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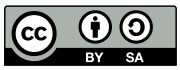

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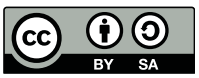

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1 Overview

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2 Variables in file pgen

cid – Case-ID, Original Household Number

hid – Current Wave HH Number

pid – Never Changing Person ID

syear – Survey Year

1998	724
1999	750
2000	755
2001	766
2002	780
2003	795
2004	792
2005	799
2006	797
2007	797
2008	794
2009	3226
2010	2745
2011	2506
2012	3696
2013	5141
2014	6638

pgerwtyp – Type of occupation

? Are you currently engaged in paid employment? Which of the following applies best to your status? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q215;PERW)*

? Are you currently employed? Which one of the following applies best to your status? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q215;PERW)*

1	[1] Not Employed, Green	14455
2	[2] Not Employed (First Surveyed) Not Applicable Since 94	0
3	[3] Employed (First Surveyed) Not Applicable Since 94	0
4	[4] Empl. Exc Change	11679
5	[5] Empl. No Info If Change	3379
6	[6] Empl. With Change, Also First Time Employment	2861
7	[7] Empl. With Near-Retirement Part-time	127
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0

-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable is generated from the question on whether a respondent has changed jobs since the beginning of the previous year, which is a central filter variable in the questionnaire.
Not all employed persons are asked the relevant input questions on an annual basis. Only those employed persons who changed jobs and first-time respondents were asked to provide up-to-date information.
An alternative variable is PGJOBCH (see below), which is an improved version of PGERWTYP, as it is generated in a longitudinally consistent way and contains an additional category for first-time employed persons.
Respondents from the supplementary samples are not being asked about the information on job change; hence, in the year when these samples enter the SOEP-IS, the majority of the employed persons fall into the category [5] (Employed, no info if change).

pgerljob – Working in Occupation Trained for

1	[1] Yes	4660
2	[2] no	2593
3	[3] In Education	412
4	[4] has No Job Training	397
-1	[-1] No Answer	354
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	6909
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	17176
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable is designed to offer annual data on all employed persons, indicating whether they are working in the occupation they were trained for.
Not all employed persons are asked the relevant input questions on an annual basis. Only those employed persons who changed jobs and first-time respondents were asked to provide up-to-date information.
Because detailed information on working in occupation trained for is not assessed in the Questionnaire of the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGERLJOB is not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary samples (since 2012). For this purpose, PGERLJOB is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).

pgbetr – Size of the Company

? Approximately how many people does the company employ as a whole? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q242;PGESUNT)*

? Approximately how many people does the company as a whole employ? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q242;PGESUNT)*

1	[1] LT 5	1176
2	[2] GE 5 LT 10	1071
3	[3] GE 11 LT 20	1035
4	[4] Until 90: LT 20	0
5	[5] 91-04: GE 5 LT 20	553

6	[6] GE 20 and LT 100	3056
7	[7] From 100 To Les Than 200	1378
8	[8] Until 98: GE 20 LT 200	229
9	[9] 200 Up To 2000	3118
10	[10] 2000 And More	3715
11	[11] Self-Employed Without Coworkers	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	755
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	16409
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	6
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable is designed to offer annual data on company size for all employed persons. Please pay attention to special codes 4, 5, and 8! These codes were necessary due to the differentiation of items for small and medium-sized companies over the years.
Not all employed persons are asked the question on firm size on an annual basis. Only those employed persons who changed jobs and first-time respondents were asked to provide up-to-date information.
Please also see PGALLBET for a broader categorization of the firm size, which is appropriate for analyses that include all sample years.
Self-employed are not included in this variable. Detailed information about the company size of self-employed is included in the variable PGSTIB.

pgoeffd – Civil Service

? Do you work for a public sector employer? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q230;POED)*

1	[1] Yes	4221
2	[2] no	13287
-1	[-1] No Answer	520
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14473
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable is designed to provide annual data on employment in the civil service for all employed persons.
Not all employed persons are asked the relevant input questions on an annual basis. Only those employed persons who changed jobs and first-time respondents were asked to provide up-to-date information.

pgausb – Required Training for Job

1	[1] Yes	63
2	[2] Intro. To Job	1224
3	[3] On-The-Job Training	482
4	[4] Courses	232
5	[5] Vocational Training	4187

6	[6] Technical School, Engineering (East) 90-96	0
7	[7] Technical College, University until 1998	82
8	[8] Technical College since 1999	767
9	[9] University since 1999	1009
-1	[-1] No Answer	370
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	6909
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	17176
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable is designed to provide annual data on required job training for all employed persons. The variable is generated using questions on required formal education and required on-the-job-training which are categorized into up to seven independent variables with 0/1 coding. Out of these, the highest available level of required training is used for the generation of the status variable.
Not all employed persons are asked the relevant input questions on an annual basis. Only those employed persons who changed jobs and first-time respondents were asked to provide up-to-date information.
The code (-2) is assigned to all non-employed persons and also includes persons in occupational training, in occupational retraining programs, and those doing an internship at the time of the survey.
Because detailed information onrequired training for job is not assessed in the Questionnaire of the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGAUSB is not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary samples (since 2012). For this purpose, PGAUSB is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).

pgpartz – Partner Identicator

0	[0] No Partner in Household	10423
1	[1] Spouse	18948
2	[2] Partner	3034
3	[3] Probably Spouse	27
4	[4] Probably Partner	47
-1	[-1] No Answer	3
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	19
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Partner indentifier have the purpose of clearly defining spouse (married) and partner (unmarried) relationships in SOEP-IS households and thus enabling analyses on the couple level. The variable PGPARTZ generated in this context reveals whether a person in a SOEP-IS household has a partner in that household, and if so, the type of relationship existing between the partners. Relationships with persons outside the SOEP household are not covered by this variable.
To explain the codes:
Code 0 is automatically assigned to all persons living in households in which there is clearly no partnership. These include:

(a) one-person households

(b) single-parent households

(c) household head living together with only one parent (or parent-in-law)

Codes 1 to 4 define these relationships. To assign Codes 1 and 2, the partnership has to be clearly definable from the perspective of both partners. This implies agreement between the codes of the variable STELL (= relationship to head of household in PBRUTTO) pointing to a possible partnership (e.g., the combination 0 (=head of household) and 1 (=spouse of household head)), as well as agreement between the codes for family status in that wave (e.g., married couples both have the Code 1 (=married, living together)). In case of ambiguity, the marital history is taken into account as well. If there are inconsistencies between the answers provided by the two persons, or between data on marital status and relationship to head of household, each person is examined individually within his or her household context. If uncertainty remains, the codes 3 or 4 are assigned.

pgpartnr – Person ID number of partner

? Please state the first name of your partner. *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q102;PPNAMA)*
? Please state the first name of your partner. // Enter first name: *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q102:PPNAMA / PPNRA)*

-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	10445
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Partner indicators have the purpose of clearly defining spouse (married) and partner (unmarried) relationships in SOEP households and thus to make possible analyses on the couple level.
If PGPARTZ is coded 0 or 9, this person has no partner or the partner cannot be identified as such. The variable PGPARTNR is assigned the missing code of "-2" (=does not apply) for these persons.
If PGPARTZ is coded 1, 2, 3 or 4, a partnership was defined and PGPARTNR is then assigned the value of the unchanging person ID number (=PERSNR) of the partner.
For analyses of partner relationships, this information can be used to clearly link all persons with their respective partners, and all information on both partners can also be stored in a common dataset.

pgnation – Citizenship - nationality

? Do you have German citizenship? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q88;PSTA1)*
? What is your country of citizenship? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q98;LPNAT)*

1	[1] German	30897
2	[2] Turkey	367
3	[3] Ex-Yugoslavia	5
4	[4] Greece	96
5	[5] Italian	171

6	[6] Spain	35
7	[7] Ex-GDR	0
10	[10] Austria	85
11	[11] France	38
12	[12] Belgian, Dutch, Luxembourg	0
13	[13] Denmark	0
14	[14] Great Britain	38
15	[15] Sweden	6
16	[16] Norway	1
17	[17] Finland	5
...	(148 rows omitted)	751
169	[169] Cambodia	0
170	[170] Surinam	0
171	[171] Guyana	0
172	[172] Caucasus	0
173	[173] Zimbabwe	0
174	[174] Madagascar	0
175	[175] Grenada	0
176	[176] Lesotho	0
177	[177] Bhutan	3
-1	[-1] No Answer	3
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable is designed to integrate the information on respondents' nationality for all subsamples.

pgsbil – Diplomas/degrees from secondary/tertiary

? In which country did you receive your school leaving certificate? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q194;LSAB3)*

? What kind of general education / secondary school is it? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q206;PAUS2)*

1	[1] Sec. Gen. School Leaving Certificate	10825
2	[2] Intermediate School Degree	9485
3	[3] Leaving Certificate From Voc High School	1806
4	[4] College Entrance Exam	6323
5	[5] Other	2553
6	[6] Dropout, No School Certificate	556
7	[7] Currently In School	480
-1	[-1] No Answer	473
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

All respondents in all SOEP subsamples are asked about diplomas/degrees attained for com-

pletion of secondary/tertiary education the first time they participate in SOEP.
As the SOEP Innovation Sample does not include a youth questionnaire, since 2012 information usually coming from the youth questionnaire was not included in the generation of PGSBIL.

pgbbil01 – Vocational degree attained

? What type of vocational training or university degree was it? // Apprenticeship in crafts / trades / agriculture *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-a/Q213:lab02)*

1	[1] Apprenticeship	14852
2	[2] Vocational School	2762
3	[3] Health Care School	177
4	[4] Technical School	1933
5	[5] Civil Servant Training	871
6	[6] Other Degree	535
7	[7] Completed Vocational Training (not specified)	23
-1	[-1] No Answer	218
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	11130
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

All respondents in all subsamples are asked about vocational degrees attained the first time they participate in SOEP. The categories that originally each constituted individual variables are combined to make them compatible with the annual question about changes in vocational degrees attained, and this data is updated annually.
Since the SOEP Innovation Sample does not include a youth questionnaire, the information usually coming from the youth questionnaire was not included in the generation of PGBBIL01.

pgbbil02 – Completed college education

? What type of vocational training or university degree was it? // Technical college / school of engineering *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-a/Q213:lab06)*

1	[1] Fachhochschule	1812
2	[2] University, Technical College	3299
3	[3] College Not In Germany	99
4	[4] Engineering, Techncial School (East)	434
5	[5] University (East)	364
6	[6] graduation, state doctorate	241
-1	[-1] No Answer	218
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	26034
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

All respondents in all subsamples are asked about completed college education the first time

they participate in SOEP. To generate the variable, the different degrees/diplomas for all subsamples are integrated. Category (3) "college abroad" is only defined for persons who completed a foreign-language version of the questionnaire. Generation of the variable entails combining the categories to make them compatible with the annual question about changes in vocational degrees/diplomas attained.
Since the SOEP Innovation Sample does not include a youth questionnaire, the information usually coming from the youth questionnaire was not included in the generation of PGBBIL02.

pgbbil03 – No vocational degree

? Did you complete vocational training or a university degree? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q200;LAB01)*

1	[1] No Vocation Degree	5221
2	[2] Apprenticeship	1101
3	[3] Studies	1176
-1	[-1] No Answer	218
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	24785
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

In connection with the question about vocational degrees (PGBBIL01 and PGBBIL02), all first-time respondents to all subsamples are explicitly asked whether they (still) do not possess a vocational degree. In the subsequent years, this data is carried forward or updated. The variable has the Missing Value Code -2 (does not apply) if one of the other two variables on vocational degree has a positive value.
Since the SOEP Innovation Sample does not include a youth questionnaire, the information usually coming from the youth questionnaire was not included in the generation of PGBBIL03.

pgsbila – Secondary school degrees/diplomas abroad

? In which country did you receive your school leaving certificate? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q194;LSAB3)*
? What kind of school leaving certificate did you receive? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q198;LSAB5)*

1	[1] Mandatory schooling not completed	204
2	[2] Mandatory schooling completed	1037
3	[3] Higher-level secondary school	1304
4	[4] Secondary school completed abroad	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	29
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	29927
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

As a supplement to the PGSBIL, this variable provides annually updated data on the highest

secondary school degree/diploma attained abroad.
Since the SOEP Innovation Sample does not include a youth questionnaire, the information usually coming from the youth questionnaire was not included in the generation of PGSBILA.

pgbbila – Occupational Training in abroad

1	[1] On-The-Job Training	61
2	[2] Vocational Training	126
3	[3] Vocational School	100
4	[4] College	139
5	[5] Other Training	60
6	[6] Vocational Degree[bbil01] Acquired Abroad	1
7	[7] College Degree Completed Abroad	0
8	[8] Completed Vocational Training/Education Other Country	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14114
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	17900
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

As a supplement to the variable PGBBIL01, this variable gives (and updates) the highest-level vocational degree attained abroad.
Because detailed information on occupational training abroad is not assessed in the Questionnaire of the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGBBILA is not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary samples (since 2012). For this purpose, PGBBILA is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).

pgsbilo – Secondary school degree/diploma - East Germany

? In which country did you receive your school leaving certificate? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q194;LSAB3)*

1	[1] 8th Gr. Completed	1473
2	[2] 10th Grade Completed	2518
3	[3] Abitur, EOS	952
4	[4] Other	159
5	[5] Dropout, No School Certificate	32
6	[6] Currently In School	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	27367
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

As a supplement to the variable PGSBIL the highest secondary school degree/diploma in East Germany is provided as a separate variable.
New SOEP respondents are also asked about secondary degrees/diplomas obtained in the

former GDR; and for old respondents, the same codes are carried forward.
As SOEP-IS does not include a youth questionnaire, since 2012 information usually coming from the youth questionnaire was not included in the generation of PGSBILO.

pgbbilo – Vocational degree attained - East Germany

? What type of vocational training or university degree was it? // Apprenticeship in crafts / trades / agriculture *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-a/Q213:lab02)*

1	[1] Vocational Training	2287
2	[2] Master Craftsman	237
3	[3] Engineering, Technical Degree	580
4	[4] Other Degree	45
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	28628
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	724
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

To supplement the variable PGBBIL01 the highest secondary school degree/diploma in East Germany is provided as a separate variable and updated if necessary for 1991. Since 1992 only the West German version has been used for new vocational degrees. For new SOEP respondents, vocational degrees attained in the former GDR are asked as well; for old respondents, the same codes are carried forward. From 2002 on, the questionnaire was expanded and revised, but this led to an operationalization involving more assumptions on the vocational degrees attained in the GDR; (from 2002 on, Code 3 is also listed as the additional category Code 4 in the integrated variables PGBBIL03 if this degree has not been replaced by a more recently attained, higher-level university or college degree).
Since the SOEP-IS does not include a youth questionnaire, the information usually coming from the youth questionnaire was not included in the generation of PGBBILO.

pgfamstd – Marital status in survey year

? What is your family status? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q90;PFAMST)*

1	[1] Married	19003
2	[2] Married, But Separated	604
3	[3] Single	7791
4	[4] Divorced	2846
5	[5] Widowed	2170
6	[6] registered same sex partnership	33
7	[7] registered same sex partnership, seperated	9
-1	[-1] No Answer	45
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Marital status is describing the institutional status of marriage at the time of the person inter-

view. Marital status is based on information given by the respective person on his or her current relationship as well as on retrospective information about previous relationships asked in the biography questionnaire. For those whose partner was identified within the household, marital status is counter-checked with the information given by the partner. Where contradictions can be found, indication of the person information is compiled if reasonable. If no information is available, the indication by position related to head of household is deferred. Remaining contradictions are solved using information on marriage status when a child was born as well as future reports on a given relationship. Marital status is only available for people, who were interviewed.
Note that the partner indicator PGPARTZ supplied in the PGEN data files as well might not match the information provided in PGFAMSTD in its entirety.

pgbilzt – Amount of education or training (in years)

7		441
8.5		59
9		3012
10		1415
10.5		7427
11		1193
11.5		5687
12		2886
13		1642
13.5		475
14		610
14.5		865
15		1729
16		804
17		116
18		3187
-1	[-1] No Answer	473
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	480
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The following statements describe the standard computation for amount of education or training (in years).
years of education =years of schooling + years of occupational training
Schooling:

- `no degree <= 7 years`
- `lower school degree = 9 years`
- `intermediary school = 10 years`
- `degree for a professional coll. = 12 years`
- `high school degree = 13 years`

- other = 10 years

additional occupational training (includes universities):

- apprenticeship = 1.5 years
- technical schools (incl. health) = 2 years
- civil servants apprenticeship = 1.5 years
- higher technical college = 3 years
- university degree = 5 years

Note that for a high school degree 13 years of education are being taken into account, despite the changes of reducing high school by one year in most German federal states in the period 2001-2007.
Furthermore, the introduction of a Bachelor/Master System in the German higher education system in the early 2000´s is not yet reflected in the calculation of years in (higher) education. Hence, 5 years of university education is taken into account although the respondents could have finished in 3 years with the Bachelor's degree.
Helberger, Christof (1988): Eine Überprüfung der Linearitätsannahme der Humankapitaltheorie. In: H.-J. Bodenhöfer (ed.): Bildung, Beruf, Arbeitsmarkt, pp. 151-170, Berlin. Schwarze, Johannes (1991): Ausbildung und Einkommen von Männern - Einkommensfunktionsschätzungen für die ehemalige DDR und die Bundesrepublik Deutschland. In: Mitteilungen aus der Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung, (24), pp. 63-69.

pgerwzt – Length Of Time With Firm

? Since when have you been working for your current employer? // Year *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q238:PSEITJ)*
? Since when have you been working for your current employer? // Month *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q238:PSEITM)*

-1	[-1] No Answer	61
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14675
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	2
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The variable PGERWZT is designed to offer data on the length of time with the firm at the point in time of the interview for all employed persons. This variable is generated from the respondent's start date with the current employer. In the case of a job change within the firm, the full length of time with the firm is calculated. Hence, the variable describes the length of time with the same firm and not the length of time in the same position.
The variable provides consistent longitudinal information on the length of time with the same employer. Data that show longitudinal inconsistencies are corrected.

1. In case of no job change, the information on the start date with the current employer given in the earliest interview available is treated as dominant and carried forward to the subsequent years.

2. In case of a job change between firms, the information on the start of the current position is used and carried forward to the subsequent years.

3. Up to wave Z (2009), a respondent who starts working again after a period of non-employment is assumed to have returned to the former employer if the indicated start date with the current employer was before the previous interview date. In this case, the start date with the current employer given in the previous interview is treated as dominant. Otherwise, the present information on the start date with the current employer is used and carried forward to the subsequent years. For respondents who are assumed to have returned to their former employer, the full length of time with the firm is calculated. There is no deduction for the time during which the respondent was not employed.

4. Since wave BA (2010), there is a modified answer category in the questionnaire which indicates that a respondent returns to his/her former employer after a period of non-employment. If a respondent indicates to have started working again at a former employer, the present information on the start date with the current employer is used and carried forward to the subsequent years. Unlike before wave BA (2010), the present information is treated as dominant even if the indicated start date with the current employer was before the previous interview date. Hence, the full length of time with the firm is calculated, and there is no deduction for the time during which the respondent was not employed or employed in another firm.

5. The length of time with the firm is also provided for the East German sample since its start in 1990. Due to the massive restructuring of the economy that took place in East Germany after reunification, this variable should be dealt with cautiously in the first transition years.

Both monthly and annual information is used in the variables and rounded off as length of time in years (with months in decimal form). If the month was not available a random month is used.

pgtatzt – Actual Weekly Work Time

? And how many hours do you generally work every week, including any overtime? / [if self-employed:] How many hours do you usually work per week? // Hours per week *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q246:PAZ10)*

0.400000005960464	1
1	15
1.5	3
2	40
2.5	2
3	47
3.5	6
4	66
4.5	6
5	102
5.5	9
6	125
7	58
7.5	6

8		175
...	(143 rows omitted)	15658
68		2
70		119
71		1
72		15
75		24
76		3
77		1
78		2
80		14
-1	[-1] No Answer	567
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	13731
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	59
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	1644
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable is designed to offer annual data on actual weekly working hours (including overtime) for all persons employed at the time of the survey (including the self-employed). The data are obtained by asking respondents how many hours they work on average per week.
For implausible answers (actual weekly working hours of more than 80 per week), we assign the value (-3). The variable is rounded off and gives the number of working hours as a decimal number.
Please also see PGVEBZT and PGUEBSTD.

pgvebzt – Agreed Upon Weekly Work Time

? How many hours per week are stipulated in your contract (excluding overtime)? // Hours per week *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q245:PAZ08)*

0.600000023841858		1
1		2
1.5		3
2		22
2.5		1
3		31
3.5		5
4		43
4.5		3
5		63
5.5		6
6		85
7		32
7.5		5
8		130
...	(155 rows omitted)	13405
56		24
57		1
57.5		1

60		23
62.5		1
65		3
70		3
75		1
78		1
-1	[-1] No Answer	1236
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	15724
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	2
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	1644
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable is designed to offer annual data on agreed weekly working hours. The variable takes into account only those persons who were in dependent employment (not self-employed) at the time of the survey. Agreed weekly working hours were asked up to 1989 only in full hours, and from 1990 on in three-digit form (counting the first digit after the decimal point).
The value (-2) is assigned to non-employed people, employees without set hours and to self-employed people, including self-employed farmers, freelancers, and other self-employed persons. In 2012, the value (-2) was assigned only to non-employed people and to self-employed people, including self-employed farmers, freelancers, and other self-employed persons. If persons helping out in family businesses report agreed weekly working hours, we assign a non-missing value.
For implausible answers (agreed weekly working time of more than 80 hours per week) we assign the value (-3).
The variable is rounded off and gives the number of working hours as a decimal number.
Please also see PGTATZT and PGUEBSTD.

pguebstd – Overtime per Week

0		7575
0.1		1
0.2		1
0.200000002980232		17
0.4		3
0.5		97
0.699999988079071		75
0.899999976158142		128
0.9		2
1		207
1.20000004768372		193
1.39999997615814		132
1.5		55
1.60000002384186		45
1.7		1
...	(111 rows omitted)	5762
26		4
27		2
28		3

29		3
30		14
30.5		1
31		1
34		1
35		3
-1	[-1] No Answer	933
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	15596
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	2
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	1644
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable is designed to offer annual data on overtime per week for all persons in dependent employment at the time of the survey. The data is obtained by asking respondents how many overtime hours they worked in the month before the survey. The number of monthly overtime hours is then converted into weekly overtime by dividing the number given by 4.3. Since PGUEBSTD refers to weekly overtime during the last month, the number may deviate from the difference between average actual weekly working hours and the agreed weekly working hours.
In the year 2012, respondents were not asked about the number of hours of overtime per week. PGUEBSTD was therefore generated using the difference between average actual weekly working hours and agreed weekly working hours.
The value (-2) is assigned to non-employed people, employees without set hours and to self-employed people, including self-employed farmers, freelancers, and other self-employed persons. If persons helping out in family businesses report overtime hours, we assign a non-missing value. For implausible answers (agreed-upon weekly working time or actual weekly working time of more than 80 hours per week AND weekly overtime of more than 10 hours we assign the value (-3).
The variable is rounded down and gives the number of overtime hours as a decimal.
Please also see PGVEBZT and PGTATZT.

pglfs – Labor Force Status

? Have you been engaged in paid work during the last 7 days, even if this work was only for an hour or just a few hours? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q183;P7TAG)*

? Are you currently under maternity protection or in the legally regulated "Elternzeit" *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q184;PERZ)*

? Are you currently engaged in paid employment? Which of the following applies best to your status? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q215;PERW)*

? Have you done paid work during the last 7 days, even if only for an hour or a few hours? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q183;P7Tag)*

? Are you currently on maternity leave ("Mutterschutz") or on legislative regulated parental leave ("Elternzeit")? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q184;PERZ)*

? Are you currently enrolled in an educational or training program? In other words: are you in school or higher education, working on a doctors degree, completing vocational training, or taking part in further training? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q204;PAUS1)*

? Are you currently employed? Which one of the following applies best to your status? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q215;PERW)*

1	[1] Non-Working	3541
2	[2] NW-Age 65 And Older	6967
3	[3] NW-In Education-Training	935
4	[4] NW-Maternity Leave	472
5	[5] NW-Military-Community Service	19
6	[6] NW-Unemployed	1588
8	[8] NW-But Sometimes Sec. Job	216
9	[9] NW-Work But Past 7 Days	271
10	[10] NW-But Reg. Sec. Job	462
11	[11] Working	17774
12	[12] Working But NW Past 7 Days	255
-1	[-1] No Answer	1
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable is based on the annual question on current employment status, combined with additional information on activities of non-working individuals. Since the beginning of the SOEP in the year 1984, the number of values assigned has been based on a large number of highly differentiated answer categories. It is designed to provide consistent longitudinal data on labor force participation across all waves.
PGLFS provides a differentiation between "working" (Code 11-12) and "non-working" (Code 1-10), categories which are constant over all waves. Non-employment is subdivided further in order to make it possible to efficiently apply different labor market concepts in studying the data. To calculate this variable, the variables on employment status, age, maternity leave, second jobs, registration at the employment office, participation in paid work during the past 7 days and training status are used. Code (12) was added in 2000.
For respondents who have multiple status codes and different values for this variable, the following hierarchy was used to determine which of the values would play the determining role (increasing dominance):

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11 - working

 1 - non-working without further information

 2 - non-working, and older than 65

 3 - non-working, and currently in a training program

 6 - non-working, and registered unemployed

 4 - non-working, on maternity leave

 5 - non-working, in military/community service

 9 - non-working, but working past 7 days

10 - non-working, but regular second job
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8 - non-working, but occasional second job

12 - working, but non-working past 7 days
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PGLFS supplements the variable PGEMPLST, which differentiates among persons who are employed.

pgis88 – 4-digit ISCO-88 Occupation Code

1	[1] Armed Forces	0
2	[2] Officer	0
3	[3] Job Seeker	0
4	[4] Insufficient Info	0
5	[5] Student	0
6	[6] Housewife	0
7	[7] Pensioner	0
8	[8] Do Not Know	0
9	[9] No Answer	0
110	[110] Armed Forces	53
1110	[1110] Legislator	0
1120	[1120] Senior Government Official	0
1130	[1130] Traditional Chief, Head Of Village	0
1140	[1140] Sr. Official Organisation	3
1141	[1141] Sr. Official Political Party Org.	0
...	(440 rows omitted)	17409
9910	[9910] Help In Family Business, Not Agri	6
9920	[9920] Apprentice Without Defined Job Role	4
9930	[9930] Intern, Trainee Without Defined Job Role	6
9941	[9941] School Leaver, Seeking Employment	0
9942	[9942] Other Labourer, Seeking Employment	0
9950	[9950] Skilled Labourer, Craftsman, No Further Details	5
9960	[9960] Home Worker, No Further Details	1
9970	[9970] Foreman, Team Leader	11
9980	[9980] Sonstige Arbeitskraefte o.n.T.	98
-1	[-1] No Answer	455
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14450
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Code name (Main group, group):

(1000) Legislators, senior officials, and managers

(1001) Legislators and senior officials

(1002) Corporate managers

(1003) Managers of small enterprises

(1004) Professionals

(1005) Physical, mathematical, and engineering science professionals

(1006) Life science and health professionals

(1007) Teaching professionals

(1008) Other professionals

(1009) Technicians and associate professionals

(1010) Physical and engineering science associate professionals

(1011) Life science and health associate professionals

(1012) Teaching associate professionals

(1013) Other associate professionals

(1014) Clerks

(1015) Office clerks

(1016) Customer services clerks

(1017) Service Workers and shop and market sales workers

(1018) Personal and protective services workers

(1019) Models, salespersons, and demonstrators

(1020) Skilled agricultural and fishery Workers

(1021) Skilled agricultural and fishery workers

(1022) Craft and related trades workers

(1023) Extraction and building trades workers

(1024) Metal, machinery, and related trades workers

(1025) Precision, handicraft, craft printing and related trades workers

(1026) Other craft and related trades workers

(1027) Plant and machine operators and assemblers

(1028) Stationary plant and related operators

(1029) Machine operators and assemblers

(1030) Drivers and mobile plant operators

(1031) Elementary occupations

(1032) Sales and services elementary occupations

(1033) Agricultural, fishery, and related laborers

(1034) Laborers in mining, construction, manufacturing, and transport

This variable is designed to provide annual data on occupational activity for all employed persons according to the International Standard Classification of Occupations ISCO-88. Respondents answer the question on their current occupational title in their own words, and this response is entered into a blank in the questionnaire.
ISCO-88 is a strictly four-digit classification, and this variable is therefore coded in four-digit form. In contrast to the previous version of the classification system, ISCO-68, ISCO-88 does not use blanks if there is no adequate information for specific coding, but uses zeros instead. Thus 4000 stands for an unspecified office job; 2300 stands for teachers and 2000 stands for scientists, both without closer specification. There is no conversion key since the two classifications differ significantly.
Not all employed persons are asked the relevant input questions on an annual basis. Only those employed persons who changed jobs and first-time respondents were asked to provide up-to-date information.

pgisei – International Socio-Economic Index of Occupatioal Status

-1	[-1] No Answer	455
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14450
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable reflects the Standard International Socio-Economic Index of Occupational Status for all employed persons. The ISEI Index was developed in 1992 by Ganzeboom, De Graaf, Treiman, and De Leew based on information about income, education, and occupation. Technically, ISEI was created by scaling the ISCO88 classification. The values for the variable range between 16 and 90. In contrast to the prestige scores of Ganzeboom and Treiman (1996) and Wegener (1988), ISEI is a measure of socio-economic status.
Not all employed persons are asked the relevant input questions on an annual basis. Only those employed persons who changed jobs and first-time respondents were asked to provide up-to-date information.
Please also see occupational prestige scores (PGSIOPS, PGMPS) and occupational class (PGEGP).
Ganzeboom, H. B. G. / De Graaf, P .M. / Treiman, D. J. / De Leew, J.(1992): A Standard International Socio-Economic Index of Occupation Status, In: Social Science Research 21: 1-56

pgmps – Magnitude Prestige Scale KLAS

30	5
30.1	4
30.1000003814697	20
30.2	8
30.2000007629395	25
30.2999992370605	3
31	173
31.1	12
31.1000003814697	33
31.2000007629395	4

31.5		167
31.7		17
31.7000007629395		90
31.7999992370605		8
31.8999996185303		2
...	(289 rows omitted)	16401
139.800003051758		28
145.699996948242		90
145.7		17
152.5		100
191.3		47
191.300003051758		131
207.199996948242		20
207.2		8
216		12
-1	[-1] No Answer	626
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14450
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable gives the occupational prestige score developed by Wegener (1988) for all employed persons. Like the PGSIOPS prestige sore, Wegener's prestige scala measures a person's occupational prestige and was developed especially for use in the Federal Republic of Germany. PGMPS is assigned based on the German Federal Statistical Office's occupational classification of 1992 (PGKLAS). The procedure has been documented in Frietsch and Wirth (2001).
Not all employed persons are asked the relevant input questions on an annual basis. Only those employed persons who changed jobs and first-time respondents were asked to provide up-to-date information.
Please also see occupational prestige scores (PGSIOPS), occupational status (PGISEI), and occupational class (PGEGP).
Wegener, Bernd (1988): Kritik des Prestiges, Opladen. Frietsch, Rainer, and Heike Wirth (2001): Die Übertragung der Magnitude-Prestigeskala von Wegener auf die Klassifikation der Berufe. In: ZUMA Nachrichten 48 (Jg.25): 139-165.

pgnace – Two-digit NACE Industry – Sector

? In which branch of business or industry is your company or institution active for the most part? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q231;PBRA)*
? In which branch of business or industry is your company or institution active for the most part? Please state the branch as exactly as possible, for example, not "industry", but "electrical industry"; not "commerce", but "retail"; not "public service", but "hospital". *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q231;PBRA)*

1	[1] Agriculture, Hunting, Related Service Activities	354
2	[2] Forestry, Logging, Related Service activities	18
5	[5] Fishing, Operation Of Fish Hatcheries And Fish Farms	6
10	[10] Mining Of Coal And Lignite; Extraction Of Peat	68
11	[11] Extraction Of Crude Petroleum And Natural Gas	1

12	[12] Mining Of Uranium And Thorium Ores	0
13	[13] Mining Of Metal Ores	0
14	[14] Other Mining And Quarrying	14
15	[15] Manuf Food Products And Beverages	308
16	[16] Manuf Tobacco Products	2
17	[17] Manuf Textiles	75
18	[18] Manuf Wearing Apparel; Dressing And Dyeing Of Fur	35
19	[19] Tanning,Dressing Of Leather; Manuf luggage, Footwear	4
20	[20] Manuf Wood Products, Except Furniture	60
21	[21] Manuf Pulp, Paper And Paper Products	53
...	(40 rows omitted)	15190
91	[91] Activities Of Membership Organizations NEC.	266
92	[92] Recreational, Cultural And Sporting Activities	342
93	[93] Other Service Activities	169
95	[95] Private Households With Employed Persons	85
96	[96] Industry - NEC	77
97	[97] Handcraft, Trade - NEC	82
98	[98] Services - NEC	208
99	[99] Extra-territorial Organizations And Bodies	6
100	[100] Manufacturing - NEC	42
-1	[-1] No Answer	856
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14179
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	1
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable is designed to provide annual data on the industry of economic activity for all employed persons according to the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community (Nomenclature des statistiques des activités économiques de la Communauté européenne - NACE). Respondents answer the question in their own words regarding the industry in which they are currently working, and this response is entered into a blank in the questionnaire. In order to facilitate international comparability, the European industry standard classification system is used by Infratest Sozialforschung to recode this information. This recoding has been documented in Hartmann/Schütz 2002.
The codes in NACE Rev.1 also correspond to ISIC Rev.3 (International Standard Classification of All Economic Activities). With the 2001 data distribution, the sector codes formerly used in the SOEP were completely recoded to the NACE classification. Please note that special codes 96-98 as well as 100 were assigned by Infratest Sozialforschung whenever respondents did not provide a more detailed answer.
Not all employed persons are asked the relevant input questions on an annual basis. Only those employed persons who changed jobs and first-time respondents were asked to provide up-to-date information.
Hartmann/Schütz (2002): Die Klassifikation der Berufe und der Wirtschaftzweige im Sozio-oekonomischen Panel – Neuvercodung der Daten 1984 – 2001. Infratest Sozialforschung, München.

pgsiops – Treimans Standard Int. Occupation Prestige Score

13	11
15	35

17		4
18		2
19		306
20		219
21		784
22		91
23		150
24		26
25		260
26		18
27		13
28		155
29		85
...	(37 rows omitted)	14606
68		5
69		20
70		301
71		37
72		55
73		90
75		12
76		25
78		285
-1	[-1] No Answer	455
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14451
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable gives the occupational prestige score index for all employed persons. PGSIOPS is based on ISCO-88 and was developed by Donald Treiman et al. The scale ranges from 6 to 78.
Not all employed persons are asked the relevant input questions on an annual basis. Only those employed persons who changed jobs and first-time respondents were asked to provide up-to-date information.
Please also see occupational prestige scores (PGMPS), occupational status (PGISEI), and occupational class (PGEGP).
Ganzeboom, Harry B.G. and Donald Treiman (1996): Internationally comparable Measures of Occupational Status for the 1988 International Standard Classification of Occupations. In: Social Science Research, Vol. 25, 201-239

pgegp – Erikson and Goldthorpe Class Category

1	[1] High Service	2438
2	[2] Low Service	4023
3	[3] Routine Non-Manual	1703
4	[4] Routine Service-Sales	2086
5	[5] Self Empl With Employees	447
6	[6] Self Empl No Employees	902

7	[7] manual supervis	0
8	[8] Skilled Manual	2496
9	[9] Semi - Unskilled Manual	3244
10	[10] Farm Labor	206
11	[11] Self Employed Farm	102
15	[15] not working - unemployed	1834
18	[18] not working - pensioner	8924
-1	[-1] No Answer	341
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	3755
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable gives the occupational class for all employed persons. PGEGP is derived from the Standard International Socio-Economic Index of Occupational Status (ISEI). Technically, the variable was created by scaling the ISCO-88 classification. In addition, it is based on information about income, education and occupation. The EGP Index was documented by Ganzeboom/Treiman in 1996 and revised in 2003.
The values for the variable range between 1 and 11; additional categories are (15) not working – registered unemployed and (18) not working – pensioner.
Non-working persons are only assigned to the category "not working – pensioner" if they are recipients of retirement pension or if they are recipients of widow's pension AND are older than 60 years. Moreover, if there is missing information on pension receipt, additional information from ARTKALEN (retrospective information from the activity calendar for the previous year) is used in the generation process to determine if a person was in retirement or early retirement (Vorruhestand) at the time of the interview. Hence, the category "not working – pensioner" in the most recent wave will be updated with retrospective information of the following wave. All other non-working persons are assigned to category (-2) "does not apply" as long as they are not registered as unemployed (category 15).
Annual information on the occupational position is used to generate the EGP-categories for the self-employed. In case no information on the number of employees is available, the PGEGP-categories (5) and (6) contain information on the firm size for self-employed persons.
Based on the new classification developed by Ganzeboom/Treiman (2003), several ISCO values were recoded in PGEGP as follows:

- ISCO 2470 becomes EGP=1.
- ISCO 2500 becomes EGP=2.
- ISCO 4300, 4400, 4500 become EGP=4.
- ISCO 7900 becomes EGP=7.
- ISCO 9910-9990 become EGP=9.

Not all employed persons are asked the relevant input questions on an annual basis. Only those employed persons who changed jobs and first-time respondents were asked to provide up-to-date information.
Please also see occupational status (PGISEI) and occupational prestige scores (PGSIOPS, PGMPS).

Ganzeboom, H. B. G. /Treiman, D. J. (1996): Internationally Comparable Measures of Occupational Status for the 1988 International Standard Classification of Occupations In: Social Science Research 25: 201-239 Ganzeboom, H. B. G. /Treiman, D. J. (2003): Three Internationally Standardised Measures for Comparative Research on Occupational Status. In: Hoffmeyer-Zlotnik, J. H. P. Wolf, C. (eds.): Advances in Cross-National Comparison. A European Working Book for Demographic and Socio-Economic Variables. New York: Kluwer Academic/ Plenum Publishers. pp. 159–193.

pgklas – StaBuA 1992 Job Classification

? What is your current position/occupation? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q229;PBER)*
? What is your current occupational status? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q232;PSTELL)*
? What is your current position/ occupation? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q229;PBER)*
? What is your current occupational status? If you are employed in more than one position, please answer the following questions for your main position only. *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q232;PSTELL)*

100	[100] Landwirtschaftliche Berufe	0
110	[110] LandwirtInnen, allgemein	98
111	[111] Obst- und Gemuesebauern,-baeuerinnen (ni	4
112	[112] Ackerbauern,-baeuerinnen fuer Spezial-,	0
113	[113] ViehhalterInnen und GruenlandwirtInnen	0
114	[114] Saat-, PflanzenzuechterInnen, VermehrerI	0
115	[115] PflanzenschuetzerInnen	2
116	[116] LandwirtInnen und GastwirtInnen,Kaufleut	0
118	[118] LandwirtInnen und WinzerInnen	0
120	[120] WinzerInnen, allgemein	0
121	[121] RebenveredlerInnen	0
129	[129] andere WinzerInnen	0
130	[130] Landarbeitskraefte, allgemein	10
131	[131] LandarbeitsaufseherInnen	0
132	[132] LandmaschinenfuehrerInnen	6
...	(2439 rows omitted)	17327
9931	[9931] VorarbeiterInnen, GruppenleiterInnen o.n	11
9940	[9940] Zivildienstleistende ohne naehere Taetig	0
9941	[9941] Zivildienstleistende o.n.T.	0
9950	[9950] Selbstaendige ohne naehere Taetigkeitsan	0
9951	[9951] Selbstaendige o.n.T.	28
9960	[9960] Beratungs-, Planungsfachleute ohne naehe	0
9961	[9961] Beratungs-, Planungsfachleute o.n.T.	12
9970	[9970] Sonstige Arbeitskraefte ohne naehere Tae	0
9971	[9971] Sonstige Arbeitskraefte o.n.T.	98
-1	[-1] No Answer	455
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14450
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable is designed to provide annual data on job classification for all employed per-

sons according to the classification of the German Federal Statistical Office (StaBuA). Respondents answer the question on their current occupational title in their own words, and this response is entered into a blank in the questionnaire. Due to data protection regulations, this information cannot be provided to data users and was therefore completely recoded by Infratest Sozialforschung in the year 2002. This recoding has been documented in Hartmann/Schütz 2002.
Not all employed persons are asked the relevant input questions on an annual basis. Only those employed persons who changed jobs and first-time respondents were asked to provide up-to-date information.
The occupational classification of the German Federal Statistical Office differentiates among six main occupational types (see next page):
I KLAS-Codes 0100-0629 Berufe in der Land-, Tier-, Forstwirtschaft und im Gartenbau
II KLAS-Codes 0700-0809 Bergleute, Mineralgewinner
III Fertigungsberufe
IIIa KLAS-Codes 1000-1129 Berufe in der Steinbearbeitung und Baustoffherstellung
IIIb KLAS-Codes 1200-1359 Keramik-, Glasberufe
IIIc KLAS-Codes 1400-1539 Chemie-, Kunststoffberufe
IIId KLAS-Codes 1600-1799 Berufe in der Papierherstellung, -verarbeitung und im Druck
IIIe KLAS-Codes 1800-1859 Berufe in der Holzverarbeitung, Holz- und Flechtwarenherstellung
IIIf KLAS-Codes 1900-2459 Berufe in der Metallerzeugung und –bearbeitung
IIIg KLAS-Codes 2500-3099 Metall-, Maschinenbau- und verwandte Berufe
IIIh KLAS-Codes 3100-3189 Elektroberufe
IIIi KLAS-Codes 3200-3239 MontiererInnen und Metallberufe, a.n.g.
IIIk KLAS-Codes 3300-3619 Textil- und Bekleidungsberufe
IIIl KLAS-Codes 3700-3789 Berufe in der Lederherstellung, Leder- und Fellverarbeitung
IIIm KLAS-Codes 3900-4359 Ernährungsberufe
IIIn KLAS-Codes 4400-4729 Hoch-, Tiefbauberufe
IIIo KLAS-Codes 4800-4929 Ausbauberufe, PolsterInnen
IIIp KLAS-Codes 5000-5069 Berufe in der Holz- und Kunststoffverarbeitung
IIIq KLAS-Codes 5100-5149 MalerInnen, LackiererInnen und verwandte Berufe
IIIr KLAS-Codes 5200-5239 WarenprüferInnen, VersandfertigmacherInnen
IIIs KLAS-Codes 5300-5319 HilfsarbeiterInnen ohne nähere Tätigkeitsangabe
IIIt KLAS-Codes 5400-5509 MaschinistInnen und zugehörige Berufe
IV Technische Berufe
IVa KLAS-Codes 6000-6129 IngenieurInnen, ChemikerInnen, PhysikerInnen, MathematikerInnen
IVb KLAS-Codes 6200-6529 TechnikerInnen, Technische Sonderfachkräfte
V Dienstleistungsberufe
Va KLAS-Codes 6600-6899 Warenkaufleute
Vb KLAS-Codes 6900-7069 Dienstleistungskaufleute und zugehörige Berufe
Vc KLAS-Codes 7100-7449 Verkehrsberufe
Vd KLAS-Codes 7500-7899 Organisations-, Verwaltungs-, Büroberufe
Ve KLAS-Codes 7900-8149 Ordnungs- und Sicherheitsberufe
Vf KLAS-Codes 8200-8399 Schriftwerkschaffende, -ordnende und künstlerische Berufe
Vg KLAS-Codes 8400-8599 Gesundheitsdienstberufe
Vh KLAS-Codes 8600-8949 Sozial- und Erziehungsberufe, anderweitig nicht genannte geistes- und sozialwissenschaftliche Berufe
Vi KLAS-Codes 9000-9379 Sonstige Dienstleistungsberufe
VI KLAS-Codes 9700-9979 Sonstige Arbeitskräfte

Because of gaps in the answers provided by respondents, the following "new" codes were created:
9711 - Mithelfende Familienangehörige außerhalb der Landwirtschaft, anderweitig nicht genannt
9811 - Auszubildende mit (noch) nicht feststehendem Ausbildungs-beruf
9821 - Praktikanten/Praktikantinnen, Volontäre/ Volontärinnen mit (noch) nicht feststehendem Beruf
9911 - Facharbeiter/innen, ohne nähere Tätigkeitsangabe
9921 - Heimarbeiter/innen, ohne nähere Tätigkeitsangabe
9931 - Vorarbeiter/innen, Gruppenleiter/innen, ohne nähere Tätigkeitsangabe
9971 - Sonstige Arbeitskräfte, ohne nähere Tätigkeitsangabe
Statistisches Bundesamt (1996): Bevölkerung und Erwerbstätigkeit, Fachserie 1, Reihe 4.1.2., Beruf, Ausbildung und Arbeitsbedingung der Erwerbstätigen 1995 (Ergebnisse des Mikrozensus). Stuttgart: Metzler-Poeschel. pp. 317-323. Hartmann/Schütz (2002): Die Klassifikation der Berufe und der Wirtschaftzweige im Sozio-oekonomischen Panel – Neuvercodung der Daten 1984 – 2001. Infratest Sozialforschung, München.

pgautono – Autonomy in occupational activity

? In your position at work, do you supervise others? In other words, do people work under your direction? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q233;PVOR1)*

0	[0] Apprentice	765
1	[1] Low Autonomy	2057
2	[2] [2/5]	4231
3	[3] [3/5]	6280
4	[4] [4/5]	3714
5	[5] High Autonomy	657
-1	[-1] No Answer	346
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14451
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable gives the occupational autonomy for all employed persons. It offers an alternative to the ISCO-based scales on occupational status (PGISEI), class (PGEGP), or prestige (PGSIOPS). PGAUTONO is the simplest variable based on the scales of "occupational position" in terms of its construction, and strongly correlated with the Treiman Prestige Scale (PGSIOPS).
The basis for the "autonomy in occupational activity" scale is the classification of occupational position. Self-employed persons are categorized according to the size of the company (with the exception of farmers, who are all classified within the same category of autonomy, independent of farm size in hectares). Civil servants are differentiated according to the civil service laws defining each kind of activity and the amount of autonomy connected to it. Workers are differentiated according to their vocational training, and thus categorized hierarchically according to the different tasks they can be expected to carry out and the different amounts of responsibility associated with each task. Similarly, salaried employees are classified according to how differentiated their tasks are and how much responsibility is associated with each.
The value "1" is assigned mainly to manual workers with a low level of status and a low level of autonomy. Group 2 encompasses work in production, services demanding a minimal level

of specialization, and farm work. Activities that require completion of the middle track of secondary education and entail a limited amount of responsibility are classified in Group 3. Group 4 includes activities carried out either with or without supervision that require a degree from a college of applied sciences or university, but are not very high in prestige. Managers and freelance academics are both placed in Group 5 (highest autonomy). Depending on the number of employees, self-employed are categorized in Group 3, Group 4, or Group 5.
Hoffmeyer-Zlotnik, Jürgen H.P., and Alfons J. Geis (2003) Berufs-klassifikation und Messung des beruflichen Status/ Prestige. In: ZUMA-Nachrichten 52, Jg. 27, Mai 2003. pp. 125-138.

pgisced – Highest degree/diploma attained, ISCED-1997

0	[0] (0) In School	474
1	[1] (1) Inadequately	551
2	[2] (2) general elemantary	4654
3	[3] (3) Middle Vocational	16123
4	[4] (4) Vocational Plus Abi	2137
5	[5] (5) Higher Vocational	1927
6	[6] (6) Higher Education	6262
-1	[-1] No Answer	373
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

To make the educational degrees and diplomas attained in different countries comparable, for all respondents an educational variable (PGISCED) is generated retroactively using the international classification scheme ISCED-1997 (International Standard Classification of Education). It creates the highest degree/diploma attained, taking into account degrees and diplomas attained in both general schooling and in vocational and university education. Here the higher-level vocational and university override lower-level school diplomas. Persons who, for example, have no values for the variables on secondary school degrees/diplomas but state that they have a university degree are placed in the highest ISCED category. Please note that, due to a lack of more detailed information on tertiary degrees – in particular on doctoral degrees – we include all tertiary degrees in our ISCED category 6. Thus, the ISCED variable provided here is not comparable one-to-one with the ISCED levels as defined by the OECD, since we have included the original ISCED level 5A in our ISCED category 6. See below for more details.
Since the SOEP-IS does not include a youth questionnaire, the information usually coming from the youth questionnaire was not included in the generation of PGBBILA. Furthermore, since the year 2012, input information from PGBBILA is not being used as PGBBILA itself is not being generated.
OECD (1999): Classifying Educational Programmes: Manual for ISCED-97 Implementation in OECD Countries. Paris 1999.

pgcasmin – Highest degree/diploma according to CASMIN

0	[0] (0) In School	480
1	[1] (1a) Inadequately Completed	549

2	[2] (1b) General Elementary School	2966
3	[3] (1c) Basic Vocational Qualification	8815
4	[4] (2b) Intermediate General Qualification	1287
5	[5] (2a) Intermediate Vocational	8157
6	[6] (2c_gen) General Maturity Certificate	1243
7	[7] (2c_voc) Vocational Maturity Certificate	2301
8	[8] (3a) Lower Tertiary Education	1794
9	[9] (3b) Higher Tertiary Education	4468
-1	[-1] No Answer	441
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

As an alternative to PGISCED, a second educational variable is generated (PGCASMIN) that also enables comparison with international educational degrees/diplomas. Based on the modified CASMIN classification scheme (Comparative Analysis of Social Mobility in Industrial Nations), this variable has been computed retroactively from 1984 on for all respondents. Taken into account are both secondary-level and university/college-level degrees and diplomas. As with PGISCED, the higher-level occupational degrees override the lower-level secondary school degrees.
The original version is described in: König, W./Lüttinger, P./Müller, W. (1988): A Comparative Analysis of the Development and Structure of Educational Systems. Methodological Foundations and the Construction of a Comparative Educational Scale. CASMIN Working Paper No. 12. Mannheim: Universität Mannheim. For the modified version see: Brauns, H./Steinmann, (1999): Educational Reform in France, West-Germany and the United Kingdom: Updating the CASMIN Educational Classification. In: ZUMA Nachrichten, Jg. 23, H. 44, pp. 7-44.

pgstib – Occupational Position

? What is your current position/occupation? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q229;PBER)*

? What is your current occupational status? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q232;PSTELL)*

? In what occupational position are you employed as a blue-collar worker? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q234;PARB)*

? In what occupational position are you currently employed as a civil servant? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q236;PAMT)*

? In what occupational position are you currently employed as a apprentice/ trainee and intern *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q237;PAZUBI)*

? Please name the number of colleagues and employees. *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q244;PSSTX2)*

? Are you currently enrolled in an educational or training program? In other words: are you in school or higher education, working on a doctors degree, completing vocational training, or taking part in further training? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q204;PAUS1)*

? What kind of general education / secondary school is it? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q206;PAUS2)*

? What is your current position/ occupation? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q229;PBER)*

? What is your current occupational status? If you are employed in more than one position, please answer the following questions for your main position only. *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q232;PSTELL)*

? In your position at work, do you supervise others? In other words, do people work under your direction? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q233;PVOR1)*

? What is your current occupational status as blue-collar worker? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q234;PARB)*

? In what occupational position are you currently employed as a white-collar worker? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q235;PANG)*

? What is your current occupational status as civil servant? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q236;PAMT)*

? What is your current occupational status as apprentice / trainee or intern? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q237;PAZUBI)*

? What is your current occupational status as self-employed? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q243;PSST)*

? Please specify the number of your employees and staff. *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q244;PSSTANZ)*

0	[0] Do Not Know	0
10	[10] Not Employed	2494
11	[11] In Education	1185
12	[12] Unemployed, Not Employer	1825
13	[13] Pensioner	8877
15	[15] Military, Community Service	70
110	[110] Apprentice	43
120	[120] Apprentice,Trainee Industry Technology	369
130	[130] Apprentice, Trainee Trade And Commerce	255
140	[140] Trainee, Intern	98
150	[150] Aspirant	0
210	[210] Untrained Worker	575
220	[220] Semi-Trained Worker	1482
230	[230] Trained Worker	1643
240	[240] Foreman, Team Leader	210
...	(21 rows omitted)	3130
522	[522] Trained Employee With Simple Tasks	1472
530	[530] Qualified Professional	4593
540	[540] H. Qualified Professional	2428
550	[550] Managerial	251
610	[610] Low-Level Civil Service	42
620	[620] Middle-Level Civil Service	339
630	[630] High-Level Civil Service	500
640	[640] Executive Civil Service	280
999	[999] Employed Without StiB Info	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	339
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	1
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The variable represents a compilation of all relevant information on current occupational position. It is generated by combining information on “occupational group”, “unemployed (yes/no)”, “military/community service”, “in education (yes/no)”, and “pensioner”. A hierarchical scheme is used to determine which data is given precedence when a variety of di-

vergent information exists (increasing dominance):
10 – not employed
13 – pensioner
11 – currently in education
15 – military / community service
12 – registered unemployed
110-150 - apprentice
410-440 – self-employed
210-250 – manual laborer
510-550 - employee
610-640 – civil service
In PGSTIB, non-working persons are only assigned to the category (13) "pensioner" if they are recipients of retirement pension or if they are recipients of widow's pension AND are older than 60 years.

pgmonth – Month of interview

1	[1] January	2499
2	[2] February	3860
3	[3] March	2830
4	[4] April	1268
5	[5] May	1003
6	[6] June	726
7	[7] July	1266
8	[8] August	689
9	[9] September	5303
10	[10] October	8160
11	[11] November	3488
12	[12] December	1408
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	1
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Month of interview is generated using the answers to the individual questionnaire. Missing answers are filled in using data from the HBRUTTO files.

pgmode – Interview method

100	[100] With Interviewer Assistance	30
110	[110] Oral Interview	2511
120	[120] Written Ques. Interviewer	2038
130	[130] Mix Between With/Without Interviewer	0
131	[131] Written Ques. No Interviewer	306
132	[132] Oral And Written	202
133	[133] Proxy	2
134	[134] With Interpreter	0
135	[135] Exc Interpreter	0

140	[140] CAPI - Wave O Onwards	27212
200	[200] Telephone Assistance	0
210	[210] Written, By Mail	181
220	[220] phone interview	0
300	[300] CAWI	18
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	1
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The interview method is generated via the answers to the questions in the individual questionnaire. Missing answers are filled in from the PBRUTTO files.

pglabgro – Current gross labor income in euros (generated)

? How much did you earn from your work last month? If you had extra income in the last month, e.g.: vacation pay or subsequent payments, please do not accout that. But please include overtime payments. If you are self-employed, please estimate your monthly income before and after tax. If possible, please state both: your gross income, which means income before tax and social security deductions and your net income, which means income after tax, social security, and unemployment and health insurance deductions. // My gross income was ___ euros *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q249:PBRUT)*

? How large was your income in the last month? // My gross income was ... euros *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q249:PBRUT)*

-1	[-1] No Answer	850
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14532
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	16
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The variable PGLABGRO represents the current gross labor income of all SOEP respondents who are employed in each respective wave. The variable contains both generated and imputed values for Sample E (until 2011) & Sample I (until 2010); since then, the variable contains only generated values for all samples. The imputed values are available in the variables PGI1-PGI5LABGRO. Income details are consistently provided in euros for all waves. Item nonresponse is imputed in a twostage procedure: first, with the "Row-and-Column" method of Little und Su (1989) using individual longitudinal data as well as cross-sectional trend data (cf. Joachim R. Frick and Markus M. Grabka (2005): Item-Non-Response on Income Questions in Panel surveys: Incidence, Imputation and the Impact on the Income Distribution. Allgemeines Statistisches Archiv (ASTA) 89, 49-61). Alternatively, if no individual longitudinal information is available, we base the imputation on a regression using different Mincer covariates, also taking into account current net labor income. If both types of income information are lacking, first we impute current net labor income and then current gross labor income. Imputed values are flagged (PGIMPGRO).

pgi1labgro – 1. Imput. Akt. Bruttoerwerbseink.(gen) in Euro [1/5]

-1	[-1] No Answer	0
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-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
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pgimpgro – Imputation flag for LABGROxx

0	[0] not imputed	15399
1	[1] Imputed	2570
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14532
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
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The variable PGIMPGRO designates imputations of item-nonresponse in the variable PGLABGRO (current gross labor income).

pglabnet – Current net labor income (generated) in euros

? How much did you earn from your work last month? If you had extra income in the last month, e.g.: vacation pay or subsequent payments, please do not accout that. But please include overtime payments. If you are self-employed, please estimate your monthly income before and after tax. If possible, please state both: your gross income, which means income before tax and social security deductions and your net income, which means income after

tax, social security, and unemployment and health insurance deductions. // My net income was ___ euros *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q249:PNETT)*

? How large was your income in the last month? // My net income was ... euros *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q249:PNETT)*

-1	[-1] No Answer	642
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14532
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	13
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The variable PGLABNET represents the current net labor income of all persons in SOEP working in the respective wave. The variable contains both generated and imputed values for Sample E (until 2011) & Sample I (until 2010); since then, the variable contains only generated values for all samples. The imputed values are available in the variables PGI1-PGI5LABNET. Income details are consistently provided in euros for all waves. The imputation of item non-response takes place in a two-stage procedure: first, with the "Row-and-Column" method of Little und Su (1989) using individual longitudinal data as well as cross-sectional trend data (cf. Joachim R. Frick and Markus M. Grabka (2005): Item-Non-Response on Income Questions in Panel surveys: Incidence, Imputation and the Impact on the Income Distribution. Allgemeines Statistisches Archiv (ASTA) 89, 49-61). Alternatively, if no individual longitudinal information is available, we base the imputation on a regression using different Mincer covariates, also taking into account current gross labor income. If both types of income information are lacking, first we impute current gross labor income and then current net labor income. Imputed values are flagged (PGIMPNET).

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pgimpnet – Imputation flag for LABNETxx

0	[0] not imputed	16000
1	[1] Imputed	1969
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14532
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
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pgallbet – Core size category of the company

1	[1] Less Than 20	3835
2	[2] 20 Up To 200	4663
3	[3] 200 Up To 2000	3118
4	[4] 2000 And More	3715
5	[5] Self-Employed Without Coworkers	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	755
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	16409
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	6
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable is designed to provide annual data on the core size category of the company for all employed persons.
Not all employed persons are asked the relevant input questions on an annual basis. Only those employed persons who changed jobs and first-time respondents were asked to provide up-to-date information.
Self-employed are not included in this variable. Information about the company size is included in the variable pgstib.

pgemplst – Employment status

? Are you currently engaged in paid employment? Which of the following applies best to your status? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q215;PERW)*

? Are you currently employed? Which one of the following applies best to your status? *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q215;PERW)*

1	[1] Full-Time Employment	11682
2	[2] Regular Part-Time	3730
3	[3] Vocational Training	694
4	[4] Marginal, Irregular Part-Time Employment	1749
5	[5] Not Employed	14581
6	[6] Sheltered workshop	64
-1	[-1] No Answer	1
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
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This variable is generated from the annual question on current employment status, which has a central filter function in the questionnaire to separate employed people from non-employed people for further questions. It is designed to provide consistent longitudinal data on employment status across all waves.
The category "not employed" comprises non-working individuals, those in military/community service, those on maternity leave, and employed persons in a phased retirement scheme (Altersteilzeit) whose current actual working hours are zero.
PGEMPLST supplements the variable PGLFS, which differentiates among persons who are not employed.

pgexpft – Working experience full-time employment

0		1675
0.100000001490116		18
0.200000002980232		28
0.300000011920929		49
0.400000005960464		20
0.5		196
0.600000023841858		21
0.699999988079071		20
0.800000011920929		36
0.899999976158142		36
1		144
1.10000002384186		20
1.20000004768372		22
1.29999995231628		22
1.39999997615814		26
...	(448 rows omitted)	12106
47.4000015258789		1
47.7999992370605		11
48		11
48.0999984741211		2
48.2000007629395		1
48.2999992370605		1

48.5999984741211		11
49.2999992370605		2
50		6
-1	[-1] No Answer	840
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	17176
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This variable reflects the total length of full-time employment in the respondent's career. The variable is created by combining monthly information on employment status from the calendar dataset ARTKALEN (which provides monthly information on activity status since an individual entered the SOEP) and annual information from the biographical dataset PBIOSPE (which provides information on activity status over the individual's life course). PGEXPFT uses calendar information up to December of the previous year and gives the length of time in years with months in decimal form.
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Persons whose life course has been observed completely but with no spell of full-time employment are assigned the code (0). The code (-1) is assigned to all persons whose life course has not been observed completely. Persons with inconsistent information receive a (-3).
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Please also see PGEXPPT and PGEXPUE.

pgexppt – Working experience part-time employment

0		9031
0.100000001490116		70
0.200000002980232		117
0.300000011920929		112
0.400000005960464		76
0.5		249
0.600000023841858		67
0.699999988079071		67
0.800000011920929		91
0.899999976158142		28
1		436
1.10000002384186		57
1.20000004768372		62
1.29999995231628		97
1.39999997615814		37
...	(276 rows omitted)	3862
38		4

38.2000007629395		1
39.2000007629395		1
40		14
40.2000007629395		1
41.2999992370605		1
42		2
42.2000007629395		1
43		1
-1	[-1] No Answer	840
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
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pgexpue – Unemployment experience

0	10635
0.100000001490116	149
0.200000002980232	123
0.300000011920929	173
0.400000005960464	83
0.5	531
0.600000023841858	72
0.699999988079071	91
0.800000011920929	128
0.899999976158142	66
1	409
1.10000002384186	103

1.20000004768372		39
1.29999995231628		59
1.39999997615814		102
...	(146 rows omitted)	1712
22.5		1
23		1
23.5		1
24		1
24.5		1
25.2999992370605		1
26.3999996185303		2
32		1
33		1
-1	[-1] No Answer	840
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	17176
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable reflects the total length of unemployment in the respondent's career. The variable is created by combining monthly information on employment status from the calendar dataset ARTKALEN (which provides monthly information on activity status since an individual entered the SOEP) and annual information from the biographical dataset PBIOSPE (which provides information on activity status over the life course of an individual). PGEXPUE uses calendar information up to December of the previous year and gives the length of time in years with months in decimal form.
If there is no monthly calendar data available on a given year in a respondent's career, the annual data from PBIOSPE is used for that year. In the most current wave the variable only uses up-to-date information from the newly answered Biography Questionnaires. If the year in which a spell started and ended is the same, and if there is no monthly data, a spell of 0.5 years is assumed.
Persons whose life course has been observed completely but with no spell of full-time employment are assigned the code (0). The code (-1) is assigned to all persons whose life course has not been observed completely. Persons with inconsistent information receive a (-3).
Because detailed information on the activity status of the respondents is not assessed in the Questionnaire of the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGEXPUE is not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary samples (since 2012). For this purpose, PGEXPUE is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).
Please also see PGEXPFT.

pgjobch – Occupational Change

1	[1] Not Employed	14451
2	[2] Employed No Change	11928
3	[3] Employed No Info If Change	2682
4	[4] Employed With Change	2472
5	[5] First Job	332
-1	[-1] No Answer	636
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0

-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable indicates a change of job since the previous interview for respondents with a follow-up interview, whereas for first-time respondents, the information refers to a change of job since the beginning of the previous year.
PGJOBCH is generated based on the central filter variable, which indicates whether a respondent has changed jobs since the beginning of the previous year. Information on the date of job change is then combined with interview month of the previous year's interview to identify whether a new job change has taken place since the previous interview.
Hence, PGJOBCH is a modified version of the variable PGERWTYP which indicates whether a respondent has changed jobs since the beginning of the previous year. Unlike PGERWTYP, the variable is calculated for all waves, and the codes are assigned independently of the respondent being a first-time or follow-up respondent.
In addition to PGERWTYP, the variable is also designed to identify respondents who have entered employment for the first time.
In addition to PGERWTYP, the variable is designed to provide consistent longitudinal information on job changes. The PGJOBCH variable is generated by correcting the original job change information in various ways:

1. We check whether the job changes stated by a respondent in two consecutives interviews refer to one and the same job change. The date of the job change and the interview month are used to correct double entries.

2. If the respondent indicates a job change with a date before the previous interview but did not state a job change in the previous interview, this is coded as a job change in the current interview.

3. If a respondent indicates no job change and was not employed at the time of the previous interview, this is coded as "no job change" despite the seeming implausibility, since there are possible explanations how this information could be plausible, e.g. if there were short-term employment spells between two interview dates.

4. Respondents can be "first-time employed" only once. If a respondent states being "first-time employed" for a second time, this is coded as "employed, with change".

pgfield – Field of tertiary education

1	[1] Applied Linguistics and Cultural Studies	0
2	[2] Protestant Theology	3
3	[3] Catholic Theology	0
4	[4] Philosophy	0
5	[5] History	2
6	[6] Library Science, Archival Studies, Journalism	12
7	[7] Literary Studies, Linguistics	4
8	[8] Classical Philology, Modern Greek	0
9	[9] German Philology	12
10	[10] English Studies	12
11	[11] Roman Studies	0

12	[12] Slavonic Studies	0
13	[13] Non-European Languages and Cultural Studies	0
14	[14] Cultural Studies	2
15	[15] Psychology	5
...	(36 rows omitted)	537
68	[68] Civil Engineering	19
69	[69] Surveying and Mapping	0
74	[74] Art, Aesthetics	0
75	[75] Fine Arts	0
76	[76] Design	0
77	[77] Performance, Film and Television, Theater	0
78	[78] Music, Musicology	7
83	[83] Outside the structure of the university system	0
98	[98] Not categorizable	57
-1	[-1] No Answer	70
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14582
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	1
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	17176
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The variable is designed to provide information on the field of education of tertiary degrees which adds details to the information recorded in the variable PGBBIL02. While the latter variable records if a person holds a degree PGFIELD contains more detailed information on the type of the degree. The data of the generated variable PGFIELD stem from two sources: 1. Person questionnaire: Each year since 1985 respondents are asked if they have left education since the beginning of the year prior to the survey and which degrees they have obtained. This part of the questionnaire contains an open question on the type and the field of newly obtained tertiary degrees. This information is coded and used for the generation of the variables PGFIELD. 2. Biography questionnaire: Since 2001 similar information is collected from respondents who fill in the biography questionnaire (usually during the first two years of participation in the panel). In contrast to the information from the person questionnaire the questions do not refer to currently obtained degrees but to degrees obtained during the time before being part of the SOEP sample.
In the variable PGFIELD we combine these two types of information. Each year the variable contains the most recently collected information.
If you want to take into account that a person holds two degrees you have to combine the information from all available years. However, only a minority of the population holds more than one tertiary degree. In very few cases we encounter the problem that a respondent provides information on two different degrees in one survey year. This only happens in years when respondents fill in the person as well as the biography questionnaire. In these cases we prioritize the information from the person questionnaire as it refers to the current situation while the biography questionnaire contains retrospective information. Furthermore, there are cases who report an applied university degree and a university degree in the biography questionnaire. In these cases, the variable contains information on the university degree only.
The variable is coded according to the classification on fields of education ("Fächergruppen") provided by the Statistisches Bundesamt (2009). Until 2009 data from the person questionnaire were coded using an earlier version of this classification (1982). In the variable PGFIELD we recoded the original values. As the newer version is more precise this could be done with hardly any loss of information. Some categories are collapsed. Category 3 is coded

as 2 (no distinction between catholic and protestant theology), 14 as 13, 17 as 16, 24 as 23, 25 as 26 and 48 as 49.
Because detailed information on the field of tertiary education is not assessed in the Questionnaire of the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGFIELD is not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary samples (since 2012). For this purpose, PGFIELD is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).
Stat. Bundesamt (2009): Bildung und Kultur. Studierende an Hochschulen, Fachserie 11 Reihe 4.1, Wiesbaden: 446ff, Übersicht 1: „Fächergruppen, Studienbereiche und Studienfächer".

pgdegree – Type of tertiary degree

11	[11] Magister	12
12	[12] Diplom (University)	164
13	[13] Bachelor	6
14	[14] Master	2
15	[15] 1st State Examination	13
16	[16] Other state examination	14
21	[21] Diplom (at technical college, technical college for administration)	184
22	[22] Bachelor (at technical college, technical college for administration)	8
23	[23] Master (at technical college, technical college for administration)	1
31	[31] Teacher training,BA,MA at elementary, lower secondary schools/primary level	36
32	[32] Teacher training,BA,MA at 2ndary level 1/elementary schools/primary level	0
33	[33] Teacher training,BA,MA at intermediate scndry schools/scndry level I	5
34	[34] Teacher training, BA, MA at secondary level II and I	0
35	[35] Teacher training,BA,MA at academic 2ndry schools,2ndry levl 2,genrl school	15
36	[36] Teacher training, BA, MA at special needs schools	3
37	[37] Teacher training, BA, MA at vocational schools	5
38	[38] Teacher training, other	28
41	[41] Academic degree in the arts	1
42	[42] Doctorate	19
43	[43] Post-doctoral dissertation (Habilitation)	0
44	[44] Other Degree	8
98	[98] Not categorizable	98
-1	[-1] No Answer	120
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14582
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	1
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	17176
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The variable is designed to provide information on the type of tertiary degree (e.g., Diploma, Bachelor, Master) which adds details to the information recorded in the variable PGBBIL02. While the latter variable records if a person holds a degree PGDEGREE contains more detailed information on the type of the degree. The data of the generated variable PGDEGREE stem from two sources: 1. Person questionnaire: Each year since 1985 respondents are asked if they have left education since the beginning of the year prior to the survey and which degrees they have obtained. This part of the questionnaire contains an open question on the type and the field of newly obtained tertiary degrees. This information is coded and used for the generation of the variables PGDEGREE. 2. Biography questionnaire: Since 2001 similar information is collected from respondents who fill in the biography questionnaire (usually

during the first two years of participation in the panel). In contrast to the information from the person questionnaire the questions do not refer to currently obtained degrees but to degrees obtained during the time before being part of the SOEP sample.
In the variable PGDEGREE we combine these two types of information. However, since the retrospective information was not collected before 2001 the variable covers until 2000 only persons for whom we have prospectively observed the end of study. This explains why the number of valid observations is rather small in these years.
Each year the variable contains the most recently collected information. If you want to take into account that a person holds two degrees you have to combine the information from all available years. However, only a minority of the population holds more than one tertiary degree. In very few cases we encounter the problem that a respondent provides information on two different degrees in one survey year. This only happens in years when respondents fill in the person as well as the biography questionnaire. In these cases we prioritize the information from the person questionnaire as it refers to the current situation while the biography questionnaire contains retrospective information. Furthermore, there are cases who report an applied university degree and a university degree in the biography questionnaire. In these cases, the variables contain information on the university degree only.
The variable is coded according to a slightly collapsed version of the classification on types of tertiary degrees ("Prüfungsgruppen und Abschlussprüfungen") provided by the Statistisches Bundesamt (2009). Since 2010 the data were coded according to the classification presented here. In the variable PGDEGREE we recoded the original values from years 2009 and earlier. As the newer version is more precise this could be done with hardly any loss of information. Some categories are collapsed. Category 16 was mostly likely coded as 15 in earlier years, 34 as 35 and 43 as 44. The original values of the data collected from the person questionnaire of 2009 are stored in the respective variables in the dataset P.
Because detailed information on the type of tertiary degree is not assessed in the Questionnaire of the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGDEGREE is not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary samples (since 2012). For this purpose, PGDEGREE is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).
Stat. Bundesamt (2009): Bildung und Kultur. Studierende an Hochschulen, Fachserie 11 Reihe 4.1, Wiesbaden: 449ff, Übersicht 2: „Prüfungsgruppen und Abschlussprüfungen".

pgtraina – Apprenticeship - two-digit occupation KldB92

1	[1] Agricultural Occupations (Crops)	21
2	[2] Agricultural Occupations (Livestock)	15
3	[3] Administrative/Advisory/Technical Specialist In Agriculture	1
5	[5] Horticultural Occupations	19
6	[6] Forestry and Hunting Occupations	0
7	[7] Mineworkers	3
8	[8] Mineral Exploitation and Processing	1
10	[10] Stonemasons	0
11	[11] Manufacturers of Construction Materials	0
12	[12] Ceramicists	0
13	[13] Glass Manufacturing Occupations	1
14	[14] Chemical Industry Occupations	4
15	[15] Plastics Manufacturing Occupations	1
16	[16] Paper Manufacturing and Processing	3
17	[17] Printing Occupations	14
...	(65 rows omitted)	1516

89	[89] Pastoral Occupations	0
90	[90] Personal Care Occupations	46
91	[91] Occupations in Hotels and Hospitality	15
92	[92] Occupations in Domestic and Nutritional Science	16
93	[93] Cleaning and Waste Management Occupations	0
96	[96] Other	0
97	[97] Family members providing assistance,not in agriculture,not otherw. mntnd	0
98	[98] Workers, (still) without specific occupation	0
99	[99] Workers, responsibilities not specified	11
-1	[-1] No Answer	13
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	13625
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	17176
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The variable is designed to provide information on the occupation of vocational training which adds details to the information recorded in the variable PGBBIL01. In addition to the variable PGTRAINA we provide the variables PGTRAINB, PGTRAINC and PGTRAIND. All these variables record the occupation of vocational training. The difference is that PGTRAINA contains information on vocational training within the German dual system which combines firm-based and school-based training (apprenticeship). PGTRAINB is designed to provide information on the occupation of full-time school based vocational training. PGTRAINC contains information on level vocational training (e.g., Meister, Techniker). PGTRAIND is designed to provide information on the occupation of civil servant training ("Beamtenausbildung"). We describe in brief detail the construction of the variable PGTRAINA. PGTRAINB, PGTRAINC and PGTRAIND are constructed in an analogous manner.

The data of the generated variable PGTRAINA stem from two sources: 1. Person questionnaire: Each year since 1985 respondents are asked if they have left education since the beginning of the year prior to the survey and which degrees they have obtained. This part of the questionnaire contains an open question on the type and the field of newly obtained tertiary degrees. This information is coded and used for the generation of the variables PGTRAINA. 2. Biography questionnaire: Similar information is collected from respondents who fill in the biography questionnaire (usually during the first two years of participation in the panel). In contrast to the information from the person questionnaire the questions do not refer to currently obtained vocational qualifications but to qualifications obtained during the time before being part of the SOEP sample.

In the variable PGTRAINA we combine these two types of information. Each year the variable contains the most recently collected information.

If you want to take into account that a person holds two vocational qualifications you have to combine the information from all available years. In few cases we encounter the problem that a respondent provides information on two different apprenticeships in one survey year. This only happens once, namely in years when respondents fill in the person as well as the biography questionnaire. In these cases we prioritize the information from the person questionnaire as it refers to the current situation while the biography questionnaire contains retrospective information.

Because detailed information on the specific fields of occupation is not assessed in the Questionnaire of the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGTRAINA is not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary samples (since 2012). For this purpose, PGTRAINA is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).

Hartmann/Schütz (2002): Die Klassifikation der Berufe und der Wirtschaftzweige im Sozio-oekonomischen Panel – Neuvercodung der Daten 1984 – 2001. Infratest Sozialforschung, München.

pgtrainb – Vocational school – two-digit occupation KldB92

1	[1] Agricultural Occupations (Crops)	4
2	[2] Agricultural Occupations (Livestock)	0
3	[3] Administrative/Advisory/Technical Specialist In Agriculture	0
5	[5] Horticultural Occupations	0
6	[6] Forestry and Hunting Occupations	1
7	[7] Mineworkers	0
8	[8] Mineral Exploitation and Processing	0
10	[10] Stonemasons	0
11	[11] Manufacturers of Construction Materials	0
12	[12] Ceramicists	0
13	[13] Glass Manufacturing Occupations	0
14	[14] Chemical Industry Occupations	0
15	[15] Plastics Manufacturing Occupations	0
16	[16] Paper Manufacturing and Processing	0
17	[17] Printing Occupations	1
...	(65 rows omitted)	248
89	[89] Pastoral Occupations	0
90	[90] Personal Care Occupations	2
91	[91] Occupations in Hotels and Hospitality	1
92	[92] Occupations in Domestic and Nutritional Science	7
93	[93] Cleaning and Waste Management Occupations	0
96	[96] Other	0
97	[97] Family members providing assistance,not in agriculture,not otherw. mntnd	0
98	[98] Workers, (still) without specific occupation	0
99	[99] Workers, responsibilities not specified	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	1
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14334
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	2
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	17900
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The variable is designed to provide information on the occupation of full-time school based vocational training (e.g., Berufsfachschule, Schule des Gesundheitswesens, Handelsschule). See the description of variable PGTRAINA for more details on the construction and the values of the variable.
Because detailed information on the specific fields of occupation is not assessed in the Questionnaire of the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGTRAINB is not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary samples (since 2012). For this purpose, PGTRAINB is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).

pgtrainc – Higher vocational school - two-digit occupation KldB92

1	[1] Agricultural Occupations (Crops)	3

2	[2] Agricultural Occupations (Livestock)	2
3	[3] Administrative/Advisory/Technical Specialist In Agriculture	3
5	[5] Horticultural Occupations	1
6	[6] Forestry and Hunting Occupations	1
7	[7] Mineworkers	0
8	[8] Mineral Exploitation and Processing	0
10	[10] Stonemasons	0
11	[11] Manufacturers of Construction Materials	0
12	[12] Ceramicists	0
13	[13] Glass Manufacturing Occupations	0
14	[14] Chemical Industry Occupations	0
15	[15] Plastics Manufacturing Occupations	0
16	[16] Paper Manufacturing and Processing	0
17	[17] Printing Occupations	1
...	(65 rows omitted)	159
89	[89] Pastoral Occupations	0
90	[90] Personal Care Occupations	14
91	[91] Occupations in Hotels and Hospitality	0
92	[92] Occupations in Domestic and Nutritional Science	2
93	[93] Cleaning and Waste Management Occupations	0
96	[96] Others	0
97	[97] Family members providing assistance,not in agriculture,not otherw. mntnd	0
98	[98] Workers, (still) without specific occupation	0
99	[99] Workers, responsibilities not specified	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	14415
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	17900
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The variable is designed to provide information on the occupation of higher level vocational training (e.g., Meister, Techniker). See the description of variable PGTRAINA for more details on the construction and the values of the variable.
Because detailed information on the specific fields of occupation is not assessed in the Questionnaire of the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGTRAINC is not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary samples (since 2012). For this purpose, PGTRAINC is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).

pgtraind – Civil servant training – two-digit occupation KldB92

1	[1] Agricultural Occupations (Crops)	0
2	[2] Agricultural Occupations (Livestock)	0
3	[3] Administrative/Advisory/Technical Specialist In Agriculture	0
5	[5] Horticultural Occupations	0
6	[6] Forestry and Hunting Occupations	2
7	[7] Mineworkers	0
8	[8] Mineral Exploitation and Processing	0
10	[10] Stonemasons	0
11	[11] Manufacturers of Construction Materials	0

12	[12] Ceramicists	0
13	[13] Glass Manufacturing Occupations	0
14	[14] Chemical Industry Occupations	0
15	[15] Plastics Manufacturing Occupations	0
16	[16] Paper Manufacturing and Processing	0
17	[17] Printing Occupations	0
...	(65 rows omitted)	97
89	[89] Pastoral Occupations	0
90	[90] Personal Care Occupations	0
91	[91] Occupations in Hotels and Hospitality	0
92	[92] Occupations in Domestic and Nutritional Science	0
93	[93] Cleaning and Waste Management Occupations	0
96	[96] Other	0
97	[97] Family members providing assistance,not in agriculture,not otherw. mntnd	0
98	[98] Workers, (still) without specific occupation	0
99	[99] Workers, responsibilities not specified	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	11449
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	2
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	20951
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The variable is designed to provide information on the occupation of civil servant training ("Beamtenausbildung"). See the description of variable PGTRAINA for more details on the construction and the values of the variable.
Because detailed information on the specific fields of occupation is not assessed in the Questionnaire of the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGTRAIND is not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary samples (since 2012). For this purpose, PGTRAIND is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).

pgfdt_f – Data source FIELD, DEGREE, TRAIN

1	[1] Individual Questionnaire	915
2	[2] Gap Questionnaire (temporary drop-outs)	0
3	[3] Biographical Questionnaire	1778
4	[4] Various Sources	26
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	12606
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	17176
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Because detailed information on PGFIELD, PGDEGREE and PGTRAIN is not assessed in the Questionnaire of the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGFDT_F is not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary samples (since 2012). For this purpose, PGFDT_F is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).

pgbilztch – Change in Education since last survey / last year

0	[0] Consistent educational information since last survey	10331
1	[1] Inconsistent educational information since last survey	322
2	[2] Inconsistent educational information since last year	441
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	3507
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	17900
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Because detailed information on PGFIELD, PGDEGREE and PGTRAIN is not assessed in the Questionnaire of the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGBILZTCH is not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary samples (since 2012). For this purpose, PGBILZTCH is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).

pgbilztev – Change in Education, total observed period

0	[0] Consistent educational information	9346
1	[1] Inconsistent educational decline	2015
2	[2] Inconsistent educational increase	2553
3	[3] Inconsistent educational decline and increase	56
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	1355
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	17176
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Because detailed information on PGFIELD, PGDEGREE and PGTRAIN is not assessed in the Questionnaire of the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGBILZTEV is not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary sample 2012 (since 2012). For this purpose, PGBILZTEV is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).

pgsndjob – Current gross secondary income in euros

? What was your gross income from this job last month? // Euros *(from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q251:PJOB15)*

0	184
1	1
10	2
15	4
20	14
21	1
22	1
25	4
26	7
27	1

29		1
30		14
31		1
35		1
36		1
...	(241 rows omitted)	1524
2800		2
3000		8
3800		1
4100		1
4395		1
5000		1
6000		1
10000		1
15000		1
-1	[-1] No Answer	55
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	30668
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The variable PGSNDJOB represents the imputed current gross labor income from second job generated for all SOEP respondents in each respective wave. Because missing information on PGSNDJOB is not imputed in the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGSNDJOB not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary samples (since 2012). For this purpose, PGSNDJOB is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).

pgimpsnd – Imputation flag for SNDJOBxx

0	[0] not imputed	758
1	[1] Imputed	114
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	16154
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	15475
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The variable PGIMPSND indicates imputations of item nonresponse in the variable PGSNDJOB (current gross labor income from second job). Because missing information on PGSNDJOB is not imputed in the SOEP Innovation Sample, PGIMPSND not generated for Sample E (since 2012), I (since 2011) and the supplementary samples (since 2012). For this purpose, PGIMPSND is coded to "-5" (not contained in questionnaire).