Growing Up in Ireland
-the National Longitudinal Study of Children

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Infant Cohort Presentation 04:

Standard Measures and Derived Variables

Standard Measures Used in the Study

1. Quality of Attachment (pcg & scg).

2. Infant Characteristics Questionnaire (pcg).

3. Ages and Stages Questionnaire (pcg).

4. Parental Stress Scale (pcg & scg).

5. Dyadic Adjustment Scale (pcg & scg).

6. Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale (pcg & scg).

Quality of Attachment

- Asked of Primary and Secondary Caregivers.
- Quality of Attachment Subscale from Maternal (Paternal) Postnatal Attachment Scale (Condon & Corkindale, 1998).
- Measures feelings towards infants and about themselves as parents.
- Total Score.
- 'QoAscore' and 'QoAscg'.

Infant Characteristics Questionnaire

- Asked of Primary Caregiver only.

- Measures infant temperament.

- Four subscales:
  - Fussy/difficult
  - Unadaptable
  - Dull
  - Unpredictable

- 'fussy', 'unadapt', 'dull' and 'unpredict'.

Ages and Stages Questionnaire

- Asked of Primary Caregiver only.

- Measures child development.

- 5 development domains:
  - Communication
  - Gross motor
  - Fine motor
  - Problem solving
  - Personal/social

- 4 age groups: 6, 8, 10 and 12 months.

- Total score and pass/fail.

Parental Stress Scale

- Asked of Primary and Secondary Caregivers.
- Measures positive and negative aspects of parenthood.
- Total score and 4 subscales:
  - Parental rewards
  - Parental stressors
  - Lack of control
  - Parental satisfaction

Dyadic Adjustment Scale

- Asked of Primary and Secondary Caregivers.

- Measures relationship satisfaction.

- Total Score.

Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale (CES-D)

- Asked of Primary and Secondary Caregivers.

- Measures depression status (screener rather than diagnostic tool).

- Total Score.

Key derived variables in the data file (1)

Household Type (HHtype)
- One parent with 1 child under 18 years
- One parent with 2 or more children under 18 years
- Two parents with 1 child under 18 years
- Two parents with 2 or more children under 18 years

- **Equivalised income (Equivinc; EIncQuin; EIncDec)**
- Equivalised income
- Quintiles
- Deciles

Key derived variables in the data file (2)

Household class (Hsdclass)

- Professional workers
- Managerial and technical
- Non-manual
- Skilled manual
- Semi-skilled
- Unskilled
- All others gainfully employed and unknown
- Validly no social class

Household Class (xhsdclass)

- Professional Managers
- Other non-manual/ skilled manual
- Semi/ unskilled manual
- All others gainfully employed and unknown
- Validly no social class