# Documentation of the Standardization of the Dutch Harmonized Histories Data File for birth, partnership histories, leaving home questions and background variables 

## HARMONIZED HISTORIES The Netherlands (8145 respondents)

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The following documentation gives a description of all input variables
and the consequent preparation of the output variables according to the
manual for the preparation of comparative fertility and union
histories.
In Italics are given some comments by Renske Keizer.
Missing values are coded:
.a unknown
.b does not apply
.c unavailable in survey
Source: Nldatafile.dta from 18 August 2009 (Prepared by Drs. Renske
Keizer) NIDI)
Interview dates Netherlands FFS: 2003
2015: Country code corrected
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## 1. Part Basic Information

RESPID: ID number to be assigned at merging LEAVE BLANK

ARID: ID number from raw data (original ID number) 8145 respondents

COUNTRY: Country and survey 5281 NDL FFS

MONTH_S: Month of survey February to July

IMONTH_S: Month of survey, including imputed dates

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YEAR_S: Year of survey
    2 0 0 3
SEX: Sex of the respondent
        No missing cases
        Sex structure of the NLD respondents:
        Male: 3916 and Female: 4229
BORN_Y: Year of birth of respondent
        1940-1984
BORN_M: Month of birth of respondent
IBORN_M: Month of birth of respondent
        including imputed months
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## 2. Part LEAVING HOME

LEAVE_1: Indicator of whether left home
Left home: 7448/ did not leave home: 674

Missing cases: 23

LEAVE_Y1: Year of first time leaving home
Missing cases: 23
LEAVE_M1: Month of first time leaving home
Missing cases: 443

ILEAVE_M1: Month of first time leaving home and imputed months

## 3.Part UNIONS AND DISSOLUTION (\$=order of union)

In the Dutch FFS 2003 data file, information about up to three relationships in which the respondent lived together and up to three marriages is included. If the respondent has had more than three of each of these relationships, only the first two and the last one are included.

## UNINUM: Total number of unions

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0: 1282
1: 5659
2: 972
3: 198
4: 34
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UNION_\$: UNION order
UNION_1: 6863
UNION_2: 1204
UNION_3: 232
UNION_4: 34

UNION_Y\$: Year of start union

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UNION_Y3 missing values: 3
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UNION_Y4 missing values: 1

UNION_M\$: Month of start UNION
0 missing cases
IUNION_M\$: Month of start UNION and imputed months according to manual page 4 (random)

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SEP_$: Dissolution of UNION
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SEP_1 missing cases: 23
SEP_2 missing cases: 5
SEP_3 missing cases: 4

| Order of Union | Number of unions | number of <br> separations | death of <br> partner |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 6863 | 1622 | 146 |
| 2 | 1204 | 349 | 28 |
| 3 | 232 | 70 | 5 |
| 4 | 34 | 8 |  |

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SEP_Y$: Year of end of UNION
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TRANSFORMATIONS:
replace SEP_Y1=.a if SEP_Y1>2003
replace SEP_Y2=.a if SEP_Y2==2004
replace SEP_Y3=.a if SEP_Y3==2004
SEP_Y1 missing values: 39
SEP_Y2 missing values: 7

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SEP_Y3 missing values: 7
SEP_Y4 missing values: 1
replace SEP_Y1=.a if SEP_Y1<UNION_Y1
SEP_M$: Month of end of UNION
SEP_M1 missing values: 24
SEP_M2 missing values: 5
SEP_M3 missing values: 6
SEP_M4 missing values: 1
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ISEP_M\$: Month of end of UNION and imputed months

## 4. Part MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE (\$=order of union)

MARR_\$: Indicator of whether marriage took place and type of marriage

| Order of Union | Number of unions | number of <br> marriages |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 6863 | 5390 |
| 2 | 1204 | 645 |
| 3 | 232 | 108 |
| 4 | 34 | 18 |

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MARR_Y$: Year of marriage
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MARR_Y1 missing values: 1
MARR_M\$: Month of marriage
MARR_M1 missing values: 2
IMARR_M\$: Month of marriage
and imputed months
according to manual page 4 (random)
DIV_\$: Indicator of whether divorce occurred
DIV_1 missing values: 26
DIV_2 missing values: 8
DIV_3 missing values: 3
DIV_4 missing values: 1

| Order of Union | Number of unions | number of <br> marriages | number of divorces |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 6863 | 5390 | 987 |
| 2 | 1204 | 645 | 128 |


| 3 | 232 | 108 | 22 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4 | 34 | 18 | 5 |

DIV_Y\$: Year of divorce
DIV_Y1 missing values: 27
DIV_Y2 missing values: 10
DIV_Y3 missing values: 25
DIV_Y4 missing values: 5
DIV_M\$: Month of divorce
DIV_M1 missing values: 179
DIV_M2 missing values: 33
DIV_M3 missing values: 30
DIV_M4 missing values: 6

IDIV_M\$: Month of divorce
and imputed months
according to manual page 4 (random)

## 5. Part PARTNER`S CHARACTERISTICS (\$=order of union)

Information on the partner of the respondent is only available when this concerns the current partner. Concerning the current partner of the respondent, there is no information on birth year and birth month. We do know the age at the time of the interview.
Furthermore, there is no information on already existing children of the partner. We only know whether the respondent has stepchildren living inside or outside the houschold.

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SEXP_$: Partner`s sex
SEXP_1: missing cases: 140
SEXP_2: missing cases: 31
SEXP_3: missing cases: 10
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| Partner | Number of <br> unions | Number male | Number female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 6863 | 2695 | 2350 |
| 2 | 1204 | 435 | 376 |
| 3 | 232 | 65 | 85 |
| 4 | 34 | 11 | 15 |

YEARBIRP_\$: Year of birth of partner

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YEARBIRP_1 missing cases: 177
YEARBIRP_2 missing cases: 53
YEARBIRP_3 missing cases: 18
YEARBIRP_4 missing cases: 1
MONBIRP_$: Month of birth of partner
NOT AVAILABLE IN SURVEY
IMONBIRP_$: Month of birth of partner
    and imputed months
according to manual page 4 (random)
NUMCHP_$: Number of children of partner
    at start of union$
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
NUMCLIV_$: Number of children of partner lived with respondent
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
Summary: The variables MONBIRP, NUMCHP and NUMCLIV are not
included.
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## 6. Part Birth histories (biological kids)

KID_\$: Indicator of child order

| Child order | number of children |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 5378 |
| 2 | 4270 |
| 3 | 1537 |
| 4 | 416 |
| 5 | 113 |
| 6 | 48 |
| 7 | 22 |
| 8 | 13 |
| 9 | 9 |
| 10 | 5 |
| 11 | 2 |

KID_Y\$: Year of birth of child
KID_Y1 missing values: 2391
KID_Y2 missing values: 1898
KID_Y3 missing values: 664
KID_Y4 missing values: 180
KID_Y5 missing values: 48
from KID_Y6 ==. C
ONLY FOR FEMALE RESPONDENTS

## CHANGES:

replace KID_Y2=.a if KID_Y2<KID_Y1 \& KID_Y1!=.a
replace KID_Y4=.a if KID_Y4<KID_Y3 \& KID_Y3!=.a

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replace IKID_M2=IKID_M1 if KID_Y1==KID_Y2 & KID_Y1!=.b & KID_Y1!=.a &
IKID_M1!=IKID_M2 & IKID_M1>IKID_M2
replace IKID_M3=IKID_M2 if KID_Y2==KID_Y3 & KID_Y2!=.b & KID_Y2!=.a &
IKID_M2!=IKID_M3 & IKID_M2>IKID_M3
replace IKID_M4=IKID_M3 if KID_Y3==KID_Y4 & KID_Y3!=.b & KID_Y3!=.a &
IKID_M3!=IKID_M4 & IKID_M3>IKID_M4
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## KID_M\$: Month of birth of child

KID_M1 missing values: 2402
KID_M2 missing values: 1907
KID_M3 missing values: 670
KID_M4 missing values: 182
KID_M5 missing values: 55
from KID_M6 ==. $C$
ONLY FOR FEMALE RESPONDENTS

IKID_M\$: Month of birth of child and imputed months
according to manual page 4 (random)
from IKID_M6 ==. C
AGEKID_\$: Age of child
ONLY FOR MALE RESPONDENTS FOR KID 1 to KID 6

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AGEKID_1 missing values (.a): 46
AGEKID_2 missing values: 33
AGEKID_3 missing values: 31
AGEKID_4 missing values: 23
AGEKID_5 missing values: 16
AGEKID_6 missing values: 6
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KID_S\$: Sex of child
KID_S1 missing cases: 80
KID_S2 missing cases: 71
KID_S3 missing cases: 93
KID_S4 missing cases: 109
KID_S5 missing cases: 43
KID_S6 missing cases: 26
from KID_S7 ==. $C$

| Child order | number of children | male | female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 5378 | 2714 | 2584 |
| 2 | 4270 | 2158 | 2041 |
| 3 | 1537 | 740 | 704 |
| 4 | 416 | 174 | 133 |
| 5 | 113 | 40 | 30 |


| 6 | 48 | 15 | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 7 | 22 | . c |  |
| 8 | 13 | . C |  |
| 9 | 9 | . C |  |
| 10 | 5 | . c |  |
| 11 | 2 | . c |  |

## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DEATH OF CHILDREN ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN THE SURVEY

KID_D\$: Death of child
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

KID_DY\$: Year of death of child
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

KID_DM\$: Month of death of child
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

IKID_DM\$: Month of death of child and imputed months
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

KID_L\$: Child left home

|  | Left home | Did not leave <br> home |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 2156 | 3222 |
| 2 | 1766 | 2504 |
| 3 | 842 | 695 |
| 4 | 285 | 131 |
| 5 | 96 | 17 |
| 6 | 40 | 8 |
| 7 | .c |  |
| 8 | .c |  |
| 9 | .c |  |
| 10 | .c |  |
| 11 | .c |  |

KID_LY\$: Year child left home
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

KID_LM\$: Month child left home NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

IKID_LM\$: Month of death of child
and imputed months
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

[^0]6. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DEATH OF CHILDREN ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN THE SURVEY. Additional questions about leaving home details are also not available.

Dates for KID_Y/KID_M are available for female respondents, AGEKID are available for male respondents.

## 7. Part Education

INSCHOOL: Currently studying at the time of interview

Currently studying: 764
0 Missing cases

EDU_COU: Highest level of education, country specific

Transformation:
Recode 528xx $\rightarrow$ 5281xx (Code 1 for NDL FFS)

Missing values: 16

The country specific codes include:

* a 3-digit country prefix(528)
* a 1-digit survey code (NDL FFS=1) and
* a 2-digit country specific code for level of education (2-6 levels of education)

| EDU_COU | Number |
| :--- | :--- |
| 528102 (up to elementary) | 973 |
| 528103 (lower secondary) | 1890 |
| 528104 (upper secondary) | 3386 |
| 528105 (higher vocational) | 1247 |
| 528106 (university) | 633 |
| .$a$ | 16 |

ISCED_7: Highest level of education
Achieved according to ISCED 1997
Definition: ISCED_7=1 (ISCED 0+1) if EDU_COU code 2
ISCED_7=2 code 3
ISCED_7=3 code 4
ISCED_7=5 code 5+6

Missing cases: 16
Harmonized:

| ISCED | Number |
| :--- | :--- |
| $0+1$ | 973 |


| 2 | 1890 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 3 | 3386 |
| 4 | 0 |
| 5 | 1880 |
| 6 | 0 |

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EDU_3: Highest level of education ISCED
    Collapsed into 3 categories
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High: ISCED_7=5
Medium: ISCED_7=3
Low: ISCED_7=1+2

| Level | Number |
| :--- | :--- |
| High | 1880 |
| medium | 3386 |
| low | 2863 |
| missing cases | 16 |

Regarding education, there is no information on when the respondent achieved his or her highest level of education. This information is derived from the ISCED 1997 classification scheme for the Netherlands.
In generat on average in the Netherlands, children are 13 when they finish primary school, 18 when they finish lower secondary school, 19 when they finish upper secondary school, 24 when they finish higher vocational education and 25 when they finish university.

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EDU_Y: Year highest level of education achieved
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
EDU_M: Month highest level of education achieved NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
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IEDU_Y: Year highest level education achieved and imputed year After imputation:
replace IEDU_Y=2002 if IEDU_Y>2003
missing cases: 16
IEDU_M: Month highest education achieved and imputed month
Missing cases: 16
Imputation Code 6: 8129
Summary: The variables EDU_Y and EDU_M are not included in survey. Some imputations had to be performed which are described above.

## 8. Part Background variables (ethnicity, nationality etc.)

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NATIVE: Born in country
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
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ETHNOS: Ethnicity/nationality
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
BIRTH_COU: Country of birth
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
MIG_Y: Year of migration
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
MIG_M: Month of migration
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
IMIG_M: Month of migration and imputed months
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
Summary: For this part all variables are not included in
survey.

## 9. Part Background variables (parental background)

Regarding parental background, we do not know how many brothers and sisters the respondent has at the time of interview. We only know how many siblings lived in the parental home. I have used this as a proxy for the number of siblings of the respondent. Noteworthy, this question is only asked to respondents who lived with both parents in their childhood. The same holds for questions on parental divorce.

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SIS_NO: Number of sisters
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NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

BRO_NO: Number of brothers NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

SIBS: Total number of sibs
Missing values: 2337
$0-24$ sibs

SIS_DIED: Number of sisters that died NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

BRO_DIED: Number of brothers that died NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

ISCED_MO: Mother`s highest level of education
Missing : 1481
ISCED 0+1: 2642
2: 2917
3: 711
5: 394

ISCED_FA: Father`s highest level of education
Missing : 1653
ISCED 0+1: 1776
2: 2430
3: 1224
5: 1062

EDU3_MO: Highest level of education of mother ISCED 1997, collapsed into 3 categories

Definition: 1 (high) ISCED_MO==5
2 (medium) ISCED_MO==3
3 (low) ISCED_MO==1+2

| Level | Number |
| :--- | :--- |
| High | 394 |
| medium | 711 |
| low | 5559 |
| missing cases | 1481 |

EDU3_FA: Highest level of education of father ISCED 1997, collapsed into 3 categories

Definition: 1 (high) ISCED_FA==5 2 (medium) ISCED_FA==3 3 (low) ISCED_FA==1+2

| Level | Number |
| :--- | :--- |
| High | 1062 |
| medium | 1224 |
| low | 4206 |
| missing cases | 1653 |

WORK_MO: Mother`s occupation, when respondent was 15

WORK_FA: Father's occupation, when respondent was 15 NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

ISCO3_MO: Mother's occupation, when respondent was 15 3 categories
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

ISCO3_FA: Father`s occupation, when respondent was 15
3 categories
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
NATIVE_MO: Mother born in country
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

NATIVE_FA: Father born in country
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

BIRTHCO_MO: Mother`s country of origin, country specific NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

BIRTHCO_FA: Father`s country of origin, country specific NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

PARDIVEV: Parents ever divorced/separated
Missing values: 1300
Code 1:483
Code 5:6362

PARDIV_15: Parents divorced before age of 15
Missing cases: 1300
Code 5: 6845

Summary: The variables SIS_NO, BRO_NO SIS_DIED, BRO_DIED,WORK_MO, WORK_FA, ISCO3_MO, ISCO3_FA,NATIVE_MO, NATIVE_FA, BIRTHCO_MO, BIRTHCO_FA are not included in survey.

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10. Part Background variables (region, size
of location)
REGION: Country region at time of interview
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
SIZE: Size of place of residence at time
    of interview
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
ISIZE: Size of place of residence at time
    of interview
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Standardized code
SIZE_15: Size of place of residence at age 15
Regarding the background variables, we do not know the size of respondent's place of residence when they were 15 . We do know the size of the residence where the respondent lived between his or her 6 th and $16^{\text {th }}$ birthday.

TRANSFORMATION:
Recode $x x \rightarrow 5281 x x$ (Code 1 for NDL FFS)

Missing values: 16
ISIZE_15: Size of place of residence at age 15
Standardized code
Summary: The variables REGION and SIZE are not included in survey.

## 11.Part Other background variables

RELIGION: Religious affiliation at time of interview

Country specific variable
Missing cases: 13
IRELIGION: Religious affiliation at time of interview

Standardized code
Regarding birth histories, the FFS 2003 does not make any distinctions between step/foster and adopted children. We only know how many biological children the respondent has and how many non-biological (the sum of all of the adopted, foster and stepchildren). We do know whether these children live inside or outside the household.
Noteworthy: additional information on children is only gathered up to 5 children.

ADOPT: Number of adopted children of respondent
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
FOSTER: Number of foster children of respondent

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NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
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STEP: Number of stepchildren of respondent
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY
ADDITIONAL FOR THE NETHERLANDS
NONBIOKI: Number of nonbiological children
(adopted, foster and step) of respondent:
$0 \quad 7,914$
$1 \quad 127$
285
311
$4 \quad 7$
61
Summary: The variables ADOPT; FOSTER and STEP are not
included in survey. For the Netherlands a new specific
variable NONBIOKI (Number of nonbiological Kids) had to be
created.

## 12. Part Weights

HHWGT: Household weight
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY

PERSWGT: Personal weight

KISHWGT: Kishweight
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY


[^0]:    Summary: Dates for the variables KID_Y, KID_M, IKID_M are available for the first 5 children. For KID_S for the first

