Harmonized Histories ... An Easy to Use Dataset for Family Demographers

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The Harmonized Histories is an international comparative dataset, created through harmonizing data from existing surveys into one common format. It was first developed by the Non-Marital childbearing network (www.nonmarital.org) under the direction of Brienna Perelli-Harris. Nowadays it is developed further and made available through the GGP (www.ggp-i.org). The aim of the Harmonized Histories is to bring together information from different sources to facilitate cross-national research on topics related with family formation and transition to adulthood.

The dataset captures fertility and partnership histories. These histories are organized chronologically which makes it well suited for event history analysis. In addition, the dataset contains information such as: socio-economic status, place of residence, and information on the childhood family (e.g. parental divorce, number of siblings). For an overview of the content captured, see Figure 1. The Harmonized Histories currently contains information of over 290,000 individuals living in 24 different countries (see Figure 2).

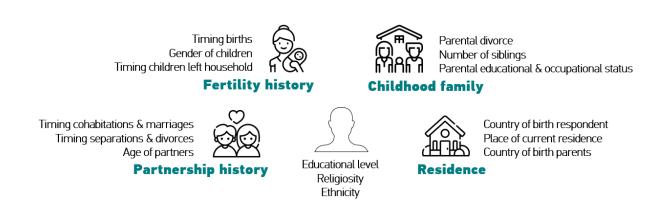


Figure 1. Overview of the topics covered in the Harmonized Histories

The poster provides information on the variables included, for which countries data is available, and how the dataset can be accessed. Any person interested in expanding the dataset further is welcomed to contact the GGP team (ggp@nidi.nl).

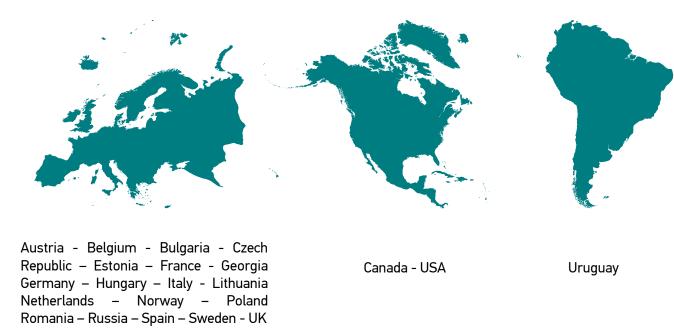


Figure 2. Overview of the countries covered in the Harmonized Histories