



World Database of Happiness

Correlational Findings

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Findings on Happiness & SOCIAL PARTICIPATION: TOTAL (personal + associations)

Correlate Code: S 8

Classification of Findings		Number of Studies on this Subject
<i>Correlate Code</i>	<i>Correlate Name</i>	
S 8	SOCIAL PARTICIPATION: TOTAL (personal + associations)	0
S 8.1	Participation career	0
S 8.1.1	Earlier total social participation	1
S 8.1.2	Change in total social participation	3
S 8.1.4	Later total social participation	1
S 8.2	Current total social participation	18
S 8.3	Attitudes to total social participation	0
S 8.3.1	Concern about social participation	0
S 8.3.2	Satisfaction with social participation	2

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 - Appendix 2: Statistics used
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 - Appendix 5: Related Topics
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Study	PALMO 1977	<i>Page in Report:</i>	313
<i>Reported in:</i>	Palmore, E.B. and Kivett, V. Change in Life Satisfaction: A Longitudinal Study of Persons Aged 46-70 Journal of Gerontology, Vol 32, 1977, p 311-316		
<i>Population:</i>	46+ aged whites, North Carolina, USA, 1968-1972/74		
<i>Sample:</i>	Probability stratified sample		
<i>Non-Response:</i>			
<i>N:</i>	378		

Measured Correlate

Class: Earlier total social participation Code: S 8.1.1

Measurement: Number of hours spent during the last typical week "attending a sports event such as baseball or football games; attending church or other meetings; lectures or concerts; doing volunteer work for church, other organizations or relatives; visiting, telephoning or writing friends or relatives; parties, eating or entertaining".

Assessed at T1: 1968/70.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
O-BW/c/sq/l/10/c	r=+.11 p<.05	T1 social activity by T1 life satisfaction
	r=+.09 ns	T1 social activity by T2 life satisfaction
	r=+.12 p<.05	T1 social activity by T3 life satisfaction
	Beta=+.0 ns	Multiple regression Dependent T1 life satisfaction. Self-rated health R= +.42 Sexual enjoyment B1=+.43 Soc. Act. hours B2=+.44 Org. activity B3=+.46 Productive hours B4=+.46
	Beta=+.0 ns	Multiple regression Dependent T2 life satisfaction. Self-rated health R= +.42 Sexual enjoyment B1=+.43 Soc. Act. hours B2=+.44 Org. activity B3=+.46 Productive hours B4=+.46

Beta=+.0 ns	Multiple regression	Dependent	T3	Life satisfaction.
	Self-rated health	R=	+.42	
	Sexual enjoyment	B1=	+.43	
	Soc. Act. hours	B2=	+.44	
	Org. activity	B3=	+.46	
	Productive hours	B4=	+.46	

Study	GRANE 1975	<i>Page in Report:</i>	703
<i>Reported in:</i>	Graney, M.J. Happiness and social participation in aging. Journal of Gerontology, 1975, vol. 30, p. 701-706.		
<i>Population:</i>	62-89 aged females, followed 4 years, USA, 1967-71		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	27%; 24% unattainable, 3% incomplete.		
<i>N:</i>	44		

Measured Correlate

Class: Change in total social participation Code: S 8.1.2

Measurement: Differences between responses at T1 and T2 on identical direct questions.

- a. More contacts with friends and relatives.
- b. More contacts with neighbors.
- c. More memberships in voluntary associations.
- d. More often meetings of voluntary associations attended.
- e. More often religious services attended.
- f. Telephone used more often.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks: Happiness assessed at T2.

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
A-BB/cm/mq/v/2/a	tb=-.06 ns	a: Age 66-75: $_b = -.17$ (ns) Age 82-92: $_b = -.03$ (ns) Happiness assessed at T2.
	tb=+.24 p<.05	b: Age 66-75: $_b = +.42$ (05) Age 82-92: $_b = +.54$ (01) Lower among age 76-81
	tb=+.34 p<.01	c: Age 66-75: $_b = +.30$ (05) Age 82-92: $_b = +.56$ (01)
	tb=+.28 p<.01	d: Age 66-75: $_b = +.10$ (ns) Age 82-92: $_b = +.58$ (01)
	tb=-.15 ns	e: Age 66-75: $_b = -.04$ (ns) Age 82-92: $_b = -.17$ (ns)
	tb=+.02 ns	f: Unaffected by age.

Study	KENNE 1985	<i>Page in Report:</i>	106/108
<i>Reported in:</i>	Kennedy, L.W. & Mehra, A.N. Effects of social change on well-being : boom and bust in a western Canadian city Social Indicators Research, vol.17, 1985, p.101-113		
<i>Population:</i>	18+ aged, general public, Edmonton, Canada, 1977-84		
<i>Sample:</i>	Probability multi-stage cluster sample		
<i>Non-Response:</i>			
<i>N:</i>	3440 *)		

Measured Correlate

<i>Class:</i>	Change in total social participation Code: S 8.1.2
<i>Measurement:</i>	Question about which year differed significantly from other years. 1. Yes 2. No
<i>Measured Values:</i>	
<i>Error Estimates:</i>	
<i>Remarks:</i>	

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
O-SLu/c/sq/n/7/b	Beta=+.0	Step-wise regression by age group. age group 17-25 Years 1978 and 1984 indicated. Beta controlled for: - standard of living satisfaction - friendship satisfaction - family satisfaction - job satisfaction - neighbourhood satisfaction - financial better/worse than year ago - health satisfaction - education - things wanted to do satisfaction

Beta=-.0	Year 1981 indicated. age-group 26-45
	Beta controlled for: - standard of living satisfaction - friendship satisfaction - family satisfaction - job satisfaction - health satisfaction - non work activities satisfaction - neighbourhood satisfaction - financial better/worse than year ago - sex - things wanted to do satisfaction
Beta=-.0	Year 1982 indicated. age-group 45+
	Beta controlled for: - standard of living satisfaction - health satisfaction - non work activities satisfaction - financial better/worse than year ago - job satisfaction - friendship satisfaction - family satisfaction - things wanted to do satisfaction - sex

Study	LOWEN 1965	Page in Report:	367
<i>Reported in:</i>	Lowenthal, M.F. & Boler, D Voluntary vs involuntary withdrawal Journal of Gerontology, 1965, vol, p. 363-371		
<i>Population:</i>	60+aged, non-institutionalized, San Francisco, U.S.A., 1962		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	55%, 22% refusals, 9% deaths, 22% unattainable		
<i>N:</i>	269		

Measured Correlate

<i>Class:</i>	Change in total social participation Code: S 8.1.2
<i>Measurement:</i>	3-item index of closed questions on reduction in contacts with relatives, other people, and organisational membership during the past year
<i>Measured Values:</i>	
<i>Error Estimates:</i>	
<i>Remarks:</i>	

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query	Statistics	Remarks
A-AOL/g/sq/v/3/b	G=-.41 p<. 01	deprived : G' = -.48 (05) not deprived : G' = -.19 (ns) Deprivation measured by an index of: 1. compulsory retirement in the past 7 years 2. widowhood in the past 7 years 3. interviewer rating of physical disability G' based on proportion unhappy
O-HL/c/sq/v/3/ba	G=-.21 ns	deprived : G' = -.34 (ns) not deprived : G' = +.51 (ns)
O-SLL/c/sq/v/3/b	G=-.45 p<. 01	deprived : G' = -.43 (05) not deprived : G' = -.35 (ns)

Study	PALMO 1981	<i>Page in Report:</i>	106
<i>Reported in:</i>	Palmore, E.B. Social Patterns in Normal Aging: Findings from the Duke Longitudinal Study. Duke University Press, Durham, North Carolina, USA, 1981; pp 95-107.		
<i>Population:</i>	46+ aged whites, North Carolina, USA, 1968 - 1976.		
<i>Sample:</i>	Probability stratified sample		
<i>Non-Response:</i>			
<i>N:</i>	375		

Measured Correlate

Class: Later total social participation Code: S 8.1.4

Measurement: Number of hours spent during the last typical week "attending a sports event such as baseball or football games; attending church or other meetings; lectures or concerts; doing volunteer work for church, other organizations or relatives; visiting, telephoning or writing friends or relatives; parties, eating or entertaining." Assessed at T2.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
O-BW/c/sq/l/10/c	r=+.16 p<.05	Men. T2 social activity hours by T1 life satisfaction.
	r=ns	Women. T2 social activity hours by T1 life satisfaction.

Study	ABE 1986	<i>Page in Report:</i>	261
<i>Reported in:</i>	Abe,T & Moritsuka,T A case-control study on climacteric symptoms and complaints of Japanese women Maturitas 1986, vol 8, p 255-265		
<i>Population:</i>	Women in menopause patient and controls, Miyagi, North-east Japan, 1981-82.		
<i>Sample:</i>	Non-probability chunk sample		
<i>Non-Response:</i>	20 % (cases 21%,controls 19%)		
<i>N:</i>	Patients:216 Controls:216		

Measured Correlate

Class: Current total social participation Code: S 8.2

Measurement: Single direct question

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Study	ALEXA 1968	<i>Page in Report:</i>	153/157
<i>Reported in:</i>	Alexander, W.E. Some sociological aspects of psychological well-being in a schizophrenic population: Unpublished doctoral dissertation, 1968, Syracuse University USA		
<i>Population:</i>	Schizophrenic males non-hospitalized, Monroe County, New York, USA, 1964-65		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	28%, most of them patients' or family member refusal		
<i>N:</i>	178		

Measured Correlate

<i>Class:</i>	Current total social participation Code: S 8.2
<i>Measurement:</i>	3-item index of direct questions on number of organized memberships, frequency of contacts with friends and attending parties.
<i>Measured Values:</i>	
<i>Error Estimates:</i>	
<i>Remarks:</i>	

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/f	G= +	Index of Positive Affects only: G = +.20 (01) Stronger in high pathology group (01) Lower in low pathology group (ns) Not among those living alone Stronger among those living with someone else than parents or spouse (boarding house, friends, etc.) Not among married males living with their spouse Unaffected by employed status Index of Negative Affects is related to social participation only among employed individuals living with their family of orientation _c = -.27 (05)
O-HL/c/sq/v/3/aa	G=+.17 p<. 01	

Study	BALL 1984	<i>Page in Report:</i>	463-465
<i>Reported in:</i>	Ball, R.E., Robbins, L. Marital status and life satisfaction of black men. Journal of Social and Personal Relationships	1984, vol 1, p.459-470	
<i>Population:</i>	18+ aged, black men, Florida, USA, 1983		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	14%		
<i>N:</i>	253		

Measured Correlate

Class: Current total social participation Code: S 8.2

Measurement: Index of direct questions on: frequency of interaction with nearby friends and relatives, and church attendancy.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
O-BW/c/sq/l/11/a	DMt= ns	Linear relationship, greater spread in happiness among less participating people.
	DMt=+ ns	
	Beta=+.0 ns	β controlled for: self-perceived health, age, SES, marital status.
	B=+03 ns	

Study	BERKM 1971	<i>Page in Report:</i>	41
<i>Reported in:</i>	Berkman, P.L. Life stress and psychological well-being: a replication of Langner's analysis in the Journal of Health and Social Behavior, 1971, vol.12, p.35-45		
<i>Population:</i>	Adult,, general public, non-institutionalized, USA, Alameda County, USA, 1965		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>			
<i>N:</i>	6928		

Measured Correlate

Class: Current total social participation Code: S 8.2

Measurement: 2-item index containing:
 - the number of good friends
 - the number of organizational memberships.
 Rated as good(0) and poor(1)

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
A-BB/u/mq/v/3/a	DMr=-.1 p<.05	proportion happy: 0: good relations 71.5% AR= .53 1: poor relations 28.5% AR= .41 The average r idits (AR) were calculated with the distribution of the total sample as reference

Study	BLAND 1990	<i>Page in Report:</i>	395
<i>Reported in:</i>	Blandford, A.A. & Chappell, N.L. Subjective Well-being Among Native and Non-Native Elderly Persons: Do Canadian Journal On Ageing, Vol.9, 1990 p.386-399.		
<i>Population:</i>	50+aged, Winnipeg, Canada, 1985		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	15% Natives		
<i>N:</i>	390		

Measured Correlate

Class: Current total social participation Code: S 8.2

Measurement: Number of persons seen for instrumental purposes

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/d	B=-.01 ns	b controlled by : 1. Male Sex 2. Married 3. Widowed 4. Age 5. Monthly income 6. Perceived health 7. Days in bed 8. Family size 9. Functional ability 10. Satisfaction with family relationships 11. Number of children 12. Number of siblings 13. Number of caregivers 14. Interaction of ethnicity with ability & marital status & days ill

Study	BRADB 1965/1	<i>Page in Report:</i>	44
<i>Reported in:</i>	Bradburn, N.M. & Caplovitz D. Reports on happiness Aldine Publishing Company, 1965, Chicago USA		
<i>Population:</i>	Adult, general public, 4 towns, varying in economic prosperity, Illinois, USA, 1962		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	-		
<i>N:</i>	2006		

Measured Correlate

Class: Current total social participation Code: S 8.2

Measurement: 7-item index of closed questions on number of organizational memberships, number of times one got together with friends, chatted with friends on the telephone, attended a meeting, ate in a restaurant, went for a ride in the car, and furthest distance went from home other than going to work; during the last week.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/e	G= + p<	Index of Positive Affects only : G' = +.28 (01) Unaffected by S. E. S.

Study	BRINK 1986A	<i>Page in Report:</i>	164
<i>Reported in:</i>	Brinkerhoff, M & Jacob, J Quality of life in an alternative lifestyle. The smallholding movement. Social Indicators Research 18, p 153-173		
<i>Population:</i>	Back to the land' mini-farmers, West USA and Canada,198?		
<i>Sample:</i>	Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)		
<i>Non-Response:</i>	510		
<i>N:</i>	44 %		

Measured Correlate

Class: Current total social participation Code: S 8.2

Measurement: Questions on 'participation'
Full items not reported

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
O-H?/?/sq/v/4/a	r=+.06 ns	

Study	GOUDY 1981	<i>Page in Report:</i>	43
<i>Reported in:</i>	Goudy, W.F. and Goudeau, J.F. Jr. Social ties and life satisfaction of older persons: another evaluation. Journal of Gerontological Social Work, 1981, Vol.4(1), p 35-50		
<i>Population:</i>	50+ aged, general public, North-Central Iowa, USA, 1975		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	11.3%		
<i>N:</i>	2321		

Measured Correlate

Class: Current total social participation Code: S 8.2

Measurement: Joint effect of:
 1. Relatives in community (number)
 2. Friends in community (number)
 3. Local people known (number)
 4. Organizational memberships (number)
 5. Community attachment (attitude)

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
O-SLW/c/sq/v/5/d	R ² =.11 p<.001	

Study	GRANE 1973B	<i>Page in Report:</i>	357
<i>Reported in:</i>	Graney, M.J. & Graney, E.E. Scaling adjustment in older people. International Journal of Aging and Human Development, 1973, vol. 4, p. 351-359.		
<i>Population:</i>	62-89 aged females, USA, 1971		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	27%; 24% unattainable, 3% incomplete.		
<i>N:</i>	44		

Measured Correlate

Class: Current total social participation Code: S 8.2

Measurement: Degree of correspondence between orientation towards social participation and actual social participation mode.

1. Orientation towards social participation was measured by the adapted Dye (1963) Localism - Cosmopolitan Scale (see S 4.5, GRANE 1973A).
2. Actual social participation was measured by 9 social communications activities, which were arrayed according to their degree of 'cosmopolitan characteristics of the people who are (in)active in them:
 - 'cosmopolitan' mode of social participation defined as: visiting neighbours, friends and relatives and reading.
 - 'intermediate' mode of social participation defined as: church attendance, television viewing, and number of memberships in voluntary associations.
 - 'local' mode of social participation defined as: radio-listening, telephone use, and participation in voluntary associations.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
A-BB/cm/mq/v/2/a	tb=-.02 ns	

Study	PALIS 1985C	<i>Page in Report:</i>	440
<i>Reported in:</i>	Palisi, B.J. Formal and informal participation in urban areas Journal of Social Psychology, 1985, p.429-447		
<i>Population:</i>	Males, metropolitan areas: London, Los Angeles and Sydney, 1977-80		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	67%		
<i>N:</i>	752 (London 226, L.A. 292, Sydney 234)		

Measured Correlate

Class: Current total social participation Code: S 8.2

Measurement: Summed scores for attending voluntary associations, visiting kin, and visiting friends. Each variable was rated on a sixpoint scale ranging from daily to never.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
M-FH/cm/sq/v/4/a	r=+.13 p<.05	London: rpc=+.05
	r=+.16 p<.01	Los Angeles: rpc=+.18
	r=+.09 p<.01	Sydney: rpc=+.11 rpc controlled for age, education and occupation

Study	PALIS 1985C	<i>Page in Report:</i>	441
<i>Reported in:</i>	Palisi, B.J. Formal and informal participation in urban areas Journal of Social Psychology, 1985, p.429-447		
<i>Population:</i>	Males, metropolitan areas: London, Los Angeles and Sydney, 1977-80		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	67%		
<i>N:</i>	752 (London 226, L.A. 292, Sydney 234)		

Measured Correlate

Class: Current total social participation Code: S 8.2

Measurement:

1. Visiting kin
2. Voluntary association memberships
3. Paralleled companionship
4. Joint companionship
5. Visiting friends
6. Discussions with friends
7. Discussions with immediate kin
8. Voluntary association attendance
9. Discussions with kin

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
M-FH/cm/sq/v/4/a	R ² =.12 ns	Los Angeles
	R ² =.15 ns	Sydney
	R ² =.08 ns	London

Study	PALMO 1972	<i>Page in Report:</i>	70
<i>Reported in:</i>	Palmore, E.B. & Luikart, C. Health and social factors related to life satisfaction. Journal of Health & Social Behavior, 1972, vol. 13, p. 68-80		
<i>Population:</i>	46+ aged, whites, North Carolina, USA, 1968		
<i>Sample:</i>	Probability stratified sample		
<i>Non-Response:</i>			
<i>N:</i>	502		

Measured Correlate

<i>Class:</i>	Current total social participation Code: S 8.2
<i>Measurement:</i>	Number of reported voluntary visits or telephone conversations with children, close relatives, close friends, neighbors; and number of religious services or other meetings; during one month.
<i>Measured Values:</i>	Actual range 1- 306 M= 101.4 SD=59.9
<i>Error Estimates:</i>	
<i>Remarks:</i>	

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
O-BW/c/sq/l/10/c	r=+.01 ns	

Study	PALMO 1972	<i>Page in Report:</i>	70-72
<i>Reported in:</i>	Palmore, E.B. & Luikart, C. Health and social factors related to life satisfaction. Journal of Health & Social Behavior, 1972, vol. 13, p. 68-80		
<i>Population:</i>	46+ aged, whites, North Carolina, USA, 1968		
<i>Sample:</i>	Probability stratified sample		
<i>Non-Response:</i>			
<i>N:</i>	502		

Measured Correlate

<i>Class:</i>	Current total social participation Code: S 8.2
<i>Measurement:</i>	Number of hours spent during the last typical week attending a sports event, church or other meetings, lectures, or concerts; doing volunteer work for church, other organizations, or relatives; visiting, telephoning, or writing friends or relatives; parties, eating out, or entertaining.
<i>Measured Values:</i>	Actual range 0-34 M= 9.9 SD=6.3
<i>Error Estimates:</i>	
<i>Remarks:</i>	

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
O-BW/c/sq/l/10/c	r=+.09	All .
	r=+.17 p<.05	Men.
	Beta=+.0 p<.05	Men. Step wise multiple regression: self rated health R= +.44 org. activity B1=+.46 confident B2=+.48 performance status B3=+.49 employment B4=+.50 social activity B5=+.51
		All variables p<.05

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<i>Population:</i>	46+ aged whites, North Carolina, USA, 1968-1972/74		
<i>Sample:</i>	Probability stratified sample		
<i>Non-Response:</i>			
<i>N:</i>	378		

Measured Correlate

Class: Current total social participation Code: S 8.2

Measurement: Number of hours spent during the last typical week "attending a sports event such as baseball or football games; attending church or other meetings; lectures or concerts; doing volunteer work for church, other organizations or relatives; visiting, telephoning or writing friends or relatives; parties, eating or entertaining".

Assessed at T1: 1968/70.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
O-BW/c/sq/l/10/c	r=+.11 p<.05 Beta=+.0 ns	T1 social act. hours by T1 life satisfaction. Multiple regression. Dependent T1 life satisfaction. self-rated health sexual enjoyment soc. act hours org. activity productive hours

Study	PHILL 1967A	<i>Page in Report:</i>	483-484
<i>Reported in:</i>	Phillips, D.L. Social participation and happiness The American Journal of Sociology, 1967, vol. 72, p. 479-488		
<i>Population:</i>	Adult, general public, New Hampshire, USA, 196?		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	-		
<i>N:</i>	600		

Measured Correlate

Class: Current total social participation Code: S 8.2

Measurement: 3-item index of closed questions on frequency of contacts with friends, number of neighbors known and organizational activity.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
A-BB/cm/mq/v/2/a	G= +	Index of Positive Affects : G = +. 32 Index of Negative Affects : G = -. 08
		Males : Positive affect: G = +. 41 : Negative affect: G = +. 17
		Females : Positive affect: G = +. 27 : Negative affect: G = +. 00
		Catholics : Positive affect: G = +. 39 : Negative affect: G = -. 01
		Protestants : Positive affect: G = +. 27 : Negative affect: G = -. 07
		Age 21 - 34 : Positive affect: G = +. 15 : Negative affect: G = -. 01
		Age 35 - 49 : Positive affect: G = +. 27 : Negative affect: G = -. 53
		Age 50+ : Positive affect: G = +. 50 : Negative affect: G = +. 16
		Low education : Positive affect: G = +. 37 : Negative affect: G = -. 16
		Medium education : Positive affect: G = +. 09 : Negative affect: G = +. 08
		High education : Positive affect: G = +. 40 : Negative affect: G = -. 03

Low S. E. S. : Positive affect: d = +. 41
 : Negative affect: d = +. 15
 Medium S. E. S. : Positive affect: d = +. 16
 : Negative affect: d = -. 09
 High S. E. S. : Positive affect: d = +. 08
 : Negative affect: d = -. 11

When elaborated for S. E. S. and age:

- Smallest relationship with positive affect (d = +.04), and strongest negative relationship with negative affect (d = -.12) among those of age 21-49 and high S. E. S.
- Strongest relationship with positive affect (d = +.33) and strongest positive relationship with negative affect (d = +.08) among those of age 50+ and medium or low S. E. S.

In the different S. E. S. -groups unaffected by sex and religious affiliation (See PHILL 1969, p. 10)

O-HL/u/sq/v/3/a G=+.32

Males : G = +. 73
 Females : G = +. 22

Catholics : G = +. 40
 Protestants : G = +. 23

Age 21 - 34 : G = +. 17
 Age 35 - 49 : G = +. 22
 Age 50+ : G = +. 47

Low education : G = +. 40
 Medium education: G = +. 33
 High education : G = +. 01

Low S. E. S. : d = +. 30
 Medium S. E. S. : d = +. 14
 High S. E. S. : d = +. 03

When elaborated for S. E. S. and age:

- smallest relationship (d = +.06) among those of age 21-49 and high S. E. S.
- strongest relationship (d = +.39) among those of age 50+ and medium or low S. E. S.

In the different S. E. S. -groups unaffected by sex and religious affiliation (see PHILL 1969, p. 17).

Mentally well Ss: G' = +. 28 (01)
 Mentally ill Ss: G' = +. 32 (05)
 (see PHILL 1967, p. 289)

Study	RENNE 1974	<i>Page in Report:</i>	42
<i>Reported in:</i>	Renne, K.S. Measurement of social health in a general population survey. Social Science Research, 1974, vol. 3, p. 25-44.		
<i>Population:</i>	20+ aged, general public, Alameda County, California, USA, 1965		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	14%		
<i>N:</i>	6928		

Measured Correlate

Class: Current total social participation Code: S 8.2

Measurement: Index containing:

- employability (including educational level, occupational level, and job stability)
- marital satisfaction
- sociability (including number of close relatives and friends, and frequency of contacts)
- community involvement (including church attendance, political activity, and organizational memberships)

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks: Level of happiness in average ridits (RT)

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
A-BBr/g/mq/v/3/a	DMr=+ p<. 05	1: First quartile (low health) RT= .38 2: Second quartile Level of happiness in average ridits (RT) 3: Third quartile RT= .55 4: Fourth quartile (high health) RT= .64 Ridit analysis compares the distribution in a category with the distribution in the entire sample. RT above .50 means relatively high happiness, RT below .50 relatively low. (Original values subtracted from 1 by ns in order to indicate higher happiness by higher values).

Study	VENTE 1995	Page in Report:	60
<i>Reported in:</i>	Ventegodt, S. Livskvalitet i Danmark.(Quality of Life in Denmark) Forskningscentrets Forlag (The Quality of Life Research Center), København, Denmark, ISBN 8790190017		
<i>Population:</i>	18-88 aged, general public, Denmark, 1993		
<i>Sample:</i>	Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)		
<i>Non-Response:</i>	39%		
<i>N:</i>	1494		

Measured Correlate

<i>Class:</i>	Current total social participation Code: S 8.2
<i>Measurement:</i>	1: Soci al Group I 2: Soci al Group II 3: Soci al Group III 4: Soci al Group IV 5: Soci al Group V 6: Not i ncl uded i n any soci al group
<i>Measured Values:</i>	N: 1:88, 2;29, 3:144, 4:477, 5:191, 6:239
<i>Error Estimates:</i>	
<i>Remarks:</i>	(Socialeconomic group 1:entrepreneurs with at least 21 employees, higher university degree; Social group 5:unskilled workers, Unemployed in Group 6)

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query	Statistics	Remarks
A-AOL/m/sq/v/5/a	r=-.07 p<.01	1: Soci al Group I Mt=7. 98 2: Soci al Group II (Socialeconomic group 1:entrepreneurs with at least 21 employees, higher university degree; Social group 5:unskilled workers, Unemployed in Group 6) Mt=7. 93 3: Soci al Group III Mt=7. 93 4: Soci al Group IV Mt=7. 93 5: Soci al Group V Mt=8. 04 6: Not i ncl uded Mt=7. 25 All Mt=7. 74
O-HL/c/sq/v/5/h	r=-.05 ns	1: Soci al Group I Mt=6. 85 2: Soci al Group II Mt=7. 15 3: Soci al Group III Mt=7. 05 4: Soci al Group IV Mt=6. 98 5: Soci al Group V Mt=7. 25 6: Not i ncl uded Mt=6. 51 All Mt=6. 94

O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/e	r=-.06	p<.05	1: Social Group I	Mt=7.59
			2: Social Group II	Mt=7.85
			3: Social Group III	Mt=7.60
			4: Social Group IV	Mt=7.40
			5: Social Group V	Mt=7.50
			6: Not included	Mt=7.13
			All	Mt=7.44

Study	VENTE 1996	<i>Page in Report:</i>	64
<i>Reported in:</i>	Ventegodt, S. Livskvalitet hos 4500 31-33 årige (The Quality Of Life of 4500 31-33-year-olds) Forskningscenter for Livskvalitet, Forskningscentrets Forlag, København 1996, ISBN 8790190068		
<i>Population:</i>	Persons born at the University Hospital in Copenhagen 1959-1961		
<i>Sample:</i>	Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)		
<i>Non-Response:</i>	39%		
<i>N:</i>	4500		

Measured Correlate

<i>Class:</i>	Current total social participation Code: S 8.2
<i>Measurement:</i>	1: Not included in any social group 2: Social Group V 3: Social Group IV 4: Social Group III 5: Social Group II 6: Social Group I
<i>Measured Values:</i>	N all:4220, %:1:8,6, 2:18,1, 3:50,8, 4:11,6, 5:1,2, 6:9,6
<i>Error Estimates:</i>	
<i>Remarks:</i>	Socioeconomic group 1:entrepreneurs with at least 21 employees, higher university degree; Social group 5:unskilled workers

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
A-AOL/m/sq/v/5/a	r=+.11 p<.00	1: Mt=6.48 2: Mt=7.83 3: Mt=7.83 4: Mt=7.95 5: Mt=8.09 6: Mt=7.93 Socioeconomic group 1:entrepreneurs with at least 21 employees, higher university degree; Social group 5:unskilled workers
O-HL/c/sq/v/5/h	r=+.09 p<.00	1: Mt=6.19 2: Mt=6.96 3: Mt=6.96 4: Mt=7.19 5: Mt=7.25 6: Mt=7.18

Study	LEVY 1975/2	<i>Page in Report:</i>	373
<i>Reported in:</i>	Levy, S. & Guttman, L. On the multivariate structure of well-being Social Indicators Research, 1975, vol. 2, p. 361-388.		
<i>Population:</i>	18+ aged, general public, urban areas, Israel, 1973		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	-		
<i>N:</i>	1830		

Measured Correlate

Class: Satisfaction with social participation Code: S 8.3.2

Measurement: Direct closed question

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
A-AOL/c/sq/v/4/b	mc=+.34	
O-HL/c/sq/?/6/a	mc=+.43	

Study	SCHUL 1985B	Page in Report:	27,49
<i>Reported in:</i>	Schulz, W.; Költringer, R.; Norden, G.; Tüchler, H. Lebensqualität in Österreich (Quality-of-life in Austria) Research paper nr 10/1, Institut für Soziologie, University of Vienna, Austria 1985		
<i>Population:</i>	Adults, non-institutionalized, Austria, 1984		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	?		
<i>N:</i>	1776		

Measured Correlate

<i>Class:</i>	Satisfaction with social participation Code: S 8.3.2
<i>Measurement:</i>	Seven item index of direct questions on satisfaction with social involvement during the last 14 days. The summed scores were afterwards divided into 3 strata, i.e. low, medium and high
<i>Measured Values:</i>	
<i>Error Estimates:</i>	
<i>Remarks:</i>	

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query	Statistics	Remarks
M-AO/c/mq*/0/a	r=+.34 p<.05 Beta=+.1 p<.05	β controlled for: satisfaction with physical health, material satisfaction, satisfaction with partner, satisfaction with self realisation, satisfaction with work (positive), satisfaction with work (negative), and satisfaction with leisure time.
O-QL?/c/mq/v/5/a	r=+.34 p<.05 Beta=+.0 p<.05	All
	Beta=*	- with partner, with work
	Beta=*	- with partner, without work
	Beta=-.2	- no partner, with work
	Beta=*	- no partner, without work
	Beta=*	- Age < 25
	Beta=+.1	- Age 26-40
	Beta=+.1	- Age 41-59

Beta=	ns	- Age > 60
Beta=*		- < 6.000 income in Austrian Shill/month
Beta=*		- 6.000-10.000
Beta=+.1		- 10.000-16.000
Beta=*		- > 16.000
Beta=+.1		- monotonous work
Beta=*		- some selfcontrol
Beta=+.2		- much selfcontrol

All β 's controlled for satisfaction in six other domains of life (physical health, partner, income, selfrealization, work, leisure).

*=N too small

Appendix 1 **Queries on Happiness used in reported Studies**

Happiness Query Code *Full Text*

A-AOL/c/sq/v/4/b Selfreport on single closed question:

"How is your mood these days....?"

4 very good all the time

3

2

1 not good almost all the time

A-AOL/q/sq/v/3/b Selfreport on single question :

"In general, how would you say you feel most of the time, in good spirits or in low spirits....?"

1 low

2 both

3 good

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

'How are you feeling now....?'

5 very good

4 good

3 neither good nor poor

2 poor

1 very poor

Original text in Danish:

'Hvordan har du det for tiden?'

5 meget godt

4 godt

3 hverken godt eller dårligt

2 dårligt

1 meget dårligt

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)

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

Selfreport on 9 questions:

"We are interested in the way people are feeling these days. The following list describes some of the ways people feel at different times. Please indicate how often you felt each way during the last week.

"How often last week did you feel"

- A On the top of the world
- B Very lonely or remote from other people
- C Particularly excited or interested in something
- D Depressed or very unhappy
- E Pleased about having accomplished something
- F Bored
- G Proud because someone complimented you on something you had done
- H So restless you couldn't sit long in a chair
- I Vaguely uneasy about something without knowing why

Answer options:

0 not at all

1 once

2 several times

3 often

Summation:

Positive Affect Score (PAS): summed scores on A, C, E, G

Negative Affect Score (NAS): summed scores on B, D, F, H, I

Affect Balance Score (ABS): PAS minus NAS

Possible range: -15 tot +12

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

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

Selfreport on 10 questions:

"We are interested in how people are feeling these days. The following items describe some of the ways people feel at different times. Please indicate how often you felt each way during the last week

- A Pleased about having accomplished something.
- B That things were going my way.
- C Proud because someone complimented me on something I had done.
- D Particularly excited or interested in something I had done.
- E On top of the world.

- F Upset because someone criticized you
- G So restless that you could not sit long in a chair
- H Bored
- I Very lonely or remote from other people
- J Depressed or very unhappy

Answer options:

- 0 not at all
- 1 once
- 2 several times
- 3 often

Summation:

- Positive Affect Score (PAS): Average A to E
 - Negative Affect Score (NAS): Average F to J
 - Affect Balance Score (AB): PAS minus NAS
- Possible range: -25 to +25

A-BB/u/mq/v/3/a Name : Bradburn's 'Affected Balance Scale' (modified version)
Selfreport on 8 questions:

"Here is a list that describes some of the ways people feel at different times. How often do you feel each of these ways?"

- A Very lonely or remote from other people
- B Depressed or very unhappy
- C Bored
- D So restless you couldn't sit long in a chair
- E Vaguely uneasy about something without knowing why
- F On top of the world
- G Particularly excited or interested in something
- H Pleased about having accomplished something

Answer options:

- 0 never
- 1 sometimes
- 2 often

Summation:

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

Possible range -10 to +6 (transformed to ridits (0 - 1))

A-BBr/q/mq/v/3/a Name: Bradburn's 'Affect Balance Scale' (modified version)
Selfreport on 7 questions:

"Here is a list that describes how people feel at different times. How often do you feel each of these ways?"

A
B
C
D
E
F
G
items not reported.

Response options;
- never
- sometimes
- often

Scoring:
- Positive Affect Score (PAS): sum 3 positive item
- Negative Affect Score (NAS): sum 4 negative items
- Affect Balance Score (ABS): PAS - NAS

M-AO/c/mq/*/0/a

Name: Bradburn's Affect Balance Scale (modified version)
Selfreport on 4 questions:

A "For the past five years, how much have you accomplished of what you planned in your life?"
B "How much are you satisfied with your life as a whole these days?"
C "How much do you enjoy your life these days?"
D "How happy have you been for the past five years?"

M-FH/cm/sq/v/4/a

Summation: simple average
Selfreport on single question:

".....happiness during past few weeks....."
(Full lead not reported)
4 very happy
3
2
1 not too happy

O-BW/c/sq/l/10/c

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]
[6]
[5]
[4]
[3]

- [2]
 [1]
 [0] worst possible life for you

O-BW/c/sq/l/11/a Name: Cantril's selfanchoring 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.

O-H?/?/sq/v/4/a Name: Cantril's selfanchoring ladder rating of life (original)
 Selfreport on single question:

Lead item not reported
 Response options:
 4 very happy
 3 quite happy
 2 not very happy
 1 not at all happy

O-HL/c/sq/?/6/a Selfreport on single question:

"Generally speaking, are you happy these days.....?"
 6 very happy
 5
 4
 3
 2
 1 very unhappy

(Response options not fully reported)

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/ba	Selfreport on single question: "All in all, how much UNhappiness would you say that you find in life today.....? " 1 a great deal 2 some 3 almost none
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?'
O-HL/u/sq/v/3/a	5 meget lykkelig 4 lykkelig 3 hverken eller 2 ullykkelig 1 meget ullykkelig Selfreport on single question:
	"Taking all together: how happy would you say you are? Would you say you are.....?" 3 very happy 2 pretty happy 1 not too happy
O-QL?/c/mq/v/5/a	Selfreport on 3 questions: A " When you consider your present life as-a-whole, would you say you are....?" 5 very happy 4 fairly happy 3 rather happy than unhappy 2 rather unhappy than happy 1 very unhappy - DK/NA B " When you consider your present life as-a-whole, would you say you are.....?" 5 very satisfied 4 fairly satisfied 3 rather satisfied than dissatisfied 2 rather dissatisfied than satisfied 1 fairly dissatisfied - DK/NA C " How do you feel right now? Is your well-being.....?"

- 5 very high
- 4 high
- 3 moderate
- 2 rather low
- 1 very low
- DK/NA

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

In German:

- A "Wenn Sie ihr Leben jetzt alles in allem betrachten, sind Sie.....?"
- e sehr glücklich
 - d ziemlich glücklich
 - c eher glücklich
 - b eher unglücklich
 - a ziemlich unglücklich
 - keine Angabe

- B "Wenn Sie ihr Leben jetzt in allem betrachten, sind Sie.....?"
- e sehr zufrieden
 - d ziemlich zufrieden
 - c eher zufrieden
 - b eher unzufrieden
 - a ziemlich unzufrieden
 - keine Angabe

- C "Wie wohl fühlen Sie sich derzeit? Ist Ihr Wohlbefinden....?"
- e sehr gross
 - d gross
 - c mässig
 - b eher gering
 - a sehr gering
 - keine Angabe

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-SLu/c/sq/n/7/b

Selfreport on single question:

"All in all, how satisfied are you with your life these days.....?"

- 1 very dissatisfied
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7 very satisfied

O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/d	<p>Selfreport on single question:</p> <p>"How would you describe your satisfaction with life in general at present.....?"</p> <p>1 bad 2 poor 3 fair 4 good 1 excellent</p>
O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/e	<p>Selfreport on single question:</p> <p>'How satisfied are you with your life now?'</p> <p>5 very satisfied 2 satisfied 3 neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 2 dissatisfied 1 very dissatisfied</p> <p>Original text in Danish: 'Hvor tilfreds er du med dit liv for tiden?'</p> <p>5 meget tilfreds 4 tilfreds 3 hverken tilfreds eller utilfreds 2 utilfreds 1 meget utilfreds</p>
O-SLW/c/sq/v/5/d	<p>Selfreport on single question:</p> <p>"Taking everything into consideration, how satisfied are you with life in general at the present time? Would you say you are.....?"</p> <p>5 extremely satisfied 4 very satisfied 3 fairly satisfied 2 slightly satisfied 1 not satisfied"</p>

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*

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
B	<p>REGRESSION COEFFICIENT (non-standardized) Type: test statistic Measurement level: Correlate: metric, Happiness: metric Theoretical range: unlimited</p> <p>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.</p>
Beta	<p>(β) STANDARDIZED REGRESSION COEFFICIENT Type: test statistic. Measurement level: Correlates: all metric, Happiness!: metric. Range: [-1 ; +1]</p> <p>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.</p>
DMr	<p>DIFFERENCE IN MEAN RIDITS Type: test statistic Measurement level: Happiness ordinal Range: [0; +1]</p> <p>Meaning: $Mr < .50$: average happiness in this subgroup lower than in the larger population $Mr = .50$: average happiness in this subgroup the same as in the larger population $Mr > .50$: average happiness in this subgroup higher than in the larger population</p> <p>'Ridit analysis' compares the distribution of happiness scores in subgroups to its distribution in the entire sample ("Relative to an Identified Distribution")</p>
DMt	<p>Testing for significance can be performed through a "BROSS Confidence Interval" (BCI). If all values the BCI for a subgroup are above/below 0.500, the subgroup is significantly more/less happy than the larger population.</p> <p>DIFFERENCE of MEANS AFTER TRANSFORMATION Type: descriptive statistic only. Measurement level: Correlate: dichotomous, Happiness: metric Theoretical range: [-10; +10]</p> <p>Meaning: the difference of the mean happiness (happiness measured at a 0-10 rating scale) between the two correlate levels.</p>
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.

mc

Guttman's monotonicity coefficient.

Range: [-1, +1].

Measurement level: Both correlate and happiness ordinal or interval

Based on the multiplication of signed differences within one variable with the corresponding difference in the second variable and summation over all possible differences.

Seldom used in happiness research. See excerpted report.

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.

R²**COEFFICIENT of DETERMINATION**

Type: test statistic

Measurement level: Correlates: all metric, Happiness: metric

Range: [0; 1]

Meaning:

R² = 0 « no influence of any correlate in this study has been established.R² = 1 « the correlates determine the happiness completely.

tb

KENDALL'S RANK CORRELATION COEFFICIENT TAU-B

Type: test statistic

Measurement level: Correlate: ordinal, Happiness: ordinal

Range: [-1; +1]

Meaning:

tb = 0 « no rank correlation

tb = 1 « perfect rank correlation, where high values of the correlate correspond with high happiness ratings.

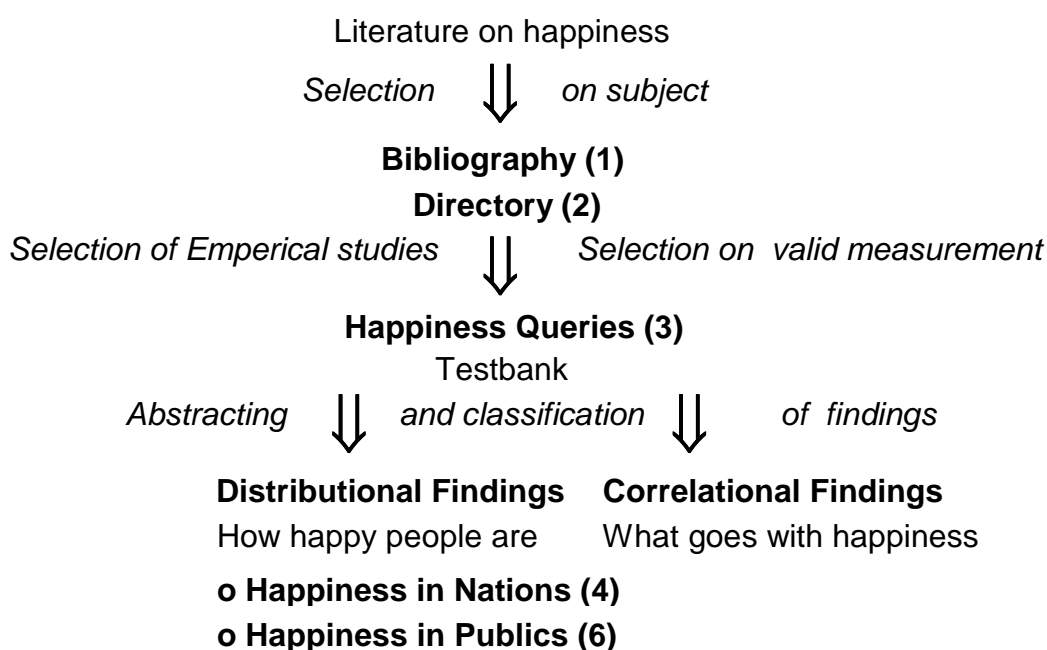
tb = -1 « perfect rank correlation, where high values of the correlate correspond with low happiness ratings.

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:



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- 1 **BIBLIOGRAPHY OF HAPPINESS** Presents all contemporary scientific publications. Detailed subject-classification. Current contents: 3422 titles, mainly in English.
 - 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.
 - 4 **CATALOG OF HAPPINESS IN NATIONS** Presents distributional research findings, in particular responses to questions on happiness in national survey studies. Allows comparison across time and nations. Current content: 1889 surveys in 112 nations, 1946-2000.
 - 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.
 - 6 **CATALOG OF CORRELATIONAL FINDINGS** Presents abstracts of correlational research findings. Detailed subject-classification. Allows comparison through time and across nations. Current contents: 7476 findings from 705 studies in 140 nations, 1911-2000.

Appendix 4 Further Findings in the World Database of Happiness

<i>Main Category's</i>	<i>Category Name</i>	<i>Number of Studies in this Category</i>
A 1	ACTIVITY LEVEL (how much one does)	53
A 2	ACTIVITY PATTERN (what one does)	7
A 3	AFFECTIVE LIFE	31
A 4	AGE	279
A 5	AGGRESSION	11
A 6	ANOMY	30
A 7	APPEARANCE (good looks)	8
A 8	ATTITUDES	4
A 9	AUTHORITARIANISM	4
B 3	BODY	66
C 1	CHILDREN 1:	4
C 10	CREATIVENESS	6
C 11	CULTURE (Arts and Sciences)	6
C 2	CHILDREN: WANT FOR (Parental aspirations)	6
C 3	CHILDREN: HAVING (parental status)	145
C 4	CHILDREN's CHARACTERISTICS	19
C 5	CHILDREN: RELATION WITH	8
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