

Characteristics of the LASA-sample by interview type: face-to-face, telephone with respondent (R), telephone with proxy (P)

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Measurement waves: 1992-1993, 1995-1996, 1998-1999, 2001-2003, 2005-2006, 2008-2009

	1992-1993 Cohort 1			1995-1996 Cohort 1		
	Face-to-face	Telephone R	Telephone P	Face-to-face	Telephone R	Telephone P
N (%)	3,107 (100)	-	-	2,302 (90.5)	164 (6.4)	79 (3.1)
Age (sd)	70.8 (8.8)			72.6 (8.6)	74.6 (8.7)*	77.1 (8.0)*
Years of education (sd)	8.8 (3.3)			9.0 (3.3)	7.9 (2.7)*	8.1 (3.0)*
% Female	51.5			53.2	60.4	44.3
% Not living independently ^a	4.1			4.9	6.7	34.2*
Mean number of chronic diseases ^b	1.3 (1.2)			1.5 (1.3)	1.5 (1.2)	1.9 (1.4)*
% with mild disability ^c	20.7			23.8	17.0	13.2*
% with severe disability ^d	24.2			29.3	30.2	61.8*
% with poor self-rated health ^e	37.5			36.9	46.3*	48.7*
	1998-1999 Cohort 1			2001-2003 Cohort 1 + Cohort 2		
	Face-to-face	Telephone R	Telephone P	Face-to-face	Telephone R	Telephone P
N (%)	1,874 (90.3)	127 (6.1)	75 (3.6)	2,476 (91.9)	122 (4.5)	95 (3.5)
Age (sd)	74.3 (8.2)	76.7 (8.4)*	82.6 (7.0)*	69.4 (10.0)	77.6 (7.8)*	83.9 (7.8)*
Years of education (sd)	9.0 (3.3)	8.2 (3.0)*	8.4 (3.2)	9.6 (3.4)	8.7 (3.1)*	8.6 (3.4)*
% Female	55.1	64.6*	48.0	54.8	69.7*	62.1
% Not living independently ^a	5.3	7.1	53.3*	3.3	9.8*	59.6*
Mean number of chronic diseases ^b	1.7 (1.3)	1.8 (1.3)	2.5 (1.6)*	1.6 (1.3)	2.0 (1.6)*	3.1 (1.7)*
% with mild disability ^c	28.2	26.4	4.3*	27.8	33.1*	7.2
% with severe disability ^d	29.5	36.4	88.4*	21.9	42.1*	86.7*
% with poor self-rated health ^e	36.4	44.1	62.7*	37.4	44.3	58.9*
	2005-2006 Cohort 1 + Cohort 2			2008-2009 Cohort 1 + Cohort 2		
	Face-to-face	Telephone R	Telephone P	Face-to-face	Telephone R	Telephone P
N (%)	1,908 (88.1)	140 (6.5)	117 (5.4)	1,601 (88.1)	117 (6.4)	100 (5.5)
Age (sd)	71.2 (9.2)	75.2 (9.3)*	83.9 (8.8)*	73.3 (8.6)	73.2(7.9)	83.8 (9.1)*
Years of education (sd)	9.9 (3.4)	9.0 (3.3)*	8.3 (3.1)*	10.0 (3.4)	9.4 (3.1)*	7.9 (2.8)*
% Female	55.2	67.9*	62.4	55.6	61.5	68.0*
% Not living independently ^a	3.0	4.3	54.7*	3.1	0.9	53.0*
Mean number of chronic diseases ^b	1.7 (1.3)	1.9 (1.6)	2.6 (1.5)*	1.8 (1.4)	1.8 (1.5)	2.9 (1.7)*
% with mild disability ^c	30.5	26.1	6.5*	31.6	24.6	5.6*
% with severe disability ^d	24.4	30.4	88.8*	25.5	23.7	90.0*
% with poor self-rated health ^e	36.2	45.0*	75.0*	34.0	40.2	72.0*

^aNot living independently: living in a residential home, nursing home, hospital or monastery

^bSelf-reported chronic diseases include: chronic non-specific lung disease, cardiac disease, peripheral atherosclerosis, diabetes, stroke, arthritis, cancer, and a maximum of two other chronic diseases
(http://www.lasa-vu.nl/themes/physical/selfreport_chronicdiseases.htm)

^cMild disability: difficulty with ≥ 1 daily activity out of six

^dSevere disability: inability to perform ≥ 1 daily activity out of six

(http://www.lasa-vu.nl/themes/physical/functionele_beperkingen.html)

^ePoor self-rated health: 'fair', 'sometimes good, sometimes poor', or 'poor' self-rated health.

(<http://www.lasa-vu.nl/themes/physical/selfratedhealth.html>)

*Significant difference ($P < .05$) between respondents who completed a telephone interview (respondent or proxy) and respondents who completed a face-to-face interview.