All respondents.
Pre-question	Many of our daily activities help persons living outside our own household. The following question is asked to determine how much informal support people provide to one another.
Literal question	Did this activity help a person outside your household or an organization?
Post-question	Person Go to ##g2 Organization Go to ##h2 No Go to next episode, part a Don't know Go to next episode, part a Refused Go to next episode, part a
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998, derived variable from question ##f of the diary.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)	
1	Person	3849	7904413.6	5.1%	
2	Organization	679	1406086.8	0.9%	
3	No	66119	147008725.1		94.0%
7	Not asked	150156	340822259.4		
8	Don't know	6	12108.6		
9	Not stated	296	790210.1		

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HELP65: Was the person helped 65 years or older?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=3717 / 7648085.539] [Invalid=217388 / 490295718.063]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Was the person helped 65 years or older? (If more than one, principal person helped.)
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998, derived variable from question ##g2 of the diary.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)	
1	Yes	948	1817488.8	23.8%	
2	No	2769	5830596.8		76.2%
7	Not asked	217256	490039390.0		
8	Don't know	7	9978.7		
9	Not stated	125	246349.4		

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HELPLIM: Does the person you helped have a long-term health or physical limitation?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*/7/8/9]

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HELPLIM: Does the person you helped have a long-term health or physical limitation?

Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=3711 / 7631524.529] [Invalid=217394 / 490312279.072]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Does the person you helped have a long-term health or physical limitation? (Any conditions lasting or expected to last more than 6 months and which can be either chronic or permanent.)
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998, derived variable from question ##g3 of the diary.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)	
1	Yes	573	1053002.2		13.8%
2	No	3138	6578522.3		86.2%
7	Not asked	217256	490039390.0		
8	Don't know	13	26539.7		
9	Not stated	125	246349.4		

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HELPREL: What is this person's relationship to you?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-7] [Missing=*/97/98/99]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=3716 / 7637175.879] [Invalid=217389 / 490306627.723]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	What is this person's relationship to you?
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998, derived variable from question ##h1 of the diary.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)	
1	Parent(s) in-law	609	1231081.5		16.1%
2	Childrenousehold	362	748972.7		9.8%
3	Other meousehold	823	1690458.8		22.1%
4	Friend(s)	1375	2809842.3		36.8%
5	Neighbour(s)	127	252531.0		3.3%
6	Co-worker(s)	146	343361.3		4.5%
7	Others	274	560928.3		7.3%
97	Not asked	217256	490039390.0		
98	Don't know	6	12085.9		
99	Not stated	127	255151.8		

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ORGCON: Was this organization mostly concerned with seniors, children, persons with disabilities or other?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-4] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=594 / 1233391.072] [Invalid=220511 / 496710412.529]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Was this organization mostly concerned with seniors, children, persons with disabilities or other?
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998, derived variable from question ##h2 of the diary.

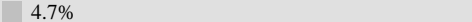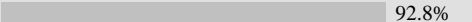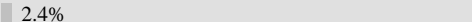| Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)	
1	Seniors	86	173095.0		14.0%
2	Children	141	309122.2		25.1%
3	Persons bilities	39	88085.9		7.1%
4	Other	328	663088.0		53.8%
7	Not asked	220426	496537716.8		

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ORGCON: Was this organization mostly concerned with seniors, children, persons with disabilities or other?

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
8	Don't know	3	8489.0	
9	Not stated	82	164206.7	

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ENJOYAC: Is this activity the most enjoyable?

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*/7/8/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=211391 / 476346441.219] [Invalid=9714 / 21597362.382]
Universe	All respondents.
Literal question	Is this activity the most enjoyable?
Notes	Source: General Social Survey, 1998.

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	Yes	9991	22527633.1	4.7%
2	No	196807	442260861.8	92.8%
3	None	4593	11557946.3	2.4%
9	Not stated	9714	21597362.4	

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