

**Fair's (1977) Extramarital Affairs Data**

Source: original source Fair (1977) and <http://fairmodel.econ.yale.edu/rayfair/pdf/1978ADAT.ZIP>.

Found data set on website: <http://pages.stern.nyu.edu/~wgreene/Text/tables/tablelist5.htm>

**Affairs** How often respondent engaged in extramarital sexual intercourse during the past year

- 0 = none
- 1 = once
- 2 = twice
- 3 = three times
- 7 = 4 - 10 times
- 12 = monthly or more

**Gender**            0 = female  
                          1 = male

**Age**    in Years

- 17.5 = under 20
- 22.0 = 20 - 24
- 27.0 = 25 - 29
- 32.0 = 30 - 34
- 37.0 = 35 - 39
- 42.0 = 40 - 44
- 47.0 = 45 - 49
- 52.0 = 50 - 54
- 57.0 = 55 or over

**Married**            Duration of Marriage

- 0.125 = 3 months or less
- 0.417 = 4 - 6 months
- 0.750 = 6 months - 1 year
- 1.500 = 1 - 2 years
- 4.000 = 3 - 5 years
- 7.000 = 6 - 8 years
- 10.00 = 9 - 11 years
- 15.00 = 12 years or more

**Child**    Number of Children

- 0 = none
- 1 = one or more

**Religious**            Duration of Marriage

- 1 = antireligious
- 2 = not at all
- 3 = slightly
- 4 = somewhat
- 5 = very

**Educ**    Level of Education

- 9.0 = grade school
- 12.0 = high school graduate
- 14.0 = some college
- 16.0 = college graduate
- 17.0 = some graduate work
- 18.0 = Master's degree
- 20.0 = Ph.D., M.D. or other advanced degree

**Occup** (1-7 Hollingshead classification, reverse numbering)

The complete Hollingshead Classification has not yet been located, however, an earlier and pretty dated version might give you an idea of what the basis of the system is. From "Relations of Social-Class and Sex Differences to High-school Achievement," Hermann, RA & QF Schenk, *The School Review*, Vol 62, No. 4 (April, 1954), pp. 213-221.

"Hollingshead's classification criteria may be briefly summarized:

**Class I.**-Leisure; not labor, earn more than they can spend; class position by inheritance; rigid social code; education not highly regarded

**Class II.**-Members of large independent professions, family-owned businesses; salaried executives for Class I enterprises; hyperactive civic leaders; most highly educated group; social position secured through own efforts

**Class III.**-Primarily work for wages and salaries; own small businesses and farms; members of small, independent professions; all income spent, little savings; most nearly fit "American family" stereotype; use educational ladder to further social aspirations.

**Class IV.**-Poor, but honest, hard workers, pay their taxes; never get ahead financially; backbone of community; children aspire to high school, but parents not entirely convinced of its value.

**Class V.**-Looked down upon by all social classes; little respect for law; hold menial jobs; fatalistic about position; much poverty; resigned to lowly status in community; education limited usually to elementary school."

**Happy** Self rating of Marriage Happiness

1 = very unhappy

2 = somewhat unhappy

3 = average

4 = happier than average

5 = very happy

## **Redbook survey on extramarital affairs: 6,366 observations**

Fair, Ray (1978). "A Theory of Extramarital Affairs." *Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 86, no. 1, p. 45-61

**id** -- identification number

**marriage\_rating** -- How would you rate your marriage?

	code	frequency
very good	5	2684
good	4	2242
fair	3	993
poor	2	348
very poor	1	99

**age** -- age in years

	code	frequency
under 20	17.5	139
20 to 24	22	1800
25 to 29	27	1931
30 to 34	32	1069
35 to 39	37	634
40 and over	42	793

**yrs\_married** -- number of years married

	code	frequency
less than 1 year	0.5	370
1 to 4 years	2.5	2034
5 to 7 years	6	1141
8 to 10 years	9	602
more than 10 years and oldest child under 12	13	590
more than 10 years and oldest child between 12 and 17	16.5	818
more than 10 years and oldest child 18 or over	23	811

**nu\_children** -- number of children

	code	frequency
none	0	2414
1 child	1	1159
2 children	2	1481
3 children	3	781
4 children	4	328
5 or more	5.5	203

**religiosity** -- How religious are you?

	code	frequency
not religious	1	1021
mildly	2	2267
fairly	3	2422
strongly	4	656

**education** – respondent's education level

	code	frequency
grade school	9	48
high school	12	2084
some college	14	2277
college graduate	16	1117
graduate school	17	510
advanced degree	20	330

**occupation** – respondent's occupation

	code	frequency
student	1	41
farming, agriculture; semi-skilled or unskilled worker	2	859
white-collar (sales, clerical, secretarial)	3	2783
teacher, counselor, social worker, nurse; artist, writer; technician, skilled worker	4	1834
managerial, administrative, business	5	740
professional with advanced degree	6	109

**husband\_occupation** – husband's occupation

	code	frequency
student	1	229
farming, agriculture; semi-skilled or unskilled worker	2	1308
white-collar (sales, clerical, secretarial)	3	490
teacher, counselor, social worker, nurse; artist, writer; technician, skilled worker	4	2030
managerial, administrative, business	5	1779
professional with advanced degree	6	530

**time\_in\_affairs** -- constructed measure of time spent in extramarital affairs