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**Study Monitoring 2008**

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on monitoring work undertaken for the ISSP  
by the Methodology Committee**

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## Introduction

The aim of ISSP monitoring and reporting is twofold: to record for internal ISSP purposes how ISSP studies were conducted in each country and how implementations met or failed to meet ISSP requirements as defined by the ISSP Working Principles. These aims are related to the pursuit of basic good or best practices in ISSP studies but also to comparability of data across ISSP datasets.

For users of ISSP data, the Study Monitoring Reports bring together information of relevance for analysis not otherwise available in such a compact form. The documentation provided on major aspects of each member's fielding and outcomes goes a considerable way towards guiding researchers on which differences between ISSP countries they might ignore and which they should consider.

This report is based on the study monitoring survey conducted by Methodology Committee of the ISSP for the 2008 Religion module. Thirty seven member countries archived the 2008 Religion module and all of them completed the monitoring questionnaire. Details of the individual answers members provided are presented in the summary charts which follow. The information we received was checked with members, who were given the opportunity to make corrections. The report is available on the ISSP Archive web site.

## Monitoring Findings Chart

**2008**

**for**

**Austria (A)**  
**Cyprus (C)**  
**Switzerland (CH)**  
**Chile (CL)**  
**Czech Republic (CZ)**  
**Germany (D)**  
**Denmark (DEN)**  
**Dominican Republic (DO)**  
**Spain (ESP)**  
**France (F)**  
**Finland (FIN)**  
**Flanders (FL)**  
**Great Britain (GB)**  
**Hungary (H)**  
**Croatia (HR)**  
**Israel (IL)**  
**Ireland (IRL)**  
**Japan (J)**  
**Latvia (LV)**  
**Mexico (MEX)**  
**Norway (N)**  
**Netherlands (NLD)**  
**New Zealand (NZ)**  
**Northern Ireland (NIR)**  
**Portugal (PO)**  
**South Korea (ROK)**  
**Uruguay (ROU)**  
**Russia (RUS)**  
**Sweden (S)**  
**Slovak Republic (SK)**  
**Slovenia (SLO)**  
**Turkey (TUR)**  
**Taiwan (TW)**  
**Ukraine (UKR)**  
**United States of America (USA)**  
**Venezuela (V)**  
**South Africa (ZA)**

### Language(s) and translation

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DEN	DO	ESP	F	FIN	FL
<i>Language(s) of the fielded module</i>												
<b>Language 1 (L1)</b>	German <sup>A</sup>	Greek	German	Spanish	Czech	German	Danish	Spanish	Spanish	French	Finnish	Dutch
<b>Language 2 (L2)</b>			French								Swedish	
<b>Language 3 (L3)</b>			Italian									
<i>Was the questionnaire translated?</i>												
<b>Yes, translated:</b>												
- by member(s) of research team		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
- by translation bureau												X
- by specially trained translator(s)			L1-L3			X					L1, L2	
- other			L1-L3 <sup>CH</sup>									
<b>No, not translated</b>	X											

<sup>A</sup> Austria used the German translation.

<sup>CH</sup> Double translation.

Translation (continued)

	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J	LV	MEX	N	NIR	NLD	NZ	PO
<i>Language(s) of the fielded module</i>													
<b>Language 1 (L1)</b>	English	Hungarian	Croatian	Hebrew	English	Japanese	Latvian	Spanish	Norwegian	English	Dutch	English	
<b>Language 2 (L2)</b>				Arabic			Russian						
<b>Language 3 (L3)</b>				Russian									
<i>Was the questionnaire translated?</i>													
<b>Yes, translated:</b>													
- by member(s) of research team		X	X			X	L1, L2		X		X		
- by translation bureau													
- by specially trained translator(s)				L1-L3		X		X					
- other													
<b>No, not translated</b>	X				X					X		X	

Translation (continued)

	ROK	ROU	RUS	S	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Language(s) of the fielded module</i>												
<b>Language 1 (L1)</b>	Korean	Spanish	Russian	Swedish	Slovak	Slovenian	Turkish	Chinese	Ukrainian	English	Spanish	English
<b>Language 2 (L2)</b>					Hungarian				Russian	Spanish		Afrikaans
<b>Language 3 (L3)</b>												Zulu
<b>Language 4 (L4)</b>												Tsonga
<b>Language 5 (L5)</b>												Tswana
<b>Language 6 (L6)</b>												Xhosa
<i>Was the questionnaire translated?</i>												
<b>Yes, translated:</b>												
<b>- by member(s) of research team</b>	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	L1, L2		X	
<b>- by translation bureau</b>												
<b>- by specially trained translator(s)</b>					L1, L2				L1, L2	L2		L2-L6
<b>- other</b>												
<b>No, not translated</b>										L1		L1

**Translation (continued)**

	<b>A</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>CL</b>	<b>CZ</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DEN</b>	<b>DO</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>FIN</b>	<b>FL</b>
<i>Language(s) of the fielded module</i>												
<b>Language 1 (L1)</b>	German <sup>A</sup>	Greek	German	Spanish	Czech	German	Danish	Spanish	Spanish	French	Finnish	Dutch
<b>Language 2 (L2)</b>			French								Swedish	
<b>Language 3 (L3)</b>			Italian									
<i>Was the translated questionnaire assessed/checked or evaluated?</i>												
<b>Yes:</b>												
- group discussion		X	L1-L3	X	X	X	X	X			L1	
- expert checked it			L1-L3	X		X		X		X	L2	X
- back translation												
- other									X <sup>ESP</sup>			
<b>No</b>												
<b>Not applicable</b>	X											

<sup>A</sup> Austria used the German translation.

Translation (continued)

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Language(s) of the fielded module													
<b>Language 1 (L1)</b>	English	Hungarian	Croatian	Hebrew	English	Japanese	Latvian	Spanish	Norwegian	English	Dutch	English	Portuguese
<b>Language 2 (L2)</b>				Arabic			Russian						
<b>Language 3 (L3)</b>				Russian									
<i>Was the translated questionnaire assessed/checked or evaluated?</i>													
<b>Yes:</b>													
- group discussion		X	X	L1-L3			L1, L2		X		X		
- expert checked it						X							
- back translation								X					
- other											X		X
Not applicable	X				X					X		X	

Translation (continued)

	ROK	ROU	RUS	S	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Language(s) of the fielded module</i>												
<b>Language 1 (L1)</b>	Korean	Spanish	Russian	Swedish	Slovak	Slovenian	Turkish	Chinese	Ukrainian	English	Spanish	English
<b>Language 2 (L2)</b>					Hungarian				Russian	Spanish		Afrikaans
<b>Language 3 (L3)</b>												Zulu
<b>Language 4 (L4)</b>												Tsonga
<b>Language 5 (L5)</b>												Tswana
<b>Language 6 (L6)</b>												Xhosa
<i>Was the translated questionnaire assessed/checked or evaluated?</i>												
<b>Yes:</b>												
- group discussion	X	X		X		X		X	L1	L2	X	
- expert checked it			X		L1, L2		X	X	L1, L2	L2		L2-L6
- back translation												
- other							X <sup>TUR</sup>					
<b>Not applicable</b>										L1		L1

Translation (continued)

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DEN	DO	ESP	F	FIN	FL
<i>Language(s) of the fielded module</i>												
<b>Language 1 (L1)</b>	German <sup>A</sup>	Greek	German	Spanish	Czech	German	Danish	Spanish	Spanish	French	Finnish	Dutch
<b>Language 2 (L2)</b>			French								Swedish	
<b>Language 3 (L3)</b>			Italian									
<i>Was the questionnaire pre-tested?</i>												
<b>Yes</b>		X	L1 – L3	X		X		X				X
<b>No</b>					X		X		X	X	L1,L2	
<b>Not applicable</b>	X											
<i>Were there any questions... which caused problems when translating?</i>												
<b>Yes</b>					X	X					L1, L2	
<b>No</b>		X	L1-L3	X			X	X	X	X		X
<b>Not applicable</b>	X											

<sup>A</sup> Austria used the German translation.

Translation (continued)

	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J	LV	MEX	N	NIR	NLD	NZ	PO
<i>Language(s) of the fielded module</i>													
<b>Language 1 (L1)</b>	English	Hungarian	Croatian	Hebrew	English	Japanese	Latvian	Spanish	Norwegian	English	Dutch	English	Portuguese
<b>Language 2 (L2)</b>				Arabic			Russian						
<b>Language 3 (L3)</b>				Russian									
<i>Was the questionnaire pre-tested?</i>													
<b>Yes</b>		X						X					
<b>No</b>			X	L1-L3		X	L1, L2		X		X		
<b>Not applicable</b>	X				X					X		X	
<i>Were there any questions... which caused problems when translating?</i>													X
<b>Yes</b>									X				
<b>No</b>		X	X	L1-L3		X	L1, L2	X			X		
<b>Not applicable</b>	X				X					X		X	
													X

Translation (continued)

	ROK	ROU	RUS	S	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Language(s) of the fielded module</i>												
<b>Language 1 (L1)</b>	Korean	Spanish	Russian	Swedish	Slovak	Slovenian	Turkish	Chinese	Ukrainian	English	Spanish	English
<b>Language 2 (L2)</b>					Hungarian				Russian	Spanish		Afrikaans
<b>Language 3 (L3)</b>												Zulu
<b>Language 4 (L4)</b>												Tsonga
<b>Language 5 (L5)</b>												Tswana
<b>Language 6 (L6)</b>												Xhosa
<i>Was the questionnaire pre-tested?</i>												
<b>Yes</b>	X						X	X		L2	X	
<b>No</b>		X	X	X	L1, L2	X			L1, L2			L2-L6
<b>Not applicable</b>										L1		L1
<i>Were there any questions... which caused problems when translating?</i>												
<b>Yes</b>							X <sup>TUR</sup>		L1 <sup>UKR</sup>			
<b>No</b>	X	X	X	X	L1, L2	X		X	L2	L2	X	L2-L6
<b>Not applicable</b>										L1		L1

<sup>TUR</sup> The various concepts about the images of God created some problems.

<sup>UKR</sup> Answer scales.

**Survey context**

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DEN	DO	ESP	F	FIN	FL	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J
<i>How was the ISSP module fielded?</i>																		
<b>Individual survey</b>		X			X			X	X	X	X					X		X
<b>Larger survey:</b>																		
- with ISSP at start	X						X								X			
- with ISSP in middle			X	X		X							X	X			X	
- with ISSP at end												X						

	LV	MEX	N	NIR	NLD	NZ	PO	ROK	ROU	RUS	S	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>How was the ISSP module fielded?</i>																			
<b>Individual survey</b>		X									X							X	
<b>Larger survey:</b>																			
- with ISSP at start	X		X		X	X	X		X				X	X	X	X			X
- with ISSP in middle								X				X					X		
- with ISSP at end				X						X									

### Question coverage and order

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DEN	DO	ESP	F	FIN	FL	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J
<i>Were the ISSP questions asked in prescribed order?</i>																		
<b>Yes</b>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>No</b>	X																	
<i>Were all the core ISSP items included?</i>																		
<b>Yes, all included</b>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X
<b>No, not all included:</b>																		
- from module															X <sup>1</sup>			
- background items	X											X <sup>FL</sup>						

1. Items V66 to V69 inadvertently omitted in some questionnaires.

<sup>FL</sup> VOTE\_LE omitted because voting is compulsory in Flanders (though about 9% did not vote in 2007).

Question coverage and order (continued)

	LV	MEX	N	NIR	NLD	NZ	ROK	PO	ROU	RUS	S	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Were the ISSP questions asked in prescribed order?</i>																			
<b>Yes</b>	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X
<b>No</b>						X <sup>NZ1</sup>									X <sup>TW1</sup>			X <sup>V1</sup>	
<i>Were all the core ISSP items included?</i>																			
<b>Yes, all included</b>	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X
<b>No, not all included:</b>																			
- from module																		X <sup>V2</sup>	
- background items			X <sup>N</sup>	X <sup>NIR</sup>		X <sup>NZ2</sup>									X <sup>TW2</sup>		X <sup>USA</sup>		

<sup>N</sup> Background variable WRKTYPE missing.

<sup>NZ1</sup> The order of the first eight questions was changed so the questionnaire started with the questions about happiness, a husband's role, trust in people and confidence in institutions rather than the proposed initial questions about sexual relations.

<sup>NZ2</sup> By mistake, the nine-category religious attendance response set was not included in the questionnaire so ATTD\_EXT could not be included in the data set.

<sup>NIR</sup> Survey used the harmonised set of demographic variables created for large scale surveys in Northern Ireland.

<sup>TW1</sup> Question order was changed to incorporate question items from the TSCS Religion module.

<sup>TW2</sup> Several background variables omitted because of space problems (WRKHRS, WRKSUP, WRKTYPE R, SPWRKTYP S-P, NEMPLOY, UNION, HOMPOP, HHCYCLE, nat\_PARTY affiliation, VOTE\_LE, TOPBOT).

<sup>V1</sup> Question 12 was asked after Q13 and Q26 after Q22.

<sup>V2</sup> Question 24, 25, ATTD-EXTR, SPWKST S-P and TOPBOT omitted.

<sup>USA</sup> A social class variable was omitted by mistake.

### Sampling

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DEN	DO	ESP	F	FIN	FL	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J
<i>The sample was designed to be representative of...</i>																		
...only adult citizens of country	X	X		X	X		X					X			X	X		X
...adults of any nationality			X			X		X	X	X	X		X	X			X	
<i>Was your sample designed to be representative of adults living in...</i>																		
...private accommodation only	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
...private & institutional accommodation												X						
<i>Lower age cut-off</i>																		
18	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		
17																	X	
16																		
15											X							X

Sampling (continued)

	LV	MEX	N	NIR	NLD	NZ	PO	ROK	ROU	RUS	S	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>The sample was designed to be representative of...</i>																			
...only adult citizens of country		X			X			X		X	X	X		X	X				X
...adults of any nationality	X		X	X		X	X		X				X			X	X	X	
<i>Was your sample designed to be representative of adults living in...</i>																			
...private accommodation only	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
...private & institutional accommodation			X	X	X	X													
<i>Lower age cut-off</i>																			
19			X																
18	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
17									X										
16										X									X
15																			

Sampling (continued)

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DEN	DO	ESP	F	FIN	FL	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J
<i>Was there an upper age cut-off?</i>																		
<b>Yes</b>																		
<b>Age</b>											74	85						
<b>No</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Did you use any variables for stratification?</i>																		
<b>Yes</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>No</b>							X			X								
<i>How many stages does your sampling design have?</i>																		
<b>One stage</b>							X				X							
<b>Two stages</b>						X				X		X						X
<b>Three stages</b>	X	X	X	X	X			X	X				X	X	X		X	
<b>Four or more stages</b>																X		

Sampling (continued)

	LV	MEX	N	NIR	NLD	NZ	PO	ROK	ROU	RUS	S	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Was there an upper age cut-off?</i>																			
<b>Yes</b>																			
<b>Age</b>	74		80								79								
<b>No</b>		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Did you use any variables for stratification?</i>																			
<b>Yes</b>	X	X		X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>No</b>			X		X			X			X								
<i>How many stages does your sampling design have?</i>																			
<b>One stage</b>											X								
<b>Two stages</b>		X	X	X	X	X						X	X						
<b>Three stages</b>	X						X	X						X	X			X	X
<b>Four or more stages</b>									X	X						X	X		

Sampling (continued)

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DEN	DO	ESP	F	FIN	FL	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J
<i>Does your sampling frame consist of...</i>																		
Addresses			X							X			X			X	X	
Households	X	X			X									X				
Named individuals (target persons)						X	X		X		X	X						X
Named individuals (not the target persons)																		
Areas								X							X			
Something else				X <sup>CL</sup>														
<i>What selection method was used to identify a respondent?</i>																		
Kish grid	X	X	X	X	X			X					X	X		X		
Birthday method										X					X		X	
Quota																		
Other																		
Not applicable						X	X		X		X	X						X

<sup>CL</sup> Use of census data; for urban areas: list of population by province, borough, district, zone and block; for rural areas: list of population by province, borough, district, locality and entity.

Sampling (continued)

	LV	MEX	N	NIR	NLD	NZ	PO	ROK	ROU	RUS	S	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Does your sampling frame consist of...</i>																			
<b>Addresses</b>				X	X		X							X		X	X		
<b>Households</b>	X							X		X									X
<b>Named individuals (target persons)</b>			X			X					X		X		X				
<b>Named individuals (not the target persons)</b>																			
<b>Areas</b>		X							X			X							X
<b>Something else</b>																			
<i>What selection method was used to identify a respondent?</i>																			
<b>Kish grid</b>		X												X			X	X	X
<b>Birthday method</b>	X				X		X	X	X	X		X							
<b>Quota</b>																			
<b>Other</b>				X												X			
<b>Not applicable</b>			X			X					X		X		X				

Sampling (continued)

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DEN	DO	ESP	F	FIN	FL	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J
<i>Was substitution of individuals permitted at any stage of selection process or during fieldwork?</i>																		
<b>Yes</b>		X <sup>C</sup>		X <sup>CL</sup>		X <sup>D</sup>												
<b>No</b>	X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

	LV	MEX	N	NIR	NLD	NZ	PO	ROK	ROU	RUS	S	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Was substitution of individuals permitted at any stage of selection process or during fieldwork?</i>																			
<b>Yes</b>										X <sup>RUS</sup>		X <sup>SK</sup>				X <sup>UKR</sup>			
<b>No</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X		X	X	X

<sup>CL</sup> Substitution of non contacts, refusals and sampling points.

<sup>D</sup> Sample points in non-cooperating municipalities replaced with equivalent points prior to fieldwork.

<sup>RUS</sup> Substitution of non contacts or refusals.

<sup>SK</sup> Substitution if respondent could not participate or did not want to.

<sup>UKR</sup> Substitution of PSUs (usually some villages) when there are serious transport problems.

### Data collection

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DEN	DO	ESP	F	FIN	FL	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J
<i>Data collection methods used (substantive &amp; background)?</i>																		
<b>Face-to-face</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X <sup>b</sup>		X	X			X <sup>b</sup>		X	X	X	X	
<b>Self-Completion (with interviewer involvement)</b>						X <sup>s</sup>						X <sup>s</sup>	X					X
<b>Self-completion by mail</b>							X			X	X							
<b>Telephone</b>																		
<i>Length of fieldwork</i>																		
<b>2 weeks or less</b>																		X
<b>Over 2 weeks &lt; 1 month</b>				X	X			X										
<b>1 month &lt; 2 mths</b>	X								X					X				
<b>2 months &lt; 3 mths</b>		X																
<b>3 mths or more</b>			X			X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
<i>Year of fieldwork</i>																		
<b>2008</b>	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
<b>2009</b>			X				X								X	X <sup>IL</sup>		

<sup>b</sup> background variables

<sup>s</sup> substantive variables

<sup>IL</sup> 15.09.09 to 15.02.10

**Data collection (continued)**

	LV	MEX	N	NIR	NLD	NZ	PO	ROK	ROU	RUS	S	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Data collection methods used (substantive &amp; background )?</i>																			
Face-to-face	X	X					X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Self-Completion (with interviewer involvement)				X						X									
Self-completion by mail			X <sup>1</sup>		X	X					X								
Telephone																			
<i>Length of fieldwork</i>																			
2 weeks or less		X		X												X			
Over 2 weeks < 1 month	X									X		X						X	
1 month < 2 mths															X				X
2 months < 3 mths			X		X			X			X		X	X					
3 mths or more						X	X		X								X		
<i>Year of fieldwork</i>																			
2008			X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X		X	X	X	X
2009	X	X		X			X			X			X	X	X				

1. Respondents offered option of completing questionnaire on-line: 229 out of 1072 submitted via the web.

**Data collection: face-to-face and self-administered with some interviewer involvement**

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DO	ESP	FL	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J
<i>Were postal or telephone components used?</i>															
<b>Yes - postal components:</b>															
- advance letter			X		X	X		X	X	X					X
- reminder & thank you letters															
<b>Yes - telephone components</b>	X		X				X		X						
<b>No</b>		X		X							X	X	X	X	
<i>Were incentives offered?</i>															
<b>Yes:</b>															
- to respondent			X							X				X	X
- to interviewer							X			X	X				X
<b>No</b>	X	X		X	X	X		X	X			X	X		
<i>Were interviewers paid according to realized cases?</i>															
<b>Yes</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>No</b>															

**Data collection: face-to-face and self-administered with some interviewer involvement (continued)**

	LV	MEX	NIR	PO	ROK	ROU	RUS	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Were postal or telephone components used?</i>															
<b>Yes - postal components:</b>															
- advance letter				X					X		X		X		
- reminder & thank you letters				X	X						X		X		
<b>Yes - telephone components</b>															
<b>No</b>	X	X	X			X	X	X		X		X		X	X
<i>Were incentives offered?</i>															
<b>Yes:</b>															
- to respondent				X	X						X		X		
- to interviewer					X			X	X			X			
<b>No</b>	X	X	X			X	X			X				X	X
<i>Were interviewers paid according to realized cases?</i>															
<b>Yes</b>	X				X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
<b>No</b>		X	X	X						X			X		

**Data collection: face-to-face and self-administered with some interviewer involvement (continued)**

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DO	ESP	FL	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J
<i>Which of these rules governed how an interviewer approached an address or household?</i>															
<b>Call at different time of day</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Call on different days in week</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>None of these</b>															
<i>Were a minimum number of calls required?</i>															
<b>Yes:</b>															
<b>Minimum number of required calls</b>	5		5	3	3	4	3	4	5	4	3	5	4	5	3
<b>No</b>		X													
<i>Were any interviews supervised?</i>															
<b>Yes:</b>															
<b>Approximate proportion (%)</b>		20		19			60			2					
<b>No</b>	X		X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X

Data collection: face-to-face and self-administered with some interviewer involvement (continued)

	LV	MEX	NIR	PO	ROK	ROU	RUS	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Which of these rules governed how an interviewer approached an address or household?</i>															
<b>Call at different time of day</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Call on different days in week</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>None of these</b>															
<i>Were a minimum number of calls required?</i>															
<b>Yes:</b>															
<b>Minimum number of required calls</b>	2	3	3	\$	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	3	10	3	3
<b>No</b>															
<i>Were any interviews supervised?</i>															
<b>Yes:</b>															
<b>Approximate proportion (%)</b>		25		10	6					10	2		10	25	10
<b>No</b>	X		X			X	X	X	X			X			

**Data collection: face-to-face and self-administered with some interviewer involvement (continued)**

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DO	ESP	FL	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J
<i>Were any interviews back-checked?</i>															
<b>Yes:</b>															
<b>Approximate proportion (%)</b>	14	10	20	59	50	100	100	48	70 <sup>FL</sup>	10	10	60	30	18	25
<b>No</b>															

	LV	MEX	NIR	PO	ROK	ROU	RUS	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Were any interviews back-checked?</i>															
<b>Yes:</b>															
<b>Approximate proportion (%)</b>	10	5		22	100	29	15	5	60		44	10	20	25	15
<b>No</b>			X							X					

<sup>FL</sup> All respondents received a prepaid control card with some questions to validate the quality of the interview; 70% of the respondents send the card back; 12 % of the respondents in the face-to-face interviews received a telephone call to validate the quality of the interview.

**Data collection: mail**

	<b>DEN</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>FIN</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>NLD</b>	<b>NZ</b>	<b>S</b>
<i>Were any contacts made by telephone or interviewer?</i>							
<b>Yes:</b>							
- reminders by telephone	X	X					X
<b>No</b>			X	X	X	X	
<i>What was sent out in the first mailing?</i>							
<b>Questionnaire</b>	X	X	X	X		X	
<b>Data protection information</b>			X	X			X
<b>Explanatory letter</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Incentive</b>				X		X	
<b>Other material</b>					X		
<i>What was sent out in the second mailing?</i>							
<b>Thank you and reminder combined</b>	X	X	X	X			
<b>Reminder sent only to non-respondents</b>	X					X	
<b>Questionnaire</b>		X			X		X
<b>Data protection information</b>							X
<b>Explanatory letter</b>	X	X					
<b>Incentive</b>						X	X
<b>Other material</b>							

**Data collection: mail (continued)**

	<b>DEN</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>FIN</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>NLD</b>	<b>NZ</b>	<b>S</b>
<i>What was sent out in the third mailing?</i>							
<b>Questionnaire</b>			X	X		X	X
<b>Data protection information</b>			X	X			X
<b>Explanatory letter</b>	X		X	X		X	
<b>Incentive</b>				X		X	
<b>Other material</b>	X				X		
<b>No third mailing</b>		X					
<i>What was sent out in the fourth (or last) mailing?</i>							
<b>Questionnaire</b>				X	X		X
<b>Data protection information</b>				X			X
<b>Explanatory letter</b>				X	X		
<b>Reminder only to non-respondents</b>							
<b>Incentive</b>				X			
<b>Other material</b>							
<b>No fourth mailing</b>	X	X	X			X	

**Information on response and outcome figures <sup>+</sup>**

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D <sup>p</sup>	DEN	DO	ESP	F	FIN	FL	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J
<i>Response figures based on reported figures</i>																		
<b>Issued sample (n)</b>	1772	1380	2640	1712	2924	3371/1516	4000	2811	4000	10000	2500	2321	4530	2356	2622	1709	3500	1800
<b>Ineligible (n)</b>	91		127	14	199	442/157	218	99	443	397		70	391		28	84	360	106
<b>Eligible (n)</b>	1681	1380	2513	1698	2725	2929/1359	3782	2712	3557	9603	2500	2251	3959	2356	2594	1625	3140	1694
<b>- refusal (n)</b>	364	138	886	126	820	1407/676	1098	126	485		26	688	1371	834	1027	373	457	253
<b>- non-contact (n)</b>	281		222	67	215	165/96	624	402	393	6929	1332	118	206	117	334	174	555	34
<b>- other unproductive (n)</b>	13	239	171		172	152/58	56	98	306		6	182	312	395	32	32	79	207
<b>- completed cases (n)</b>	1020	1000	1229	1505	1512	1182/524	1990	2086	2373	2564	1136	1263	2130	1010	1201	1046	2049	1200
<b>- partially completed (n)</b>	3	3			6	23/5	14			110			120					

<sup>+</sup> for calculation of response figures, see appendix, p. 42.

<sup>D</sup> Western federal states followed by eastern federal states.

**Information on response and outcome figures (continued)<sup>+</sup>**

	LV	MEX	N	NIR	NLD	NZ	PO	ROK	ROU	RUS	S	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Response figures based on reported figures</i>																			
<b>Issued sample (n)</b>	2109	1743	2700	2350	6000	2040	2770	2500	1531	1995	2001	1899	1800	3030	4488	4862	2349	1500	3500
<b>Ineligible (n)</b>	196		97	307	191	62	613		156	72	27	154	83	529	141	1248	410	103	2
<b>Eligible (n)</b>	1913	1743	2603	2043	5809	1978	2157	2500	1375	1923	1974	1745	1717	2501	4347	3614	1939	1397	3498
<b>- refusal (n)</b>	479	136	104	648	672	74	823	879	231	441	21	475	358	638	682	626	437	73	166
<b>- non-contact (n)</b>	338		1367	150	3186	861	297	67	112	362	710	105	199	339	1470	731	21	12	39
<b>- other unproductive(n)</b>	27	62	27	29		16	37	46	22	90	8	27	95	72	268	221	116	235	1
<b>- completed cases (n)</b>	1069	1471	1072	1089	1951	1027	1000	1508	1009	1015	1235	1138	1065	1452	1927	2036	1365	1077	3289
<b>- partially completed (n)</b>		74	33	127					1	15			4						3

<sup>+</sup> for calculation of response figures, see appendix, p. 42.

**Data**

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DEN	DO	ESP	F	FIN	FL	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J
<i>Were any measures of coding reliability employed?</i>																		
<b>Yes</b>		X		X	X	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
<b>No</b>	X		X <sup>CH</sup>				X		X			X						X
<i>Was the keying of the data verified?</i>																		
<b>Yes:</b>																		
<b>Approximate proportion (%)</b>		10		100	100			100	100		1	100	100	10	100	15	10	100
<b>No</b>	X		X <sup>CH</sup>			X	X			X								
<i>Were any reliability checks made on derived variables?</i>																		
<b>Yes</b>	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X
<b>No</b>			X				X									X		
<b>No derived variables</b>									X								X	

<sup>CH</sup> CAPI fielding means these questions do not apply.

Data (continued)

	LV	MEX	N	NIR	NLD	NZ	PO	ROK	ROU	RUS	S	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Were any measures of coding reliability employed?</i>																			
<b>Yes</b>	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>No</b>					X	X													
<i>Was the keying of the data verified?</i>																			
<b>Yes:</b>																			
<b>Approximate proportion (%)</b>		100	25				100	100			10			20	100			100	100
<b>No</b>	X			X	X	X			X	X		X	X			X	X		
<i>Were any reliability checks made on derived variables?</i>																			
<b>Yes</b>		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X
<b>No</b>	X				X								X					X	
<b>No derived variables</b>												X							

Data (continued)

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DEN	DO	ESP	F	FIN	FL	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J
<i>Data checks/edits on:</i>																		
- filters	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
- logic or consistency	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
- ranges	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Were data errors corrected?</i>																		
<b>Yes:</b>																		
- individually	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
- automatically								X			X		X	X	X			X
<b>No</b>																		
<i>Were the data weighted or post-stratified?</i>																		
<b>Yes</b>	X		X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X				X
<b>No</b>		X				X	X	X							X	X		X

Data (continued)

	LV	MEX	N	NIR	NLD	NZ	PO	ROK	ROU	RUS	S	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Data checks/edits on:</i>																			
- filters	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
- logic or consistency	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
- ranges	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Were data errors corrected?</i>																			
<b>Yes:</b>																			
- individually	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
- automatically			X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X				X	X
<b>No</b>																			
<i>Were the data weighted or post-stratified?</i>																			
<b>Yes</b>				X	X		X		X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X
<b>No</b>	X	X	X			X		X			X		X	X					

### Documentation

	A	C	CH	CL	CZ	D	DEN	DO	ESP	F	FIN	FL	GB	H	HR	IL	IRL	J
<i>Is a national methods report available for your study?</i>																		
<b>Yes</b>	X		X	X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X				
<b>No</b>		X			X					X	X				X	X	X	X

	LV	MEX	N	NIR	NLD	NZ	PO	ROK	ROU	RUS	S	SK	SLO	TUR	TW	UKR	USA	V	ZA
<i>Is a national methods report available for your study?</i>																			
<b>Yes</b>			X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		
<b>No</b>	X	X				X	X						X	X				X	X

## Appendix

Please provide information about the other study(ies) the ISSP was fielded with (e.g., topic, survey name).		
1	Austria	The ISSP 2008 module was fielded with the ISSP 2007 module Leisure Time and Sports.
2	Chile	The ISSP 2008 module was carried out together with questions relating to Chilean political, economic and social attitudes.
3	Croatia	The ISSP 2008 Religion module was fielded along with the ISSP 2009 Social Inequality module.
4	Denmark	A supplementary questionnaire fielded by peter Luchau, University of Copenhagen. The supplementary questions were funded by NORFACE.
5	Germany	ISSP was fielded with ALLBUS; ALLBUS 2008 mainly dealt with political participation, political culture, and social capital. See ALLBUS 2008 methods report.
6	Great Britain	ISSP 2008 was fielded as part of the 26 <sup>th</sup> British Social Attitudes Survey, 2008.
7	Flanders	The ISSP 2008 module was fielded together with the annual survey “Social-cultural changes in Flanders Belgium”. Apart from the classical background variables of respondent and partner, the face-to-face questionnaire contained following themes: module on ‘desired number of children; module on retirement, scale on individualism, social trust, subjective (un)safety, membership different organisations, volunteer work, module on ethnocentrism, health condition, module on attitude towards and contact with disabled people, social network, module on politics with political efficacy scale, party preference, trust in government and institutions; leisure time; expectations for the future.
8	Hungary	The ISSP 2008 module was fielded with the regular omnibus survey of TARKI.
9	Ireland	The ISSP 2008 Religion module was fielded with the ISSP 2007 module and NORFACE “The Re-Emergence of Religion as a Social Force in Europe”
10	Latvia	The ISSP 2008 Religion module was fielded along with the ISSP 2009 Social Inequality module.
11	Netherlands	ISSP 2008 Religion questionnaire included 25 questions for the NORFACE project on religion in Europe.
12	Norway	Religious affiliation, religious activities, religious symbols in public, religion in politics, bioethics, gender roles, religion and media.
13	Northern Ireland	ISSP 2008 Religion was fielded as part of the 2008 Northern Ireland Life and Times survey. Other topics included: Community relations, attitudes to minority ethnic people, and ageism and aging identity.

<b>Please provide information about the other study(ies) the ISSP was fielded with (e.g., topic, survey name).</b>		
14	New Zealand	Some additional questions about spirituality, religion in schools, the origin and development of human beings and euthanasia were added to the questionnaire between the ISSP questions and the demographic questions.
15	Poland	The questionnaire included two ISSP modules: Religion and Social Inequality.
16	Russia	The ISSP 2008 module was fielded together with the regular omnibus survey.
17	Slovenia	The ISSP 2008 Religion module was fielded with the ISSP 2009 Social Inequality module and a General National Social Survey with an accent on perception of social and economic conditions, values, political attitudes, and some behavioural variables (e.g., social and political participation).
	Slovakia	ISSP modules 2006, 2007 and 2008 were fielded together. The modules appeared in the questionnaire in the following order: ISSP 2007, ISSP 2008 and ISSP 2006 questions. Some country specific questions were added.
18	South Africa	ISSP 2008 Religion module was fielded as part of the South African Social Attitude Survey, which consisted of two questionnaires. Other topics in the questionnaire were: Water resources, poverty (hunger scale) and voting patterns.
19	South Korea	The ISSP 2008 Religion module and a 2008 special topical module ' <i>Globalization and Culture in East Asia</i> ' were fielded as part of the 2008 KGSS (Korean General Social Survey).
20	Switzerland	The ISSP 2008 Religion module was fielded together with the ISSP 2009 Social Inequality module and another module in the MOSAiCH 2009 survey.
21	Taiwan	The ISSP 2008 Religion module was fielded together with Taiwan Social Change Survey 2009. Other topics included: religious attitudes, religious behaviour, numerology and magic, special religious experience, behaviours and concepts concerning charitable organizations, cultural values, and perceptions and evaluations of different cultures.
22	Turkey	The questionnaire included a number of other questions on religiosity specifically addressing issues in Turkey. However, all of these were related to the theme of religion.
23	Ukraine	Questions on politics (voting preferences), human trafficking, children's rights, corruption, and ethnic tolerance were also asked.
24	Uruguay	The ISSP 2008 Religion module was fielded together with a health survey.
25	USA	The ISSP 2008 module was asked on a version of the 2008 GSS that contained the 2008 ISSP modules, some other modules, and demographics required for the ISSP.

## Calculation of Response Figures Based on Reported Figures

Report Category	Face-to-Face Questionnaire Category	Mail Questionnaire Category
Issued sample (n)	Total number of starting or issued names/addresses (gross sample size)	Total number of starting or issued names/addresses (gross sample size)
Ineligible (n)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Addresses which could not be traced at all/ selected respondents who could not be traced</li> <li>- Addresses established as empty, demolished or containing no private dwellings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Addresses which could not be traced</li> <li>- Addresses established as empty, demolished or containing no private dwellings</li> <li>- Details of address wrong (street numbers, post codes, etc.)</li> <li>- Addresses with no letter boxes</li> <li>- Selected respondent unknown at address</li> <li>- Selected respondent moved, no forwarding address</li> <li>- Selected respondent deceased</li> </ul>
Eligible (n)	Issued sample minus Ineligible	Issued sample minus Ineligible
Refusal (n)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personal refusal at selected address</li> <li>- Proxy refusal (on behalf of selected respondent)</li> <li>- Other refusal at selected address</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refusal by selected respondent</li> <li>- Refusal by another person</li> <li>- Implicit refusals (empty envelopes, empty questionnaires returned)</li> </ul>
Non-contact (n)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No contact at selected address</li> <li>- No contact with selected person</li> </ul>	No contact
Other unproductive (n)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Selected respondent too sick / incapacitated to participate</li> <li>- Selected respondent had inadequate understanding of language of survey</li> <li>- Selected respondent away during survey period</li> <li>- Other type of unproductive reaction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Selected respondent too sick / incapacitated to participate</li> <li>- Selected respondent had inadequate understanding of language of survey</li> <li>- Selected respondent away during survey period</li> <li>- Other type of unproductive reaction</li> </ul>
Completed cases (n)	Full productive interview	Completed returned questionnaires (net sample size)
Partially completed (n)	Partial productive interview	Partially completed returned questionnaires