

**GIVING IN THE NETHERLANDS PANEL SURVEY (GINPS)
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Summary. The 'Giving in the Netherlands Panel Survey' provides detailed information on charitable giving and volunteering activities of a representative sample of 1,707 individuals in Dutch households. The first wave was held in 2002; a second and third wave will be held in 2004 and 2006. Researchers across the world are invited to use the data for publications on giving and volunteering.

Sampling procedure. The random sample of the Giving in the Netherlands Panel Survey consisted of 1,707 individuals selected from 40,000 households in the [Capi@home](#)-pool available to NIPO (Netherlands' Institute of Public Opinion). Households in the pool receive a computer with Internet-connection in exchange for participation. Polling surveys are offered to different subsamples of the pool by NIPO on their website. Completing a survey is rewarded with a number of token points depending on the length of the survey completed. At the end of the survey, the points can be exchanged for a voucher, or, alternatively, for a donation to a charitable cause. In May-June 2002, a representative sample of 1,707 individuals completed the GINPS. In addition, protestant Christians were oversampled (n=257) because this small group donates substantially more money to charitable causes than the average respondent.

Questionnaires. The GINPS-survey for the random sample consisted of 5 modules: (1) household giving; (2) individual giving; (3) motives for giving and volunteering; (4) volunteering; (5) socio-demographic and other individual characteristics. The *household and individual giving* modules consisted of (a) a list of 24 cues on types of requests for donations and (b) a list of 9 categories of charities, of which respondents indicated whether they had supported them in the previous calendar year (2001), and if so, how much they donated to each type. In addition, the household giving module contained questions on decision making responsibilities within the household with regard to giving, and the individual giving module contained questions on fundraising exposure. The *motives* module contained measurements of the following general social values: personal responsibility for public welfare, altruism, trust, and social value orientations, and asked specific questions on motives for charitable giving, attitudes toward corporate philanthropy, and knowledge of the accreditation system for charities in the Netherlands. The *volunteering* module first asked about the respondent's involvement in 14 categories of voluntary associations as members in the past year. Then, respondents were prompted with a list of 12 different types of activities that are often carried out by volunteers in nonprofit organizations, and they were asked whether they had performed these tasks as volunteers in one of the 14 categories of associations in the past year. Non-volunteers were asked whether they had ever volunteered. Volunteers as well as non-volunteers were asked about their attitudes towards volunteering. Volunteers as well as former volunteers were asked how they entered the organization, the costs and benefits of volunteering, and the amount of time spent on volunteering. Respondents who had never volunteered were asked whether they had ever been asked to volunteer, if so by whom, and indicated why they refused. The *socio-demographic background* module provides detailed information on both the respondents as well as their parents' level of education and religion, the respondent's marital status, occupation, wages, house ownership, and political attitudes. In the oversampled groups, additional questions were asked on religious motives for philanthropy and trust in specifically religious charitable causes in the field of international solidarity.

History and future. The GINPS is the successor of the 'Giving in the Netherlands' cross-sectional surveys that were published in 1997, 1999, and 2001. These datasets were used mainly for macro-economic estimates of annual contributions of time and money to charitable causes, published in the *Giving in the*

Netherlands volumes. The 1997 questionnaire was based on the Independent Sector's *Giving USA*-survey and the *Volunteering in Europe*-study. In addition to the basic questionnaire, the 1999 and 2001 editions contained questions on informal volunteering (e.g., helping family members and providing assistance to neighbors). In 2002, the survey was thoroughly revised. A large number of questions on social values and socio-demographic background variables were added and a longitudinal design was implemented. A second wave is planned in 2004 and a third in 2006. Current research projects based on the first wave of the GINPS focus on the effects of religion on giving and volunteering (René Bekkers, R.Bekkers@fss.uu.nl) and the effects of charitable giving on social inequality and poverty (Pamala Wiepking, P.Wiepking@fsw.vu.nl).

Research opportunities. The panel design creates unique opportunities for longitudinal studies of volunteering and charitable giving. Future research could focus on the development of social capital and generalized trust through participation in voluntary associations, as argued in the expanding literature on social capital. Other topics are the impact of life course changes on giving and volunteering, the dynamics of intrinsic and external motivation in the volunteering career and the significance of episodic volunteering for nonprofits, among others.

Data availability. Data from the Giving in the Netherlands surveys are available for empirical studies. Researchers who want to work with the Giving in the Netherlands surveys are kindly requested to write a short (1 page) research proposal stating the purpose of the study, the name(s) and affiliation(s) of the researcher(s), the desired variables, and intended publication, and submit it to the director of the Giving in the Netherlands survey, Theo Schuyt, at TNM.Schuyt@fsw.vu.nl and the data manager, Jan Smit, at jh.smit@mdw.vu.nl. Access to the data will usually involve cooperation with one of the researchers of the Giving in the Netherlands -project, except for those who are already familiar with the data.

Publications

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