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Study

VENTE 1997

Reported in: Ventegodt, S.
Livskvalitet og omstændigheder tidligt I livet(The quality of Life and Factors in
Forskningscenter for Livskvalitet , Forskningscentrets Forlag, København, Denmark,
ISBN 8790190130

Population: 31-33 aged, born at the university hospital, Denmark, 1993
Sample: Non-probability chunk sample
Non-Response: 36%
N: 4626

Measured Correlate

Class: Earlier characteristics of one's children Code: C 4.1.1
Measurement: first impression of pre-/postmature birth
1: premature
2: mature
3: postmature

Measured Values: N:4328, %:1:15.8, 2:77.7, 3:6.4

Error Estimates:

Observed Relation with Happiness

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1: Mt = 7.78
2: Mt = 7.71
3: Mt = 7.74

1: Mt = 7.05
2: Mt = 7.03
3: Mt = 6.85

1: Mt = 7.48
2: Mt = 7.38
3: Mt = 7.40
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

Population: 18-88 aged, general public, Denmark, 1993
Sample: Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)
Non-Response: 39%
N: 1494

Measured Correlate

Class: Current characteristics of one's children Code: C 4.2
Measurement: characteristics of one's children:
0: only girls
1: only boys

Measured Values: N: 0:133, 1:118
Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks
A-AOL/m/sq/v/5/a
women: men:
0: Mt = 7.76 0: 8.00
1: Mt = 7.69 1: 7.74

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/h
women: men:
0: Mt = 6.91 0: 7.25
1: Mt = 7.05 1: 6.96

O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/e
women: men:
0: Mt = 7.48 0: 7.63
1: Mt = 7.25 1: 7.58
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 Sample: Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)

 Non-Response: 39%

 N: 1494

Measured Correlate

 Class: Current characteristics of one's children  Code: C 4.2

 Measurement: children living at home
 1: No children in the home
   1aa: no children (voluntarily childless)
   1ab: no children in the home (involuntarily childless)
   1b: no children in the home but children elsewhere
   1ba: children under 16 living elsewhere
 2: Children in the home
   2a: only biological children
   2b: partner's and biological children
   2c: only partner's children

 Measured Values: N: 1:1049, 1aa:24, 1ab:35, 1b:540, 1ba:44  2:434, 2a:379, 2b:8, 2c:8,

 Error Estimates:

 Remarks: a given respondent may appear in several groups

Observed Relation with Happiness

 Happiness Query  Statistics  Remarks

 A-AOL/m/sq/v/5/a  no children at home  children at home
 1: Mt=7.68  2: Mt=7.96
 1aa: Mt=7.91  2a: Mt=7.99
 1ab: Mt=6.79  2b: Mt=8.13
 1b: Mt=7.63  2c: Mt=8.13
 1ba: Mt=7.44

 O-HL/c/sq/v/5/h  no children at home  children at home
 1: Mt=6.90  2: Mt=6.89
 1aa: Mt=6.46  2a: Mt=7.00
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*Reported in:*  
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Livskvalitet hos 4500 31-33 årige (The Quality Of Life of 4500 31-33-year-olds)  
*Population:*  
Persons born at the University Hospital in Copenhagen 1959-1961  
*Sample:*  
Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)  
*Non-Response:*  
39%  
*N:*  
4500

**Measured Correlate**  
*Class:*  
Current characteristics of one's children  
*Code:* C 4.2  
*Measurement:*  
children living at home  
1: No children in the home  
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2c: only partner's children

**Measured Values:**  
N: All:8402; 1:2122; 1aa:120; 1ab:251; 1b:693; 1ba:388; 2:2491; 2a:2146; 2b:120; 2c:71

**Error Estimates:**

**Remarks:**

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*Sample:* Non-probability purposive-expert sample

*Non-Response:* 0%

*N:* 74

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**Measured Correlate**

*Class:* Age of children  
Code: C 4.2.1

*Measurement:*  
1. younger than 9 years;  
2. older than 9 years.

**Measured Values:**

**Error Estimates:**

*Remarks:* All children with Down syndrome

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**Study**

**HANSO 1983**

*Reported in:* Hanson, S.L. & Spanier, G.B.
Family development and adjustment to marital separation.

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

*Sample:*

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

*N:* 210

**Measured Correlate**

*Class:* Age of children  Code: C 4.2.1

*Measurement:* Age oldest child in the household
- at T1 (0 - 2 years after separation)
- at T2 (0 - 4.5 years after separation)

**Measured Values:**

**Error Estimates:**

**Remarks:**

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| A-BB/cm/mq/v/2/a | B=-/0      | Association with level of happiness:  
- T1 age oldest by T1 happiness: b = - (ns)  
- T2 age oldest by T2 happiness: b = 0 (ns) |
|                 | B= +       | Association with change in happiness T1 - T2:  
- T1 age oldest by change happiness b = + (05)  
- T2 age oldest by change happiness b = + (ns) |

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

**MCLAN 1989**

*Reported in:* McLanahan, S. & Adams, J.  
The effects of children on adults' Psychological well-being:1957-1976  
Social Forces, 1989 vol 68: 124-146

*Population:* 21+ aged, general public, non-institutionalized, USA, 1957-76

*Sample:*  
Non-Response: ± 30%  
N: 4664

### Measured Correlate

**Class:** Age of children  
**Code:** C 4.2.1

*Measurement:* 1 Parents with pre-school children  
0 Non-parents  
(Including young adults who have not yet children and adults who have passed children-bearing age).

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| O-HL/c/sq/v/3/aa| DM=+       | M is Mean happiness on range 0-1: (1 = very happy)  
Parents with young kids  
Non parents  
1957 M=0.42  
1976 M=0.34  
1957 M=0.33  
1976 M=0.32  

lgt=- ns  
Logit coefficient controlled for: education, gender, age, marital status (whether ever married).  
Logit analysis based on combined datasets.  
Between 1957 and 1976 living with young children reduced the odds of high happiness by 33%.
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**Sample:**

Non-Response: ± 30%

N: 4664

### Measured Correlate

**Class:** Age of children  Code: C 4.2.1

**Measurement:**

- 1 Parents whose youngest child is of school age
- 0 Non-parents (including young adults who have not yet children and adults who have passed the childbearing age).

### Measured Values:

### Error Estimates:

### Observed Relation with Happiness

#### Happiness Query

**O-HL/c/sq/v/3/aa**

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lgt=- ns  Logit coefficient controlled for: education, gender, age, marital status (whether ever married). Logit analysis based on combined datasets.

Change between 1957 and 1976 not significant.
### Study

**MCNAM 1978**

*Reported in:* McNamara, P.H. & St George, A.  
Blessed are the Downtrodden? An empirical test  

*Population:* 18+ aged, general public, non-institutionalized, USA, 1971

*Sample:*  
*Non-Response:* 20%

*N:* 2164

### Measured Correlate

**Class:** Age of children  
**Code:** C 4.2.1

**Measurement:**  
1: Youngest child under 6  
2: Youngest child over 6 and under 18  
3: Youngest child over 18

**Measured Values:**

**Error Estimates:**

**Remarks:**

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Measured Values:

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*Sample:* Non-probability purposive-expert sample

*Non-Response:* 0%

*N:* 74

**Measured Correlate**

*Class:* Handicap/health of one's children  
Code: C 4.2.3

*Measurement:*  
1. Parents of normal children  

*Measured Values:*  
1. N= 89; 2. N= 74

*Error Estimates:*  

*Remarks:* 1.is reference group reported in BRAEN 1992/2. See also FUGL 1992.

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### Study

**CRNIC 1984**

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Maternal stress and social support: effects on the mother-infant relationship from  

**Population:** Mother-child pairs, followed 18 months after birth, USA, 1981-82

**Sample:**

**Non-Response:** Attrition at T2: 10%, at T3: 14%

**N:** 105

### Measured Correlate

**Class:** Handicap/health of one's children  
Code: C 4.2.3

**Measurement:**

- Fullterm birth
- Premature

**Measured Values:**

**Error Estimates:**

**Remarks:**

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### Study

**FRIED 1981**

**Reported in:** Friedrich, W.N.  
Psychological assets of parents of handicapped and non-handicapped children  
American Journal of Mental Deficiency, 1981, vol 85, p.551- 553

**Population:** Mothers, handicapped child at home, and controls, USA, 197?

**Sample:**

| Non-Response | 32% and  
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### Measured Correlate

**Class:** Handicap/health of one's children  
Code: C 4.2.3

**Measurement:**

- 0 Mothers of a non-handicapped child
- 1 Mothers of a handicapped child

**Measured Values:**

**Error Estimates:**

**Remarks:**

### Observed Relation with Happiness

**Happiness Query** | **Statistics** | **Remarks**
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**ABRAM 1972**  

- **Reported in:** Abrams, M. & Hall, J.  

- **Population:** 15+ aged, general public, Britain, 1971

- **Sample:**

- **Non-Response:**

  - **N:** 213

**Measured Correlate**

- **Class:** Success of one’s children Code: C 4.2.6

- **Measurement:** Closed question rated on an 11-point self-anchoring scale, based on Cantril (1965)

- **Measured Values:**

- **Error Estimates:**

- **Remarks:**

**Observed Relation with Happiness**

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*Class:* Success of one's children  
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*Measured Values:*

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*Remarks:*

**Observed Relation with Happiness**

*Happiness Query*  
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r = +.14

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World Database of Happiness: www.eur.nl/fsw/research/happiness  
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### Study

**BRINK 1997C**

**Reported in:** Brinkerhoff, M & Fredell, K & Frideres, J  
Basic minimum needs, Quality of life and selected correlates: explorations in villages  
Social Indicators Research, 42, p 245-281

**Population:** Adult, general public, two poor rural villages, Garhwal area, Northern India, 1996

**Sample:** Non-probability purposive-quota sample

**Non-Response:** 341

**N:** not rep

### Measured Correlate

**Class:** Attitudes to characteristics of one's children  
Code: C 4.3

**Measurement:** not reported

### Measured Values:

**Error Estimates:**

**Remarks:**

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The Quality of Life in Australia  
Social Indicators Research, 1981, Vol. 9, 155-181 |
| **Population:** | Adults, general public, Australia 1978 |
| **Sample:** | Probability sample (unspecified) |
| **Non-Response:** | not reported |
| **N:** | 679 |

### Measured Correlate

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| **Measured Values:** | M = 7.9  
SD = 1.2 |
| **Error Estimates:** | |

**Remarks:** Item scored on the same rating scale as the question on happiness.

### Observed Relation with Happiness

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| O-DT/u/sqt/v/9/a | r = +.36  
p < .001 | Item scored on the same rating scale as the question on happiness. |
# Appendix 1

## Queries on Happiness used in reported Studies

### Happiness Query Code

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<td>4</td>
<td>good</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>neither good nor poor</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>poor</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>very poor</td>
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*Original text in Danish: 'Hvordan har du det for tiden?* |
| 5 | meget godt |
| 4 | godt |
| 3 | hverken godt eller darligt |
| 2 | dårligt |
| 1 | meget dårligt |

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"During the past few weeks, did you ever feel ....?" (yes/no)  
A Particularly exited or interested in something?  
B So restless that you couldn't sit long in a chair?  
C Proud because someone complimented you on something you had done?  
D Very lonely or remote from other people?  
E Pleased about having accomplished something?  
F Bored?  
G On top of the world?  
H Depressed or very unhappy?  
I That things were going your way?  
J Upset because someone criticized you?  

Answer options and scoring:  
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

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<th>O-DT/u/sq/t/v/9/a</th>
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*Name: Bradburn’s ‘Affect Balance Scale’ (standard version)*
'How do you feel about your life as a whole?'
1 terrible
2 very unhappy
3 unhappy
4 mostly dissatisfied
5 mixed feelings
6 mostly satisfied
7 pleased
8 very pleased
9 delighted

O-H?/?/sq/f/7/a  Selfreport on single question:

Lead item not reported
Rated on a 7-step pictorial faces scale, presented on a card
(pictures not shown here)
7 smiling face, very happy
6
5
4
3
2
1 frowning face, very unhappy

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/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-QLS/c/sq/v/5/a Selfreport on single question:

"When you take everything into consideration, your child, your adult life, etc, how
would you describe your current life situation.....?"
1 things are very bad right now
2
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O-SLu/?/sq/l/5/a Selfreport on single question:

"..... satisfaction with life ......"
(Response options not fully reported)

Rated on a wooden miniature ladder, handed to the respondent
[ 5 ] very satisfied
[ 4 ]
[ 3 ]
[ 2 ]
[ 1 ] very dissatisfied

O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/e Selfreport on single question:

'How satisfied are you with your life now?'
5 very satisfied
2 satisfied
3 neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
2 dissatisfied
1 very dissatisfied

Original text in Danish:
'Hvor tilfreds er du med dit liv for tiden?'
5 meget tilfreds
4 tilfreds
3 hverken tilfreds eller utilfreds
2 utilfreds
1 meget utilfreds

O-SLW/c/sq/l/11/b Selfreport on single question:

"How dissatisfied would you say you are with things in general today?"
Rated on ladder scale
[ 10 ] completely satisfied
[   ]
[   ]
[   ]
[   ]
[   ]
[   ]
[  0 ] completely dissatisfied

O-SLW/c/sq/n/7/a 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

Selfreport on single question:

"How satisfying are these different aspects of your life? Indicate the number which best suits your situation. Life as a whole is....."
1  very dissatisfying
2  dissatisfying
3  rather dissatisfying
4  rather satisfying
5  satisfying
6  very satisfying

This item was followed by eight questions on life domain satisfactions.

On the web you will find an overview of valid queries on happiness and an explanation of the classification used. Go to: www.eur.nl/fsw/research/happiness/hap_quer/hqi_fp.htm. This is the introductory text to the Catalog of Happiness Queries.
### Appendix 2  Statistics used in reported studies

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| B      | REGRESSION COEFFICIENT (non-standardized)  
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. |
| 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. |
| G      | GOODMAN & Kruskal's GAMMA  
Type: test statistic  
Measurement level: Correlate: ordinal, Happiness: 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. |
| lgt    | LOGIT COEFFICIENT  
Type: descriptive statistic only  
Measurement level: Correlate: dichotomous, Happiness level: dichotomous  
Range: unlimited  
Meaning:  
lgt = 0 « no association at all;  
lgt -/+ infinite « at least one level of the correlate allows a perfect prediction of the happiness. |
| 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: |
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Correlate Code: C 4

$r = 0$ « 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

$tc$ 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.

On the web you will find a text explaining the statistics used in more detail. Go to: www.eur.nl/fsw/research/happiness/hap_cor/cor_fp.htm. This is the introductory text to the Catalog of Correlational Findings. An overview of all statistics is in chapter 4.
Appendix 3: About the World Database of Happiness

The World Database of Happiness is an ongoing register of scientific research on subjective appreciation of life. It brings together findings that are scattered throughout many studies and provides a basis for synthetic analysis. The research literature is processed as follows:

2. **DIRECTORY OF INVESTIGATORS** Names and addresses of most authors on the subject. Enumerates years of publication. Current contents: 5818 names and 3073 addresses. Part of Bibliography.
3. **CATALOG OF HAPPINESS QUERIES** (testbank) Presents all indicators that tap happiness as defined here. Current content: 522 measures, mostly single questions. Queries are classified by focus, time reference, mode of observation, rating and wording.
5. **CATALOG OF HAPPINESS IN PUBLICS** Distributional findings on happiness in special publics within nations, such as aged people. Current contents: 705 studies. Part of Catalog of Correlational Findings.
### Appendix 4  Further Findings in the World Database of Happiness

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