

Finland
ISSP 2008 – Religion III
Study Description

ISSP Study Description Form

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Study title: Suomalaisien arvot ja uskonnollisuus (in Finnish)
Finländarnas värderingar och religiositet (in Swedish)

Fieldwork dates: 2008-09-19 – 2009-01-08

Principal investigators: Prof. Raimo Blom, University of Tampere
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Sample type: Target population: household population aged 15 to 74.
Sampling design: a systematic random sample of individuals.
Sampling frame: population register, sorting order: domicile code and birth date. Stratification: implicit geographic stratification. No clustering.

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Fieldwork methods: Postal (both directions), self-completion, paper and pencil

N. of respondents: number of respondents in the final ISSP file: 1136

<p><i>Details about issued sample:</i></p> <p>Please follow the standards laid down in AAPOR/WAPOR, Standard Definitions: http://www.aapor.org/uploads/standarddefs_4.pdf. The numbers in the parentheses are those used in Tables 2 and 3 of Standard Definitions.</p>	1. Total number of starting or issued names/addresses (gross sample size) *	2500
	2. Interviews (1.0)
	3. Eligible, Non-Interview	
	A. Refusal/Break-off (2.10)	13
	B. Non-Contact (2.20)	5
	C. Other	6
	i. Language Problems (2.33)	1
ii. Miscellaneous Other (2.31, 2.32, 2.35)	1326	
3. Unknown Eligibility, Non-Interview (3.0)	
4. Not Eligible		
A. Not a Residence (4.50)	
B. Vacant Residence (4.60)	
C. No Eligible Respondent (4.70)	
D. Other (4.10,4.90)	13	

* When new sample units are added during the field period via a new dwelling units list or other standard updating procedure, these additional issued units are added to the starting number of units to make up the total gross sample size. Also, when substitution is used, the total must include the originally drawn cases plus all substitute cases. See AAPOR/WAPOR Standard Definitions, pp. 9-10 for further clarification.

Language(s): Finnish (94,6 % of total sample)
Swedish (5,4 % of total sample)

Weight present: Yes

Weighting procedure: The design of the survey was systematic sampling. In order to improve the efficiency of estimation and to reduce bias due to non-response a calibration method was used for the creation of the weights.

The following marginal distributions of the population were used:

- 1) gender (male, female),
- 2) age classes (15–24, 25–34, ..., 65–74),
- 3) NUTS3 regions with following modifications: the Greater Helsinki Area was dealt as a separate region,
- 4) type of community (urban - semi-urban - rural).

There are two weights available for calculations:

1) a weight that expands the results to the population level (the sum of the weights is the size of the population aged 15 to 74) and 2) a weight that doesn't have the expansion property (the mean of the weights is 1 and the sum of the weights is the number of accepted responses, i.e. the size of the data). Both of the weights are based on the same calibration process, only the scale differs.

Known systematic properties of sample:

Sampling frame is updated and covers total population with the appropriate language restriction. A cross-sectional sample does not contain attrition by definition.

After having used our standard sampling procedures for over 20 years we have not encountered any bias due to using systematic sampling. Design effect of the sampling procedure ≤ 1 by definition.

Deviations from ISSP questionnaire:

The questionnaire included ISSP module with necessary background variables. Some additional (national) questions were included.

List of deviations and coding specifications compared to ISSP source questionnaire:

1) V72--V77 were not asked in Finland

2) V83 is not fully comparable to ISSP source questionnaire. In Finnish questionnaire "Christians" were separated into several subgroups. In Finnish data, V83 refers to: "*Personal attitude towards Evangelical Lutheran church.*"

3) Age (at the end of year 2008)

Age is computed from a variable for year of birth in the Finnish questionnaire.

4) HHCYCLE

The Finnish questionnaire asked separately how many persons there are in the household, how many of them are 7-17 years old and how many children are less than 7 years of age. Hhcycle includes combined information from these variables.

5) FI_REG

Added from register data on regions. The Finnish questionnaire did not include a question for this.

6) FI_SIZE

Added from register data on population of the municipality. The Finnish questionnaire did not include a question for this.

7) FI_ETHN

Added from register data on mother tongue. The Finnish questionnaire did not include a question for this.

8) ETHNIC

Added from register data on mother tongue. The Finnish questionnaire did not include a question for this.

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9) WEIGHT and WEIGHT _2

- [weight] is a weight that expands the results to the population level (the sum of the weights is the size of the 15-74 population) and
- [weight_2] is a weight that doesn't have the expansion property (the mean of the weights is 1 and the sum of the weights is the number of accepted responses, i.e. the size of the data).

Publications: