

Contents of ISSP 2021 module

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Abbreviated version of questions	English Question No.	Variables	English Question No.	Variables
Health Status (10 items)				
Life happiness ¹	1	V1	1	V5
How often...	16		17	
... difficulties because of health problems	a	V33	a	V37
... bodily aches/ pain	b	V34	b	V38
... unhappy/ depressed	c	V35	c	V39
... lost confidence	d	V36	d	V40
... could not overcome problems	e	V37	e	V41
General state of health ²	24	V51	26	V59
Long-standing illness/ disability	25	V52	27	V60
Respondent's	26		28	
... Height	a	V53	a	V61
... Weight	b	V54	b	V62
Health Behaviour (4 items)				
Smoking: how many cigarettes	22	V47	24	V55
How often	23		25	
... drink alcohol	a	V48	a	V56
... do sports	b	V49	b	V57
... eat fruits/vegetables	c	V50	c	V58
Beliefs about Health (5 items)				
Agree/ Disagree: people suffer from health problems due to	8		11	
... health damaging behaviour	a	V14	a	V23
... work/living environment	b	V15	b	V24
... genes	c	V16	c	V25
... poverty	d	V17	d	V26
Agree / Disagree: alternative medicine better than mainstream/ western medicine	9	V18	15a	V30
Health Insurance, Access, and Utilization (6 items)				
Last 12 months: how often visited	17		18	
... a doctor	a	V38	a	V42
... an alternative health care practitioner	b	V39	b	V43
Last 12 months: no medical treatment due to	18		20	
... no money	a	V40	a	V45
... no time	b	V41	b	V46
... long waiting list	c	V42	d	V48
Type of health insurance ³	28	V60	29	V63

¹ Also asked in ISSP 2002: 17 and in ISSP 2012: 24

² Also asked in ISSP 2007: 17 and ISSP 2017: 27

³ Type of health insurance works as obligatory module-specific background variable and thus is allowed to design relevant for ISSP countries.

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The Right to Health Care - Equality (8 items)				
Fair: better health care for rich people	3	V3	5	V10
Willing: pay higher taxes for better health care for all	5	V7	7	V15
Agree/ Disagree: Publicly funded health care	6		9	
... for non-citizens	a	V8	a	V20
... for damaging own health	b	V9	b	V21
Easier/ Harder to get access to health care	7			
... for rich people than for poor people	a	V10		
... for old people than for young people	b	V11		
... for women than for men	c	V12		
... for citizens of [country] than for people who do not hold [country's] citizenship	d	V13		
Trust and Confidence in the Health Care System (4 items)				
Confidence in health care system	2	V2	2b	V7
Agree/ Disagree: Doctors in general	10		16	
... can be trusted	a	V19	a	V32
... skills not as good	b	V20	c	V34
... care more about earnings	c	V21	d	V35
Health Care System – Performance and Satisfaction (7 items)				
Agree/ Disagree:	4		6	
...People use health care more than necessary	a	V4	b	V12
...Only limited health care provided by government	b	V5	c	V13
...Health care system is inefficient	c	V6	d	V14
How likely to get best treatment available	19	V43	21a	V49
Satisfaction with health care system	20	V44	22	V51
Satisfaction with treatment when	21		23	
... visit a doctor	a	V45	a	V52
... visit an alternative health care practitioner	b	V46	b	V53
eHealth and ePatients (9 items)				
Last 12 months: how often internet use for medical information	11	V22		
Last 12 months: how often internet use for	12			
...Information on healthy life style	a	V23		
...Information related to anxiety, stress, or similar	b	V24		
...Information on vaccinations	c	V25		
Agree/ Disagree: during last 12 months, information on internet	13			
... affected my health behaviour in positive way	a	V26		
... helped me understand what doctor explained	b	V27		
Agree/ Disagree:	14			
... internet is useful to help decide if symptoms are serious enough to visit a doctor	a	V28		
... internet is useful to check if doctor's advice is appropriate	b	V29		
... not easy to distinguish reliable from unreliable information on internet	c	V30		

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Attitudes towards Vaccination (2 items)				
Agree/ Disagree: ... vaccinations do more harm than good ... better develop immunity by getting sick than having vaccination	15 a b	V31 V32		
Covid-19 (5 items)				
At times of severe epidemics, government should/ should not have the right to ... shut down businesses and places of employment ... demand that people stay at home ... use digital surveillance to track infected people ... require people to wear face masks ... ban public gatherings	27 a b c d e	V55 V56 V57 V58 V59		
Optional Items Covid-19 (8 items)				
At times of severe epidemics, government should/ should not have the right to ... place people known to carry the disease in isolation ... suspend compulsory education and close schools and kindergartens ... close borders to other countries	29 a b c	V61 V62 V63		
Did handling of Covid-19 pandemic in [country] increase/ decrease R's confidence in ... health care system ... government	30 a b	V64 V65		
Before Covid-19 pandemic and at present: comparison of work situation:	31	V66		
Before Covid-19 pandemic and now: Increase/ Decrease in household income	32	V67		
Before Covid-19 pandemic and now: how often R meets extended family and friends in person	33	V68		
Optional Items Stigma (2 items)				
Agree/ Disagree: ... most people become overweight because they are lazy	34 a	V69		
... most people tested positive for Covid-19 contracted the virus because they are careless	b	V70		