



Family ties in the Netherlands

**Self-completion questionnaire
for non co-resident family members
(migrant study)**

The variable names are given in bold capitals to the left of the questions

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HOW TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Completing the questionnaire is very simple. In most cases, we will ask you a question or ask your opinion on a statement and you will be asked to choose from a number of pre-coded answers. The answers are given next to, or under the question or statement. Please circle the most appropriate answer.

Example 1

If, for example, you disagree with the statement 'The ties between members of my family are tightly knit' circle number **4**, as shown below.

| | strongly agree | agree | neither agree, nor disagree, | disagree | Strongly disagree |
|--|-------------------|-------|------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| The ties between members of my family are tightly knit | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Example 2

The answers to some questions need to be filled in by yourself. You can do this on the dotted line next to or under the question. If, for example, you find that 4 is the best number of children for a family, fill in the number **4** in the box.

What do you consider to be the best number of children for a family? Please give one number only!

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|-----------------------|
| Number of children: 4 |
|-----------------------|

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire!

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

To start with a few questions about your contact with your family member with whom we completed an interview. In the accompanying letter you can read which family member was interviewed.

AMAO11 1. Would you please indicate below here which family member was interviewed, just to be clear?

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| My father | 1 |
| My mother | 2 |
| My son/daughter | 3 |
| My brother/sister..... | 4 |
| My partner | 5 |

AMAO12 2. How often have you seen this family member in the past **12 months**?

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Never | 1 |
| Once | 2 |
| Several times | 3 |
| At least monthly | 4 |
| At least weekly | 5 |
| Several times a week | 6 |
| Daily | 7 |

AMAO13 3. How often have you been in contact with this family member by phone, letter or e-mail in the past **12 months**?

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Never | 1 |
| Once | 2 |
| Several times | 3 |
| At least monthly | 4 |
| At least weekly | 5 |
| Several times a week | 6 |
| Daily | 7 |

AMAO14 4. Did you receive valuable objects or a substantial amount of money from this family member in the past **3 months**?

| | |
|---------------|---|
| None | 1 |
| Once or twice | 2 |
| Several times | 3 |

AMAO15 5. Has this family member showed an interest in your personal life in the past **3 months**?

| | |
|---------------|---|
| None | 1 |
| Once or twice | 2 |
| Several times | 3 |

AMAO16 6. Have you obtained counsel or good advice from this family member in the past **3 months**?

| | |
|---------------|---|
| None | 1 |
| Once or twice | 2 |
| Several times | 3 |

AMAO17 7. Did you give this family member valuable objects or a substantial amount of money in the past **3 months**?

| | |
|---------------|---|
| None | 1 |
| Once or twice | 2 |
| Several times | 3 |

AMAO18 8. Have you showed an interest in the personal life of this family member in the past **3 months**?

| | |
|---------------|---|
| None | 1 |
| Once or twice | 2 |
| Several times | 3 |

AMAO19 9. Have you given counsel or good advice to this family member in the past **3 months**?

| | |
|---------------|---|
| None | 1 |
| Once or twice | 2 |
| Several times | 3 |

AMAO110 10. How would you describe your relationship with this family member?

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| Not great | 1 |
| Reasonable | 2 |
| Good | 3 |
| Very good | 4 |

AMAO111 11. Have you had any conflicts, strains or disagreements with this family member in the past **3 months**?

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|---------------|---|
| None | 1 |
| Once or twice | 2 |
| Several times | 3 |

OPINIONS ABOUT FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

AMAO112A-AMAO112D

12. The following questions deal with the reasons why you do you things for your family.
For each of the reasons given, please indicate the extent to which it applies to you.

| | never | sometimes | often |
|--|-------|-----------|-------|
| When I do something for my family, I do it out of a sense of duty | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| When I do something for my family, I do it because I care about them | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| When I do something for my family, I do it because I want do something in return | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| When I do something for my family, I do it because I take it as given | 1 | 2 | 3 |

AMAO113A-AMAO113C

13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

| | strongly agree | agree | neither agree nor disagree | disagree | strongly disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| The ties between members of my family are tightly knit | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| In our family we keep each other informed about the most important events | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| In my family, everyone goes their own way as much as possible | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

AMAO114A-AMAO114L

14. And what do you think about the following statements?

| | strongly agree | agree | neither agree nor disagree | disagree | strongly disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Children should look after their sick parents | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Grandparents should be prepared to look after their grandchildren regularly | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| If one is troubled, family should be there to provide support | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I prefer to discuss problems with my family rather than with friends | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| In old age parents must be able to live with their children | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| It's quite normal if parents provide financial help to adult children who are facing major expenses | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| One should always be able to count on family | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

| | strongly agree | agree | neither agree nor disagree | disagree | strongly disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| I prefer having friends over to having family visit | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Children who live close to their parents should visit them at least once a week | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Family members should be ready to support one another, even if they you don't like each other | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I place greater confidence in my family than in my friends | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Parents should take their adult children in if their children ask them to do so | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

AMAO115A-AMAO115E

15. And what do you think about the following statements?

| | strongly agree | agree | neither agree nor disagree | disagree | strongly disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Men and women are allowed to live together outside of marriage | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Children are allowed to choose their own marriage partners | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A woman must quit her job when she becomes a mother | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| When choosing a partner, children should take heed of their parents' opinion. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Married couples with young children are not allowed to divorce | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

AMAO116

16. The next question is NOT about your actual situation, but about your opinion. Would it bother you if one of your children were to choose marry a (white) Dutch person as a partner?

| | |
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| Bother me a lot | 1 |
| Bother me a little | 2 |
| Neutral | 3 |
| Not bother me | 4 |
| Not bother me at all | 5 |

AMAO117A-AMAO117D

17. What do you consider to be a good age for a woman to:

| | a good age for a woman |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Leave the parental home | |
| Start living with a partner | |
| Marry | |
| Have a first child | |

AMAO118 18. What do you consider to be the best number of children for a family? Please give one number only!

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|---------------------------|
| Number of children: |
|---------------------------|

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOURSELF

AMAO119 19. Below are a few questions about your background and your current situation. What is your sex?

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| Male | 1 |
| Female | 2 |

AMAO120 20. What is your date of birth?

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| Day | Month | Year |
| | | 19.. |

AMAO121 21. What is the number of persons in your household, yourself included?

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|-------------------------|
| Number of persons |
|-------------------------|

AMAO122 22. Do you have a partner? Which situation applies to you?

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|-----------------------------------|---|---------------|
| No partner | 1 | → question 28 |
| Partner, do not live together | 2 | → question 24 |
| Live together outside of marriage | 3 | → question 23 |
| Married | 4 | → question 23 |

AMAO123 23. In which year did you start living together?

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| Fill in year | ... |
|--------------|-----|

AMAO124 24. In which year was your partner born?

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| Fill in year | ... |
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AMAO125

25. In which country was your father-in-law born?

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|-----------------------------|---|
| (The) Antilles/Aruba | 1 |
| The Netherlands | 2 |
| Other country, namely | 3 |

AMAO126

26. In which country was your mother-in-law born?

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|-----------------------------|---|
| The Antilles/Aruba | 1 |
| The Netherlands | 2 |
| Other country, namely | 3 |

AMAO127 27. Is your partner a man or a woman?

| | |
|-------|---|
| Man | 1 |
| Woman | 2 |

AMAO128 28. Have you ever been divorced?

| | |
|-----|---|
| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

AMAO129 29. Have you ever lived unmarried with a (different) partner in the past?

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| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

If you are not living with a partner now, please go on to question 30.

If you are living with a partner now, please go on to question 32.

AMAO130 30. Would you like to live with a partner in the future?

| | |
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| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

→ **question 31**

→ **question 32**

AMAO131 31. In how many year's time would you like to start living with a partner?

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|--|-----|-------|
| | ... | years |
|--|-----|-------|

AMAO132 32. How many children do you have?

Number of children:

**If you have children, please go on to question 33.
If you do not have children, please go on to question 35.**

AMAO133 33. How many of your children live at home?

Number of children:

AMAO134 34. In which year did you have your first child?

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|--------------|-----|
| Fill in year | ... |
|--------------|-----|

AMAO135

35. In which country were you born?

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| The Antilles/Aruba | 1 |
| The Netherlands | 2 |
| Other country, namely..... | 3 |

AMAO136 36. In which city did you live right after you were born?

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|--------------|--|
| Fill in city | |
|--------------|--|

AMAO137 37. What is your nationality?

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|---------------------|---|
| Antillean | 1 |
| Dutch | 2 |
| Antillean and Dutch | 3 |
| Other, namely | 4 |

AMAO138

38. Which population group do you consider yourself to belong to?

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Dutch | 1 |
| Antillean | 2 |
| Aruban | 3 |
| Curaçao | 4 |
| Other, namely | 5 |

AMAO139

39. Which faith, religion, or church do you consider yourself to belong to?

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| No religion | 1 |
| Hinduism | 2 |
| Islam | 3 |
| Christian | 4 |
| Other, namely | 5 |

AMAO140

40. About how often do you currently attend services of a church or community of faith?

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| (Hardly) never | 1 |
| Once or a few times a year | 2 |
| Once or a few times a month | 3 |
| Once a week or more often | 4 |

AMAO141

41. How often do you pray a day?

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 5 Times a day or more often | 1 |
| 4 Times a day | 2 |
| 3 Times a day | 3 |
| Twice a day | 4 |
| Once a day | 5 |
| Less than once a day | 6 |
| Never | 7 |

AMAO142

42. Do you currently have a paid job?

| | |
|-----|---|
| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

→ question 43

→ question 45

AMAO143

43. What is your occupation? Please describe your job or occupation as accurately as possible.

AMAO144

44. How many hours a week do you work on average?

If you have a job of more than 8 hours a week, please go to question 46.

If you don't have a job, or have a job of 8 hours a week or less, go to question 45.

AMAO145 45. Which of the following most accurately describes your situation at the moment?

| | |
|--|---|
| I am unemployed/job seeking | 1 |
| I am a housewife/househusband | 2 |
| I am occupationally disabled/have disability benefit | 3 |
| I am a pupil/student | 4 |
| Other | 9 |

AMAO146 46. What is the highest level of education that you completed with a diploma?

| | |
|---|---|
| Elementary school or part of it | 1 |
| Lower vocational education | 2 |
| Lower secondary and first three years upper secondary | 3 |
| Intermediate vocational | 4 |
| Intermediate and upper general secondary | 5 |
| Higher vocational | 6 |
| University | 7 |

If you are now pursuing an education, please go to question 47.

If you are not pursuing an education, go to question 48

AMAO147 47. What level of education are you currently pursuing?

| | |
|---|---|
| Elementary school | 1 |
| Lower vocational education | 2 |
| Lower secondary and first three years upper secondary | 3 |
| Intermediate vocational | 4 |
| Intermediate and upper general secondary | 5 |
| Higher vocational | 6 |
| University | 7 |

AMAO148 48. How is your health in general?

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Excellent | 1 |
| Good | 2 |
| Neither good nor poor | 3 |
| Poor | 4 |
| Very poor | 5 |

AMAO149 49. Do you have one or more prolonged illnesses, health disorders or handicaps?

| | |
|-----|---|
| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

→ question 50

→question 51

AMAO150 50. To what extent are you restricted in your daily activities by these prolonged illnesses, health disorders or handicaps?

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Severely limited | 1 |
| Lightly limited | 2 |
| No limitations | 3 |

AMAO151A- AMAO151D

51. The questions below are about how you felt during the past **4 weeks**.

| | all the time | very often | often | rarely | very rarely | never |
|--|--------------|------------|-------|--------|-------------|-------|
| How often have you felt particularly tense in the past 4 weeks? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| How often have you felt calm and peaceful in the past 4 weeks? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| How often have you felt downhearted and miserable in the past 4 weeks? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| How often have you felt happy in the past 4 weeks? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

AMAO152

52. One final point. We would like to repeat this survey in the future to see what changes in people's lives. May we get in touch with you again in the future? You will, at that moment, be free to decide whether you want to take part again.

| | |
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| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

THANK YOU FOR FILLING IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE!

Do you have any questions or comments? You can use the lower part of page 2.

You can send the questionnaire back in the return envelope. You do not need to put a stamp on the envelope.