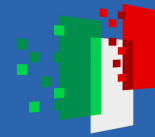




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# Generations & Gender Programme

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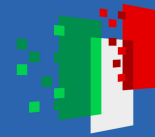
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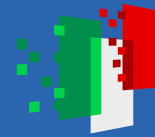
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# Generations & Gender Programme (GGP)/1



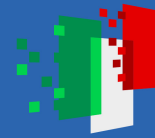
- GGP is an international social science research infrastructure for high-quality and open-source data on population and family dynamics.
- It was launched in 2000 by the [Population Unit of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe \(UNECE\)](#).
- The GGP infrastructure is run by institutes with strong traditions in academic research on population and family change and survey methodology.
- Coordinated by the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) since 2009.
- GGP allows researchers to explore the various factors that affect family planning, i.e. intentions to get married and have children, relationships between parents and children (generations) and between partners (gender).
- It takes the dynamic complexity of real peoples' families and lives and makes it accessible as high-quality, comparable data sets to researchers, policymakers and civil society.



## Generations & Gender Programme/2

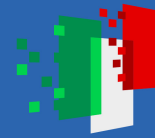
### Key features

- **Cross-national comparability**
  - Up to 20 countries with at least one wave
- **A longitudinal design**
  - Generation & Gender Survey (GGS): panel design (three-year intervals)
  - 12 countries with at least two waves
- **Large sample size:** on average ~10,000 respondents per country
- **Broad age range:** whole life course (18-79); intergenerational exchange
- **Combination of micro and macro data:** GGS + contextual database (CDB) (**linked-data**)
- **Theory-driven and multidisciplinary questionnaire**
  - Scholars of demography, sociology and economics working on the causes and consequences of family change



## Generations & Gender Survey (GGS)/1

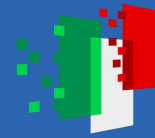
- GGS is a cross-national longitudinal survey that provides open access data to researchers on topics including partnerships, fertility, work-life balance, gender relations, transition to adulthood, intergenerational exchanges, care and later life.
- The GGS is designed as a panel with 3-year intervals between waves. Data is collected from the same respondents on different occasions.
- GGS Round 1 (2004 - 2011); GGS Round 2 - (2020 - *ongoing*)
- **Life course approach**
  - Retrospective information: fertility, family formation and dissolution.
  - Prospective information: intentions to have children, intentions of union formations, etc.



## Generations & Gender Survey (GGS)/2

### Main objectives

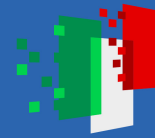
1. Enable a better understanding of demographic and social developments and the factors influencing these developments;
2. Investigate relational dynamics, with particular attention to the relationships between parents and children;
3. Deepen the study of the transformation of the social role of women and men, with particular attention to the relationship between partners in light of changes in the economic, social and cultural context;
4. Improve the visibility and dissemination of data on the family, intergenerational and interpersonal dynamics of the population among academics, policymakers, and public opinion.



# Generations & Gender Survey (GGS)

## Organisation/1

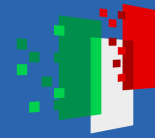
- **Planning**
  - Establishing contact with the GGP Central Coordination Team (GGP CCT)
  - Forming of the national team;
  - Planning of the activities, in line with the timetable
  - Preparation of the budget and fundraising activities.
- **Preparatory Phase**
  - The national team prepares the tendering process to choose the organization that will conduct the fieldwork
  - Design, Translation, and Implementation of the questionnaire in **Blaise**
  - Pre-testing
  - Sampling
  - Interviewer training
  - The GGP CCT finalizes technical preparations based on the results of the pre-testing



# Generations & Gender Survey (GGS)

## Organisation/2

- **Probability sampling** → to allow for inter-country and time-dependent intra-country comparison
- **Target population**
  - The target longitudinal population is the resident population.
  - Stratification by sex, age, and region.
  - 18-49 if a survey like SHARE exists (optimal 18-59). Alternatively 18-79.
  - Do not exclude more than 5% of the target population from sampling.
- **GGS Round 2 Italy**
  - Sample of 20,000 (Istat)
  - 18-59 years
  - Two-stage sampling (municipalities & individuals)
  - Aim: 8,000-10,000 interviews and panel registration

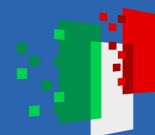


# Generations & Gender Survey (GGS)

## Organisation/3

- **Fieldwork**
  - The questionnaire is fielded with **CAPI** and **CAWI**
  - Incentives
- **Questionnaires topics:**
  - Life history information
  - Fertility and partnership histories
  - Gender relations
  - Division of housework
  - Work-family balance
  - Transition to adulthood
  - Intergenerational exchanges
  - Economic activity
  - Retirement
  - Health and well-being



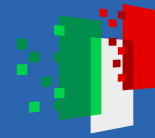


# Generations & Gender Survey (GGS)

## Organisation/4

Table 1 | Information collected in the GGS

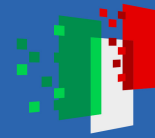
Questionnaire modules	Examples
Demographics	<i>Sex; age; education; dwelling unit; building, occupancy; satisfaction with the accommodation.</i>
Life Histories	<i>Current partner; complete partnership history by month; intentions of union formation; consolidated children information; step children; complete childbearing history by month; total number of children.</i>
Fertility	<i>Ever had sexual intercourse; current pregnancy; fecundity; intentions to have children.</i>
Household Decisions	<i>Household roster; household organisation; decision-making; help and support; childcare; child alimony/ maintenance; partner alimony.</i>
Generations	<i>Questions about biological parents; brothers, sisters, grandparents; grandchildren; parental home during childhood; intentions to start living separately from parents; care and support.</i>
Well-Being	<i>Health in general; height and weight; locus of control; well-being; loneliness; depression.</i>
Work	<i>Current activity status; additional job or business; working conditions and availability of reconciliation policies; partners working status and conditions.</i>
Income	<i>Household possessions and economic deprivation; income from employment and other sources; total household income.</i>
Attitudes	<i>Religiosity; attitudes about interpersonal trust; attitudes about marriage; attitudes about gender.</i>
Report	<i>Others present during interview; interruptions; interview quality.</i>



# Generations & Gender Survey (GGS)

## Organisation/3

- **Fieldwork**
  - The questionnaire is programmed by the CCT for **CAPI** and **CAWI**
  - **Monitoring of the fieldwork** operations will allow for the identification of any potential issues during fieldwork, allowing for corrective measures and thus gains are expected in data quality and timely data release.
- **Reporting** (Post-fieldwork activities)
  - **Data processing:** GGP CCT transforms the raw data collected into a 'clean' format for analysis.
  - **Data and documentation release** (technical and national report)
  - **Dissemination**



# Generations & Gender Survey (GGS)

## Accessing data

- You can browse GGP data on the **Colectica** portal <https://www.ggp-i.org/data/browse-the-data/>
- Through this portal, **you can search and browse Generations and Gender Survey (GGS) data and the corresponding documentation.**
- The Portal uses [Data Documentation Initiative metadata standards](#) and is powered by [Colectica software](#).

**Browse the GGP on the  
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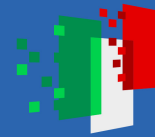
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## For more information on GGP and GGS see:

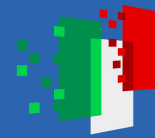
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