

Title: Enhancing the understanding of the relationship between social integration and nonresponse

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Abstract: Nonresponse and nonresponse bias remain fundamental concerns for survey researchers as understanding them is critical to producing accurate statistics. One hypothesis of the cause of nonresponse is the social integration hypothesis; individuals who participate in more social relationships are more likely to respond than socially isolated individuals. If socially integrated individuals are more likely to respond, then it may also be the case that measures of social activities and social roles are upwardly biased. That is, survey data will consistently overestimate participation. Using the rich frame information available on the American Time Use Survey (ATUS) and the Survey of Health, Ageing, and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) Wave II, I will provide evidence of the relationship between social integration, nonresponse, and nonresponse bias.