

# Report on the Norwegian GGG

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# Norway's GGS

**LOGG**

LIVSLØP, GENERASJON OG KJØNN

Life course, generation and gender

## **Combination of two panel studies**

- GGS
- NorLAG

## **Collaboration between two research units**

- Division for Social and Demographic Research, Statistics Norway
- NOVA (Norwegian Social Research)

# NorLAG

- First wave in 2002-2003 in four regions
  - non-randomly selected municipalities and burroughs
  - Small municipalities oversampled
- As part of LOGG 2007-8:
  - Second wave for ages 45+
  - Addition of respondents 18-44

# Design of Norwegian GGS

- Sample: National + NorLAG areas
- Age range 18-79 years
- Sample size: 26 000
  - 6 000 for the *second* time
- Letter to all respondents
- Telephone interview (CATI)
  - Average interview time 45 minutes
- & Self-completed questionnaire received and returned by mail (postal form)
  - Internet version considered
- Lottery if participating
- Administrative data added before and after the interview
- Interviewing January 2007 – March 2008
  - by interview division of Statistics Norway

# Funding

- Total costs about 3 mill Euros, including planning and some analysis
  - Wave 1 only!
- Research Council of Norway about 40%
- The rest from the Ministries of ...
  - Children and Equality
  - Labour and Social Inclusion
  - Health and Care Services
  - Regional Development
- ...and from collaborating institutions
  - NOVA
  - Statistics Norway

# Norway's GGS

- About 84% cent of GGS questions covered
- About 14% cent of the questions covered by administrative records
- Many questions added



# Modification of GGS questionnaire to a Nordic context

- Less about boy or girl friend → deleted items:
  - Reasons for not living together
  - Consequences of moving together
  - Thoughts of other people about moving together
- More items on cohabitation
  - Thoughts of other people about marriage of cohabitants (parents, relatives and friends)

# Examples of added questions

- Do partner or parents have problems with memory (if 65 or older)?
- If yes → questions on cause, effects on daily life, and needs for assistance and care



# NorLAG

- Second half of life
- **Four major domains**
  - Work and retirement
  - Family and intergenerational relationships
  - Coping, mental health and quality of life
  - Health, disability and long-term care
- How do these life domains affect each other?
  - e.g. family care may affect age at retirement

# Scales and batteries used in GGG Norway

- International scales, thoroughly tested and frequently used
- Functional health: SF-12 (Short form health survey, 12 items)
  - Does your health limit your activities, social life, etc
- Depression scale CES-D
  - Only partly covered in GGS (6 of 20 items)
- Personality: Five Factor Model
  - Extraversion, neuroticism, conscientiousness, openness to experience, agreeableness
  - 20 items (postal form)
  - e.g. relationship between tolerance for chaos and wish for many children
- Psychological well-being scales
  - Positive and Negative Affect Scale – PANAS (12 items)
  - Satisfaction with Life Scale: cognitive (5 items)
  - Self-esteem Scale (10 items)
- Values
  - Basic Human Values Scale (22 items)
    - Also used in ESS

# Contextual database

- Statistical variables almost complete
- Qualitative variables to be completed before summer 2007