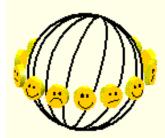
World Database of Happiness



Correlational Findings on Happiness and HEALTH-BEHAVIOR Subject Code: H9

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Nr of Studies

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Study BRINK 1997/2

Reported in: Brinkerhoff, M.B.; Fredell, K.; Frideres, J.

Basic Minimum Needs, Quality of Life and Selected Correlates: Explorations in

Villages in Northern India.

Social Indicators Research, 1997, Vol. 42, 245 - 281 ISSN p 0303 8300; ISSN e 1573

0921 DOI:10.1023/A:1006834830518

Page in Report: 263

Population: Adult, general public, poor rural village, Bhopalpani, India 1991

Sample: Non-probability purposive-quota sample

Non-Response: 108

N: 0

Correlate

Authors label: Hospital (1)

Our classification: HEALTH-BEHAVIOR, code H9

Measurement: Family needs prioritized by Paired Comparisons. Out of four

basic needs

ss were asked to compare two at a time and to select, which

they sought 'their family needs most'

Items were:

-food -health -employment -leisure

This leads to six pairs of comparisons.

Score pro need can be:

0. not mentioned

once
 twice

3. three times

Needs index is the mean number of times an item is chosen.

Measured Values: 0: 0,80; 1: 42,2; 2: 39,4; 3: 14,7; M: 3,7

Remarks: Items for pairwise comparison were selected by participant

observation and open interviews

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure

Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

O-H?/?/sq/f/7/a r=-.07 ns

O-SLu/?/sq/l/5/a r=-.0 ns

Correlational finding on Happiness and Earlier health-behavior Subject code: H9.1.1

Study VENTE 1997

Reported in: Ventegodt, S.

Livskvalitet og Omstaedigheder Tidligt I Livet. (The Quality of Life and Factors in

Pregnancy, Birth and Infancy).

Forskningscenter for Livskvalitet, Forskningscentrets Forlag, København, Denmark,

ISBN 8790190130 http://www.livskvalitet.org/t3/index.asp

Page in Report: 122

Population: 31-33 aged, born at the university hospital, Denmark, 1993

Sample: Non-probability chunk sample

Non-Response: 36%

N: 4626

Correlate

Authors label: How clothes are washed at age 1

Our classification: Earlier health-behavior, code H9.1.1

Measurement: How clothes are washed at age 1 as reported in medical file

a: in machine

b: soap

c: detergent

Measured Values: N: 221, a:5%, b:16%, c:78%

 $DMt=\pm$

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure

Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

A-AOL/m/sq/v/5/a

a: Mt=8.54

b: Mt = 7.64

c: Mt = 7.81

O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/e

 $DMt=\pm$ a: Mt=8.54

b: Mt = 7.23

c: Mt = 7.73

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/h

 $DMt=\pm$ a: Mt=8.34

b: Mt = 7.15

c: Mt = 7.16

Correlational finding on Happiness and Change in health-behavior Subject code: H9.1.2

Study EVANS 2005

Reported in: Evans, S.; Huxley, P.

Adaptation, Response-shift and Quality of Life Ratings in Mentally Well and Unwell

Groups.

Quality of Life Research, 2005, Vol. 14, 1719 - 1732. ISSN 0096 2934 DOI:

DOI:10.1007/s 1136-005-1742-I

Page in Report: 1729

Population: 18-65 aged in good, moderate and poor mental health, followed 2 years, UK, 1999-

2001

Sample: Mixed samples

Non-Response: Non-response at T1: 83% Drop-out at T2: 50%)

N: 1912

Correlate

Authors label: Change in health consultations

Our classification: Change in health-behavior, code H9.1.2

Measurement: T1-T2 change in response to question: Seen a doctor for

physical illness in the last year?

0 no 1 yas

Measured Values: 0; 37,4% 1: 62,6%

Remarks: Assessed at T1 and T2 (2 years interval)

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks
O-DT/u/sqt/v/7/a	<u>B=10</u>	T1-T2 INCREASE in health consultations by T2 happiness
O-DT/u/sqt/v/7/a	<u>B=+.17</u> <u>p<.10</u>	T1-T2 DECREASE in health consultations by T2 happiness
		B's controled for: - T1 happiness - T1 mental health status (good, moderate, poor) - T1 objective conditions
O-DT/u/sqt/v/7/a	<u>B=72</u> <u>p<.0001</u>	Changes in mental health T1-T2 INCREASE inmental health by T2 happiness
O-DT/u/sqt/v/7/a	<u>B=32</u> <u>p<.05</u>	Changes in mental health T1-T2 DECREASE in income by T2 happiness
		B's controled for: - T1 happiness - T1 mental health status (good, moderate, poor) - T1 objective conditions

Correlational finding on Happiness and Change in health-behavior Subject code: H9.1.2

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Groups.

Quality of Life Research, 2005, Vol. 14, 1719 - 1732. ISSN 0096 2934 DOI:

DOI:10.1007/s 1136-005-1742-I

Page in Report: 1730

Population: 18-65 aged in good, moderate and poor mental health, followed 2 years, UK, 1999-

2001

Sample: Mixed samples

Non-Response: Non-response at T1: 83% Drop-out at T2: 50%)

N: 1912

Correlate

Authors label: Change in mental health consultations

Our classification: Change in health-behavior, code H9.1.2

Measurement: T1-T2 change in reponse to question: Seen a doctor for your

nerves in the last year?

0 no 1 yes

Measured Values: 0: 89,1%, 1: 10,9%

Remarks: T1-T2 2 years

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness
Measure
Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

O-DT/u/sqt/v/7/a B=-.72 T1-T2 INCREASE in mental health consultations ny

p<.001 T2 happiness

O-DT/u/sqt/v/7/a

B=+.32

T1-T2 DECREASE in mental health consultations by

p<.05 T2 happiness

B's controled for:

- T1 happiness

- T1 mental health status (good, moderate, poor)

- T1 objective conditions

Correlational finding on Happiness and Current healthy life-style Subject code: H9.2

Study HEADE 1993

Reported in: Headey, B.; Kelley, J.; Wearing, A...

Dimensions of Mental Health: Life Satisfaction, Positive Affect, Anxiety and

Depression.

Social Indicators Research, 1993, Vol. 29, 63 - 82. ISSN p 0303 8300; ISSN e 1573

0921 DOI:10.1007/BF01136197

Page in Report: 76

Population: 18-65 aged, Victoria, Australia, followed every 2 years from 1981 to 1987

Sample: Probability stratified sample

Non-Response:

N: 419

Correlate

Authors label: Healthy lifestyle

Our classification: Current healthy life-style, code H9.2

Measurement: Selfreport on 15 questions about

use of caffieneuse of alcohol

smokingexercisedietweight

- sleep disturbance

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure

Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

O-Sum/*/mq/*/0/a

r=+.16

p<.05

Correlational finding on Happiness and Current healthy life-style Subject code: H9.2

Study LINN 1986

Reported in: Linn, L.S.; Yager, J.; Dennis, W.; Cope, W.; Leake, B.

Factors Associated With Life Satisfaction Among Practicing Internist.

Medical Care, 1986, Vol. 24, 830 - 837. ISSN p 0125 7079; ISSN e 1537 1948

Page in Report: 834

Population: Physicians, California, USA, 1984

Sample: Probability simple random sample

Non-Response:

N: 211

Correlate

Authors label: Health habits

Our classification: Current healthy life-style, code H9.2

Measurement: Selfreported of typical behavioes in the past 6 month to

make one feel better:

- eating: eating 3 meals a day

- sleeping: getting an adequate amount of sleep at night

- alcohol: use alcohol beverages(beer, wine liquor)

- smoking: cigarettes

- snacking: eating frequent snacks during the day or in the

evening

Rated 1: never to 6 daily

Measured Values: M = Eating: 4.85, Sleeping 5.15, Drinking 3.70, Smoking 1.30, Snacking 3.06

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure

Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

O-DT/u/sq/v/7/a

<u>r=.+14</u>

<u>p<.05</u>

Correlational finding on Happiness and Current healthy life-style Subject code: H9.2

Study LINN 1986

Reported in: Linn, L.S.; Yager, J.; Dennis, W.; Cope, W.; Leake, B.

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Medical Care, 1986, Vol. 24, 830 - 837. ISSN p 0125 7079; ISSN e 1537 1948

Page in Report: 834

Population: Physicians, California, USA, 1984

Sample: Probability simple random sample

Non-Response:

N: 211

Correlate

Authors label: Health habits

Our classification: Current healthy life-style, code H9.2

Measurement: Selfreported of typical behavioes in the past 6 month to

make one feel better:

- Jogging, running, swimming, golfing or other strenuous

exercise for 15 minutes or more

Rated 1: never to 6 daily

Measured Values: M = 4.21

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure

Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

O-DT/u/sq/v/7/a

r = +.07

ns

Correlational finding on Happiness and Current healthy life-style Subject code: H9.2

Study PELHA 2009

Reported in: Pelham, B. Nyiri, Z.

Eating well and life satisfaction: a global view The Gallup Company, 2009, Washington DC, USA

Page in Report: 4

Population: 15+ aged, 114 nations, 2006-2008

Sample: Probability simple random sample

Non-Response:

N: 114000

Correlate

Authors label: Eating healthy

Our classification: Current healthy life-style, code H9.2

Measurement: Self report on single question: "Now, please think about

yesterday, from the morning until the end of the day. Think

about where you were, what you were doing, who you were

with, and how you felt. Did you eat healthy all day

yesterday?"

0= yes 1= no

Remarks: For the analysis of 'healthy eating' at least 18.000

responses per region were used.

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure

Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

C-BW/c/sq/I/11/c DM=-Africa

> $0 = \text{healthy}, \quad M = 4,6$ 1 = not healthy, M = 3.8

Difference =-0.8

The Americas

0 = healthy,M = 6,01 = not healthy, M = 5,4

Difference =-0.6

Asia

 $0 = \text{healthy}, \quad M = 5,4$ 1 = not healthy, M = 5,0Difference =-0.4

Europe

0 = healthy, M = 6.81 = not healthy, M = 6,6Difference =-0.2

Correlational finding on Happiness and Current healthy life-style Subject code: H9.2

Study **SAFI 2008**

> Reported in: Safi, M.

> > Immigrants' Life Satisfaction in Europe: Between Assimilation and Discrimination. Working paper, Observatore Sociologique du Changement (OSC), 2008, Paris,

France

Page in Report: 5

Population: 15 + aged , 20 European nations 2002-2006

Sample: Probability multi-stage cluster sample

Non-Response:

N: 60169

Correlate

Authors label: health

Our classification: Current healthy life-style, code H9.2

Measurement: 1 very good reference

2 good 3 fair

4 bad

5 very bad

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks
O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/ cd	<u>B=47</u> <u>p<.01</u>	good (compared to very good)
O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/ cd	<u>B=-1.0</u> <u>p<.01</u>	fair (compared to very good)
O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/ cd	<u>B=-1.9</u> <u>p<.01</u>	bad (compared to very good)
O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/ cd	<u>B=-3.0</u> <u>p<.01</u>	<pre>very bad 9compared to very good) B's controlled for - gender - age - family situation - income - ocuupation - employment</pre>

Correlational finding on Happiness and Current healthy life-style Subject code: H9.2

Study VENTE 1996

Reported in: Ventegodt, S.

Liskvalitet hos 4500 31-33-arige. (The Quality of Life of 4500 31-33-Years-Olds).

Forskningscenter for Livskvalitet, Forskningscentrets Forlag, København 1996, ISBN

8790190068 http://www.livskvalitet.org/t2/index.asp

Page in Report: 462

Population: 31-33 aged, Denmark 1993, born in University Hospital in Copenhagen

Non-probability chunk sample Sample:

Non-Response: 39%

N: 4500

Correlate

Authors label: healthy lifestyle

Our classification: Current healthy life-style, code H9.2

Measurement: Lifestyle and Quality of Life

1: very unhealthy lifestyle

2: unhealthy lifestyle

3: neither healthy, nor unhealthy lifestyle

4: healthy lifestyle

5: very healthy lifestyle

Measured Values: N: All:4597; %;1:1,8; 2:15,6; 3:42,0; 4:35,0; 5:5,6

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks
Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks

A-AOL/m/sq/v/5/a r = +.121: Ms=6.63

> 2: Ms=7.39p<.00

3: Ms=7.684: Ms=7.965: Ms=8.16

O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/e 1: Ms=6.24r = +.12

> 2: Ms=7.01p<.00

> > 3: Ms=7.364: Ms=7.695: Ms=7.69

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/h r=+.11 1: Ms=6.00

> 2: Ms=6.65p<.00

3: Ms=7.014: Ms=7.21

5: Ms=7.29

Correlational finding on Happiness and Health inspection Subject code: H9.2.1

Study SCHUL 1985B

Reported in: Schulz, W.; Költringer, R.; Norden, G.; Tüchler, H.

Lebensqualität in Osterreich. (Quality-of-Life in Austria).

Research paper nr 10/1, Institut für Soziologie, University of Vienna, 1985, Austria

Page in Report: 52,54

Population: Adults, non-institutionalized, Austria, 1984

Sample:

Non-Response: ?

N: 1776

Correlate

Authors label: Personal weight control (1)

Our classification: Health inspection, code H9.2.1

Measurement: Direct question: "How often do you control your weight?"

Answer categories: never, less than once a week, at least

weekly

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness
Measure
Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

O-Sum/c/mq/v/5/a r=+.13

O-Sum/c/mq/v/5/a Beta= ß controlled for: gender, age, community size,

<u>+.04</u> education, professional status, marital status,

p<.05 income, body weight, healthy eating habits,

alcohol consumption, physical fittness activity, psychosomatic complains, illness and satisfaction

with health.

Correlational finding on Happiness and Health inspection Subject code: H9.2.1

Study VENTE 1997

Reported in: Ventegodt, S.

Livskvalitet og Omstaedigheder Tidligt I Livet. (The Quality of Life and Factors in

Pregnancy, Birth and Infancy).

Forskningscenter for Livskvalitet, Forskningscentrets Forlag, København, Denmark,

ISBN 8790190130 http://www.livskvalitet.org/t3/index.asp

Page in Report: 448,450

Population: 31-33 aged, born at the university hospital, Denmark, 1993

Sample: Non-probability chunk sample

Non-Response: 36%

N: 4626

Correlate

Authors label: Examinig doctor shortly after birth

Our classification: Health inspection, code H9.2.1

Measurement: Examinig doctor shortly after birth as reported in medical

file

a:examination by Q
b:examination by JP
c:examination by ZC
d:examination by other

Assessed at day 1 and day 5

Measured Values: N day 1 all:4213, %:a:4,5, b:7,9, c:82,5, d:5,1 N day 5 all:4101, %:a:2,6, b:5,2, c:83,2,

d:9.0

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure

Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

A-AOL/m/sq/v/5/a	<u>DMt=±</u>	<pre>day 1 a:Mt=7.65 b:Mt=7.85 c:Mt=7.71 d:Mt=7.98</pre>	day 5 a:7.99 b:7.63 c:7.71 d:7.90
O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/e	<u>DMt=±</u>	day 1 a:Mt=7.58 b:Mt=7.51 c:Mt=7.39 d:Mt=7.55	day 5 a:7.64 b:7.46 c:7.40 d:7.53
O-HL/c/sq/v/5/h	<u>DMt=±</u>	day 1 a:Mt=7.06 b:Mt=7.09 c:Mt=7.00 d:Mt=7.14	day 5 a:7.23 b:7.09 c:7.01 d:7.11

Correlational finding on Happiness and Health inspection Subject code: H9.2.1

Study VENTE 1997

Reported in: Ventegodt, S.

Livskvalitet og Omstaedigheder Tidligt I Livet. (The Quality of Life and Factors in

Pregnancy, Birth and Infancy).

Forskningscenter for Livskvalitet, Forskningscentrets Forlag, København, Denmark,

ISBN 8790190130 http://www.livskvalitet.org/t3/index.asp

Page in Report: 544

Population: 31-33 aged, born at the university hospital, Denmark, 1993

Sample: Non-probability chunk sample

Non-Response: 36%

N: 4626

Correlate

Authors label: Paediatric checks in first year of life

Our classification: Health inspection, code H9.2.1

Measurement: Paediatric checks in first year of life as reported in

medical file

1: 5 week examination undertaken2: 5 month examination undertaken3: 10 month examination undertaken4: all three examinations undertaken

Measured Values: N: 1:693, 2:975, 3:505, 4:2091,

Remarks: only absolute frequencies are given

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness
Measure
Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

A-AOL/m/sq/v/5/a DMt= \pm 1: Mt=7.74

2: Mt=7.78 3: Mt=7.69 4: Mt=7.74

O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/e DMt= \pm 1: Mt=7.43

2: Mt=7.39 3: Mt=7.30 4: Mt=7.44

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/h DMt= \pm 1: Mt=7.05

2: Mt=7.04 3: Mt=6.93 4: Mt=7.03

Correlational finding on Happiness and Health inspection Subject code: H9.2.1

Study VENTE 1997

Reported in: Ventegodt, S.

Livskvalitet og Omstaedigheder Tidligt I Livet. (The Quality of Life and Factors in

Pregnancy, Birth and Infancy).

Forskningscenter for Livskvalitet, Forskningscentrets Forlag, København, Denmark,

ISBN 8790190130 http://www.livskvalitet.org/t3/index.asp

Page in Report: 544

Population: 31-33 aged, born at the university hospital, Denmark, 1993

Sample: Non-probability chunk sample

Non-Response: 36%

N: 4626

Correlate

Authors label: Pediatric checks on first year of life

Our classification: Health inspection, code H9.2.1

Measurement: Pediatric checks on first year of life as reported in

medical file

a: child care clinicb: own physician

Measured Values: N: a:898, b:1572

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness
Measure
Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

A-AOL/m/sq/v/5/a DMt=+ a: Mt=7.76

b: Mt = 7.80

O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/e DMt=+ a: Mt=7.41

b: Mt = 7.46

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/h DMt=+ a: Mt=7.00

b: Mt = 7.09

Correlational finding on Happiness and Hygiene Subject code: H9.2.2

Study BAKKE 1974

Reported in: Bakker, P.; VandeBerg, N.

Determinanten en Correlaten van Geluk. (Determinants and Correlates of Happiness).

Unpublished Thesis, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 1974, Netherlands

Page in Report: 28

Population: 20-65 aged, general public, The Netherlands, 1968

Sample:

Non-Response: 34% refusal and unattainable.

N: 1552

Correlate

Authors label: Frequency of bathing. (1)

Our classification: Hygiene, code H9.2.2

Measurement: Closed question rated on a 6-point scale.

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure

Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

O-HP/g/sq/ol/7/a G=+.05

<u>ns</u>

Correlational finding on Happiness and Current medical consumption Subject code: H9.3

Study LEHMA 1988

Reported in: Lehman, A.F.

A Quality of Life Interview for the Chronically Mentally III.

Evaluation and Program Planning, 1988, Vol. 11, 51 -52. ISSN 0149 7189

Page in Report: 57

Population: Chronic mental patients, USA,1981

Sample: Non-probability purposive sample

Non-Response:

N: 469

Correlate

Authors label: Frequency of Medical Care

Our classification: Current medical consumption, code H9.3

Measurement: self report of frequery of medical care in the past year

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks
O-DT/u/sqt/v/7/a	<u>r=14</u> <u>p<.05</u>	Los Angeles: mentally ill residents of 30 large board-and-care homes
O-DT/u/sqt/v/7/a	<u>r=+.00</u> <u>ns</u>	Rochester: chronically mentally ill inpatients at the Rochester(N.Y.) Psychiatric Center
O-DT/u/sqt/v/7/a	<u>r=30</u> p<.01	Rochester: chronically mentaly ill residents of various supervised community residences

Correlational finding on Happiness and Current medical consumption Subject code: H9.3

Study ORMEL 1980

Reported in: Ormel, J.

Moeite met Leven of een Moeilijk Leven. (Difficulties with Living or a Difficult Life).

Konstapel, 1980, Groningen, Netherlands

Page in Report: 350

Population: 15-60 aged, general public, followed 12 month, The Netherlands, 1967-77

Sample:

Non-Response: 18%

N: 296

Correlate

Authors label: Taking action on symptoms of illness (1)

Our classification: Current medical consumption, code H9.3

Measurement: Ss were confronted with a list of 16 symptoms and asked

what they would do.

Doing nothing vs self-medication/ consulting a doctor.

Additive index.

Assessed at T2(1976)

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness
Measure
Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

A-BB/cw/mg/v/4/c r=+.09 T2 happiness by T2 readiness to take action on

p<.05 symptoms.

A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/c r=+.07 T3 happiness by T2 readiness to take action on

ns symptoms.

Correlational finding on Happiness and Use of medicaments Subject code: H9.3.3

Study BENYA 2004

Reported in: Benyamini, Y.; Leventhal, H.; Leventhal, E.A.

Self-Rated Oral Health as an Independent Predictor of Self-Rated General Health,

Self-Esteem and Life Satisfaction.

Social Science and Medicine, 2004, Vol. 59, 1109 - 1116. ISSN 0277 9536

DOI:10.1016/j.socscimed.2003.12.021

Page in Report: 1112-4

Population: Residents retirement community, USA, 1998

Sample: Probability area sample

Non-Response:

N: 850

Correlate

Authors label: Medication use

Our classification: Use of medicaments, code H9.3.3

Measurement: Number of medications reported to be taken daily by

doctor's recommmendation.

Measured Values: M= 2,16; SD= 2,09

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness
Measure
Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

 $O-Sum/*/mq/v/5/b \qquad r=-.17$

p<.01

O-Sum/*/mg/v/5/b Beta= ns Beta controled for

-age
-gender
-education

-functional disability

Correlational finding on Happiness and Use of medicaments Subject code: H9.3.3

Study JOL 1985

Reported in: Jol, C.

Liever Samen dan Alleen? Veranderingen in Levensomstandigheden én Welbevinden

van Alleenstaanden, 1974-1983. (Better together than Alone? Changes in Life

Situations and Well-Being of Singles, 1974-1983).

C.B.S. Select, Nr. 3, Central Bureau of Statistics, 1985, The Hague, Netherlands, 171

- 184

Page in Report: 178

Population: 18+ aged, general public, The Netherlands, 1974-83

Sample:

Non-Response: 1974: 28%, 1983: 43%

N: 4000

Correlate

Authors label: Use of medicaments (1)

Our classification: Use of medicaments, code H9.3.3

Measurement: 0 = uses no medicaments

1 = uses medicaments

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness

Measure Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

O-SLL/c/sq/v/5/d Beta=-.09 1983 only

p<.05 ß controlled for sex and age.

Results not significantly different from 1974.

Correlational finding on Happiness and Use of medicaments Subject code: H9.3.3

Study MOSER 1969

Reported in: Moser-Peters, C.M.

Achtergronden van Geluksgevoelens. (Backgrounds of Happiness Feelings). Nederlands Instituut voor Preventieve Geneeskunde (TNO), 1969, Leiden,

Netherlands

Page in Report: 37

Population: Adult, general public, Utrecht, city, The Netherlands, 1967

Sample:

Non-Response: 14% unattainable etc.

N: 300

Correlate

Authors label: Nervousness. (2)

Our classification: Use of medicaments, code H9.3.3

Measurement: Direct question: Have you taken 'something against the

nerves' during the last 14 days?

0: Nothing

1: Swallowed something

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness

Measure

Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/c G=-.41

p<.01

Correlational finding on Happiness and Use of medicaments Subject code: H9.3.3

Study MOSER 1969

Reported in: Moser-Peters, C.M.

Achtergronden van Geluksgevoelens. (Backgrounds of Happiness Feelings). Nederlands Instituut voor Preventieve Geneeskunde (TNO), 1969, Leiden,

Netherlands
Page in Report:

Population: Adult, general public, Utrecht, city, The Netherlands, 1967

Sample:

Non-Response: 14% unattainable etc.

N: 300

Correlate

Authors label: Medicine use. (1)

Our classification: Use of medicaments, code H9.3.3

Measurement: Direct question on medicine use during the last two weeks.

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

Measure Statistics Elaboration/Remain

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/c SNR= ns

Correlational finding on Happiness and Use of medicaments Subject code: H9.3.3

Study ZUMA 1989

Reported in: Zentrum fur Umfrageforschung Mannheim (ZUMA)

Wohlfahrtsurveys 1978,1980,1984,1988.

Unpublished data-set. Especially prepared for the World Database of Happiness.

Page in Report:

Population: 18+ aged, general public, West-Germany, 1978-88

Sample:

Non-Response: ?

N: 2100

Correlate

Authors label: Use of medicaments (1)

Our classification: Use of medicaments, code H9.3.3

Measurement: Question: 'Do you regularly use medicine?'

1 yes 2 no

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness
Measure
Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

<u>O-HL/c/sq/v/4/b</u> <u>SNR=</u> eta G r ß

+.06 1978 +.09 +.18 +.09 1980 1984 +.12 +.25 +.12 +.10 1988 +.10 +.19 +.10 +.07

ß's controlled for age, gender, perceived class

and marital status.

Correlational finding on Happiness and Use of medicaments Subject code: H9.3.3

Study ZUMA 1989

Reported in: Zentrum fur Umfrageforschung Mannheim (ZUMA)

Wohlfahrtsurveys 1978,1980,1984,1988.

Unpublished data-set. Especially prepared for the World Database of Happiness.

Page in Report:

Population: 18+ aged, general public, West-Germany, 1978-88

Sample:

Non-Response: ?

N: 2100

Correlate

Authors label: Lasting sickness or disabled (1)

Our classification: Use of medicaments, code H9.3.3

Measurement: Question: 'Do you have some lasting

sickness or disablement that forced you to change your

profession or your complete life?'

1 yes 2 no

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks
Measure	Statistics	Liaboration///Ciriarks

O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/	SNR=		eta	G	r	ſŠ
<u>ba</u>						
		1978	+.08	+.09	+.08	+.11
		1980				
		1984	+.12	+.16	+.12	+.14
		1988	+.12	+.12	+.12	+.14

ß's controlled for age, gender, perceived class

and marital status.

Correlational finding on Happiness and Attitudes to health-maintenance Subject code: H9.4

Study KAINU 1998

Reported in: Kainulainen, S.

Elämäntapahtumat ja Elämään Tyytyväisyys eri Sosiaaliluokissa. (Life Events and

Satisfaction with Life in Different Social Classes; Summary).

Kuopio University Publications, 1998, FinlandKuopio University Publications, 1998,

Finland. ISBN 951 781 821 1 ISBN 951-781-821-1

Page in Report: 261

Population: 18+ aged, general public, non-institutionalized, former province Kuopio, Finland,

1991-'96.

Sample: Probability sample (unspecified)

Non-Response: not rep

N: 2682

Correlate

Authors label: Difficulties in getting (medical) care (1)

Our classification: Attitudes to health-maintenance, code H9.4

Measurement: Have you experienced difficulties in getting (medical) care

(a) during the last year ?
(b) ever in your life ?

Answers: No(=0) or Yes(=1).

Measured Values: Never: N = 2291 Ever in your life: N = 146

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness
Measure
Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/g r=-.04 during the last year

O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/g r=-.09 ever in your life

O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/g DM=- never: M = 3.88

ever in your life: M = 3.57

95% CI for difference: [0.14; 0.48]

Correlational finding on Happiness and Attitudes to health-maintenance Subject code: H9.4

Study SMITS 1995

Reported in: Smits, C.H.; Deeg, D.J.; Bosscher, R.J.

Well-Being and Control in Older Persons: The Prediction of Well-Being from Control

Measures.

International Journal of Aging and Human Development, 1995, Vol. 40, 237 -251

Page in Report: 241, 245

Population: Elderly, Sassenheim, the Netherlands, 1992

Sample: Probability simple random sample

Non-Response: 24,4%

N: 119

Correlate

Authors label: internal health control

Our classification: Attitudes to health-maintenance, code H9.4

Measurement: Selfreport on 6 items.

Typical item: "If I take good care of myself, I can prevent

diseases."

Dutch version of Internal health locus of control scale.

Measured Values: M= 18,56 (sd= 5,58)

Error Estimates: Cronbach alpha= .78

Remarks: data available for 46 Ss

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness
Measure
Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/g r=-.21 ns positive affect = -.27 (05)

negative affect = -.02

Appendix 1: Happiness Items used

Happiness Item

Code Full Text

A-AOL/m/sq/v/5/a Single direct question:

How are you feeling now....?

5 very good

4 good

3 neither good nor poor

2 poor

1 very poor

A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/c

Selfreport on 8 questions:

" In the past few weeks did you ever feel.....?"

A Pleased about having accomplished something

B Upset because someone critized you

C Proud because someone complimented you one something you had done

D That things are going your way

E So restless you couldn't sit long in a chair

F Unhappy or depressed

G Particularly interested in something

H Lonely and remote from other people

Response options:

0 not at all

1 sometimes

2 often

3 very often

Scoring: a = 0....d = 3

Summation:

Positive Affect Score (PAS): summed scores on A, C, D, G Negative Affect Score (NAS): summed scores on B, E, F, H

Affect Balance Score (ABS): PAS minus NAS

Name: Bradburn's Affect Balance Scale (variant)

A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/g

Selfreport on 10 questions:

"During the past few weeks, did you ever feel?"

A Particularly exited or interested in something?

B So restless that you couldn't sit long in a chair?

C Proud because someone complimented you on something

you had done?

D Very lonely or remote from other people?

E Pleased about having accomplished something?

F Bored?

G On top of the world?

H Depressed or very unhappy?

I That things were going your way?

J Upset because someone criticized you?

Answer options and scoring:

- 1 not at all
- 2 sometimes
- 3 often
- 4 very often

Summation:

- -Positive Affect Score (PAS): A+C+E+G+I
- -Negative Affect Score (NAS): B+D+F+H+J
- -Affect Balance Score (ABS): PAS minus NAS

Possible range: -15 to +15

Name: Bradburn's 'Affect Balance Scale' (adapted version)

C-BW/c/sq/I/11/c

Selfreport on single question:

Here is ladder representing the 'ladder of life'. Let's suppose the top of the ladder represents the best possible life for you; and the bottom, the worst possible life for you. On which step of the ladder do you feel you personally stand at the present time? 10 best possible

9

8

7

6

5

4

3

2

1

0 worst possible life

This question was followed (not preceded) by items on life 5 years ago and 5 years from now.

O-DT/u/sq/v/7/a

Selfreport on single question:

How do you feel about your life as a whole....?

7 delighted

6 pleased

5 mostly satisfied

4 mixed

3 mostly dissatisfied

2 unhappy

1 terrible

Name: Andrews & Withey's `Delighted-Terrible Scale' (original version)

O-DT/u/sqt/v/7/a Selfreport on single question, asked twice in interview: How do you feel about your life as a whole.....? 7 delighted 6 pleased

5 mostly satisfied

4 mixed

3 mostly dissatisfied

2 unhappy 1 terrible

Summation: arithmetic mean

Name: Andrews & Withey's "Delighted-Terrible Scale" (original version)

Also known as Lehman's 'Global lifesatisfaction'

O-H?/?/sq/f/7/a

Selfreport on single question:

Lead item not reported

Rated on a 7-step pictorial faces scale, presented on a card

(pictures not shown here) 7 smiling face, very happy

6

5

4

3

2

2

1 frowning face, very unhappy

O-HL/c/sq/v/4/b

Selfreport on single question:

Is your life at this moment?

4 very happy

3 fairly happy

2 fairly unhappy

1 very unhappy

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/c

Selfreport on single question:

"Taking all things together, how would you say you are these days....?"

5 extremely happy

4 very happy

3 happy

2 pretty happy

1 not too happy

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/h Selfreport on single question 'How happy are you now?' 5 very happy 4 happy 3 neither happy nor unhappy 2 unhappy 1 very unhappy Original text in Danish: 'Hvor lykkelig er du for tiden?' 5 meget lykkelig 4 lykkelig 3 hverken eller 2 ullykklig 1 meget ullykkelig O-HP/g/sq/ol/7/a Selfreport on single question: "Generally speaking are you a happy person......?" Responses were made on an open line scale, and were later coded in 7 categories: 1 very unhappy 2 3 4 5 7 very happy. O-SLL/c/sq/v/5/d Selfreport on single question: How satisfied are you with the life you currently lead? 5 extraordinary satisfied 4 very satisfied 3 satisfied 2 fairly satisfied 1 not so satisfied Selfreport on single question: O-SLu/?/sq/l/5/a ".... satisfaction with life" (full lead item not reported) Rated on a wooden miniature ladder, handed to the respondent [5] very satisfied [4] [3] [2] [1] very dissatisfied

O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/e

Selfreport on single question:

'How satisfied are you with your life now?'

5 very satisfied

2 satisfied

3 neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

2 dissatisfied

1 very dissatisfied

Original text in Danish:

'Hvor tilfreds er du med dit liv for tiden?'

5 meget tilfreds

4 tilfreds

3 hverken tilfreds eller utilfreds

2 utilfreds

1 meget utilfreds

O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/q

Self report on single question:

How satisfying do you find your life at the moment....?

1 very dissatisfying

2 quite dissatisfying

3 not satisfying not dissatisfying

4 quite satisfying

5 very satisfying

O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/

ba

Selfreport on single question;

What do you think, how satisfied are you at this moment- all in all - with your life?' 'If for instance you are totally satisfied with your life, please mark a '10'.If you are totally unsatisfied with your life, mark a '0'.If you are not completely unsatisfied nor totally satisfied range yourself somewhere between '1' and '9"

10 completely satisfied

9

8

7

6

5

4

3

2

0 completely dissatisfied

O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/cd

Selfreport on single question:

All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole nowadays? 0 extremely dissatisfied

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 extremely satisfied

- don't know
- no answer

O-Sum/*/mq/*/0/a

Self report on 8 items

A How do you feel about your life as a whole? Rated on a 9-step Delighted-Terrible scale Asked twice in the interview with 15 minutes interval

B a In most ways my life is close to ideal b The conditions of my life are excellent c I am satisfied with my life d So far, I have gotten the important things I want in life e If I could live my life over, I would change nothing' Answers rated: 7 strongly agree to 1 strongly disagree

C How do you feel usually? 0 extremely unhappy

.

10 extremely happy

Computation: factor

O-Sum/*/mq/v/5/b

Self report on four questions:

A I am very satisfied with my life

B These are the best years of my life

C My life could be better than it is now

D The quality of my life is poor

Scoring

1 disagree strongly

2

3

4

5 agree strongly

Computation: A+B+C+D/4 (C and D reversed)

O-Sum/c/mq/v/5/a

Selfreport on 3 questions:

A When you consider your present life as-a-whole, would you say you are....?

5 very happy

4 fairly happy

3 rather happy than unhappy

2 rather unhappy than happy

1 very unhappy

- DK/NA

B When you consider your present life as-a-whole, would you say you are....?

5 very satisfied

4 fairly satisfied

3 rather satisfied than dissatisfied

2 rather dissatisfied than satisfied

1 fairly dissatisfied

- DK/NA

C How do you feel right now? Is your well-being....?

5 very high

4 high

3 moderate

2 rather low

1 very low

- DK/NA

Summation: The summed scores were divided in three strata: low, medium and high quality of life

Appendix 2: Statistics used

Symbol Explanation

B REGRESSION COEFFICIENT (non-standardized) by LEAST SQUARES (OLS)

Type: test statistic

Measurement level: Correlate: metric, Happiness: metric

Theoretical range: unlimited

Meaning:

B > 0 A higher correlate level corresponds with, on an average, higher happiness

rating.

B < 0 A higher correlate level corresponds with, on an average, lower happiness

rating.

B = 0 Not any correlation with the relevant correlate.

Beta (B) STANDARDIZED REGRESSION COEFFICIENT by LEAST SQUARES (OLS)

Type: test statistic.

Measurement level: Correlates: all metric, Happinessl: metric.

Range: [-1; +1]

Meaning:

beta > 0 « a higher correlate level corresponds with, on an average, higher happiness

rating.

beta < 0 « a higher correlate level corresponds with, on an average, lower happiness

rating.

beta = 0 « no correlation.

beta = + 1 or -1 « perfect correlation.

Remark:

Mean of observations is subtracted from all observations if standardized.

DM DIFFERENCE of MEANS

Type: descriptive statistic only.

Measurement level: Correlate: dichotomous, Happiness: metric

Range: depending on the happiness rating scale of the author; range symmetric about

zero.

Meaning: the difference of the mean happiness, as measured on the author's rating

scale, between the two correlate levels.

DMt DIFFERENCE of MEANS AFTER TRANSFORMATION

Type: descriptive statistic only.

Measurement level: Correlate: dichotomous, Happiness: metric

Theoretical range: [-10; +10]

Meaning: the difference of the mean happiness (happiness measured at a 0-10 rating

scale) between the two correlate levels.

G GOODMAN & Kruskal's GAMMA

Type: test statistic

Measurement level: Correlate: ordinal, Happinessl: ordinal

Range: [-1; +1]

Meaning:

G = 0 « no rank correlation

G = +1 « strongest possible rank correlation, where high correlate values correspond with high happiness ratings.

G = -1 « strongest possible rank correlation, where high correlate values correspond

with low happiness ratings.

PRODUCT-MOMENT CORRELATION COEFFICIENT (Also "Pearson's correlation

coefficient' or simply 'correlation coefficient')

Type: test statistic.

Measurement level: Correlate: metric, Happiness: metric

Range: [-1; +1]

Meaning:

r = 0 « no correlation ,

r = 1 « perfect correlation, where high correlate values correspond with high

happiness values, and

r = -1 « perfect correlation, where high correlate values correspond with low

happiness values.

SNR Statistic Not Reported

Appendix 3: About the World Database of Happiness

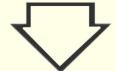
Structure of the collections

The World Database of Happiness is an ongoing register of scientific research on the subjective enjoyment of life.

It brings together findings that are scattered throughout many studies and provides a basis for synthetic work.

World literature on Happiness

Selection on subject



Bibliography and Directory

Selection of empirical studies



Selection on valid measurement: <u>Item</u>

Abstracting and classification of findings



Z

How happy people are, distributional findings Happiness in Nations , Happiness in Publics What goes together with happiness Correlational Findings



Listing of comparable findings in Nations



States of Nations , Trends in Nations

Size of the collections

1226 Happiness measures (Item Bank)

4258 Nations surveys in 206 Nations

149 Distinguished publics in 1199 studies

12032 Correlational findings in 1196 studies

Appendix 4 Further Findings in the World Database of Happiness

Main Subjects	Subject Description	Number of Studies
A1	ACTIVITY: LEVEL (how much one does)	58
A2	ACTIVITY: PATTERN (what one does)	32
A3	AFFECTIVE LIFE	48
A4	AGE	400
A 5	AGGRESSION	12
A6	ANOMY	32
A7	APPEARANCE (good looks)	15
A8	ATTITUDES	6
A9	AUTHORITARIANISM	4
B1	BIRTH CONTROL	1
B2	BIRTH HISTORY (own birth)	201
B3	BODY	77
C1	CHILDREN	1
C2	CHILDREN: WANT FOR (Parental aspirations)	6
C3	CHILDREN: HAVING (parental status)	195
C4	CHILDREN: CHARACTERISTICS OF ONE'S CHILDREN	25

C5	CHILDREN: RELATION WITH ONE'S CHILDREN	8
C6	CHILDREN: REARING OF ONE'S CHILDREN (parental behavior)	26
C7	COMMUNAL LIVING	9
C8	CONCERNS	18
C9	COPING	43
C10	CREATIVENESS	6
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N2	NATION: ERA (temporal period)	41
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N5	NATION: POSITION OF ONE'S NATION	1
N6	NATION: ATTITUDES TO ONES NATION	152
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N8	NATION i: ATTITUDES IN	1
N9	REGION IN NATION	59
N10	NUTRITION	23
N21	ERA	0
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Appendix 5: Related Subjects

Subject		Related Subject(s)		
	H9	HEALTH-BEHAVIOR	P6	PHYSICAL HEALTH
	H9.1	Health-behavior career	M6.1	Medical career
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	H9.3	Current medical consumption	M6	MEDICAL TREATMENT
	H9.3.3	Use of medicaments	S13	STIMULANTS
	H9.4	Attitudes to health-maintenance	C8.2.2	Specific concerns
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	H9.4	Attitudes to health-maintenance	V1	VALUES: CAREER
	H9.4	Attitudes to health-maintenance	V2.1	General value-principles

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