

Second Nest Fathers

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Increasing changes in norms and values on and behaviour in family issues (among which increasing divorce rates) lead to more men going for a second intimate relationship. Having a second partner may lead men to have a second 'nest' of children, also because they are not faced with a clear biological clock.

The paper deals with the following questions:

- How often do men father a second nest? What are the trends over time and what in the age at (second) fatherhood?
- What opinion do people have on these fathers?
- What is the profile of such fathers and their partners?

Data from Statistics Netherlands show that the phenomenon is (still?) relatively rare. Also from recent surveys we know that most fathers only have one nest of children.

Subsequently we will analyse the *Population Policy Acceptance Surveys* as it contains a question on how people perceive second nest fathers. We assume that we can show that typical second nest fathers perceive the issue themselves rather positively, and we will show what population groups are most negative about the phenomenon of second nest fathers. Intriguing could be the perception of 'older' (but still fertile) non-married women who may face to ever become the (most likely first nest) partners of second nest fathers.

From two other surveys, the *Netherlands Kinship Panel Study* (NKPS) and *Divorce in the Netherlands* (SIN) we can analyse what typical characteristics second nest fathers have. For example on which points do second nest fathers deviate from men in second relationships without children. Moreover we will try to see whether second nest fathers play another role towards their children than first nest fathers.