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Correlational finding on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Subject code: M1

Study

HANSO 1983

Reported in: Hanson, S.L.; Spanier, G.B. 
Family Development and Adjustment to Marital Separation. 
Sociology and Social Research, 1983, Vol. 68, 19 - 40. ISSN 0038 0393

Population: Recently separated, followed 2 years, County, Pennsylvania, USA, 1977-79

Sample:

Non-Response: T1: 39 %, T2: 48 %

N: 210

Correlate

Authors label: Age at first marriage (2)

Our classification: MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER, code M1

Measurement: Years

Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>Unrelated to change in happiness between T1 and T2.</td>
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<td>b's controlled for: age, sexe, education, work-status, income, occupational status, and family history.</td>
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Correlational finding on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Subject code: M1

Study

LEE 1998

Reported in: Lee, S. 
Marital Status, Gender, and Subjective Quality of Life in Korea. 

Page in Report: 44-45
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Population: 20-60 aged, general public, South Korea, 1996

Sample: Probability stratified sample

Non-Response: 4.5%

N: 1000

Correlate

Authors label: Marital status (1)

Our classification: MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER, code M1

Measurement: 1 married
   0 never married

Measured Values: 1: 78.7%; 2: 21.9%

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Interaction gender-marital status

B = -.05 ns

B controlled for
- age
- gender
- subjective class
- household income
- education

Correlational finding on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER
Subject code: M1

Study

SOONS 2006

Reported in: Soons, J.
Demos, 2006, Vol 21, 75 - 77. ISSN 0169 1473
Page in Report: 76,77
**Correlate**

*Authors label:* Ageing  
*Our classification:* MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER, code M1  
*Measurement:* Happiness assessed at:  
T1 (1987)  
T2 (1991)  
T3 (1995)  
T4 (1999)  
12 year interval

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**Observed Relation with Happiness**

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| O-Sum/u/mq/v/7/a   | DM         | Positive among people with a partner  
Negative among singles  

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Correlational finding on Happiness and Earlier marital states

Subject code: M1.1

Study: BAKER 2005


Population: 60+ aged, USA, followed 3 years 1986-1989

Sample: Probability stratified sample

Non-Response:

N: 1279

Correlate

Authors label: Married

Our classification: Earlier marital states, code M1.1
Observing the relationship between Happiness and marital status.

**Measurement:**
- 0 = other
- 1 = married

**Measured Values:**
- M = 0.62
- SD = 0.49

**Remarks:**
- Assessed at T1

### Observed Relation with Happiness

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| O-HL/c/sq/v/3/aa  | B=+.41 p<.05 | B (+.406) controlled for:
  - T1 activity in voluntary associations
  - T1 health
  - T1 social support
  - T1 religious participation
  - Demographic variables
    - gender
    - education
    - race
    - age
| O-SLW/c/sq/n/7/a  | B=+.17 ns | B (+0.172) controlled for:
  - T1 activity in voluntary associations
  - T1 health
  - T1 social support
  - T1 religious participation
  - Demographic variables
    - gender
    - education
    - race
    - age
| O-SLW/c/sq/n/7/a  | B=+.02 ns | B (+0.20) additionally controlled for:
  - T1 happiness (indicating CHANGE in happiness)

### Correlational finding on Happiness and Earlier marital states

**Subject code:** M1.1

**Study:** SOONS 2006

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Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Reported in: Soons, J.
Demos, 2006, Vol 21, 75 - 77. ISSN 0169 1473
Page in Report: 76

Sample: Probability stratified sample

Non-Response:
N: 1775

Correlate

Authors label: Relation history of the single
Our classification: Earlier marital states, code M1.1
Measurement: the last relation of the single:
   A No earlier relation
   B ex-Living apart together (LAT)
   C ex-living together

Remarks: Currently single subjects only. Assessed at T1 + T2 (merged file)

Observed Relation with Happiness

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| O-Sum/u/mg/v/7/a    | DM=        | No earlier relation M= 6,8  
ex-living apart together (LAT) M= 6,8  
ex-living together M= 5,8  

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Correlational finding on Happiness and Earlier marital states
Subject code: M1.1

Study VENTE 1995
Reported in: Ventegodt, S.
Livskvalitet i Danmark. (Quality of Life in Denmark).
Forskningscentrets Forlag (The Quality of Life Research Center), København, Denmark, ISBN 8790190017 http://www.livskvalitet.org/t1/index.asp
Page in Report: 286

Population: 18-88 aged, general public, Denmark, 1993

Sample: Non-probability purposive sample

Non-Response: 39%

N: 1494

Correlate

Authors label: partner (1)

Our classification: Earlier marital states, code M1.1

Measurement:
Single question:
"Do you have a partner?"
1: no, and I have never had one
2: no, but I have had one
3: not sure
4: yes


Remarks: It is likely that the original sign of the correlation was wrong: this was adjusted here.

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| O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/e   | r=+.19     | 1: Mt=6.98          |
|                   |            | 2: Mt=6.68          |
|                   |            | 3: Mt=6.23          |
|                   |            | 4: Mt=7.69          |
|                   |            | All Mt=7.44         |
|                   | p<.00      |                     |
Correlational finding on Happiness and Earlier marital states
Subject code: M1.1

Study

VENTE 1996

Reported in: Ventegodt, S.
Liskvalitet hos 4500 31-33-årige. (The Quality of Life of 4500 31-33-Years-Olds).
www.livskvalitet.org/t2/index.asp
Page in Report: 304

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

Sample: Non-probability chunk sample

Non-Response: 39%

N: 4500

Correlate

Authors label: having a partner

Our classification: Earlier marital states, code M1.1

Measurement: Single question:
"Do you have a partner?"
1: no, and I never had one
2: no, but I have had one
3: not sure
4: yes

Measured Values: N: All:4604; %:1:1,9; 2:14,5; 3:2,5; 4:81,1

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Study: HAWKI 2005

Reported in: Hawkins, D.N.; Booth, A.
Unhappily Ever After: Effects of Long-Term, Low-Quality Marriages on Well-Being.
Social Forces, 2005, Vol. 84, 452 - 471. ISSN p 0037 7732; ISSN e 1534 7605
Page in Report: 458

Population: Couples, USA, followed 12 years, 1980-1992

Sample: Probability simple random sample

Non-Response: 35%

N: 1150

Correlate

Authors label: Cohabited

Our classification: ever lived as married, code M1.1.1.1

Measurement: 1 If Ss lived with their spouses before marriage
0 other

Measured Values: M=.14, SD=.35, Range 0-1

Observed Relation with Happiness

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Correlational finding on Happiness and . ever lived as married
Subject code: M1.1.1.1

Study VANS 2004

Reported in: VanSuijs, J.  
Page in Report: 40,62

Sample: Probability stratified sample  
Non-Response: 36,6% (baseline)  
N: 836

Correlate

Authors label: Living together/marriage first partner  
Our classification: . ever lived as married, code M1.1.1.1  
Measurement: 1 Married or living as married with first partner  
0 Other (mostly singles)

Measured Values: N in this situation at: T1= 412, T1-T3=297, T3-T4=127, T3-T5 or T4-T5=74, Total=910

Remarks: Marital status assessed at:  
T1: 1987 when aged 18 to 26  
T2: 1989 when aged 20 to 28  
T3: 1991 when aged 22 to 30  
T4: 1995 when aged 26 to 34  
T5: 1999 when aged 30 to 34
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<td>additional controlled for years since transition (happened or not): first paid job, no job, left parental home, divorce from first partner, living together/marriage second partner, having first child</td>
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## Correlational finding on Happiness and ever married before

**Subject code: M1.1.1.2**

**Study**

**Reported in:** Hawkins, D.N.; Booth, A. Unhappily Ever After: Effects of Long-Term, Low-Quality Marriages on Well-Being. Social Forces, 2005, Vol. 84, 452 - 471. ISSN p 0037 7732; ISSN e 1534 7605

**Page in Report:** 458

**Population:** Couples, USA, followed 12 years, 1980-1992
Sample: Probability simple random sample
Non-Response: 35%
N: 1150

Correlate

Authors label: Remarried
Our classification: ever married before, code M1.1.1.2
Measurement:
1 married before T1
0 other

Measured Values: M=.12, SD=.33, Range 0-1

Observed Relation with Happiness

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Correlational finding on Happiness and Earlier marital transitions
Subject code: M1.1.2

Study

GUBRI 1974

Reported in: Gubrium, J.F.
Marital Desolation and the Evaluation of Everyday Life in Old Age.
Journal of Marriage and the Family, February, 1974, 107 - 113. ISSN 0022 2445
Page in Report: 110-111
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Population: Aged persons, Detroit, USA, 197?

Sample:

Non-Response: -

N: 210

Correlate

Authors label: Continuity in marital status (3)

Our classification: Earlier marital transitions, code M1.1.2

Measurement: 0 Incontinuity (widowed / divorced)    1 Continuity (never married / married)

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

O-SLL/c/sq/v/3/b G=+.11 ns Unaffected by age.

O-HL/c/sq/v/3/bb G=+.24 ns Unaffected by age

Correlational finding on Happiness and . ever divorced/separated
Subject code: M1.1.2.1

Study CARGA 1990

Reported in: Cargan, L.; Whitehurst, R.N.
Adjustment Differences in the Divorced and the Redivorced.
Page in Report: 72

Population: Divorced, members of singles organization Dayton, Ohio, USA, 1987

Sample: Non-probability chunk sample

Non-Response: 75%

N: 249

Correlate

Authors label: Redivorced (1)

Our classification: . ever divorced/separated, code M1.1.2.1
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Measurement:
0: Divorced
1: Redivorced

Observed Relation with Happiness

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Correlational finding on Happiness and . ever divorced/separated

Subject code: M1.1.2.1

Study

HAWKI 2005


Population: Couples, USA, followed 12 years, 1980-1992

Sample: Probability simple random sample

Non-Response: 35%

N: 1150

Correlate

Authors label: Continuously married

Our classification: . ever divorced/separated, code M1.1.2.1

Measurement:
1 married to the same spouse at T1(1980), T2(1983) and T3(1988)
0 other

Measured Values: Range 0-1, M=0.71, SD=0.46,

Observed Relation with Happiness

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O-HL/c/sq/v/3/ad  \( r = +0.26 \)  
\( p < 0.001 \)  

T4 happiness by T1-T3 married to same spouse

O-HL/c/sq/v/3/ad  \( \text{Beta} = +0.39 \)  
\( p < 0.001 \)  

T4 happiness (1992) by T1-T3 married to the same spouse, controlling for:
- T1-T3 divorced and remarried
- T1-T3 divorced and remained single

O-HL/c/sq/v/3/ad  \( \text{Beta} = +0.30 \)  
\( p < 0.001 \)  

T1-T4 CHANGE in happiness (12 year interval)  
T4 happiness by 1-T3 married to same spouse controlling:
- T1 happiness (for capturing change)
- T1-T3 divorced and remarried
- T1-T3 divorced and remained single

- additionally control for:
  - Age
  - Gender
  - Race
  - T4 years of education
  - T4 family income
  - T1-T4 number of children in household
  - T1-T4 stepchild in household
  - T1 religiosity
  - Remarried
  - Cohabited

Correlational finding on Happiness and . ever divorced/separated
Subject code: M1.1.2.1

Study  KAHNE 2006

Reported in: Kahneman, D.; Krueger, A. B.  
Developments in the Measurement of Subjective Well-Being.  
DOI:10.1257/089533006776526030  
Page in Report: 17

Population: Adults, female, employed, USA (Texas)

Sample: Non-probability purposive sample

Non-Response:

\( N = 909 \)

Correlate

Authors label: Divorced

Our classification: . ever divorced/separated, code M1.1.2.1
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Measurement:
1 Divorced
0 Married

Observed Relation with Happiness

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Correlational finding on Happiness and . ever divorced/separated
Subject code: M1.1.2.1

Study
VANSL 2004

Reported in: VanSluijs, J.
Effecten van Levenslooptransities op de Tevredenheid van Jong Volwassenen. (Effects of Lifecourse Transition on Satisfaction of Adolescents).
Master thesis, University of Tilburg, 2004, Netherlands
Page in Report: 40,62


Sample: Probability stratified sample
Non-Response: 36.6% (baseline)
N: 836

Correlate

Authors label: Divorce/separation from first partner
Our classification: . ever divorced/separated, code M1.1.2.1
Measurement: 1 Divorced after marriage or separation after living together
0 other

Measured Values: N in this situation at: T1=25, T1-T3=19, T3-T4=18, T3-T5 or T4-T5=18, Total=80

Remarks: Marital status assessed at:
T1: 1987 when aged 18 to 26
T2: 1989 when aged 20 to 28
T3: 1991 when aged 22 to 30
T4: 1995 when aged 26 to 34
T5: 1999 when aged 30 to 34
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

**Happiness Measure** | **Statistics** | **Elaboration/Remarks**
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O-Sum/cy/mq/v/7/a | B  | B's indicate average difference between Ss who divorced during this 12 year period and Ss who did not

O-Sum/cy/mq/v/7/a | B=1.5, p<.001 | B controlled for personal characteristics:
- age
- age²
- gender
- education
- cohort 1965 vs cohort 1961
- cohort 1969 vs cohort 1961
- mental health
- neuroticism
and life course transitions:
- first job
- no job
- left parental home
- living together/marriage first partner
- living together/marriage second partner
- having first child

O-Sum/cy/mq/v/7/a | B=2.0, p<.001 | additional controlled for years since transition :
- first paid job
- no job
- left parental home
- living together/marriage first partner
- divorce from first partner
- living together/marriage second partner
- having first child

Unaffected by squaring the above years of transition variables

Unaffected by gender

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**Correlational finding on Happiness and ever remarried**

**Subject code: M1.1.2.3**

**Study** | **BAHR 1980**
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**Reported in** | Bahr, H.H.; Harvey, C.D.
Correlates of Morale Among the Newly Widowed.
Page in Report: 225

**Population** | Recently widowed miner’s wives and controls, USA, 1972

**Sample**

**Non-Response** | Widows 39%, survivor wives 19%, other miners wives 48%
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

N: 222

**Correlate**

*Authors label:* Married before (1)

*Our classification:* Ever remarried, code M1.1.2.3

*Measurement:* Direct question; "Where you ever married before?" 0=first marriage, 1= previous marriage

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**Observed Relation with Happiness**

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Correlational finding on Happiness and ever remarried
Subject code: M1.1.2.3

Study

HAWKI 2005


Population: Couples, USA, followed 12 years, 1980-1992

Sample: Probability simple random sample

Non-Response: 35%
N: 1150

Correlate

Authors label: Divorced/Remarried

Our classification: ever remarried, code M1.1.2.3

Measurement: 1 Ss who divorced in T2 or T3 and then remarried T3 or T4. 0 other

Measured Values: M=.05, SD=.23, Range 0-1

Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>Beta=+.19 p&lt;.05</td>
<td>T1-T4 change in happiness(T4 happiness controlling T1 happiness) Controlling for - Continuously married - Divorced/Unmarried</td>
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**Correlational finding on Happiness and . ever remarried**
Subject code: M1.1.2.3

**Study**
WHITE 1979

*Reported in:* White, L.K.  
Sex Differentials in the Effect of Remarriage on Global Happiness.  
Journal of Marriage and the Family, 1979, Vol. 41, 869 -876. ISSN 0022 2445  
Page in Report: 873

*Population:* Adult, general public, married and divorced, Nebraska, USA, 1977

*Sample:*

*Non-Response:*

*Correlate*

*Authors label:* Remarriage (1)  
*Our classification:* . ever remarried, code M1.1.2.3  
*Measurement:* 0 First marrieds  
1 Remarrieds

**Observed Relation with Happiness**

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Correlational finding on Happiness and Recent change in marital status
Subject code: M1.2

Study

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<th>GRAHA 2004</th>
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Reported in: Graham, C.; Eggers, A; Sukhtankar, S.
Does Happiness Pay? An Exploration based on Panel Data from Russia
Page in Report: 331

Population: 10+ aged, followed 5 years, Russia 1995-2000

Sample: Probability sample (unspecified)

Non-Response:

N: 5269

Correlate

Authors label: Change in marital status

Our classification: Recent change in marital status, code M1.2

Measurement:

T1-T2 change in marital status
a: got married
b: got divorced
c: stayed married

Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>p&lt;.001</td>
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**Beta = -.19** stayed married (vs not)

Beta controlled for change in:
- static variables
  - age
  - male
  - minority
- status variables
  - income
  - education level
  - educational participation
  - health (illness, hospital, problems)
  - health behavior (drinking, smoking)
  - employment (retirement, unemployment)

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**Correlational finding on Happiness and . recent start of living as married**
**Subject code: M1.2.1.1**

**Study**
- **SOONS 2006**

  Page in Report: 76

  *Population:* Young adults, followed from age 18 to 26, The Netherlands, 1987-1999

  *Sample:* Probability stratified sample

  *Non-Response:* 
  \( N: 1775 \)

**Correlate**

  *Authors label:* Having a partner or not

  *Our classification:* . recent start of living as married, code M1.2.1.1

  *Measurement:* 
  0 single
  1 having a partner

  *Remarks:* Assessed at T1 + T2 (merged file)

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**Observed Relation with Happiness**

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Single  M = 6.7
Having a partner  M = 7.7

Figuur 1. Gemiddelde welbevindenscores voor mannen en vrouwen met en zonder partner
Correlational finding on Happiness and recent start of living as married
Subject code: M1.2.1.1

Study
VANSL 2004

Reported in:
VanSluijs, J.
Effecten van Levenslooptransities op de Tevredenheid van Jong Volwassenen. (Effects of Lifecourse Transition on Satisfaction of Adolescents).
Master thesis, University of Tilburg, 2004, Netherlands
Page in Report: 67,68

Population:
Young adults, followed from age 18 to 30, The Netherlands, 1987-1999

Sample:
Probability stratified sample

Non-Response:
36.6% (baseline)

N:
836

Correlate

Authors label:
Got married to first partner

Our classification:
recent start of living as married, code M1.2.1.1

Measurement:
Change in marital status: got married (or started living together)

Measured Values:
N for who this transition took place between different periods < T1=412, T1-T3=297, T3-T4=127, T3-T5 or T4-T5=74, Total=910

Remarks:
Marital status assessed at:
T1: 1987 when aged 18 to 26
T2: 1989 when aged 20 to 28
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Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>B's denote CHANGE in happiness following CHANGE from single to married status in individuals (fixed effects)</td>
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<td>O-Sum/cy/mq/v/7/a</td>
<td>B=+.67 p&lt;001</td>
<td>B controlled for private life course transitions: - leaving parental home - living together/marriage first partner - divorce from first partner - living together/marriage second partner - having first child</td>
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Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

B = +.66 p < .001
B controlled for public life course transitions:
- first paid job
- no job

B = +.65 p < .001
additional control for years since transition:
- first paid job
- no job
- leaving parental home
- living together/marriage first partner
- divorce from first partner
- living together/marriage second partner
- having first child

B = +.58 p < .001
B additionally control for above years since transition squared

Correlational finding on Happiness and recent marriage
Subject code: M1.2.1.2

Study GRAHA 2004
**Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER**

*Page in Report:* 331

*Population:* 10+ aged, followed 5 years, Russia 1995-2000

*Sample:* Probability sample (unspecified)

*Non-Response:*  
*N:* 5269

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**Correlate**

*Authors label:* Change in marital status

*Our classification:* recent marriage, code M1.2.1.2

*Measurement:*  
T1-T2 change in marital status  
a: got married  
b: got divorced  
c: stayed married

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**Observed Relation with Happiness**

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Beta controlled for change in:  
- static variables  
  - age  
  - male  
  - minority  
- status variables  
  - income  
  - education level  
  - educational participation  
  - health (illness, hospital, problems)  
  - health behavior (drinking, smoking)  
  - employment (retirement, unemployment)
Findings on Happiness and Marriage: Marital Status Career

Subject code: M1.2.1.2

Study

Reported in: Nock, S.L.

Page in Report: 710

Population: 16+ aged working force, USA, followed 5 years, 1973-1977

Sample: Probability area sample

Non-Response:

N: 963

Correlate

Authors label: First marriage

Our classification: Recent marriage, code M1.2.1.2

Measurement:

First marriage in last 5 years
1 = Yes
0 = No

Measured Values: 1: N = 41 (8.20%)

Remarks: Percents are based on sample size, not total number of transition events

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure | Statistics | Elaboration/Remarks
--- | --- | ---
\( O_{-HL}/c/sq/n/7/c \) | \( B=+.21 \text{ ns} \) | T1-T2 CHANGE in happiness. Correlation with T2 happiness, controlled for T1 happiness.

\( O_{-SLu}/c/sq/n/7/c \) | \( B=+.20 \text{ ns} \) | T1-T2 CHANGE in satisfaction. Correlation with T2 satisfaction, controlled for T1 satisfaction.

B’s further controlled for:
- education
- sex
- race
- age

Two stage least-square procedure in which T1 happiness is first regressed on all exogenous variables in order to free this variable of autocorrelated error.
Correlational finding on Happiness and recent marriage
Subject code: M1.2.1.2

Study

STUTZ 2006

Reported in: Stutzer, A.; Frey, B.S.
Does Marriage Make People Happy, or Do Happy People Get Married?
University of Zürich, Switzerland. ISSN 1424 0459)
Page in Report: 30-33

Population: Adult members of private households, Germany, 1984-2000

Sample: Non-probability purposive sample

Non-Response:

N: 15268

Correlate

Authors label: Years before and after marriage

Our classification: recent marriage, code M1.2.1.2

Measurement: Number of years before and after year of marriage.
Follow-up over 17 years.

Remarks: Only Ss who got married in this 17 year period. N = 1,991,
number of observations 21,809.

Observed Relation with Happiness

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Years before/after Mean

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+1 7.83  
+2 7.65  
+3 7.56  
+4 7.61  
+5 7.63  
+6 7.56  
+7 7.47  
+8 7.41  
+9 7.43  
+10 7.37

* -4,-3,-2,-1, +1,+2 years mean happiness are higher than the reference group. T(p)= 2.06 (0.04), 1.96(0.05), 3(0.00), 4.38(0.00), 4.75(0.00), 2.47(0.01)

The reference person captured in -7 years is a person with mean age, mean household income, mean years of education, mean household size, employed, head of household or spouse, has no children, lives in Western Germany and is national.

Figure 2: LIFE SATISFACTION AROUND MARRIAGE

Note: The graph represents the pattern of well-being after taking respondents’ sex, age, education level, parenthood, household income, household size, relation to the head of the household, labor market status, place of residence and citizenship into account.
The reversed-U shape pattern is partly produced by Ss who also got divorced in this 17 year period. When steadily marrieds and divorcees are considered separately the shape is flatter, but still exists in both categories.

**Figure 3: Life satisfaction around marriage for couples who stay married and couples who get divorced**

*Note*: The graph represents the pattern of well-being after taking respondents' sex, age, education level, parenthood, household income, household size, relation to the head of the household, labor market status, place of residence and citizenship into account.

*Data source*: GSOEP.
The reverted-U pattern is somewhat more pronounced among Ss who differ in wage rate.

The reverted-U pattern exists both among Ss who differ much in education with their spouse and Ss who do not.

Figure 4: Differences in the (shadow) wage rate between spouses and its effect on life satisfaction around marriage

*Note:* The graph represents the pattern of well-being after taking respondents' sex, age, parenthood, household size, relation to the head of the household, labor market status, place of residence and citizenship into account.

*Data source:* GSOEP.
Figure 7: Differences in the level of education between spouses and its effect on life satisfaction around marriage

Note: The graph represents the pattern of well-being after taking respondents’ sex, age, education level, parenthood, household income, household size, relation to the head of the household, labor market status, place of residence and citizenship into account.

Data source: GSOEP.
The reverted-U pattern is hardly affected by division of labor between spouses.

Ma's controlled for:
- age
- education
- parenthood
- household income
- household size
- position in household
- employment
- place of residence
- citizenship

Figure 5: Division of labor between spouses and life satisfaction around marriage

*Note*: The graph represents the pattern of well-being after taking respondents’ sex, age, parenthood, household size, relation to the head of the household, labor market status, place of residence and citizenship into account.

*Data source*: GSOEP.
The reverted-U pattern does not exist in marriages without children and without labor specialization between spouses. People in these marriages stayed about equally happy in the 10 years after marriage.

The reverted-U pattern is most pronounced in marriages with children and labor specialization between spouses (indicative of traditional marriage)

Ss in marriages with children and without specialization are less happy in the 10 years after marriage, especially in the first 5 years.

M's controled for:
- age
- education
- household income
- household size
- position in household
- employment
- place of residence
- citizenship
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Correlational finding on Happiness and recent marriage
Subject code: M1.2.1.2

Study VANSL 2004

Reported in: VanSluijs, J.
Effecten van Levenslooptransities op de Tevredenheid van Jong Volwassenen. (Effects of Lifecourse Transition on Satisfaction of Adolescents).
Master thesis, University of Tilburg, 2004, Netherlands
Page in Report: 40,62
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER


Sample: Probability stratified sample

Non-Response: 36.6% (baseline)

N: 836

Correlate

Authors label: Years since Living together/marriage first partner

Our classification: recent marriage, code M1.2.1.2

Measurement: Years since first marriage

Remarks: Marital status assessed at:
- T1: 1987 when aged 18 to 26
- T2: 1989 when aged 20 to 28
- T3: 1991 when aged 22 to 30
- T4: 1995 when aged 26 to 34
- T5: 1999 when aged 30 to 34

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure | Statistics | Elaboration/Remarks
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O-Sum/cy/mq/v/7/a | B = .01 ns | B controlled for personal characteristics:
- age
- age²
- gender
- education
- cohort 1965 vs cohort 1961
- cohort 1969 vs cohort 1961
- mental health
- neuroticism
- lifecourse transitions:
  - first job
  - no job
  - left parental home
  - living together/marriage first partner
  - divorce from first partner
  - living together/marriage second partner
  - having first child
  - years since transition
- no job
- leaving parental home
- divorce from first partner
- living together/marriage second partner
- having first child

Unaffected by squaring transition variables
Correlational finding on Happiness and . recent marriage
Subject code: M1.2.1.2

Study

VANSL 2004

Reported in: VanSluijs, J.
Effecten van Levenslooptransities op de Tevredenheid van Jong Volwassenen. (Effects of Lifecourse Transition on Satisfaction of Adolescents).
Master thesis, University of Tilburg, 2004, Netherlands
Page in Report: 67,68


Sample: Probability stratified sample

Non-Response: 36.6% (baseline)

N: 836

Correlate

Authors label: Got married to first partner

Our classification: . recent marriage, code M1.2.1.2

Measurement: Change in marital status: got married (or started living together)

Measured Values: N for who this transition took place between different periods < T1= 412, T1-T3=297, T3-T4=127, T3-T5 or T4-T5=74, Total=910

Remarks: Marital status assessed at:
T1: 1987 when aged 18 to 26
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Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>B</td>
<td>B's denote CHANGE in happiness following CHANGE from single to married status in individuals (fixed effects)</td>
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<td>O-Sum/cy/mq/v7/a</td>
<td>B=+.67 p&lt;.001</td>
<td>B controlled for private life course transitions: - leaving parental home - living together/marriage first partner - divorce from first partner - living together/marriage second partner - having first child</td>
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B control for public life course transitions:
- first paid job
- no job

B=+.66 p<.001

additional control for years since transition:
- first paid job
- no job
- leaving parental home
- living together/marriage first partner
- divorce from first partner
- living together/marriage second partner
- having first child

B=+.65 p<.001

B additionally control for above years since transition squared

B=+.58 p<.001

Correlational finding on Happiness and . recent re-marriage
Subject code: M1.2.1.3

Study HAWKI 2005
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Reported in: Hawkins, D.N.; Booth, A.
Unhappily Ever After: Effects of Long-Term, Low-Quality Marriages on Well-Being.
Social Forces, 2005, Vol. 84, 452 - 471. ISSN p 0037 7732; ISSN e 1534 7605
Page in Report: 458

Population: Couples, USA, followed 12 years, 1980-1992
Sample: Probability simple random sample
Non-Response: 35%
N: 1150

Correlate

Authors label: Divorced/Remarried
Our classification: Recent re-marriage, code M1.2.1.3
Measurement: 1 Ss who divorced in T2 or T3 and then remarried T3 or T4.
0 other

Measured Values: M=.05, SD=.23, Range 0-1

Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>T1 Happiness (1980)</td>
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<td>O-HL/c/sq/v/3/ad</td>
<td>Beta=.24, p&lt;.01</td>
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Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

O-HL/c/sq/v3/ad  Beta=+.20  p<.05  T1-T4 change in happiness (T4 happiness controlling T1 happiness)
Controlling for
- Continuously married
- Divorced/Unmarried
- Age
- Gender
- White
- Years of education
- Family income
- Number of children
- Stepchild
- Religiosity
- Remarried
- Cohabited

Correlational finding on Happiness and . recent re-marriage
Subject code: M1.2.1.3

Study

HETHE 1976

Reported in: Hetherington, E.M.; Cox, M.; Cox, R.
Divorced Fathers.
The Family Coordinator, 1976, Vol. 25, 417 - 428
Page in Report: 423

Population: Parents, followed 3 years, USA, 197?-7?

Sample:
Non-Response: 33 %
N: 96

Correlate

Authors label: Remarriage (1)
Our classification: . recent re-marriage, code M1.2.1.3
Measurement: 1 Divorced remarried within two years  0 divorced not remarried

Observed Relation with Happiness

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Divorced parents who remarried are equally happy as married parents and happier than divorced parents who remained single.

**Correlational finding on Happiness and . recent re-marriage**

**Subject code: M1.2.1.3**

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**Correlate**

| Authors label: | Remarriage |
| Our classification: | . recent re-marriage, code M1.2.1.3 |
| Measurement: | Remarriage following divorce or widowhood in the last 5 years |
| | 1 = Yes |
| | 0 = No |

**Measured Values:**

| 1: N = 25 (2,60%) |

**Remarks:**

Some respondents who were remarried, were divorced and remarried during the study. This is not shown in the data.

**Observed Relation with Happiness**

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<td>B=+.22 ns</td>
<td>T1-T2 CHANGE in happiness. Correlation with T2 happiness, controlled for T1 happiness.</td>
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Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

O-SL/c/sq/n/7/c  B=-.02 ns  T1-T2 CHANGE in satisfaction. Correlation with T2 satisfaction, controlled for T1 satisfaction.

B's further controlled for:
- education
- sex
- race
- age

Two stage least-square procedure in which T1 happiness is first regressed on all exogenous variables in order to free this variable of autocorrelated error.

Correlational finding on Happiness and . recent re-marriage
Subject code: M1.2.1.3

Study  SPANI 1982


Population: Separated, followed 2 years, Pennsylvania, USA, 1977-79

Sample:
Non-Response: T1: 39 %, T2: 48 %
N: 210

Correlate

Authors label: Length of Remarriage (1)
Our classification: . recent re-marriage, code M1.2.1.3
Measurement:
0 Just remarried at T2
1 Married one or two years earlier

Observed Relation with Happiness

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Correlational finding on Happiness and recent re-marriage
Subject code: M1.2.1.3

Study

Reported in: VanSuijs, J.
Effecten van Levenslooptransities op de Tevredenheid van Jong Volwassenen. (Effects of Lifecourse Transition on Satisfaction of Adolescents).
Master thesis, University of Tilburg, 2004, Netherlands
Page in Report: 40,62

Sample: Probability stratified sample
Non-Response: 36,6% (baseline)
N: 836

Correlate

Authors label: Living with a second partner
Our classification: . recent re-marriage, code M1.2.1.3
Measurement: 1 living together/marriage with a second partner
0 other

Measured Values: N in this situation: T1=15, T1-T3=12, T3-T4=17, T3-T5 or T4-T5=20, Total=64

Remarks: Marital status assessed at:
T1: 1987 when aged 18 to 26
T2: 1989 when aged 20 to 28
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Observed Relation with Happiness

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Findings on Happiness and Marriage: Marital Status Career

B's indicate average difference between Ss who remarried during this 12 year period and Ss who did not

B = +1.2
p < .001

B controlled for personal characteristics:
- age
- age²
- gender
- education
- cohort 1965 vs cohort 1961
- cohort 1969 vs cohort 1961
- mental health
- neuroticism

Life course transitions:
- first job
- no job
- left parental home
- living together/marriage first partner
- divorce from first partner
- having first child

B = +2.0
p < .001

Additional controlled for years since transition:
- first paid job
- no job
- leaving parental home
- living together/marriage first partner
- divorce from first partner
- living together/marriage second partner
- having first child

Unaffected by squaring the above years of transition variables

Unaffected by gender

Correlational finding on Happiness and recent re-marriage

Subject code: M1.2.1.3

Study VANS 2004


Page in Report: 40,62


Sample: Probability stratified sample

Non-Response: 36.6% (baseline)

N: 836
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Correlate

Authors label: Years since living together/marriage second partner

Our classification: recent re-marriage, code M1.2.1.3

Measurement: Years living together/marriage second partner

Remarks: T1: 1987 when aged 18 to 26
Marital status assessed at:
T2: 1989 when aged 20 to 28
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Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>B = -0.05 ns</td>
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| O-Sum/cy/mq/v/7/a  | B = -0.07 | B additionally controlled for above transition variables squared |

Correlational finding on Happiness and recent re-marriage
Subject code: M1.2.1.3

Study VANSL 2004
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Reported in: VanSluijs, J. 
Effecten van Levenslooptransities op de Tevredenheid van Jong Volwassenen. (Effects of Lifecourse Transition on Satisfaction of Adolescents).
Master thesis, University of Tilburg, 2004, Netherlands
Page in Report: 67,68

Sample: Probability stratified sample
Non-Response: 36.6% (baseline)
N: 836

Correlate

Authors label: Remarried to second partner
Our classification: recent re-marriage, code M1.2.1.3
Measurement: Went trough CHANGE from married/divorced to second marriage

Measured Values: N for who this transition took place between different periods <T1= 15, T1-T3=12, T3-T4=17, T3-T5 or T4-T5=20, Total=64
Remarks: Marital status assessed at:
T1: 1987 when aged 18 to 26
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Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure | Statistics | Elaboration/Remarks
O-Sum/cy/mq/v/7/a  | B=         | B's denote CHANGE in happiness following CHANGE in marital status in individuals (fixed effects)
O-Sum/cy/mq/v/7/a  | B=+1.1 p<001 | B controlled for private life course transitions:  
                                 - leaving parental home  
                                 - living together/marriage first partner  
                                 - divorce from first partner  
                                 - having first child

Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

**Effect van het aangaan van een tweede partnerrelatie op de tevredenheid van jongvolwassenen (model 4).**

- **B = +1.1 p < 0.001**
  - B controlled for public life course transitions:
    - first paid job
    - no job

- **B = +1.7 p < 0.001**
  - additional control for years since transition:
    - first paid job
    - no job
    - leaving parental home
    - living together/marriage first partner
    - divorce from first partner
    - living together/marriage second partner
    - having first child

- **B = +1.6 p < 0.001**
  - additional control for years since transition (squared):
    - first paid job
    - no job
    - leaving parental home
    - living together/marriage first partner
    - divorce from first partner
    - living together/marriage second partner
    - having first child
Correlational finding on Happiness and recent re-marriage
Subject code: M1.2.1.3

Study
Reported in: WEING 1985

Marital Status and Well-Being: A National Study Comparing First-Married, Currently Divorced and Remarried Adults.
Journal of Marriage and the Family, 1985, Vol. 47, 653 - 662. ISSN 0022 2445
Page in Report: 657

Population: 21+ aged whites, first married; divorced and remarried, USA, 1976
Non-Response: 36%
N: 1452

Correlate

Authors label: Remarriage after divorce (1)
Our classification: recent re-marriage, code M1.2.1.3
Measurement:
0 Currently divorced
1 Remarried after divorce

Observed Relation with Happiness

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Correlational finding on Happiness and Recent dissolution of marriage
Subject code: M1.2.2

### Study: HAWKI 2005

**Reported in:** Hawkins, D.N.; Booth, A.  
Unhappily Ever After: Effects of Long-Term, Low-Quality Marriages on Well-Being. Social Forces, 2005, Vol. 84, 452 - 471. ISSN p 0037 7732; ISSN e 1534 7605

**Page in Report:** 458-460

**Population:** Couples, USA, followed 12 years, 1980-1992

**Sample:** Probability simple random sample

**Non-Response:** 35%

**N:** 1150

### Correlate

**Authors label:** Continuously married

**Our classification:** Recent dissolution of marriage, code M1.2.2

**Measurement:** 1 married to the same spouse at T1(1980), T2(1983) and T3(1988)  
0 other

**Measured Values:** Range 0-1, M=0.71, SD=0.46,

### Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>r=+.26 p&lt;.01</td>
<td>T4 happiness by T1-T3 married to same spouse</td>
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|                   | Beta=+.39 p<.01 | T4 happiness (1992) by T1-T3 married to the same spouse, controlling for:  
- T1-T3 divorced and remarried  
- T1-T3 divorced and remained single |
|                   | Beta=+.30 p<.01 | T1-T4 CHANGE in happiness (12 year interval)  
T4 happiness by 1-T3 married to same spouse controlling:  
- T1 happiness (for capturing change)  
- T1-T3 divorced and remarried  
- T1-T3 divorced and remained single |
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

**Beta=+.29**  
**p<.001**

Additionally control for:
- Age
- Gender
- Race
- T4 years of education
- T4 family income
- T1-T4 number of children in household
- T1-T4 stepchild in household
- T1 religiosity
- Remarried
- Cohabited

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**Correlational finding on Happiness and recent divorce/separation**  
**Subject code: M1.2.2.1**

**Study**  
**ERBES 1984**

*Reported in:* Erbes, J.T. ; Cunneen Henderson, J.J.  
A Longitudinal Examination of the Separation/Divorce Process.  
Journal of Marriage and the Family, 1985, Vol. 11, 937 - 941. ISSN 0022 2445  
Page in Report: 939

*Population:* Male heads of households, followed 4 years, USA, 1968-72

*Sample:*

*Non-Response:*

*N: 5060*

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**Correlate**

**Authors label:** Married (1)  
**Our classification:** recent divorce/separation, code M1.2.2.1

**Measurement:**
0 stably separated/divorced between T1 and T5 (N =40)
1 stably married between T1 and T5 (N = 2550)

0 experienced separation or divorce between T1 and T5 (N= 150)
1 stably married between T1 and T5 (N = 2550)

**Remarks:**
Stably married  
Stably separated/divorced

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**Observed Relation with Happiness**
Happiness Measure | Statistics | Elaboration/Remarks
---|---|---
C-W/cy/sq/v/5/a | DMt=+ | T1: 6.5  2.5
C-W/cy/sq/v/5/a | DMt=+ | T2: 7.5  4.8
C-W/cy/sq/v/5/a | DMt=+ | T3: 7.3  4.0
C-W/cy/sq/v/5/a | DMt=+ | T4: 7.0  4.5
C-W/cy/sq/v/5/a | DMt=+ | T5: 7.0  3.3

Stably married | Divorced separated at
T1   T2   T3   T4   T5

C-W/cy/sq/v/5/a | DMt=+ | T1: 6.5  4.5* 5.3  6.5  3.8  2.8
C-W/cy/sq/v/5/a | DMt=+ | T2: 7.5  3.8  6.3* 4.5  6.5  6.5
C-W/cy/sq/v/5/a | DMt=+ | T3: 7.3  1.8  3.3  8.5* 4.0  7.0
C-W/cy/sq/v/5/a | DMt=+ | T4: 7.0  4.5  4.5  8.0  4.3* 5.8
C-W/cy/sq/v/5/a | DMt=+ | T5: 7.0  5.0  4.0  5.8  3.0  3.8*

* = year of divorce

Contentment rated on 0-4 point scale. Means transformed to 0-10 point scale (Ms', difference DMt')

There are no clear differences between men married for the first time or in a subsequent marriage.

Correlational finding on Happiness and recent divorce/separation
Subject code: M1.2.2.1

Study ERBES 1984

Reported in: Erbes, J.T.; Cunneen Henderson, J.J.
A Longitudinal Examination of the Separation/Divorce Process.
Journal of Marriage and the Family, 1985, Vol. 11, 937 - 941. ISSN 0022 2445
Page in Report: 939

Population: Male heads of households, followed 4 years, USA, 1968-72
Sample:
Non-Response:
N: 5060

Correlate

Authors label: Separation sequelae (1)
Our classification: recent divorce/separation, code M1.2.2.1
Measurement: Happiness assessed before, during and after separation or divorce


Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure | Statistics | Elaboration/Remarks
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C-W/cy/sq/v/5/a | DMt= | Only respondents who separated/divorced between T1 and T5 (N= 365)

Mean happiness at different time lags from separation/divorce
- 2 years before M= 2.6 Mt'= 6.5
- 2 years before M= 2.4 Mt'= 6.0
- year of M= 2.4 Mt'= 6.0
- 1 year after M= 2.5 Mt'= 6.3
- 2 years after M= 2.4 Mt'= 6.0

Contentment rated on 0-4 point scale. (M) Means transformed to 0-10 point scale (Ms', difference DMt')

There are no clear differences between men experiencing separation/divorce for the first time and those experiencing separation/divorce more than once when their scores from two years before to two years after separation/divorce are examined

Correlational finding on Happiness and recent divorce/separation
Subject code: M1.2.2.1

Study ERBES 1984

Reported in: Erbes, J.T.; Cunneen Henderson, J.J.
A Longitudinal Examination of the Separation/Divorce Process.
Journal of Marriage and the Family, 1985, Vol. 11, 937 - 941. ISSN 0022 2445
Page in Report: 939
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Population: Male heads of households, followed 4 years, USA, 1968-72

Sample:

Non-Response:

N: 5060

Correlate

Authors label: Recent separation/ divorce (1)

Our classification: recent divorce/separation, code M1.2.2.1

Measurement:

0 stably married
1 experienced separation or divorce between T1 and T5 (N= 150)

0 stably separated
1 experienced separation or divorce between T1 and T5 (N= 150)

Remarks: Stably separated Divorced/separated at married T1 T2 T3 T4 T5

Observed Relation with Happiness

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Stably separated Divorced/separated at married T1 T2 T3 T4 T5

C-W/cy/sq/v/5/a   | DMt=+      | T1: 5.0             | 6.0* 6.3 5.3 5.8 7.3 |
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Contentment rated on 0-4 point scale. (M) Means transformed to 0-10 point scale (Ms', difference DMt')

* = year of divorce

Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

T1-T2 CHANGE in happiness by T1-T2 CHANGE in marital status

Got married (vs not)  
Beta = -.38  
ns

Got divorced (vs not)  
Beta = -.57  
p < .001

Stayed married (vs not)  
Beta = -.19  
ns

Beta controlled for change in:
- static variables
- age
- male
- minority
- status variables
- income
- education level
- educational participation
- health (illness, hospital, problems)
- health behavior (drinking, smoking)
- employment (retirement, unemployment)

Correlational finding on Happiness and . recent divorce/separation
Subject code: M1.2.2.1

Study  
HANSO 1983

Reported in: Hanson, S.L.; Spanier, G.B.  
Family Development and Adjustment to Marital Separation.  
Sociology and Social Research, 1983, Vol. 68, 19 - 40. ISSN 0038 0393

Page in Report: 29

Population: Recently separated, followed 2 years, County, Pennsylvania, USA, 1977-79

Sample:
Non-Response: T1: 39 %, T2: 48 %
N: 210

Correlate

Authors label: Marital status (1)

Our classification: . recent divorce/separation, code M1.2.2.1

Measurement:
0 Separated at T1
1 Divorced at T1
### Observed Relation with Happiness

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b's controlled for: age, sexe, education, workstatus, income, occupational status, and family history.

### Correlational finding on Happiness and recent divorce/separation

**Subject code:** M1.2.2.1

**Study**

**HANSO 1983**

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Family Development and Adjustment to Marital Separation.
Sociology and Social Research, 1983, Vol. 68, 19 - 40. ISSN 0038 0393
Page in Report: 29

**Population:** Recently separated, followed 2 years, County,Pennsylvania,.USA, 1977-79

**Sample:**

Non-Response: T1: 39 %, T2: 48 %

N: 210

**Correlate**

**Authors label:** Length of separation (2)

**Our classification:** recent divorce/separation, code M1.2.2.1
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Measurement: Month separated at T1.

Observed Relation with Happiness

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Correlational finding on Happiness and recent divorce/separation
Subject code: M1.2.2.1

Study HANSO 1983

Page in Report: 29

Population: Recently separated, followed 2 years, County, Pennsylvania, USA, 1977-79

Sample:
Non-Response: T1: 39 %, T2: 48 %
N: 210

Correlate

Authors label: Length of separation (1)
Our classification: recent divorce/separation, code M1.2.2.1
Measurement: Month separated at T1.

Observed Relation with Happiness

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Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

A-BB/cm/mq/v/2/a  B = + ns  Unrelated to level of happiness at T1 and T2.

A-BB/cm/mq/v/2/a  B = + ns  Unrelated to change in happiness between T1 and T2.

b's controlled for: age, sexe, education, workstatus, income, occupational status, and family history.

Correlational finding on Happiness and . recent divorce/separation
Subject code: M1.2.2.1

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Correlate

Authors label: Divorced/Unmarried

Our classification: . recent divorce/separation, code M1.2.2.1

Measurement: 1 Divorced in T2,T3 or T4 and remained single. 0 other

Observed Relation with Happiness

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**Population:** 18+ aged, general public, non-institutionalized, former province Kuopio, Finland, 1991-'96.

**Sample:** Probability sample (unspecified)

**Non-Response:** not rep

**N:** 2682

**Correlational finding on Happiness and . recent divorce/separation**

**Subject code:** M1.2.2.1

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**Our classification:** . recent divorce/separation, code M1.2.2.1
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

**Measurement:** Have you experienced own divorce/ separation
(a) during the last year ?
(b) ever in your life ?
answers: No (=0) or Yes (=1).

**Measured Values:** Never: N = 2001 Ever in your life: N = 449

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**Correlational finding on Happiness and . recent divorce/separation**

**Subject code:** M1.2.2.1

**Study**

NELSO 1981/2


*Page in Report:* 78

*Population:* Children, living with divorced mothers, Manitoba, USA, 1978

*Sample:*

*Non-Response:*

N: 31

**Correlate**

*Authors label:* Time since separation (1)

*Our classification:* . recent divorce/separation, code M1.2.2.1

*Measurement:* In months

**Observed Relation with Happiness**
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

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Correlational finding on Happiness and recent divorce/separation

**Subject code: M1.2.2.1**

**Study**

**Reported in:** Nock, S.L.

**Population:** 16+ aged working force, USA, followed 5 years, 1973-1977

**Sample:** Probability area sample

**Non-Response:**

N: 963

**Correlate**

**Authors label:** Divorce

**Our classification:** recent divorce/separation, code M1.2.2.1

**Measurement:** Divorced in the last 5 years

1 = Yes
0 = No

**Measured Values:** 1: N = 79 (8.20 %)

**Observed Relation with Happiness**

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T1-T2 CHANGE in happiness. Correlation with T2 happiness, controlled for T1 happiness.

Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

O-SLu/c/sq/n/7/c  B=-.13 ns  T1-T2 CHANGE in satisfaction. Correlation with T2 satisfaction, controlled for T1 satisfaction.

B's further controlled for:
- education
- sex
- race
- age

Two stage least-square procedure in which T1 happiness is first regressed on all exogenous variables in order to free this variable of autocorrelated error.

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Correlational finding on Happiness and . recent divorce/separation
Subject code: M1.2.2.1

Study  SPANI 1982

Reported in:  Spanier, G.B.; Furstenberg, F.F.
Remarriage after Divorce: A Longitudinal Analysis of Well-Being.
Page in Report: 715-717

Population:  Separated, followed 2 years, Pennsylvania, USA, 1977-79

Sample:
Non-Response:  T1: 39 %, T2: 48 %

N:  210

Correlate

Authors label: Separation aftermath (1)
Our classification:  . recent divorce/separation, code M1.2.2.1
Measurement:  Change in happiness between T1 and T2 (2,5 years)

Observed Relation with Happiness

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http://worlddatabaseofhappiness.eur.nl/hap_con/top_sub.php?code=M1
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

D% = +

Increase 42 %, no change 25 %, decrease 33 %

Change in happiness unaffected by:
-children (presence in the house, number, age of oldest)
-former marriage (length of marriage, length of separation, divorced or not at T1, recalled dyadic adjustment prior to separation)
-remarriage and entering cohabitation or not since T1
-S.E.S. (former spouses occupational status, own occupational status, family income, education)
-sex role
-age
-gender

Results partly drawn from HANSO 83 who treats same data differently and does not involve HAPP 3.1

Increase 32 %, no change 50 %, decrease 19 %

Though gains in happiness are more frequent than losses, they are less great.
HANSO 83:37 reports means of HAPP 2.1 to be similar at T1 and T2
More gain in happiness among those:
-satisfied with work
-oldest at first marriage

Change in happiness unaffected by:
-children (presence in the house, number, age of oldest)
-former marriage (length of marriage, length of separation, divorced or not at T1, recalled dyadic adjustment prior to separation)
-remarriage and entering cohabitation or not since T1
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-sex role
-age
-gender

Results partly drawn from HANSO 83 who treats same data differently and does not involve Happ 2.1
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Increase 42 %, no change 11 %, decrease 46 %
Mean happiness simular at T1 and T2. S.D. slightly simular
Change in happiness unaffected by:
-children (presence in the house and, number of)
-former marriage (length of marriage, length of separation, divorced or not at T1, recalled dyadic adjustment prior to separation)
-remarriage and entering cohabitation or not since T1
-S.E.S. (former spouses occupational status, own occupational status, family income, education)
-sex role (households tasks at T1)
-age
-gender
Change in happiness positively affected by:
-employment at T1
-age of oldest child at T1

Results partly drawn from HANSO 83 who treats same data differently and does not involve AFF 2.3

Increase 42 %, no change 25 %, decrease 33 %
Change in happiness unaffected by:
-children (presence in the house, number, age of oldest)
-former marriage (length of marriage, length of separation, divorced or not at T1, recalled dyadic adjustment prior to separation)
-remarriage and entering cohabitation or not since T1
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-remarriage and entering cohabitation or not
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

since T1
-S.E.S. (former spouses occupational status, own occupational status, family income, education)
-sex role
-age
-gender

A-BB/cm/mq/v2/a D%=

Increase 42 %, no change 11 %, decrease 46 %
Mean happiness similar at T1 and T2.
Change in happiness unaffected by:
-children (presence in the house and, number of)
-former marriage (length of marriage, length of separation, divorced or not at T1, recalled dyadic adjustment prior to separation)
-remarriage and entering cohabitation or not since T1
-S.E.S. (former spouses occupational status, own occupational status, family income, education)
-sex role (households tasks at T1)
-age
-gender

Change in happiness positively affected by:
-employment at T1
-age of oldest child at T1

Results partly drawn from HANSO 1983 who treats same data differently.

Correlational finding on Happiness and . recent divorce/separation
Subject code: M1.2.2.1

Study SPANI 1982

Reported in: Spanier, G.B.; Furstenberg, F.F.
Page in Report:

Population: Separated, followed 2 years, Pennsylvania, USA, 1977-79

Sample:

Non-Response: T1: 39 %, T2: 48 %
N: 210

Correlate

Authors label: Presence of children in the household (1)
Our classification: . recent divorce/separation, code M1.2.2.1
Measurement: Presence of children in the household at T2
### Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>Change in happiness between T1 and T2: Ss with children got less happy.</td>
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### Correlational finding on Happiness and recent divorce/separation

**Subject code: M1.2.2.1**

**Study**

**Reported in:** VanSluijs, J.  
Effecten van Levenslooptransities op de Tevredenheid van Jong Volwassenen. (Effects of Lifecourse Transition on Satisfaction of Adolescents).  
Master thesis, University of Tilburg, 2004, Netherlands  
Page in Report: 40,62

**Population:** Young adults, followed from age 18 to 30, The Netherlands, 1987-1999

**Sample:** Probability stratified sample

**Non-Response:** 36,6% (baseline)

**N:** 836

### Correlate

**Authors label:** Years since divorce/separation from first partner

**Our classification:** . recent divorce/separation, code M1.2.2.1

**Measurement:** Years since divorce or separation from first partner

**Remarks:** Marital status assessed at:  
- T1: 1987 when aged 18 to 26  
- T2: 1989 when aged 20 to 28  
- T3: 1991 when aged 22 to 30  
- T4: 1995 when aged 26 to 34  
- T5: 1999 when aged 30 to 34

### Observed Relation with Happiness

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Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

B controlled for personal characteristics:
- age
- age²
- gender
- education
- cohort 1965 vs cohort 1961
- cohort 1969 vs cohort 1961
- mental health
- neuroticism

lifecourse transitions:
- first job
- no job
- left parental home
- living together/marriage first partner
- divorce from first partner
- living together/marriage second partner
- having first child

and years since transition
- no job
- leaving parental home
- living together/marriage first partner
- living together/marriage second partner
- having first child

B additionally controlled for above transition variables squared

Correlational finding on Happiness and . recent divorce/separation
Subject code: M1.2.2.1

Study
VANSL 2004

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Master thesis, University of Tilburg, 2004, Netherlands
Page in Report: 67,68,74


Sample: Probability stratified sample

Non-Response: 36.6% (baseline)
N: 836

Correlate

Authors label: Got divorced from first partner

Our classification: . recent divorce/separation, code M1.2.2.1

Measurement: Change in marital situation: divorced
**Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE:** MARITAL STATUS CAREER

*Measured Values:* N for who this transition took place between different periods < T1= 25, T1-T3=19, T3-T4=18, T3-T5 or T4-T5=18, Total=80

*Remarks:* Marital status assessed at:
- T1: 1987 when aged 18 to 26
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- T5: 1999 when aged 30 to 34

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**Figur 5.4**

Effect van het verbreken van de eerste partnerrelatie op de tevredenheid van jongvolwassenen (model 4).
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

\[ B = 1.2 \quad p < 0.001 \]
B controlled for public life course transitions:
- first paid job
- no job

\[ B = 2.0 \quad p < 0.001 \]
additional control for years since transition:
- first paid job
- no job
- leaving parental home
- living together/marriage first partner
- divorce from first partner
- living together/marriage second partner
- having first child

\[ B = 2.0 \quad p < 0.001 \]
additional control for years since transition (squared):
- first paid job
- no job
- leaving parental home
- living together/marriage first partner
- divorce from first partner
- living together/marriage second partner
- having first child

Effect (negative) Stronger for men. Longterm satisfaction increases stronger for men than for women.
Correlational finding on Happiness and recent widowhood
Subject code: M1.2.2.2

Study  BAHR 1980

Reported in: Bahr, H.H.; Harvey, C.D.
Correlates of Morale Among the Newly Widowed.
Page in Report:

Population: Recently widowed miner’s wives and controls, USA, 1972

Sample:
Non-Response: Widows 39%, survivor wives 19%, other miners wives 48%
N: 222

Correlate

Authors label: Husband died in mine accident 6 months ago (2)
Our classification: recent widowhood, code M1.2.2.2
Measurement:
1 Widows (N=44)
0 Non-widow controls (wives of survivors and other miner wives, N=178)

Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>D%=-</td>
<td>% not too happy</td>
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<td>- widows 56%</td>
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**Study**

**Reported in:** Nock, S.L.
Family Life-Cycle Transitions: Longitudinal Effects on Family Members.
Journal of Marriage and the Family, 1981, Vol. 43, 703-714. ISSN 0022 2445
Page in Report: 710

**Population:** 16+ aged working force, USA, followed 5 years, 1973-1977

**Sample:** Probability area sample

**Non-Response:**

\[ N: 963 \]

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**Correlate**

**Authors label:** Widowhood

**Our classification:** Recent widowhood, code M1.2.2.2

**Measurement:** Widowed in the last 5 years

\[ \begin{align*} 
1 &= \text{Yes} \\
0 &= \text{No} 
\end{align*} \]

**Measured Values:** \[ N=11 \ (1.14 \%) \]

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**Observed Relation with Happiness**

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<td>( B = -.82 ) ( p &lt; .05 )</td>
<td>T1-T2 CHANGE in happiness. Correlation with T2 happiness, controlled for T1 happiness.</td>
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| O-SLu/c/sq/n/7/c   | \( B = +.46 \) \( ns \) | T1-T2 CHANGE in satisfaction. Correlation with T2 satisfaction, controlled for T1 satisfaction. 

B's further controlled for:
- education
- sex
- race
- age

Two stage least-square procedure in which T1 happiness is first regressed on all exogenous variables in order to free this variable of autocorrelated error.

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**Correlational finding on Happiness and \( . \) recent widowhood**

**Subject code:** M1.2.2.2
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Study

Reported in: Oswald, A.J.; Powdthavee, N. 
Death, Happiness and the Calculation of Compensatory Damage. 
Page in Report: 27, 29, 35

Population: 16-65 aged, United Kingdom, 1999 -2004 
Sample: Probability stratified sample 
Non-Response: n.a. 
N: 28418

Correlate

Authors label: Death partner 
Our classification: recent widowhood, code M1.2.2.2

Measurement: Response to open question: Would you please tell me anything that has happened to you (or your family) which has stood out as important? 
Death of partner 
1: mentioned 
0: not mentioned

Measured Values: N= 1: 89, 0: 28000

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure | Statistics | Elaboration/Remarks |
--- | --- | --- |
O-SLW/u/sq/n/7/e | B = .89  
p<.00 | B controlled for death other intimates in previous year |
O-SLW/u/sq/n/7/e | B = .67  
p<.00 | B additionally controled for:  
egender  
-age  
-household income (per household member)  
-marital status  
-occupation (employed, retired, homemaker, student)  
education  
-household size  
-children (number, age)  
-homeownership 
Alternative measurement of control variable income does not make a difference 
-household income one year ago  
-household income and mean income  
-log personal income
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Stronger when income is measured using:
- observation of payslip and house prices

**O-SLW/u/sq/n/7/e**  \( B = -.66 \)
**p<.01**

B controlled for
- death of intimates before 1999
- real household income per household member
- mean income over time.

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**Correlational finding on Happiness and . recent widowhood**

**Subject code: M1.2.2.2**

**Study**

**PALMO 1979**

**Reported in:** Palmore, E.B.; Cleveland, P.C.; Nowlin, J.B.; Ramm, D.; Siegler, I.C.
Stress and Adaptation in Later Life.
Journal of Gerontology, 1979, Vol. 34, 841 - 851. ISSN 0022 1422
Page in Report: 350

**Population:** 46+ aged white, North Carolina, USA, 1968-1976.

**Sample:** Probability stratified sample

**Non-Response:**

\( N: 375 \)

**Correlate**

**Authors label:** widowhood (1)

**Our classification:** . recent widowhood, code M1.2.2.2

**Measurement:**
- 0 = non widowed
- 1 = widowed
  since first examination in T1.
  Assessed at T4.

**Observed Relation with Happiness**

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| C-BW/c/sq/l10/c   | \( B = .6 \) \( p < .05 \) | N= 317. Separate multiple regression. Dependent:
Change in life satisfaction T1 to T4.
(negative B indicates negative effect) |

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**Correlational finding on Happiness and Later entering of marriage**

**Subject code: M1.4.1**
Findings on Happiness and Marriage: Marital Status Career

**Study**  
**BACHM 1977**

*Reported in:* Bachman, J. G.; O'Malley, P. M.; Johnston, J. 

*Page in Report:* 

*Population:* Public highschool boys followed 8 years from grade 10, USA, 1966-74

*Sample:* 

*Non-Response:* 2.8% at T1, 17.2% at T2, 21.0% at T3, 28.9% at T4, 28.5% at T5

*N:* 1628

**Correlate**

*Authors label:* Later marital status (1)

*Our classification:* Later entering of marriage, code M1.4.1

*Measurement:* 0 Unmarried, divorced or separated  
1 Married  
Assessed at T5

**Observed Relation with Happiness**

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<td>tau=+</td>
<td>T1 happiness: tau = +.04  (ns)</td>
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<td>T2 happiness: tau = +.06  (ns)</td>
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<td>T3 happiness: tau = +.10  (01)</td>
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<td>T4 happiness: tau = +.12  (01)</td>
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**Correlational finding on Happiness and later marriage**

*Subject code: M1.4.1.2*

**Study**  
**STUTZ 2006**

*Reported in:* Stutzer, A.; Frey, B.S. 

*Page in Report:* 27

*Population:* Adult members of private households, Germany, 1984-2000

*Sample:* Non-probability purposive sample

*Non-Response:*
**Correlate**

**Authors label:** Marriage later in life

**Our classification:** Later marriage, code M.1.4.1.2

**Measurement:** Follow-up of people who over a period of 17 years:

- a: remained married
- b: remained single (never married)
- c: got married for the first time

Marital status assessed every year

**Remarks:** Not all Ss are followed all 17 years

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**Observed Relation with Happiness**

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<td>O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/d</td>
<td>DMa=+</td>
<td>People who marry later in life were initially more happy than never marrieds who remain single. This difference in initial happiness varies with age. It is largest around age 25 does not appear around age 30. Ma controlled for: - sex - age - education level - parenthood - household income - household size - position in household - employment - place of residence - citizenship status (migrant or not) Happiness in the first 3 years of marriage left out from this analysis, in order to avoid a 'honeymoon effect'.</td>
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Correlational finding on Happiness and later re-marriage
Subject code: M1.4.1.3

Study HAWKI 2005
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Reported in: Hawkins, D.N.; Booth, A.
Unhappily Ever After: Effects of Long-Term, Low-Quality Marriages on Well-Being.
Social Forces, 2005, Vol. 84, 452 - 471. ISSN p 0037 7732; ISSN e 1534 7605
Page in Report: 458

Population: Couples, USA, followed 12 years, 1980-1992

Sample: Probability simple random sample
Non-Response: 35%
N: 1150

Correlate

Authors label: Divorced/Remarried
Our classification: later re-marriage, code M1.4.1.3
Measurement: 1 Ss who divorced in T2 or T3 and then remarried T3 or T4. 0 other

Measured Values: M=.05, SD=.23, Range 0-1

Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>r=-.04 ns</td>
<td>T1 Happiness (1980)</td>
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<td>O-HL/c/sq/v3/ad</td>
<td>r=-.02 ns</td>
<td>T4 Happiness (1992)</td>
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<td>p&lt;.01</td>
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<td>T1-T4 change in happiness(T4 happiness controlling T1 happiness)</td>
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**Beta = +.20**

T1-T4 change in happiness (T4 happiness controlling T1 happiness)

Controlling for:
- Continuously married
- Divorced/Unmarried
- Age
- Gender
- White
- Years of education
- Family income
- Number of children
- Stepchild
- Religiosity
- Remarried
- Cohabited

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**Correlational finding on Happiness and later re-marriage**

**Subject code: M1.4.1.3**

**Study**

SPANI 1982


*Population:* Separated, followed 2 years, Pennsylvania, USA, 1977-79

*Sample:*

*Non-Response:* T1: 39%, T2: 48%

*N:* 210

**Correlate**

*Authors label:* Remarriage (1)

*Our classification:* later re-marriage, code M1.4.1.3

*Measurement:*

0 Remained single
1 Remarried 2.5 years later

**Observed Relation with Happiness**

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<td>SNR = +</td>
<td>Level of happiness at T1: higher among those to remarry later (p&lt;.05). Change in happiness between T1 and T2: positive among remarried (ns)</td>
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Correlational finding on Happiness and Later dissolution of marriage  
Subject code: M1.4.2

Study  
HAWKI 2005  

Population: Couples, USA, followed 12 years, 1980-1992  
Sample: Probability simple random sample  
Non-Response: 35%  
N: 1150

Correlate

Authors label: Continuously married  
Our classification: Later dissolution of marriage, code M1.4.2
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0 other

Measured Values: Range 0-1, M=0.71, SD=0.46,

Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>O-HL/c/sq/v3/ad</td>
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<td>T4 happiness by T1-T3 married to same spouse</td>
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<td>O-HL/c/sq/v3/ad</td>
<td>Beta=+.39</td>
<td>T4 happiness (1992) by T1-T3 married to the same spouse, controlling for:</td>
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<td>p&lt;.001</td>
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<td>- T1-T3 divorced and remained single</td>
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<td>O-HL/c/sq/v3/ad</td>
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<td>T4 happiness by 1-T3 married to same spouse controlling:</td>
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<td>- T1 happiness (for capturing change)</td>
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Correlational finding on Happiness and Attitudes to marital status career

Subject code: M1.5

Study CARRO 2005

Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER

Population: 18+ aged, USA, 2004
Sample: Probability multi-stage cluster sample
Non-Response:
N: 1000

Correlate

Authors label: Marital status
Our classification: Attitudes to marital status career, code M1.5
Measurement:
1: unmarried adults
2: married adults

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure | Statistics | Elaboration/Remarks
--- | --- | ---
O-HL/g/sq/v/3/d | D%=+ | % very happy
1: 40
2: 61

Correlational finding on Happiness and . attitudes to entering marriage
Subject code: M1.5.2.1

Study

Reported in: Wessman, A.E.
A Psychological Inquiry into Satisfaction and Happiness.
Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Princeton University, 1956, USA
Page in Report: 210

Population: 21+ aged, general public, non-institutionalized, USA, 1946
Sample:
Non-Response: -
N: 2377

Correlate

Authors label: Unfulfilled aspirations mentioned (1)
Our classification: . attitudes to entering marriage, code M1.5.2.1
Measurement: Open-ended direct question on unfulfilled aspirations:
0: not mentioned
1: mentioned
   a. Travel, vacation
   b. New home, build home, own home
   c. Material possessions (cars, coats)
   d. Education, follow a talent
   e. Money
   f. New job, business of own
   g. Move to country, become farmer
   h. Marriage, children, husband

Remarks: Computed for those who have unfulfilled aspirations only (N = 1646)

Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>G=+.07 ns</td>
<td>a. Travel, vacation</td>
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<td>b. New home, build home, own home</td>
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<td>G=+.11 ns</td>
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<td>G=+.06 ns</td>
<td>d. Education, follow a talent</td>
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<td>G=+.00 ns</td>
<td>g. Move to country, become farmer</td>
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<td>G=+.27 p&lt;.05</td>
<td>h. Marriage, children, husband</td>
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Correlational finding on Happiness and aspired change in marital status
Subject code: M1.5.3.1

Study AUSTR 1984/2
Correlate

Authors label: Desire to maintain dating pattern or marital status (2)

Our classification: . aspired change in marital status, code M1.5.3.1

Measurement: Single closed question rated on a 2-point scale: Would you change your present dating pattern or marital status if you could:
0 yes
1 no

Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/a</td>
<td>r=-.41</td>
<td>ALL Ss (married (including not formally married cohabitating Ss (considered as married) and non-married):</td>
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<td>Beta=-.04</td>
<td>β. controlled for: gender, age, household income, marital status, being in love, locus of control, social support (1. instrumental: problems managing money, deciding how to spend money, not enough money to do things, unsatisfying job, not enough money to get by on; 2. expressive: no close companions, no one to depend on, unsatisfactory sex life, problems communicating, dissatisfied with marital status, not enough close friends, no one to show love/affection, too dependent on others, not having children, no one to understand problems; 3. interpersonal demands: too many responsibilities, no one to depend on, too many demands on time, problems communicating, problems with children, problems with spouse/ex-spouse, conflicts with those who are close) and satisfaction with: job and financial situation, friendships, love relationships and living situation.</td>
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NON-MARRIED Ss ONLY:
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- desire to change: Mt = 6.7
- maintain present situation: Mt = 8.1
Difference significant (001)

- males: r = -.28 ß = -.02
- females: r = -.24 ß = -.02
Beta's controlled for the same variables as above except gender and marital status.

Correlational finding on Happiness and . expected change in marital status
Subject code: M1.5.3.2

Study

Reported in: Austrom, D.R.
The Consequences of Being Single.
Peter Lang Publisher, 1984, New York, USA ISBN 0 8204 0095 5
Page in Report: 222

Population: 23-59 aged English speaking, Toronto and Ontario, Canada, 198?

Sample:
Non-Response: 45%
N: 1038

Correlate

Authors label: Marital status the same in next five years (1)
Our classification: . expected change in marital status, code M1.5.3.2
Measurement: Single closed question rated on a 5-point scale: Do you think your marital status will be the same five years hence: yes, definitely / yes, probably / maybe / probably not / definitely not.

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure

Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/a
r=.13
p<.001

Correlational finding on Happiness and . expected change in marital status
Subject code: M1.5.3.2
Findings on Happiness and MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER


Study

**BRAY 1983**

*Reported in:* Bray, D.W.; Howard, A.
The AT & T Longitudinal Studies of Managers.
Schaie, K.W.; Ed.: "Longitudinal Studies of Adult Psychological Development", Guilford Press, 1983,
New York, USA, 266 - 312 ISBN 0 898 621 313
Page in Report: 302

*Population:* 40+ aged male managers, Bell Telephone Company, 1978

*Sample:* Non-probability purposive-quota sample

*Non-Response:* Panel loss at T5 37%

*N:* 422


Correlate

*Authors label:* stability of marriage (1)

*Our classification:* expected change in marital status, code M1.5.3.2


Rater instruction: "How likely is it that this person will stay married to the same mate?".

Assessed at T5.


Observed Relation with Happiness

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<td>M-PL/c/rc/v/5/a</td>
<td>r</td>
<td>T5 stability of marriage by T5 happiness.</td>
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Analysis showed a significantly positive correlation.


Appendix 1: Happiness Items used

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Selfreport on yesterday's activities using a diary format.

Nine affects were rated for each episode:
- A happy
- B warm, friendly
- C enjoying myself
- D frustrated, annoyed
- E depressed, blue
- F hassled, pushed around
- G angry, hostile
- H worried, anxious
- I criticized, put down

Rating: 0 'not at all' to 6 'very much'

Computation: \((A+B+C)/3 - (D+E+F+H+I)/6\)

Name: Kahneman's Net Affect.

A-AB/yd/mq/n/7/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/cm/mq/v/2/a Selfreport on 10 questions:

During the past few weeks, did you ever feel ....? (yes/no)
- A Particularly excited 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:
- yes = 1
- no = 0

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: -5 to +5

Name: Bradburn's 'Affect Balance Scale' (standard version)
Selfreport on single question:

Here is a picture of a ladder. Suppose we say that the top of the ladder (10) represents the best possible life for you and the bottom (1) represents the worst possible life for you. Where on the ladder do you feel personally stand at the present time?

[ 10 ] best possible life for you
[ 9 ]
[ 8 ]
[ 7 ]
[ 6 ]
[ 5 ]
[ 4 ]
[ 3 ]
[ 2 ]
[ 1 ] worst possible life for you

Name: Cantril's self anchoring ladder rating of life (adapted version)

Selfreport on single question:

Here is a picture of a ladder. Suppose we say that the top of the ladder (10) represents the best possible life for you and the bottom (1) represents the worst possible life for you. Where on the ladder do you feel personally stand at the present time?

[ 9 ] best possible life for you
[ 8 ]
[ 7 ]
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[ 5 ]
[ 4 ]
[ 3 ]
[ 2 ]
[ 1 ]
[ 0 ] worst possible life for you

Name: Cantril's self anchoring ladder rating of life (adapted version)

Selfreport on single question:

"Here is a picture of a ladder. Suppose we say that the top of the ladder represents the best possible life for you and the bottom represents the worst possible life for you. Where on the ladder do you feel you personally stand at the present time?"

[ 10 ] best possible life
[ 9 ]
[ 8 ]
[ 7 ]
[ 6 ]
[ 5 ]
[ 4 ]
[ 3 ]
[ 2 ]
[ 1 ]
[ 0 ] worst possible life

Preceded by 1) open questions about what the respondent imagines as the best possible life and the worst possible life. 2) ratings on the ladder of one's life five years ago and where on the ladder one expects to stand five years from now.

Name: Cantril's self anchoring ladder rating of life (original)
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C-W/cy/sq/v/5/a  Selfreport on open question:

Have you usually felt pretty sure your life would work out the way you want it to, or have there been times when you haven't been sure about it?

Responses scored afterwards on the following scale;
5 usually pretty sure
4 pretty sure, qualified
3 pro-con, sure sometimes, not sure of the times
2 (more) times when haven't been sure, qualified
1 (more) times when not very sure

This same question was asked every year 1968 - 1972
(American Panel Study on Income Dynamics)

M-PL/c/rc/v/5/a  Clinical rating by 4 experts on the basis of multi-method assessments during periodical stays in assessment center.

Rater instruction:
"To what extend does this person find pleasure in life at the present time..........?"
1 low
2
3 average
4
5 high

O-HL/c/sq/n/7/c  Selfreport on single question:

Here are some words and phrases. We would like you to use these in describing how you feel about your present life.
1 not too happy
2
3
4
5
6
7 very happy

Item in Campbell's semantic differential scale

O-HL/c/sq/v/3/aa  Selfreport on single question:

Taken all together, how would you say things are these days? Would you say that you are....?
3 very happy
2 pretty happy
1 not too happy

O-HL/c/sq/v/3/ac  Selfreport on single question:

Taken all together, how would you say things are these days? Would you say you are....?
1 not too happy
2 relatively happy
3 very happy

O-HL/c/sq/v/3/ad  Selfreport on single question:

Taking all things together, how would you say you are these days? Would you say you are........?
3 very happy
2 pretty happy
1 not too happy
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O-HL/c/sq/v/3/bb Selfreport on single question:
All in all, how much UNhappiness would you say you find in life today? Would you say...
3 almost none
2 some unhappiness
1 great unhappiness

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/f Selfreport on single question:
"Taking all things together, do you feel happy these days....?"
5 very happy
4 somewhat happy
3 so so
2 somewhat not happy
1 not happy at all

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 ulykklig
1 meget ulykkelig

O-HL/g/sq/v/3/c Selfreport on single question:
"In general, how happy would you say you are......?"
3 very happy
2 fairly happy
1 not too happy

O-HL/g/sq/v/3/d Selfreport on single question:
Generally speaking, how happy would you say you are.....?"
3 very happy
2 fairly happy
1 not too happy

O-HL/u/sq/v/3/e Selfreport on single question:
"Taking all together: would you say you are:?
3 very happy
2 pretty happy
1 not too happy
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O-HP/g/mq/v/5/a  Selfreport on 6 questions:

"Describe the kind of person you are. Please read each sentence, then mark how often it is true for you"  
1 I feel like smiling  
2 I generally feel in good spirits  
3 I feel happy  
4 I am very satisfied with life  
5 I find a good deal of happiness in life  
6 I feel sad  

Response options:  
5 almost always true  
4 often true  
3 sometimes true  
2 seldom true  
1 never true  

Summation: average  
Possible range: 1 to 5

O-SLL/c/sq/v/3/a  Selfreport on single question:  
In general how satisfying do you find the way you are spending your life these days. Would you call it....?  
3 completely satisfying  
2 pretty satisfying  
1 not very satisfying

O-SLL/c/sq/v/3/b  Selfreport on single question:  
On the whole, how satisfied would you say you are with your way of life today? Would you say you are........?  
3 very satisfied  
2 fairly satisfied  
1 not satisfied

O-SLS/c/sq/v/5/a  Selfreport on single question:  
"Taking all things together ( the work you do, where you live, your way of life, the things you do for enjoyment, your health ) how would you say things are these days ...?"  
1 very good  
2 pretty good  
3 so-so  
4 not too good  
5 not good at all

O-SLu/c/sq/n/7/c  Selfreport on single question:  
Here are some words and phrases. We would like you to use these in describing how you feel about your present life.  
1 not very satisfying  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7 completely satisfying  

Item in Campbell's semantic differential scale
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

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

Selfreport on single question:

Taking all things together, how satisfied are you with your life these days? Please answer with the help of this scale. For instance, when you are totally satisfied with your life, please tick '10'. When you are totally unsatisfied with your life, please tick '0'. You may use all values in between to indicate that you are neither totally satisfied nor totally unsatisfied."
10 totally satisfied
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
0 totally unsatisfied

Selfreport on single question:

We have talked about various parts of your life, now I want to ask you about your life as a whole. How satisfied are you with your life as a whole these days.....?
7 completely satisfied
6
5
4 neutral
3
2
1 completely dissatisfied
In general, how satisfied are you with your life these days? Would you way that you are....?
4 very satisfied
3 somewhat satisfied
2 somewhat dissatisfied
1 very dissatisfied

Now taking everything into account, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your life these days?
5 very satisfied
4 satisfied
3 neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
2 dissatisfied
1 very dissatisfied
- don't know
- no answers

Numerical scale reversed

All things considered, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your life as a whole?
10 completely satisfied
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
0 completely dissatisfied

How dissatisfied or satisfied are you with your life overall?
1 not satisfied at all
2
3
4
5
6
7 completely satisfied

Using the 1-7 scale below, indicate how much each of the following statements applies for you in the last 18 months.
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

Answers rated:
7 applies completely
6 applies
5 applies slightly
4 neither applies nor does not apply
3 slightly not applicable
2 not applicable
1 applies not at all

Computation: A+B+C+D divided by 4

Name: Shortened Diener's Satisfaction with Life Scale (SWLS), last years version
(In the original scale item 5 reads: 'If I could live my life over, I would change nothing'. This item is left out in this selection because a positive answer to this question does not necessarily mean that the respondent doesn't like the life he/she actually lives.)

O-Sum/se/fl/5/a Selfreport in focused interview:

Interviews on life after divorce, in which happiness and life-satisfaction were items. Content analysis of taped records by two raters. Rated instructions not reported

Ratings made on a 5 steps scale. (Rating scale not reported)

O-Sum/u/mq/v/7/a Selfreport on four questions:

Using the 1-7 scale below, indicate your agreement with each of the items by placing the appropriate number on the line preceding that item. Please be open and honest in your responding.
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

Answers rated:
7 strongly agree
6 agree
5 slightly agree
4 neither agree nor disagree
3 slightly disagree
2 disagree
1 strongly disagree

Computation: A+B+C+D divided by 4

Name: Shortened Diener's Satisfaction with Life Scale (SWLS)
(In the original scale item 5 reads: 'If I could live my life over, I would change nothing'. This item is left out in this selection because a positive answer to this question does not necessarily mean that the respondent doesn't like the life he/she actually lives.)
## Appendix 2: Statistics used

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| 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   | (ß) STANDARDIZED REGRESSION COEFFICIENT by LEAST SQUARES (OLS)  
Type: test statistic  
Measurement level: Correlates: all metric, Happiness: 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. |
| Chi²   | CHI-SQUARE  
Type: test statistic  
Range: \([0; Ne \times (\min(c,r)-1)]\), where \(c\) and \(r\) are the number of columns and rows respectively in a cross tabulation of \(Ne\) sample elements.  
Meaning:  
Chi² <= (c-1) * (r-1) means: no association  
Chi² >> (c-1) * (r-1) means: strong association |
| D%     | DIFFERENCE in PERCENTAGES  
Type: descriptive statistic only.  
Measurement level: Correlate level: dichotomous, but nominal or ordinal theoretically possible as well.  
Happiness level: dichotomous  
Range: [-100; +100]  
Meaning: the difference of the percentages happy people at two correlate levels. |
| 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. |
| DMa    | DIFFERENCE IN ADJUSTED MEANS, See also Ma  
Computed in Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA) or in multiple classification analysis (MCA)  
Seldom used in happiness research. See excerpted report for further reference. |
| DMo    | DIFFERENCE IN MODUS (D= difference, Mo=modal score)  
Seldom used in happiness research. See excerpted report. |
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DMt
DIFERENCE 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.

r
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

tau
GOODMAN & Kruskal's TAU
Type: descriptive statistic only.
Measurement level: Correlate: nominal, Happiness: ordinal
Range: [0; +1]

Meaning:
tau = 0 « knowledge of the correlate value does not improve the prediction quality of the happiness rating.
tau = 1 « knowledge of the correlate value enables a perfect (error-free) prediction of the happiness rating.

tc
KENDALL'S TAU-C (Also referred to as Stuart's tau-c)
Type: test statistic
Measurement level: Correlate: ordinal, Happiness: ordinal
Range: [-1; +1]

Meaning:
tc = 0 « no rank correlation
tc = 1 « perfect rank correlation, where high values of the correlate correspond with high happiness ratings.
tc = -1 « perfect rank correlation, where high values of the correlate correspond with low happiness ratings.

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 on empirical studies
Selection on valid measurement: Item Bank

Abstracting and classification of findings

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

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