



## *Generations & Gender Programme Newsletter*

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### *Partnership and fertility histories based on Understanding Society: now available*



Thanks to the efforts of **Brienna Perelli-Harris, Niels Blom and Karolin Kubisch** partnership and fertility histories based on data from *Understanding Society* are now available as part of the GGP Harmonized Histories.

The Harmonized Histories is an international comparative dataset focused on

on fertility and partnership histories. It also captures information about socioeconomic status, place of residence, childhood family and other relevant demographics. The fertility and partnership biographies are available in a standardized and user-friendly data format.

*Understanding Society* is a British household panel that started in 2009. The partnership and fertility histories of adult respondents have been harmonized up to wave 9. **The standardisation process follows the guidelines of the Harmonized Histories and makes it comparable with Harmonized Histories data files from other countries.** More information about the project and data access can be found via the [Understanding Society website](#)

***Getting down to the nitty-gritty of GGS-II:  
Watch it now!***



The twelfth webinar of the GGP-Connect seminar series was held on the 31st of May at 13:00 (CEST). In this webinar, fieldwork coordinators from **the GGP Central Hub** talked about **'Questionnaire length, completion time and break offs in GGS-II, Wave 1'**

In their talk **Arieke Rijken, Siyang Kong, Wojciech Jablonski and Xiao Xu**, presented results on questionnaire length (for those who completed the survey), completion time and break offs using survey data and paradata from GGS-II Wave 1 in Norway, Finland and Estonia. All three countries conducted

self-completion web-surveys. They showed that **the median questionnaire length ranges from 256 items to 279 items and the median time to complete the questionnaire ranges between 49 minutes to 62 minutes.** However, within-country variation in questionnaire length and completion time is much larger, as questionnaire length heavily depends on respondents' current situation and life histories.

*Breaking off* is understood as starting the questionnaire but not finishing it. Although the level of break offs differs greatly between countries, **it is clear that break offs are most likely to occur in the first ('Demographics') or second ('Life History') module of the questionnaire**, which consists of nine modules in total. Results from multivariate binary logistic regression models show that breaking off depends, among other things, on the device that is used to fill in the survey. Respondents taking the survey on a smartphone are more likely to break off than respondents taking it on a bigger screen. Moreover, lower educated respondents are more likely to break off than higher educated respondents.

If you want to learn more about the nitty-gritty of GGS-II you can catch up on this GGP-connect webinar by the GGP Central Hub [here](#)

The GGP-connect webinar series will take a break during the summer months and resume in the autumn of 2022.

## *Leveraging south-south experience in conducting the GGS: report on a regional webinar*



On the 6th of May 2022 UNFPA EECA RO organized a regional webinar on the Generations and Gender Survey. This initiative received financial support from the India-UN Partnership Fund

**During the webinar the Republic of Moldova and Uruguay shared their experience in preparing and conducting the Generations and Gender Survey (GGS).** Both country teams presented good practices and lessons learned. The webinar therefore leveraged the opportunities of south-south cooperation and knowledge-sharing. It also showcased ways in which GGS data are used for scientific purposes and evidence-based policy development to advance demographic resilience.

A full report on this webinar can be found [here](#).

## Upcoming Events



- European Population Conference 2022 | June 29th-July 2nd in Groningen => **Come visit GGP's onsite exhibition booth.** The GGP is an official sponsor of EPC 2022.

## Latest Publications

Kridahl, L., & Duvander, A.-Z. (2022). Financial Disagreements and Money Management Among Older Married and Cohabiting Couples in Sweden. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*. [doi:10.1007/s10834-022-09846-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-022-09846-z)

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