Country Progress Report - France

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Three waves were conducted at intervals of 3 years:

- Wave (W)1 in 2005 (September – December); 10,079 respondents,
- W2 in 2008 (October – December); 6,534 respondents,
- W3 in 2011 (September – November); 5,781 respondents (of which 348 non-respondents at W2).

The surveys were executed by INED (Arnaud Régnier-Loilier and the Surveys Department), with the collaboration of the French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE).
Attrition Rates between the Three Waves

- The attrition was greater between W1 and W2 (35% of W1 respondents) than between W2 and W3 (17% of W2 respondents).

- In total, between W1 and W3 the attrition was equal to 43% of W1 and W3 respondents.

- Across the waves, same factors explain the attrition. For example, this is greater among men, in the Paris region and in the south.

- Similar attrition rates and attrition factors are observed for other longitudinal surveys in France (e.g., the ESS).
Under-reporting of Number of Children

- It concerns non-cohabiting children and mainly respondents aged 45 years and over at W2 and W3.

- For example, respondents aged 50 years and over in 2005 have reported 0.25 less children at W2 and W3 compared to W1.

- To investigate this problem a “summary question” about the total no. of children was asked at W3.

- For further information, see paper presented yesterday by Réglier-Loilier (session 6).
Number of some Events since W1

- No. of biological children: 958.
- No. of marriages: 353.
- No. of Pacs: 202.
- No. of dissolutions of couples which were cohabiting at W1: 391.
- No. of respondents who have experienced at least a period of unemployment between 2005 and 2011: 690.
• W1 and W2 are available.
• W3: 2015 (?)

• For further information on French GGS:
Comments or questions?

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