

Members of sport clubs: neighborhood effects

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Conceptual model

Individual

- Age
- Gender
- Income
- Ethnicity -
- Type of household -



Method

Research area

The Netherlands in 2013

Target group

Random sample of 1% of the entire population of Dutch residents 18 +; N = 11468





Research question: What is the influence of social contagion between neighbors on being a member of a sport club.

Number of zip codes = 443628

Data used for this research:

Merge of several secondary data files

1. Data collected by the Bureau of Statistics of the Netherlands (CBS) provided information of the characteristics of the entire 18+ Dutch population. 2. Data of members of sport clubs was provided by nine Dutch sport federations.

3. Information about the distance to facilities was provided by the Mulier institute.

%

Characteristics Dutch residents

Gender	
Female	51%
Male	49%
Mean age	48
Standardized disposable	
household income	
Mean	2448
Income very low	5 %
Income low	24 %
Income average	57%
Income high	14%







Members per type of sport clubs

69% = male

31% = female

Sport facilities within 10 min drive

Mean = 89 facilities Min = 2 273 Max =

Results multilevel logistic regression

	model			model		
	Individu	Individual predictors			Neighborhood predictor	
	β	Std.	sig	β	Std.	sig
Constant	-1.418	.163	.000	-1.354	.186	.000
Female	858	.067	.000	922	.069	.000
Surinam/Antilles vs Dutch	918	.304	.003	383	.326	.240
Western Immigrants vs Dutch	342	.139	.014	323	.148	.029
Non Western Immigrants vs Dutch	-1.19	.205	.000	772	.221	.000
Age 25-34 vs 18-24	131	.084	.118	205	.089	.020
Age 35-65 vs 18-24	260	.084	.004	361	.095	.000
Age >65 vs 18-24	431	.112	.000	572	.121	.000
One person household vs couple without kids	.092	.104	.376	.197	.110	.074
1 parent + child/ren <7 vs couple without	263	.729	.718	251	.739	.734
1 parent + child/ren >7 vs couple without	245	.254	.336	185	.261	.478
Couple + child/ren <7 vs couple without	.303	.131	.021	.229	.139	.100
Couple + child/ren >7 vs couple without	.483	.084	.000	.483	.091	.000
Others vs couple without	064	.193	.741	012	.203	.953
Income < 9250 vs income 9250 - 17500	.438	.192	.023	.275	.201	.170
Income 17500 - 35000 vs income 9250 - 1750	0.585	.101	.000	.463	.107	.000
Income > 35000 vs income 9250 - 17500	1.334	.114	.000	1.058	.124	.000
Number of sport facilities in 10 min drive	000	.000	.110	.001	.001	.382
Second level: zip code/neighbors						
Share Surinam/Antilles in zip code				-3.081	1.360	.023
Share Western Immigrants in zip code				.244	.726	.737
Share Non-Western Immigrants in zip code				-1.945	.589	.001
	Log likelihood: -3540.1			Log likelihood: -3437.3		

Conclusion

Individual model:

Women are less likely to be a member of a sport club. Also having an ethnicity other than Dutch reduces the chance to be a member of a sport club. Being above 35 also decreases this chance. Couples with children have more chance of being a member. Having a higher disposable household year income also increases sport club membership.

Model neighborhood composition on ethnicity:

There seems to be a neighborhood effect of ethnic composition. When there are more Non Western neighbors (Surinam/Antilles and other Non Western immigrants) living in a zip code the chance of being a member of sport clubs decreases.

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