Codebook
Background Variables
LISS Panel

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1   Introduction

To ensure that the most important general characteristics of LISS panel households remain up-to-date, these are measured every month using a separate questionnaire, known as the household box. For every LISS panel household, a single contact person completes this questionnaire. The household box needs to be completed when joining the panel, before the household can start completing other questionnaires. Thereafter, the contact person is presented the household box every month to enter any changes that may have occurred.

Some of the questions in the household box concern the household, and others concern the individual household members. All questions of the questionnaire are completed by the household contact person only.

> Variables at household level: lftdhhh, aantalhh, aantalki, partner, woonvorm, woning, sted, nettohh_f, brutohh_f, werving (published from April 2011 onwards), simpc

> Variables at individual level: geslacht, positie, gebjaar, leeftijd, lftdcat, burgstat, belbezig, brutoink, brutoink_f, nettoink/netinc, nettoink_f, brutocat, nettocat, oplzon, oplmet, oplcat, herkomstgroep (published from October 2010 onwards), doetmee

From every field work period, a data file containing details from the household box is made available. The variables in these data files are presented per person, including variables that contain information on the entire household. These data represent a snapshot of the situation at the end of the field work period concerned.

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This codebook describes the general background variables of the LISS panel households. The variable names are indicated in **bold** and correspond to the names in the dataset.

nomem_encr
Number of household member encrypted

nohouse_encr
Number of household encrypted

wave
Year and month of the field work period

geslacht	Gender
	1 Male
	2 Female

positie	Position within the household
	1 Household head*
	2 Wedded partner
	3 Unwedded partner
	4 Parent (in law)
	5 Child living at home
	6 Housemate
	7 Family member or boarder
	9 Unknown (missing)

The household head is the person whose name appears on the rent contract or purchase deed of the house. If the contract or deed carries more than one name, the household head is the person with the highest income.

gebjaar	Year of birth
	1900..present

leeftijd	Age of the household member

lftdcat	Age in CBS (Statistics Netherlands) categories
	1 14 years and younger
	2 15 - 24 years
	3 25 - 34 years
	4 35 - 44 years
	5 45 - 54 years
	6 55 - 64 years
	7 65 years and older

lftdhhh	Age of the household head

aantalhh	Number of household members
	1 One person
	2 Two persons
	3 Three persons
	4 Four persons
	5 Five persons
	6 Six persons
	7 Seven persons
	8 Eight persons
	9 Nine persons or more
aantalki	Number of living-at-home children in the household, children of the household head or his/her partner
	0 None
	1 One child
	2 Two children
	3 Three children
	4 Four children
	5 Five children
	6 Six children
	7 Seven children
	8 Eight children
	9 Nine children or more
partner	The household head lives together with a partner (wedded or unwedded)
	0 No
	1 Yes
burgstat	Civil status
	1 Married
	2 Separated
	3 Divorced
	4 Widow or widower
	5 Never been married
woonvorm	Domestic situation
	1 Single
	2 (Un)married co-habitation, without child(ren)
	3 (Un)married co-habitation, with child(ren)
	4 Single, with child(ren)
	5 Other
woning	Type of dwelling that the household inhabits
	1 Self-owned dwelling
	2 Rental dwelling
	3 Sub-rented dwelling
	4 Cost-free dwelling
	9 Unknown (missing)

sted	Urban character of place of residence
	1 Extremely urban
	2 Very urban
	3 Moderately urban
	4 Slightly urban
	5 Not urban

Urban character: Surrounding address density per km2

extremely urban	*2500 or more*
very	*1500 to 2500*
moderately	*1000 to 1500*
slightly	*500 to 1000*
not	*less than 500*

belbezig	Primary occupation
	1 Paid employment
	2 Works or assists in family business
	3 Autonomous professional, freelancer, or self-employed
	4 Job seeker following job loss
	5 First-time job seeker
	6 Exempted from job seeking following job loss
	7 Attends school or is studying
	8 Takes care of the housekeeping
	9 Is pensioner ([voluntary] early retirement, old age pension scheme)
	10 Has (partial) work disability
	11 Performs unpaid work while retaining unemployment benefit
	12 Performs voluntary work
	13 Does something else
	14 Is too young to have an occupation

brutoink	Personal gross monthly income[1] in Euros
	-13 I don't know
	-15 Unknown (missing)

brutoink_f	Personal gross monthly income in Euros, imputed

Variable data available as from July 2008. Estimate based on netinc or nettocat if gross income not entered. For more information see on our website: 'Imputation income LISS until sept 2011.pdf', Klaas de Vos, 2008. From September 2011 see file: 'imputation income LISS from sept 2011.pdf', Klaas de Vos, 2011.

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[1] *Since some people prefer not to make their income information available to CentERdata, a 0 (zero) can mean two different things: (1) that there is no income at all, or (2) that a panel member does not know what the income is or does not want to make that information available to us. In the second case, panel members ought to indicate that they do not know what the income is (-13). Unfortunately, not all panel members do so, so that there are and continue to be panel members that enter (0) while they actually do have an income. It is impossible to determine who these panel members are, however.*

nettoink	Personal net monthly income1 in Euros
	-13 I don't know
	-14 Prefer not to say
	-15 Unknown (missing)

If the respondent did not answer this question, the income was again asked in terms of categories (nettocat) and the average of the indicated category imputed in nettoink. The variable netinc, excluding the average of nettocat, is also available as from July 2008.

netinc	Personal net monthly income1 in Euros (available as from July 2008)
	-13 I don't know
	-15 Unknown (missing)

nettoink_f	Personal net monthly income in Euros, imputed (available as from July 2008)

Estimate based on brutoink if net income not entered. For more information see on our website: 'Imputation income LISS until sept 2011.pdf', Klaas de Vos, 2008. From September 2011 see file: 'imputation income LISS from sept 2011.pdf', Klaas de Vos, 2011.

brutocat	Personal gross monthly income in categories
	0 No income
	1 EUR 500 or less
	2 EUR 501 to EUR 1000
	3 EUR 1001 to EUR 1500
	4 EUR 1501 to EUR 2000
	5 EUR 2001 to EUR 2500
	6 EUR 2501 to EUR 3000
	7 EUR 3001 to EUR 3500
	8 EUR 3501 to EUR 4000
	9 EUR 4001 to EUR 4500
	10 EUR 4501 to EUR 5000
	11 EUR 5001 to EUR 7500
	12 More than EUR 7500
	13 I don't know

nettocat	Personal net monthly income in categories
	0 No income
	1 EUR 500 or less
	2 EUR 501 to EUR 1000
	3 EUR 1001 to EUR 1500
	4 EUR 1501 to EUR 2000
	5 EUR 2001 to EUR 2500
	6 EUR 2501 to EUR 3000
	7 EUR 3001 to EUR 3500
	8 EUR 3501 to EUR 4000
	9 EUR 4001 to EUR 4500
	10 EUR 4501 to EUR 5000
	11 EUR 5001 to EUR 7500
	12 More than EUR 7500
	13 I really don't know
	14 I prefer not to say

brutohh_f   Gross household income in Euros

Imputed monthly income (brutoink_f) of all household members combined.

nettohh_f   Net household income in Euros

Imputed monthly income (nettoink_f) of all household members combined.

oplzon   Highest level of education irrespective of diploma
1 primary school
2 vmbo (intermediate secondary education, US: junior high school)
3 havo/vwo (higher secondary education/preparatory university education, US: senior high school)
4 mbo (intermediate vocational education, US: junior college)
5 hbo (higher vocational education, US: college)
6 wo (university)
7 other
8 Not yet completed any education*
9 Not (yet) started any education

oplmet   Highest level of education with diploma
1 primary school
2 vmbo (intermediate secondary education, US: junior high school)
3 havo/vwo (higher secondary education/preparatory university education, US: senior high school)
4 mbo (intermediate vocational education, US: junior college)
5 hbo (higher vocational education, US: college)
6 wo (university)
7 other
8 Not (yet) completed any education
9 Not yet started any education*

*The answer categories 8 en 9 have been changed in December 2008. Category 8 of question 'oplzon' and category 9 of 'oplmet' are no longer offered as options to the respondents. The values remain unchanged.

oplcat   Level of education in CBS (Statistics Netherlands) categories
1 primary school
2 vmbo (intermediate secondary education, US: junior high school)
3 havo/vwo (higher secondary education/preparatory university education, US: senior high school)
4 mbo (intermediate vocational education, US: junior college)
5 hbo (higher vocational education, US: college)
6 wo (university)

doetmee   Household member participates in the panel
0   no
1   yes

werving	From which recruitment wave the household originates
	1 the household originates from the pilot study of 2007
	2 the household originates from the main recruitment wave of 2007
	3 the household originates from the additional recruitment wave of 2009
	4 the household originates from the recruitment wave of the immigrant panel 2010*
	5 the household originates from the additional recruitment wave of the immigrant panel 2011*
	6 the household originates from the additional recruitment wave of 2011
	7 the household originates from the additional recruitment wave of 2013
	99 the household is a split-off of an original recruited panel household

*) Since October 2010 a special immigrant panel is available in addition to the LISS panel. These households form a separate panel. Therefore categories 4 and 5 will not appear in the dataset of the LISS panel. The background variables for the immigrant panel can be found on our website (Access Data Archive – Browse Studies – Choose Panel – Immigrant panel).

herkomstgroep	Origin
	0 Dutch background
	101 First generation foreign, Western background
	102 First generation foreign, non-western background
	201 Second generation foreign, Western background
	202 Second generation foreign, non-western background
	999 Origin unknown or part of the information unknown (missing values)

simpc	Does the household have a simPC?
	0 no
	1 yes

If the respondent does not have a computer at the moment that he/she joins the LISS panel, he/she is loaned a simPC to complete the questionnaires. SimPC is a PC that is easy to operate, developed especially for people that have never worked with a computer before.