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1 General Information

This file contains one row for each person which ever lived in a SOEP household. Each person saved in at least one \$PBRUTTO file is also in PPFAD. The primary key is PERSNR, the never changing Person ID. It identifies each row of the file.

PPFAD is the best source, if one wants to reconstruct the survey history of a person, the household membership at a given point in time or needs some (almost) time-independent information like sample membership, sex, year and country of origin. It is recommended that these variables are used for cross-sectional and longitudinal analysis. These variables are adjusted on a wave-by-wave basis in the framework of demographic testing.

2 Primary Key, Foreign Keys and Sample Information

persnr - Never Changing Person ID

This is the primary key in this dataset.

psample - Sample Member

| | | |
|----|--|-------|
| 1 | [1] A 1984 Initial Sample (West) | 18277 |
| 2 | [2] B 1984 Migration (until 1983, West) | 7518 |
| 3 | [3] C 1990 Initial Sample (East) | 8869 |
| 4 | [4] D 1994/5 Migration (1984-1994, West) | 2271 |
| 5 | [5] E 1998 Refreshment | 2936 |
| 6 | [6] F 2000 Refreshment | 17157 |
| 7 | [7] G 2002 High Income | 3968 |
| 8 | [8] H 2006 Refreshment | 3750 |
| 9 | [9] I 2009 Innovation Sample | 3702 |
| 10 | [10] J 2011 Refreshment | 7276 |
| 11 | [11] K 2012 Refreshment | 3418 |
| 12 | [12] L1 2010 Birth Cohort (2007-2010) | 8573 |
| 13 | [13] L2 2010 Family Type (Low-Income, Single-Parent, Large Families) | 9642 |
| 14 | [14] L3 2011 Family Type (Single-Parent, Large Families) | 3809 |
| 15 | [15] M1 2013 Migration (1995-2011) | 8745 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 0 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 0 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 0 |
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

The sample membership does never change, even if the person moves from West-Germany to East-Germany (c.p. \$SAMPREG) or acquires German citizenship.

For more information, contact: Peter Krause (Tel. 030-89789-690)

hhnr – Original Household Number

The ID of the household the person belongs to in the survey year, when the person enters the SOEP.

\$hhnr – Current Wave Household Number [generic]

Waves: all

The ID of the household in which a person lived at the time of the interview. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessary generic.]

For more information, contact: Peter Krause (Tel. 030-89789-690)

3 Survey History

eintritt – Year First Contacted, Netto=10-99

| | |
|------|-------|
| 1984 | 16252 |
| 1985 | 485 |
| 1986 | 515 |
| 1987 | 504 |
| 1988 | 459 |
| 1989 | 476 |
| 1990 | 6595 |
| 1991 | 609 |
| 1992 | 582 |
| 1993 | 574 |
| 1994 | 1301 |
| 1995 | 1454 |
| 1996 | 564 |
| 1997 | 552 |
| 1998 | 2986 |
| 1999 | 561 |
| 2000 | 15056 |
| 2001 | 898 |
| 2002 | 4189 |
| 2003 | 811 |
| 2004 | 711 |
| 2005 | 679 |
| 2006 | 4062 |
| 2007 | 655 |
| 2008 | 556 |
| 2009 | 3993 |
| 2010 | 17736 |
| 2011 | 11269 |
| 2012 | 4191 |
| 2013 | 9522 |
| 2014 | 1114 |

The year a person joined the SOEP.

For more information, contact: Peter Krause (Tel. 030-89789-690)

erstbefr - Year First Surveyed, Netto=10-99

| | |
|----------------------|-------|
| 1984 | 12245 |
| 1985 | 527 |
| 1986 | 503 |
| 1987 | 464 |
| 1988 | 382 |
| 1989 | 386 |
| 1990 | 4815 |
| 1991 | 506 |
| 1992 | 499 |
| 1993 | 476 |
| 1994 | 936 |
| 1995 | 1069 |
| 1996 | 480 |
| 1997 | 487 |
| 1998 | 2326 |
| ... (2 rows omitted) | 11860 |
| 2001 | 881 |
| 2002 | 3312 |
| 2003 | 779 |
| 2004 | 693 |
| 2005 | 655 |
| 2006 | 3151 |
| 2007 | 679 |
| 2008 | 487 |
| 2009 | 2857 |
| 2010 | 8619 |
| 2011 | 7403 |
| 2012 | 3391 |
| 2013 | 5964 |
| 2014 | 1189 |
| -2 | 31890 |

The year of a person's first interview.

For more information, contact: Peter Krause (Tel. 030-89789-690)

austritt - Year Of Last Contact, Netto=10-99

| | |
|------|------|
| 1985 | 1384 |
| 1986 | 1398 |
| 1987 | 837 |
| 1988 | 1072 |
| 1989 | 929 |
| 1990 | 562 |
| 1991 | 743 |
| 1992 | 886 |
| 1993 | 1072 |
| 1994 | 976 |
| 1995 | 984 |

| | |
|------|-------|
| 1996 | 1015 |
| 1997 | 887 |
| 1998 | 1112 |
| 1999 | 1366 |
| 2000 | 1110 |
| 2001 | 3122 |
| 2002 | 3033 |
| 2003 | 2108 |
| 2004 | 1881 |
| 2005 | 1655 |
| 2006 | 2442 |
| 2007 | 2528 |
| 2008 | 2437 |
| 2009 | 2395 |
| 2010 | 6848 |
| 2011 | 4422 |
| 2012 | 4069 |
| 2013 | 5022 |
| 2014 | 51616 |

The year a person ultimately left SOEP (entered in YBRUTTO).
For more information, contact: Peter Krause (Tel. 030-89789-690)

letztbef – Year Of Last Survey, Netto=10-99

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| 1984 | 1451 |
| 1985 | 962 |
| 1986 | 692 |
| 1987 | 836 |
| 1988 | 663 |
| 1989 | 525 |
| 1990 | 730 |
| 1991 | 756 |
| 1992 | 720 |
| 1993 | 759 |
| 1994 | 724 |
| 1995 | 702 |
| 1996 | 757 |
| 1997 | 901 |
| 1998 | 1112 |
| ... (2 rows omitted) | 3675 |
| 2001 | 1831 |
| 2002 | 2017 |
| 2003 | 1394 |
| 2004 | 1513 |
| 2005 | 1670 |
| 2006 | 2092 |
| 2007 | 1846 |
| 2008 | 1794 |
| 2009 | 2461 |

| | |
|------|-------|
| 2010 | 4992 |
| 2011 | 4055 |
| 2012 | 3101 |
| 2013 | 5248 |
| 2014 | 28042 |
| -2 | 31890 |

The year of a person's most recent interview.

For more information, contact: Peter Krause (Tel. 030-89789-690)

\$netto - Current Wave Survey Status [generic]

| | | |
|-----|--|-------|
| 10 | [10] Interviewee With Successful Interview (_P) | 11957 |
| 12 | [12] Individual Questionnaire And Person Biography | 0 |
| 13 | [13] Individual Questionnaire And Youth Biography | 0 |
| 14 | [14] Individual Questionnaire And Other Questionnaires | 0 |
| 15 | [15] Individual Questionnaire And Experiments, Test | 0 |
| 16 | [16] Individual Questionnaire, First Time Surveyed, 17 Years | 280 |
| 17 | [17] Youth Biography First Time Surveyed, 17 Years | 0 |
| 18 | [18] Individual Questionnaire And Child und 17 Years | 8 |
| 19 | [19] Individual Questionnaire Without Household Interview | 0 |
| 20 | [20] Children in Successfully Interviewed Households (_Kind) | 3928 |
| 21 | [21] Children With Mother-Child Questionnaire_I, 0-1 Year | 0 |
| 22 | [22] Children With Mother-Child Questionnaire_II, 2-3 Year | 0 |
| 23 | [23] Children With Mother-Child Questionnaire_III, 5-6 Year | 0 |
| 24 | [24] Parents with children 7-8 year | 0 |
| 25 | [25] Parents with children 9-10 year | 0 |
| ... | (13 rows omitted) | 79 |
| 89 | [89] Repatriate - (was drop out [90]) | 0 |
| 90 | [90] Individual Dropouts PBR_EXIT | 0 |
| 91 | [91] Moved abroad | 0 |
| 92 | [92] Moved abroad (abroad) | 0 |
| 93 | [93] Moved abroad (exit) | 0 |
| 94 | [94] Person Gap with advices | 0 |
| 97 | [97] advice to dead person (exit) | 0 |
| 98 | [98] advice to dead person (_VP) | 0 |
| 99 | [99] Died | 0 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 0 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 93659 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 0 |
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

Waves: all

The connection between persons and survey instrument can be retraced with the help of the variables \$NETTO in PPFAD or \$HNETTO in HPFAD: They show which survey modules (questionnaires) have been completed or the reason for non-response are stored in this variable.

With the year 2006 (wave W, 23rd survey wave) the compilation of data on the survey population has changed fundamentally. Previously, an individual interview was carried out with

all household members above the age of 16. As of 2006, the regular individual interviews based on the standard adult questionnaire are introduced one year later when household members reach the age of 18. Seventeen-year-olds instead receive an expanded youth questionnaire in their first year as SOEP respondents. (This applies to the old samples A-G; for the new sample H, distribution of this youth questionnaire will start next year, while this year's 17-year-olds have received the regular individual questionnaire, in line with the old system).

This means that we now have two instruments instead of one to obtain data on respondents: the individual and the youth questionnaire. To ensure a consistent differentiation over time, it will therefore be necessary either to include the youth population of the current year or to increase the age limit for all previous years. The \$NETTO variable assists retrospectively in both differentiations for the entire survey period.

\$NETTO has more detailed information than \$NETOLD: The Codes 10-39 describe the population in realized and not realized households if these households were part of the current gross population. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessary generic.]

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\$netold - Current Wave Survey Status [generic]

| | | |
|----|--|-------|
| 0 | [0] Person Gap PBR_EXIT | 0 |
| 1 | [1] Successful Interview _P | 12245 |
| 2 | [2] Below Survey Age _KIND | 3928 |
| 3 | [3] Did Not Participate _PBRUTTO | 79 |
| 4 | [4] Missing This Wave _PLUECKE | 0 |
| 5 | [5] Interviewee Without Household Interview | 0 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 0 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 93659 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 0 |
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

Waves: all

A coarsened version of \$NETTO. The code 1 refers (from 2006 on) not only to persons with a realized personal questionnaire and includes also persons with a realized youth questionnaire.

Based on \$NETTO o-Variable the following populations can be identified:

- Respondents aged 17 and older: \$netto 10-19 [\$netold 1,5]
- in realized households: \$netto 10-18 [\$netold 1]
- 17-years old with Youth-Questionnaire: \$netto 17 [\$netold 1]
- Respondents aged 18 and older: (only Person Questionnaire): \$netto 10-16 [\$netold 1]
- Childs in realized households: \$netto 20-29 [\$netold 2]
- Persons in current address-log: \$netto 10-39 [\$netold 1-4]

You need the additional variable \$HNETTO (HPFAD) if you want to differentiate between person in realized and non-realized households. The variable \$POP includes this differentiation and identifies additionally private and institutionalized households. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessary generic.]

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\$casemat – Case Match, Combined Panel Households [generic]

| | | |
|-------|--|--------|
| 0 | [0] CASE With HH Details | 0 |
| 27367 | | 2 |
| 27430 | | 1 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 0 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 109908 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 0 |
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

Waves: since j

It is possible that Individuals from different original households (HHNR) move together in one common household. Then people with identical values for \$HHNR in one wave have different values for HHNR. Only for those persons moving together \$CASEMAT contains the HHNR of the other household members. This information is not relevant when linking person and household data based on the current household number \$HHNR. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessary generic.]

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4 Basic Demographic Information

sex – Sex

| | | |
|----|--|-------|
| 1 | [1] Male | 54205 |
| 2 | [2] Female | 55685 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 21 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 0 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 0 |
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

Respondent's (last) sex, plausibility longitudinally validated.

For more information, contact: Peter Krause (Tel. 030-89789-690)

gebjahr – Year Of Birth

| | |
|------|----|
| 1882 | 1 |
| 1888 | 1 |
| 1892 | 7 |
| 1893 | 2 |
| 1894 | 3 |
| 1895 | 6 |
| 1896 | 14 |
| 1897 | 12 |
| 1898 | 15 |
| 1899 | 29 |
| 1900 | 36 |

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| 1901 | 32 |
| 1902 | 54 |
| 1903 | 43 |
| 1904 | 57 |
| ... (96 rows omitted) | 93544 |
| 2001 | 1248 |
| 2002 | 1222 |
| 2003 | 1237 |
| 2004 | 1236 |
| 2005 | 1227 |
| 2006 | 1144 |
| 2007 | 1535 |
| 2008 | 1472 |
| 2009 | 1276 |
| 2010 | 1269 |
| 2011 | 628 |
| 2012 | 568 |
| 2013 | 504 |
| 2014 | 159 |
| -1 | 1330 |

Respondent's year of birth, plausibility longitudinally validated.
For more information, contact: Peter Krause (Tel. 030-89789-690)

gebmonat - Month of Birth

| | | |
|----|--|-------|
| 1 | [1] January | 6949 |
| 2 | [2] February | 6408 |
| 3 | [3] March | 7035 |
| 4 | [4] April | 6368 |
| 5 | [5] May | 6653 |
| 6 | [6] June | 6297 |
| 7 | [7] July | 6689 |
| 8 | [8] August | 6489 |
| 9 | [9] September | 6566 |
| 10 | [10] October | 6307 |
| 11 | [11] November | 5797 |
| 12 | [12] December | 6016 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 32336 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 0 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 1 |
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

The month of birth

- was asked starting with wave W (2006) in the mother-child-questionnaire, resulting in file BIOAGE01
- was asked starting with wave T (2003) in supplementary biography questionnaire, resulting in file \$LELA (file not available with the SOEP data distribution)

- was asked in wave S individual questionnaire, resulting in file SP
- is recorded for all children within the file TKIND (wave T, 2003)
- can be approximately derived for newborn children from the month of moving into the household, stored in file \$PBRUTTO
- can be reported by parents in the personal questionnaire (which might simultaneously establish a link to the child), stored in file \$P

whereas the former information is preferred over the latter. This means the generated information (from TKIND, \$PBRUTTO or \$P) will only be utilized if no further, questionnaire based information for the month of birth is available. The generated month of birth could only be constructed for people who were born while their parents were members of the SOEP. Several adjustments and tests of the generated data have been done which showed that – in the cases in which the generated data was also collected by SP, \$LELA or \$KIND – the data generation is almost always congruent with the collected data and therefore has proven to be reliable. The used source of information is stored in GEBMOVAL.

While this provides the relevant information for most of the current panel members, the information remains missing for some persons including temporary dropouts or people who exited in a previous wave. For some of them the month of birth could be reconstructed. This reconstruction remains an approximation and might differ from the true month of birth in individual cases.

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gebmoval – Month Of Birth, Data Source

| | | |
|----|--|-------|
| 1 | [1] Generated from gebmonth (parents) | 1487 |
| 2 | [2] Ppfad, carry forward | 0 |
| 3 | [3] \$kind, Info from mother | 13617 |
| 4 | [4] Info From Sp | 26492 |
| 5 | [5] Info From \$lela | 26403 |
| 6 | [6] Info From bioage01 (mother) | 5957 |
| 7 | [7] Info from \$PAGE17 | 3618 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 32336 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 0 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 1 |
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

Indicates the data source for the month of birth (GEBMONAT).

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todjahr – Year Died, 4 Digits

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| 1984 | 7 |
| 1985 | 76 |
| 1986 | 101 |
| 1987 | 111 |
| 1988 | 114 |
| 1989 | 120 |
| 1990 | 92 |
| 1991 | 152 |
| 1992 | 145 |
| 1993 | 165 |
| 1994 | 140 |
| 1995 | 192 |
| 1996 | 185 |
| 1997 | 161 |
| 1998 | 183 |
| ... (3 rows omitted) | 650 |
| 2002 | 250 |
| 2003 | 290 |
| 2004 | 321 |
| 2005 | 353 |
| 2006 | 325 |
| 2007 | 304 |
| 2008 | 337 |
| 2009 | 189 |
| 2010 | 201 |
| 2011 | 162 |
| 2012 | 184 |
| 2013 | 214 |
| 2014 | 203 |
| -1 | 31 |
| -2 | 103953 |

The variable TODJAHR contains the four-digit year of death for persons whose death could be firmly established or a missing value code:

- (-2): persons, for whom it is unknown whether they are deceased (that is, both persons still living up to that wave, and persons whose exact whereabouts is unknown and have dropped out of SOEP)
- (-1): persons, for whom the fact of death is known, but the year of death is unknown.

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todinfo – Year Died, Information Source

| | | |
|----|--|--------|
| 1 | [1] From Annual Survey (pbr_exit) | 4130 |
| 2 | [2] survey about died person (\$v) | 18 |
| 3 | [3] survey about parents (\$lela) | 2 |
| 4 | [4] Infratest drop-out study 1992 | 5 |
| 5 | [5] Infratest drop-out study 2001 | 718 |
| 6 | [6] Infratest drop-out study 2007 | 5 |
| 7 | [7] Infratest drop-out study 2008/9 | 949 |
| 8 | [8] Modul Family changes [P] | 100 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 31 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 103953 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 0 |
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

For all persons who have been identified as deceased over the course of SOEP, the variable TODINFO gives the source of this information.

53 persons were identified as deceased in the Infratest Field Organization Study (Follow-up study of drop-outs between 1984 and 1992) carried out from April – June 1992.

In the framework of the Infratest Field Organization Study (follow-up study of drop-outs) of 2001, a total of over 700 persons were identified as deceased. Among them were several with multiple entries for year of death, that is, persons who were already identified as deceased in the standard wave-to-wave follow-up procedure (stored in the file PBR_EXIT) or in the Infratest Field Organization Study of 1992. A generally very high level of correspondence was found between the information given in the standard follow-up procedure and the point of death established ex-post in the Infratest Field Organization Studies. For ten persons, the year of dropping out of SOEP was used to impute the missing year of death. In the third of those follow-up studies which has been conducted in 2007, another 21 individuals were identified as deceased between 2001 and 2005. For 18 of those persons a valid year of death could be investigated, for the remaining three observations for which the exact year of death is unknown, TODJAHR has been set to the standard missing code “-1”.

When the data from the Infratest Field Organization Study contradicted the data from PBR_EXIT (help for old friends: YPBRUTTO in earlier releases), the data from the Field Organization Study was used.

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corigin – Country Of Origin

| | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | [1] Germany | 85998 |
| 2 | [2] Turkey | 2584 |
| 3 | [3] Ex-Yugoslavia | 969 |
| 4 | [4] Greece | 727 |
| 5 | [5] Italy | 1042 |
| 6 | [6] Spain | 534 |
| 7 | [7] Ex-GDR (Country Of Origin Only) | 0 |
| 10 | [10] Austria | 161 |
| 11 | [11] France | 105 |
| 12 | [12] Benelux | 13 |

| | | |
|-----|--|------|
| 13 | [13] Denmark | 24 |
| 14 | [14] Great Britain | 71 |
| 15 | [15] Sweden | 24 |
| 16 | [16] Norway | 5 |
| 17 | [17] Finland | 17 |
| ... | (159 rows omitted) | 8369 |
| 177 | [177] Bhutan | 0 |
| 178 | [178] Rwanda | 1 |
| 179 | [179] Malawi | 0 |
| 180 | [180] Bessarabia | 0 |
| 181 | [181] Myanmar | 0 |
| 182 | [182] Fiji | 0 |
| 222 | [222] Eastern Europe | 163 |
| 333 | [333] Other Foreign Country | 51 |
| 444 | [444] Unspecified EU Member Country | 1 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 672 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 5982 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 2398 |
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

All SOEP samples also contain persons who immigrated to Germany from foreign countries. The variables CORIGIN, GERMBORN and IMMIYEAR, are given for all respondents in all SOEP samples who were interviewed at least once since 1984, based on information from the files \$P, \$PAUSL, \$PBRUTTO, BIOLELA (integrated biographical data files for Waves A to L) \$LELA (life course information on first-time respondents since Wave M) and \$JUGEND. For persons who were either not yet or no longer SOEP respondents when the immigration information was collected, the variables are set at “-1” (no response) if no adequately reliable decision on country of origin could be made based on the person-related responses. There is one exception to this: underage children, for whom country of origin is approximated based on the child’s year of birth and the biological mother’s year of immigration. Since the biographical questionnaire was first used with Sample G in the second wave (in the year 2003), the central basis for generating immigration variables is lacking for around 900 persons. For these individuals, the variables CORIGIN, GERMBORN and IMMIYEAR were set at “-3”.

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germborn – Born In Germany

| | | |
|----|--|-------|
| 1 | [1] Immigrant Before 49 Or German Born | 85998 |
| 2 | [2] Immigrant > 1984 | 14966 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 2546 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 5478 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 923 |
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

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migback – Migration background

| | | |
|----|--|-------|
| 1 | [1] no migration background | 72167 |
| 2 | [2] direct migration background | 14967 |
| 3 | [3] indirect migration background | 13833 |
| 4 | [4] migration background, not differentiable | 2275 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 6669 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 0 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 0 |
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

MIGBACK provides information on migration background. It considers the nationality of the individual, his/her migration history as well as that of his/her parents for respondents born in Germany. In order to do so information on country of birth, citizenship and its change over time (in case of naturalization for example), and if available, parental information (direct information or proxy information) are combined. Direct/Indirect migration background indicates whether the person immigrated by him/herself (direct migration background) or if she/he is of migrant origin but born in Germany (indirect migration background). Respondents assigned the code 4 have a migration background. As the information on the region of birth is missing, it is not possible to know whether they migrated by themselves or if they were born in Germany.

Note that code 1 (“no migration background”) also includes persons of German nationality born in Germany whose parental information are not available. Some of them might be migrants’ offspring. Thus, the MIGBACK variable slightly underestimates the number of persons belonging to code 3, i.e. indirect migration background.

Note that in principle, an individual who gains a foreign nationality will be classified as being of migrant origin even if this was not the case before. Thus, the migration background variable as applied in SOEP takes a retrospective perspective and will be updated every year. Ethnic German repatriates (“Spät-/Aussiedler”) in this classification are coded “2” (direct migration background). Foreigners who were born in Germany and naturalized respondents who were born in Germany are coded “3” (indirect migration background).

In order to provide highest possible transparency we include a variable informing about the sources used to create the migration background variable. This information is provided in MIGINFO.

More detailed information on this variable can be found in the documentation on the biographical data in the section on PPFAD.

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miginfo – Information source of MIGBACK

| | | |
|----|---|-------|
| 1 | [1] direct personal w/o parental info | 37104 |
| 2 | [2] proxy personal w/o parental info | 992 |
| 3 | [3] direct personal with parental info | 39941 |
| 4 | [4] proxy personal with parental info | 25205 |
| 5 | [5] only parental info and place of birth | 0 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 6669 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 0 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 0 |

| | | |
|----|--|---|
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

The MIGINFO variable informs on the information used to generate MIGBACK. There are two distinctions between used information. Firstly, the personal information. Either it stems from the interviewee or it is reported by someone else. Secondly, there is a further differentiation between persons for which we have parental information and those whose parents were not interviewed.

Direct information stem from the respondent (NATION\$\$, GERMBORN or variables about citizenship acquisition in \$P). A person's migration background is based on proxy information if at least one used information is either reported by the parents (AK07A or EK03A) or by the interviewer (\$PNAT out of \$PBRUTTO or the respective Infratest information).

More detailed information on this variable can be found in the documentation on the biographical data in the section on PPFAD.

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immiyear – Year Of Immigration To Germany

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| 1949 | 13 |
| 1950 | 19 |
| 1951 | 17 |
| 1952 | 11 |
| 1953 | 10 |
| 1954 | 12 |
| 1955 | 4 |
| 1956 | 19 |
| 1957 | 33 |
| 1958 | 38 |
| 1959 | 39 |
| 1960 | 85 |
| 1961 | 98 |
| 1962 | 117 |
| 1963 | 108 |
| ... (39 rows omitted) | 11329 |
| 2003 | 348 |
| 2004 | 343 |
| 2005 | 265 |
| 2006 | 229 |
| 2007 | 242 |
| 2008 | 219 |
| 2009 | 211 |
| 2010 | 155 |
| 2011 | 103 |
| 2012 | 49 |
| 2013 | 19 |
| 2014 | 8 |
| -1 | 821 |
| -2 | 92547 |
| -3 | 2400 |

See Variable CORIGIN.

More detailed information on this variable can be found in the documentation on the biographical data.

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loc1989 - Where did you live in 1989?

| | | |
|----|--|-------|
| 1 | [1] East Germany (DDR) incl. East Berlin | 14235 |
| 2 | [2] West Germany (FRG) incl. West Berlin | 47129 |
| 3 | [3] Abroad (Ausland) | 6964 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 12590 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 28993 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 0 |
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

After asking this information from all respondents in 2003 (variable TP121 in file TP), a corresponding question was included in the biography questionnaire in Wave U (2004) [ub16 in file ULELA; uj58 in file UJUGEND] which will collect this time-independent information from all future first-time respondents. For all respondents interviewed up to 2013, the following information was used as input to generate LOC1989:

- Information on place and date of last school attendance (see variables BSSCHEND and BSSCHWO in file BIOSOC; variables \$B38 and \$B3701 in file \$LELA)
- Sample affiliation (variable PSAMPLE in file PPFAD)
- Year moved to current address (variable VRMOVEIN in file BIORESID; variable \$B68 in file \$LELA)
- Sample region (variables \$SAMPREG in file PPFAD)
- Year of first immigration to Germany (variable IMMIYEAR in file PPFAD)

In cases of inconsistent information from these various sources, the data collected in 2003 via variable TP121 and the information from the biography questionnaire collected since 2004 is considered superior. Persons without any individual information and aged less than 18 years in 1989 have been assigned parental information, if at all available.

Note: -2 means “does not apply; born after 1989” (see documentation on the biographical data in the section on PPFAD). With release v29, the generation process was updated. Before, people who never answered any questionnaire in the SOEP (or did answer a questionnaire but the household was not completed (N=3)), were also given the code -2, resulting in 5,341 cases with -2 with year of birth <1989. This was changed now, persons who never answered any question and were no information from other sources could be used, now have the code -1.

More detailed information on this variable can be found in the documentation on the biographical data in the section on PPFAD.

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\$sampreg – Current Wave Sample Region [generic]

| | | |
|----|--|-------|
| 1 | [1] West-Germany | 13500 |
| 2 | [2] East-Germany | 6131 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 0 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 90280 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 0 |
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

Waves: since g

Current place of residence in East- or West-Germany with regard to borders of 1990. (West-Berlin is understood as a part of West-Germany.) As people can move, not all individuals, which are belonging to sample „German West“ (PSAMPLE=1) have value for „West-German“ in this variable. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessary generic.]

\$pop – Sample Membership [generic]

| | | |
|----|--|-------|
| 1 | [1] Private HH, German HH-Head | 11401 |
| 2 | [2] Private HH, Foreign HH-Head | 4775 |
| 3 | [3] Institutional. HH, German HH-Head | 21 |
| 4 | [4] Institutional. HH, Foreign HH-Head | 55 |
| 5 | [5] Not Compl. Private HH, German HH-Head | 0 |
| 6 | [6] Not Compl. Private HH, Foreign HH-Head | 0 |
| 7 | [7] Not Compl. Institutional. HH, German HH-Head | 0 |
| 8 | [8] Not Compl. Institutional. HH, Foreign HH-Head | 0 |
| -1 | [-1] No Answer | 0 |
| -2 | [-2] Does not apply | 93659 |
| -3 | [-3] Answer improbable | 0 |
| -4 | [-4] Inadmissible multiple response | 0 |
| -5 | [-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire | 0 |
| -6 | [-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering | 0 |

Waves: all

\$POP was derived from \$WUM2 (see private household, institutional household in \$HBRUTTO) as well as \$PNAT and \$STELL (nationality and relationship to head of household in \$PBRUTTO). Missing values were imputed based on the person's history. Thus, the only admissible missing value is –2, meaning not applicable.

This variable is therefore particularly important, as it enters into the determination of cross-sectional weights. The variable corresponds with \$SHPOP in HPFAD. See also the description of \$NETTO. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessary generic.]

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