
ANNOTATED OUTPUT
DATA DESCRIPTION & CODEBOOK
GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY (GSS) SUBSET (2002)

The General Social Surveys (GSS) have been conducted by the National Opinion Research Center annually since 1972, except for the years 1979, 1981, and 1992 (a supplement was added in 1992), and biennially beginning in 1994. The content of each survey changes slightly as some items are added to or deleted from the interview schedule. Main areas covered in the GSS include socioeconomic status, social mobility, social control, the family, race relations, sex relations, civil liberties, and morality.

For this example, data from the 2002 GSS are used. The complete data set is available in SPSS, SAS, and STATA on the CFDR Server.

VALID N (LISTWISE) = 2765

AGE is coded continuously.

RANGE: 18-89

MEAN (STANDARD DEVIATION): 46.28 (17.370)

VALID N = 2751

AGESQUARE (Recoded)

RANGE: 324-7921

MEAN (STANDARD DEVIATION): 2443.72 (1771.514)

VALID N = 2751

MARRIED (MARITAL STATUS) (Recoded)

1 = Currently Married (45.9%)

0 = Not Currently Married (54.1%)

MEAN (STANDARD DEVIATION): .459 (.498)

VALID N = 2765

HAPPY (GENERAL HAPPINESS)

1 = Very Happy (30.3%)

2 = Pretty Happy (57.3%)

3 = Not Too Happy (12.4%)

MEAN (STANDARD DEVIATION): 1.82 (.629)

VALID N = 1369

MALE (GENDER) (Recoded)

0 = Female (55.6%)

1 = Male (44.4%)

MEAN (STANDARD DEVIATION): .44 (.497)

VALID N = 2765

WHTIE (RACE) (Recoded)

0 = Other (24.1%)

1 = White (75.9%)

MEAN (STANDARD DEVIATION): .76 (.428)

VALID N = 2762

ATTEND (CHURCH ATTENDANCE)

0 = Never (18.7%)
1 = Less Than Once a Year (7.1%)
2 = Once a Year (14.0%)
3 = Several Times a Year (13.0%)
4 = Once a Month (6.9%)
5 = 2-3 Times a Month (9.4%)
6 = Nearly Every Week (6.6%)
7 = Every Week (16.6%)
8 = More than Once a Week (7.8%)
MEAN (STANDARD DEVIATION): 3.66 (2.702)
VALID N = 2742

CHURCH (Recoded)

0 = Not often (39.8%)
1 = Sometimes (29.3%)
2 = Often (30.9%)
MEAN (STANDARD DEVIATION): 0.91 (.836)
VALID N = 2743

SEXFREQ (FREQUENCY OF SEX)

0 = Not at All (22.2%)
1 = Once or Twice (8.6%)
2 = Once a Month (9.9%)
3 = 2-3 Times a Month (16.3%)
4 = Weekly (15.9%)
5 = 2-3 Times a Week (19.3%)
6 = 4 or More Times a Week (7.6%)
MEAN (STANDARD DEVIATION): 2.83 (2.013)
VALID N = 2151

FREQDUM (Recoded)

0 = Less than or equal to once a month (41.9%)
1 = More than once a month (59.0%)
MEAN (STANDARD DEVIATION): 0.59 (.492)
VALID N = 2151