Age validation in Belgium

<u>Name of the list:</u> List of individuals dead at age 105 and over for men and age 108 and over for women according to the Registre National

Vital status: dead

Number of observation: 71

Last update: 15 August 2007

<u>Definition of the list according to IDL public variables</u>

• Age: 105+ for men and 108+ for women

• Sex: men and women

Country of birth: no restriction
Date of birth: 1870 to 1998
Country of death: Belgium
Date of death: 1977 to 2006

• Validation level: 1

• Source: Registre National

<u>Source of the data:</u> the *Registre National* is a centralized and computerized population register held by all Belgian municipalities and the Ministry of Interior. Since 1985 this register replaces officially the numerous population registers held on manual base in all the 589 Belgian municipalities although it was set up progressively, starting in 1968. The *Registre National* records all demographic events related to a given person (birth, marriages, divorces, migrations, addresses, changes in citizenship, death...). It is continuously updated and systematically checked and corrected if needed. Its reliability is judged excellent for vital events (birth, marriages, divorces and death) as well as for change in citizenship. For migration and household composition, information may include some errors but these errors do not affect more than 5% of the population.

Age validation process: All cases have been extracted on an exhaustive base from the *Registre National* (Belgium). In this register, all the dates of vital events which occurred in Belgium were checked. Conversely the dates of birth of those born abroad were not checked. Therefore, several alleged supercentenarians born abroad were not included in the attached list. Some cases, corresponding to individuals, administratively surviving above 105 or 108 according to the *Registre National*, were also excluded because of the existence of some information mentioning their death with or without information on the exact date.

IDL records repository: None

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