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**ESS1-6, European Social Survey
Cumulative File Rounds 1-6**

Study Documentation

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ESS1-6, European Social Survey Cumulative File Rounds 1-6 (ESS1-6)

Introduction

The ESS Data Download Wizard gives access to cumulative data from countries that have been included in the integrated ESS files in two or more rounds. In the ESS Data Download Wizard you can generate and download a customised subset of the ESS cumulative file by selecting rounds, countries and variables. The data file can be downloaded in SPSS, Stata, SAS and other formats. A Study Description and documentation of the selected variables is generated for each customised data file and is included in the download. All variables that have been asked in more than one round are included in the cumulative data file. These variables are automatically included in the downloaded data by default: CNAME "Title of cumulative dataset" CEDITION "Edition of cumulative dataset" CPRODDAT "Production date of cumulative dataset" CSEQNO "Respondent's sequence number in cumulative dataset", NAME "Title of ESS dataset" ESSROUND "ESS round" EDITION "ESS edition" IDNO "Respondent's identification number" CNTRY "Country" DWEIGHT "Design weight" PSPWGHT "Post-stratification weight including design weight" PWEIGHT "Population size weight (must be combined with dweight)".

Overview

Identification	ESS1-6e01_0
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Abstract

The European Social Survey (ESS) is an academically-driven multi-country survey, which has been administered in over 30 countries to date. Its three aims are, firstly - to monitor and interpret changing public attitudes and values within Europe and to investigate how they interact with Europe's changing institutions, secondly - to advance and consolidate improved methods of cross-national survey measurement in Europe and beyond, and thirdly - to develop a series of European social indicators, including attitudinal indicators. 36 participating countries altogether have participated in the first six rounds of the ESS: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. The cumulative file contains data from countries that have been included in the integrated ESS files in two or more rounds (see version notes on next page).

Kind of Data	Survey data
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Unit of Analysis	Individuals
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Scope & Coverage

Universe

All persons aged 15 and over resident within private households, regardless of their nationality, citizenship, language or legal status, in the participating countries.

Producers

Primary Investigator(s)	The ESS Core Scientific Team (CST)
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Sampling

Time method	Cross section. Partly repetitive
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Weighting

DESIGN WEIGHTS: The purpose of the design weights (DWEIGHT) is to correct for unequal probabilities for selection due to the sampling design used. In general design weights were computed for each country as follows. 1. $w = 1/(\text{PROB1} * \dots * \text{PROBK})$ is a $n \times 1$ vector of weights ; k depends on the number of stages of the sampling design. 2.

All weights were rescaled in a way that the sum of the final weights equals n, i.e. Rescaled weights = $n*w/\text{sum}(w)$.
POST-STRATIFICATION WEIGHTS: The purpose of the post-stratification weights (PSPWGHT) is to reduce sampling error and non-response bias, using auxiliary information. The ESS post-stratification weights have been constructed using information about age, gender, education and region. The ESS post-stratification weights also adjust for unequal selection probabilities (design weights). A raking procedure has been used in the production of the post-stratification weights.
POPULATION WEIGHTS: The Population size weight (PWEIGHT) corrects for population size when combining two or more country's data, and is calculated as $\text{PWEIGHT} = [\text{Population aged 15 years and over}] / [(\text{Net sample in data file}) * 10\,000]$

Accessibility	
Distributor(s)	Norwegian Social Science Data Services, Harald Hårfagresgt. 29 N-5007 Bergen, Norway. Phone: +47 55 58 21 17 Fax: +47 44 58 96 50 e-mail: nsd@nsd.uib.no Web: http://www.nsd.uib.no ESS: essdata@nsd.uib.no ESS: www.europeansocialsurvey.org
Restrictions	The data are available without restrictions, for not-for-profit purposes.
Citation Requirements	
Citation of data: European Social Survey Cumulative File, ESS 1-6 (2014). Data file edition 1.0. Norwegian Social Science Data Services, Norway - Data Archive and distributor of ESS data. Citation of documentation: European Social Survey (2014). ESS 1-6, European Social Survey Cumulative File, Study Description. Bergen: Norwegian Social Science Data Services.	

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File	
Filename	ESS1-6_cumulative_e01
Extent of Processing Checks	The data file is checked for: duplication of ID numbers, variable names and formats, empty records, wild codes and logical inconsistencies. Missing values have been assigned.
Missing Data	The following missing values have been assigned: 6, 66 etc. = Not applicable 7, 77 etc. = Refusal 8, 88 etc. = Don't know 9, 99 etc. = No answer, i.e. Missing data not elsewhere explained . = Variable not relevant, not deposited, or for other reason omitted from the data file by the archive.
Version	ESS1-6 edition 1.0
Version notes	Includes the following editions of the following integrated ESS data files: ESS1e06_4 (release date 26.11.2014). ESS2e03_4 (release date 26.11.2014). ESS3e03_5 (release date 26.11.2014). ESS4e04_3 (release date 26.11.2014). ESS5e03_2 (release date 26.11.2014). ESS6e02_1 (release date 26.11.2014). Includes data from the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom.

Variables Group(s)

The cumulative dataset contains 30 group(s) total - this subset 5

Group Administrative variables; country, identifications numbers, editions. Automatically included in data file.

#	Name	Label	Question
1	cny	Country	All rounds: Country
2	cname	Title of cumulative dataset	-
3	cedition	Edition of cumulative dataset	-
4	cproddat	Production date of cumulative dataset	-
5	cseqno	Respondent's sequence number in cumulative dataset	-
6	name	Title of dataset	All rounds: Title of dataset
7	essround	ESS round	All rounds: ESS round
8	edition	Edition	All rounds: Edition
9	idno	Respondent's identification number	All rounds: Respondent's identification number

Group Design, post-stratification and population weights. Automatically included in data file.

#	Name	Label	Question
1	dweight	Design weight	All rounds: Design weight
2	pspwght	Post-stratification weight including design weight	All rounds: Post-stratification weight including design weight
3	pweight	Population size weight (must be combined with dweight or pspwght)	ESS4: Population size weight (must be combined with dweight or pspwght)

Group Gender, age and household composition

#	Name	Label	Question
2	gndr	Gender	All rounds: CODE SEX, respondent
21	agea	Age of respondent, calculated	All rounds: Age of respondent, calculated

Group Administrative variables; interview time, administration of split ballot

#	Name	Label	Question
15	inwtm	Interview length in minutes, main questionnaire	All rounds: Interview length in minutes, main questionnaire (calculated)

Group Party voted for in last general election

#	Name	Label	Question
53	prtvtgb	Party voted for in last national election, United Kingdom	ESS1, ESS2, ESS4, ESS5, ESS6: Which party did you vote for in that election? (United Kingdom)

Variables Description

The cumulative dataset contains 1138 variable(s) total - this subset 16

File : ESS1-6_cumulative_e01**# cntry: Country**

Question	All rounds: Country
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Question number	ESS1: 6 ESS2, ESS3, ESS4, ESS5, ESS6: 5
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Value	Label
AT	Austria
BE	Belgium
BG	Bulgaria
CH	Switzerland
CY	Cyprus
CZ	Czech Republic
DE	Germany
DK	Denmark
EE	Estonia
ES	Spain
FI	Finland
FR	France
GB	United Kingdom
GR	Greece
HR	Croatia
HU	Hungary
IE	Ireland
IL	Israel
IS	Iceland
IT	Italy
LT	Lithuania
LU	Luxembourg
NL	Netherlands
NO	Norway
PL	Poland
PT	Portugal
RU	Russia
SE	Sweden
SI	Slovenia
SK	Slovakia
TR	Turkey
UA	Ukraine

cname: Title of cumulative dataset

Question	
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Value	Label
ESS1-6e01	

cdition: Edition of cumulative dataset

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File : ESS1-6_cumulative_e01**# cedition: Edition of cumulative dataset**

Question	
Value	Label
1.0	

cproddat: Production date of cumulative dataset

Question	
Value	Label
26.11.2014	

cseqno: Respondent's sequence number in cumulative dataset

Question	
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name: Title of dataset

Question	All rounds: Title of dataset
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Question number	All rounds: 1
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Value	Label
ESS1e06_4	
ESS2e03_4	
ESS3e03_5	
ESS4e04_3	
ESS5e03_2	
ESS6e02_1	

essround: ESS round

Question	All rounds: ESS round
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Question number	All rounds: 2
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Value	Label
1	
2	
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4	
5	
6	

edition: Edition

Question	All rounds: Edition
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Question number	All rounds: 3
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Value	Label
2.1	
3.2	
3.4	
3.5	

File : ESS1-6_cumulative_e01**# edition: Edition**

Value	Label
4.3	
6.4	

idno: Respondent's identification number

Question	All rounds: Respondent's identification number
Question number	ESS1: 5 ESS2, ESS3, ESS4, ESS5, ESS6: 6
Comments	ESS2: Iceland: Inconsistency of respondent identification number across Icelandic data files. For further details please see item 46 in the Documentation Report.

dweight: Design weight

Question	All rounds: Design weight
Question number	ESS1: R 34 ESS2: R 39 ESS3, ESS4, ESS5, ESS6: R 17

pspwght: Post-stratification weight including design weight

Question	All rounds: Post-stratification weight including design weight
Question number	ESS1: R 35 ESS2: R 40 ESS3, ESS4, ESS5, ESS6: R 18

pweight: Population size weight (must be combined with dweight or pspwght)

Question	ESS4: Population size weight (must be combined with dweight or pspwght)
Question number	ESS4: R 19

prtvtgb: Party voted for in last national election, United Kingdom

Question	ESS1, ESS2, ESS4, ESS5, ESS6: Which party did you vote for in that election? (United Kingdom)
Question number	ESS1: B 14 GB ESS2, ESS4, ESS5: B 12 GB ESS6: B 10 GB
Routing	ESS1: If code 1 at B13 ESS2, ESS4, ESS5: If code 1 at B11 ESS6: If code 1 at B9
Comments	ESS1, ESS2: [Country-specific (question and) codes] United Kingdom: (nir): Parties in Northern Ireland ESS4: [Country-specific (question and) codes] ESS5, ESS6: [Country-specific codes]
Variable versions	ESS3: PRVTAGB

Value	Label
1	Conservative
2	Labour
3	Liberal Democrat
4	Scottish National Party
5	Plaid Cymru
6	Green Party
7	Other
11	Ulster Unionist Party (nir)

File : ESS1-6_cumulative_e01

prtvtgb: Party voted for in last national election, United Kingdom

Value	Label
12	Democratic Unionist Party (nir)
13	Sinn Fein (nir)
14	Social Democratic and Labour Party (nir)
15	Alliance Party (nir)
16	Progressive Unionist Party (nir)
17	United Kingdom Unionist Party (nir)
18	Women's Coalition (nir)
19	United Unionist Assembly Party (nir)
20	Northern Ireland Unionist Party (nir)
21	Workers Party (nir)
22	Other (nir)
66	Not applicable
77	Refusal
88	Don't know
99	No answer

gndr: Gender

Question	All rounds: CODE SEX, respondent
Question number	All rounds: F 2 1
Comments	<p>ESS1: INTRODUCTION TO GRID, F2-F4: IN GRID, COLLECT DETAILS OF RESPONDENT (F2/F3 ONLY), THEN OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (F2 to F4), IN DESCENDING ORDER OF AGE. FOR EASE, IT MAY BE USEFUL TO ADD THE NAMES OR INITIALS OF EACH HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WHERE INDICATED</p> <p>ESS2, ESS3, ESS4: INTRODUCTION TO GRID, F2-F4: IN GRID, COLLECT DETAILS OF RESPONDENT (F2/F3 ONLY), THEN OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (F2 to F4), IN DESCENDING ORDER OF AGE (OLDEST FIRST). FOR EASE, IT MAY BE USEFUL TO ADD THE NAMES OR INITIALS OF EACH HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WHERE INDICATED</p>

Value	Label
1	Male
2	Female
9	No answer

agea: Age of respondent, calculated

Question	All rounds: Age of respondent, calculated
Question number	All rounds: F 3 1b
Comments	<p>ESS1: Calculation based on year of birth and year of interview. Deviations: Italy, Spain, Switzerland: A few respondents are younger than the lower age cut-off. Denmark: Lower age cut-off for Danish citizen sample was 16, for non-Danish citizens 18. Norway: Lower age cut off for the Norwegian sample was 16. For further details please see item 46 in Country Reports in the Documentation Report.</p> <p>ESS2: Calculation based on year of birth and year of interview. Deviations: Czech Republic, Greece, Switzerland: A few respondents are younger than the lower age cut-off. For further details, please see item 46 in the Country Reports in the Documentation Report.</p> <p>ESS3: Calculation based on year of birth and year of interview. Deviations: Belgium: One respondent is younger than the lower age cut-off. For further details, please see item 46 in the Country Reports in the Documentation Report.</p> <p>ESS4: Calculation based on year of birth and year of interview.</p> <p>ESS5: Calculation based on year of birth and year of interview. Deviations: France: One respondent is younger than the lower age cut-off. For further details, please see item 46 in the Country Reports in the Documentation Report.</p>
Variable versions	In the cumulative file AGEA is available for all rounds, while AGE is available for ESS3 only. AGE is based on month and calendar year of birth and interview, while AGEA is a cruder measure based on calendar year only.

File : ESS1-6_cumulative_e01

agea: Age of respondent, calculated

Value	Label
999	Not available

# inwtm: Interview length in minutes, main questionnaire	
Question	All rounds: Interview length in minutes, main questionnaire (calculated)
Question number	ESS1: R 31 ESS2: R 42 ESS3, ESS4, ESS5, ESS6: R 20
Comments	ESS4: Germany: End of interview recorded after completion of module G. For further details, please see item 46 in the ESS4 - 2008 Documentation Report. ESS5: Germany: End of interview recorded after completion of module G. Estonia, Ireland: Data not available. For further details please see item 46 in the ESS5 - 2010 Documentation Report. ESS6: Spain: Value missing for 38 respondents, for further details please see item 46 in the ESS6-2012 Documentation Report.