Social contact (per cent), by region, type of social contact, contents, sex and year, 1998, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2015 And 2019

		Social contact																				
		Both sexes							Males							Females						
		1998	2002	2005	2008	2012	2015	2019	1998	2002	2005	2008	2012	2015	2019	1998	2002	2005	2008	2012	2015	2019
Northern	Live in pair relations	67	64	66	63	62	58	58	65	65	68	64	57	59	57	70	64	64	63	67	57	59
Norway	Are cohabitants	18	19	21	20	18	18	17	19	20	21	20	21	18	16	16	18	20	20	15	19	17
	Live with their own children	18	41	40	38	34	32	31	14	40	40	31	29	30	29	22	42	41	45	40	33	33
	Live alone	19	22	21	21	25	24	27	19	22	21	24	31	24	30	19	23	21	18	19	24	25
	Little contact with parents, among those who have living																					
	parents	44	27	•	27	27	25	26	37	24	•	29	24	27	29	50	30	•	25	30	22	23
	Little contact with siblings	42	45	•	39	39	41	44	39	42	•	43	39	41	43	44	48	•	35	39	42	45
	Little contact with their own children	25	30	•	26	27	24	27	20	30	•	30	28	26	31	28	29	•	22	26	22	24
	Little contact with friends	3	7		5	8	8	8	5	5	•	7	8	8	8	2	8	•	4	7	7	8
	Lacking someone to confide in		2	4	6	7	3	3	•	2	5	7	10	3	3	•	3	3	5	4	3	3
	Proportion with 2 or fewer friends to count on, should																					
	personal problems arise		31	26	27	28	22	20	•	30	28	30	28	27	21	•	33	24	23	29	17	18
	Hard to get help from neighbors		10	14	11	9	12	12	•	6	12	9	8	11	9		13	17	13	10	12	14
	Others show little or no interest in what you do		4	2	3	4	3	2		4	2	3	5	4	3		3	2	3	2	2	1
	Knows no one in the neighborhood good enough to visit																					
	each other occasionally				23	23	23	29				20	23	22	25				26	23	23	32
	Little contact with parents by phone, email, Internet etc.					6	6						5	6						6	5	
	Little contact with siblings by phone, email, Internet etc.					11	13						12	14						9	12	
	Little contact with good friends by phone, email, Internet																					
	etc.					7	6	5	•		•		9	6	5					5	5	5
	Little contact with their own children by phone, e-mail,																					
	Internet etc.						•				•											
	Number of respondents	736	697	719	661	529	1189	1209	358	349	379	323	271	600	630	378	348	340	338	258	589	579

Breach in the time series at 2015. Before 2015, questions regarding contact with siblings and parents were posed to everyone with siblings and parents who were alive. Since 2015, only persons who did not live with these family members have been asked these questions. To obtain comparable time series, persons who live with their parents or siblings in 2015 and 2019 have been coded as though they report having frequent contact with these family members, i.e. that they are in contact with them at least once a month. This still results in some deviations between figures for 2015 and 2019, and earlier figures, particularly in the youngest age group (16-24 years), among whom many live with their family.

.. = Data not available. Figures have not been entered into our databases or are too unreliable to be published.

. = Category not applicable. Figures do not exist at this time, because the category was not in use when the figures were collected.

type of social contact:

Little contact with parents, among those who have living parents: Percentage of persons that see their parents less frequently than every month.

Little contact with siblings: Percentage of persons with siblings that see their siblings less frequently than every month.

Little contact with their own children: Percentage of persons with children who have left home, who see their children less frequently than every month. Little contact with friends: Percentage without close friends or who see their friends less frequently than every month.

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