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1 Overview

The variables from the annual **\$kind** files described in the following are not based on answers provided by the children themselves, but by answers to the household questionnaire provided by the respondent within the household (head of household). This data is re-aggregated on the person level and saved as child-specific entries in the file **\$kind**. The annual **\$kind** datasets also contain additional information on institutional care and school attendance for children and young people; in selected waves, questions on costs of childcare as well as on non-institutional care arrangements are also asked (these variables are not described here). However, if questions regarding institutional care or costs of child care are modified, a description is included in this documentation. The entries in **bfkind** are identifiable with the codes “20” to “25” in the wave-specific variable **\$NETTO** (in the file **PPFAD**) or the code (2) in the variable **\$NETOLD**. In addition to the variables described in this documentation, variables on specific topics that are not surveyed every year are an important part of the data stored in the files **\$kind**. These tables include a reference for each variable regarding its longitudinal format in **KIDLONG**.

2 Identifier

The variable **bfkhhgr** is simply a copy of the variable **\$HHGR** in the wave-specific file **\$HBRUTTO**. Based on **bfkhhgr** for each child in **bfkind** the variable **bfkzahl** provides the total number of children up to age 16 living in the current household.

hhnr – Original Household Number

hhnrakt – Current Household Number (= *HHNR)

bfhhnr – Current Wave Household Number 2015

sample1 – Subsample Identifier Tns-Infratest

1	[1] A German HH Head, West, 1984	523
2	[2] B1 Turkish HH Head, 1984	48
3	[3] B2 Yugoslav HH Head, 1984	27
4	[4] B3 Greek HH Head, 1984	15
5	[5] B4 Italian HH Head, 1984	28
6	[6] B5 Spanish HH Head, 1984	7
7	[7] C German HH Head, East	359
8	[8] D1 Immigrant W. Germany (1984-1994), 1994/95	48
9	[9] D2 Immigrant W. Germany (1984-1994), 1994/95	29
10	[10] E1 Refreshment (PAPI), 1998	7
11	[11] E2 Refreshment (CAPI), 1998	9
12	[12] F1 Refreshment, 2000	541
13	[13] F2 Refreshment, Additional Foreigner Addresses, 2000	19
14	[14] G1 High Income (PreTest), 2002	0
15	[15] G2 High Income, 2002	90
...	(6 rows omitted)	1111
24	[24] M1 Migration (1995-2011), 2013	1406
29	[29] M2 2015 Migration (2011-2015)	927
60	[60] L2/3 FiD Screening, Low Income, 2010/11	691
61	[61] L2/3 FiD Screening, Single Parent, 2010/11	413

62	[62] L2/3 FiD Screening, Families With Several Children, 2010/11	1369
63	[63] L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2007, 2010/11	626
64	[64] L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2008, 2010/11	625
65	[65] L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2009, 2010/11	567
66	[66] L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2010, 2010/11	591
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

Variable **sample1** depicts the sample membership of each child.

Value	label
1	A German HH head, West
2	B1 Turkish HH head
3	B2 Yugoslavian HH head
4	B3 Greek HH head
5	B4 Italian HH head
6	B5 Spanish HH head
7	C German HH head, East
8	D1 Immigrant W. Germany Since 1984
9	D2 Immigrant W. Germany Since 1984
10	E1, PAPI
11	E2, CAPI
12	F1 ISOEP, Innovation
13	F2 ISOEP, Addtnl Foreigner Enumeration
14	G1 High Income (PreTest)
15	G2 High Income
16	H Refreshment Sample 2006
19	I Incentivation 2009
20	J Increase 2011
21	K Increase 2012
22	I2 Increase IS 2012
23	L Special Survey 2012
24	M1 Migration 2013
29	M2 Migration 2015
60	L2/ 3 FiD Screening 2010/ 11 Low Income
61	L2/ 3 FiD Screening 2010/ 11 Single Parent
62	L2/ 3 FiD Screening 2010/ 11 Families with several children
63	L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2007
64	L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2008
65	L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2009
66	L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2010

persnr – Never Changing Person Id

Unique person identifier for each person in the SOEP-CORE database

3 Basic Demographics/ relationship to household head (hh)

This section summarizes a child's gender **bfksex** and his/ her relationship to the household head **\$kstell**. A child's sex can in some cases diverge from the longitudinally tested data in PPFAD (variable **sex**). The information stored in **\$kstell** is a copy of the variable **\$stell** in the wave-specific file \$PBRUTT.

bfkgjahr – Year of Birth

? What year were these children born? // Year of birth: (from: *soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/71:hkgeba*)

The „year of birth“ of a child is included in all wave-specific datasets.

bfksex – Sex

1	[1] Male	5107
2	[2] Female	4966
-1	[-1] No Answer	3
-2	[-2] Does not apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfkstell – Relationship To Head of Household

0	[0] Head of Household	0
11	[11] Spouse of HH Head	0
12	[12] Same Sex Spouse	0
13	[13] Life Partner of HH Head	0
21	[21] Biological Child Head of Household	9668
22	[22] Stepchild (Child of thePartner)	200
23	[23] Adoptive Child	16
24	[24] Foster Child of HH Head	42
25	[25] Grandchild of HH Head	72
26	[26] Great-Grandchild Head of Household	1
27	[27] Son, Daughter-In-Law	0
31	[31] Father, Mother	0
32	[32] Step Mother/Father, Partner of Parent of HH Head	0
33	[33] Adoptive Mother/Father of HH Head	0
34	[34] Foster Mother/Father of HH Head	0
...	(6 rows omitted)	63
45	[45] Foster Brother/Sister of Head of Household	0
51	[51] Bro./Sis. in Law 1: Spouse of Bro./Sis. of HH Head	0
52	[52] Bro./Sis./ in Law 2: Bro./Sis. of Spouse of HH Head	1
61	[61] Aunt/Uncle of HH Head	0
62	[62] Niece/Nephew of Head of Household	10
63	[63] Cousin/Cousine of Head of Household	0
64	[64] Other Relative	1
71	[71] Others	2

99	[99] Position to Head of HH Unknown	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

Copy of variable **\$stell** in the wave-specific file **\$PBRUTTO**. The values (1) and (2) as well as (5)-(7) are by definition not saved in the file **\$kind**. Please note that since **1998** the additional code (12) was included in **\$stell** and thus also in **bfkstell**.

\$kstell (wave A - BB)

value	label
1	Spouse of HH
2	Partner of HH
3	Son/ daughter of HH
4	Foster child of HH
5	Son/ daughter-in-law of HH
6	Father/ mother of HH
7	Father/ mother-in-law of HH
8	Brother/ sister of HH
9	Grandchild of HH
10	Other relative of HH
11	Not related to HH
12	Child of the partner of HH

\$kstell (from wave BC)

value	label
21	Son/ daughter
22	Stepchild (child of partner)
23	Adoptive child
24	Foster child
25	Grandchild
26	Great-grandchild
41	Brother/ sister
62	Niece/ nephew

bfkinhh – Member of Household

0	[0] Lives in HH	8690
1	[1] Absent Military, Community Service	0
2	[2] Vocational Training, Study	0
3	[3] Occupation, Assembling	0
4	[4] Hospital	0
5	[5] Absent On Trip	1
6	[6] Other	1

7	[7] Has Died	0
8	[8] Has Moved	0
9	[9] Miscoded in Prior Year	0
11	[11] Born	348
12	[12] Moved Within W. Germany	42
13	[13] Moved From Abroad	3
14	[14] Moved Back to HH	9
15	[15] Moved Within Ger. Before Last Wave	0
...	(21 rows omitted)	982
41	[41] Vocational Training, Study	0
42	[42] Occupation, Assembling	0
43	[43] Hospital	0
44	[44] Absent On Trip	0
45	[45] Other	0
46	[46] Has Died	0
47	[47] Has Moved	0
48	[48] No Answer When Added	0
99	[99] Old-HH, Born New-HH First Named	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

The variable **bfkinhh** is a copy of the variable **\$PZUG** in the wave-specific file **\$PBRUTTO**. This variable changed between 1988 (wave E) and 1989 (wave F). Additional value labels were included in **\$PZUG**.

\$kinhh (wave A-E)

value	label
0	Still lives in household (HH)
1	Not in HH due to military/ community service
2	Not in HH due to training, college
3	Not in HH due to job
4	Not in HH due to hospital stay
5	Not in HH due to vacation
6	Not in HH due to other reasons
7	Deceased
8	Moved out
9	Possibly misclassified
11	Born
12	Moved into HH from within Germany
13	Moved into HH from foreign country
14	Returned to HH
15	Moved into HH from within Germany prior to last survey
16	Moved into HH from foreign country prior to last survey
17	Born before last survey
19	No answer
20	Lives in new HH

value	label
21	Not in HH due to military/ community service
22	Not in HH due to training, college
23	Not in HH due to job
24	Not in HH due to hospital stay
25	Not in HH due to vacation
26	Not in HH due to other reasons
27	Deceased
28	Moved out
30	Lives in HH since last 19XX
31	Moved into HH from within Germany since 19XX
32	Moved into HH from foreign country since 19XX
33	Born 19XX
39	No answer
40	Now living in HH
99	No info on current HH affiliation

\$skinhh (wave F-BF)

value	label
0	Still lives in household (HH)
1	Not in HH due to military/ community service
2	Not in HH due to training, college
3	Not in HH due to job
4	Not in HH due to hospital stay
5	Not in HH due to vacation
6	Not in HH due to other reasons
7	Deceased
8	Moved out
9	Possibly misclassified
11	Born
12	Moved into HH from within Germany/ moved from within West Germany
13	Moved into HH from foreign country/ moved from foreign country
14	Returned to HH
15	Moved into HH from within Germany prior to last survey
16	Moved into HH from foreign country prior to last survey
17	Born before las survey
18	Moved from former GDR
19	No answer
20	Lives in new HH
21	Not in HH due to military/ community service
22	Not in HH due to training, college
23	Not in HH due to job
24	Not in HH due to hospital stay
25	Not in HH due to vacation
26	Not in HH due to other reasons
27	Deceased
28	Moved out
30	Lives in HH for a long time

value	label
31	Born last year
32	Moved into HH from within Germany last year/ moved from within West Germany
33	Moved into HH from foreign country last year/ moved from within foreign country
37	Old-HH, born new-HH first named
38	Moved from former GDR since January of the previous year
39	No answer
40	Now living in HH
41	Not in HH due to military/ community service
42	Not in HH due to training, college
43	Not in HH due to job
44	Not in HH due to hospital stay
45	Not in HH due to vacation
46	Not in HH due to other reasons
47	Deceased
48	Moved
99	No info on current HH affiliation

bfhgr – Number of Persons in Household

bfkzahl – Number of Children up to 16 Years in HH

? Are there children born in 1999 or later living in your household?NA (from: soep-core/
soep-core-2015-hh/70:hkind)

bfk64 – Serial Number of Child

4 Insitutional care/ provider of school

bfk7201 – General Education System

? What school does your child currently attend? (from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/72;)

1	[1] Primary School	3062
2	[2] Secondary General School	366
3	[3] Intermediate School	895
4	[4] Upper Secondary School	1189
5	[5] Comprehensive School	501
6	[6] Vocational School	5
7	[7] Other School	241
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	3814
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	3
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk7202 – None of These Schools

? What school does your child currently attend? // Does not attend school (from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/72:hein4a)

1	[1] None of These Schools	3723
-1	[-1] No Answer	79
-2	[-2] Does not apply	6274
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk73 – Time of Day of Care

? Does the child usually stay at school all day? (from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/73:hein9a)

1	[1] Yes	2057
2	[2] No	4189
-1	[-1] No Answer	16
-2	[-2] Does not apply	3814
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk74 – Lunch at School

? If you want, does the facility provide the child with lunch? (from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/74:hein7a)

1	[1] Yes	3970
2	[2] No	2273
-1	[-1] No Answer	19
-2	[-2] Does not apply	3814
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk7501 – Provider: Public School

? What type of school is it? It is: (from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/75:heinsa)

1	[1] Public School	5708
-1	[-1] No Answer	16
-2	[-2] Does not apply	4352
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk7502 – Provider: Church School

? What type of school is it? It is: *(from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/75;heinsa)*

1	[1] Religious School	341
-1	[-1] No Answer	16
-2	[-2] Does not apply	9719
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk7503 – Provider: Non-Profit School

? What type of school is it? It is: *(from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/75;heinsa)*

1	[1] Non-Profit School	102
-1	[-1] No Answer	16
-2	[-2] Does not apply	9958
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk7504 – Provider: Private School

? What type of school is it? It is: *(from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/75;heinsa)*

1	[1] Commercial Private School	95
-1	[-1] No Answer	16
-2	[-2] Does not apply	9965
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

5 Insitutional care/ provider of daycare**bfk7701** – Pre-School

? Does the child currently attend nursery school, daycare, pre-school, creche, etc.? // No, none os these *(from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/77;hein1a)*

1	[1] Nursery School	3428
2	[2] Hours Per Day in Care	6466
-1	[-1] No Answer	170
-2	[-2] Does not apply	12
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk7702 – Hours Per Day Spend in Care

? Does the child currently attend nursery school, daycare, pre-school, creche, etc.? // Yes, approximately ... hours per day (*from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/77;hein1sa*)

bfk78 – Lunch at the Facility

? Does the school or facility serve lunch to your child if you choose? (*from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/78;hei12a*)

1	[1] Yes	2750
2	[2] No, No Lunch	668
-1	[-1] No Answer	10
-2	[-2] Does not apply	6648
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk7901 – Provider: Public Institution

? What type of school or facility is it? It is: (*from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/79;heinka*)

1	[1] Yes	1858
-1	[-1] No Answer	18
-2	[-2] Does not apply	8200
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk7902 – Provider: Church Organisation

? What type of school or facility is it? It is: (*from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/79;heinka*)

1	[1] Yes	1191
-1	[-1] No Answer	18
-2	[-2] Does not apply	8867
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk7903 – Provider: Private Non-Profit Provider

? What type of school or facility is it? It is: (*from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/79;heinka*)

1	[1] Yes	122
-1	[-1] No Answer	18
-2	[-2] Does not apply	9936
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0

-5	[5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk7904 – Provider: Company Facility

? What type of school or facility is it? It is: *(from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/79;heinka)*

1	[1] Yes	27
-1	[-1] No Answer	18
-2	[-2] Does not apply	10031
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk7905 – Provider: Private- Commercial Institution

? What type of school or facility is it? It is: *(from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/79;heinka)*

1	[1] Yes	212
-1	[-1] No Answer	18
-2	[-2] Does not apply	9846
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk81 – Year in Establishment

? Since what year has the child been attending this childcare facility? *(from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/81;heinkja)*

6 Variables describing carer outside the household

bfk8203 – Relatives

? Are there any other people who regularly take care of the child (aside from members of the household)? // Yes, relatives *(from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/82:hbet1a)*

1	[1] Yes	1958
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	8118
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk8204 – Friends, Acquaintances, Neighbours

? Are there any other people who regularly take care of the child (aside from members of the household)? // Yes, friends/acquaintances/neighbors *(from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/*

82:hb2a)

1	[1] Yes	336
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	9740
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk8202 – Paid Person in

? Are there any other people who regularly take care of the child (aside from members of the household)? // Yes, paid in-home childcare provider (Betreuungsperson) (*from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/82:hb2a*)

1	[1] Yes	151
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	9925
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk8201 – Child Minder Outside HH

? Are there any other people who regularly take care of the child (aside from members of the household)? // Yes, childcare provider outside the home (Tagesmutter) (*from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/82:hb2a*)

1	[1] Yes	136
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	9940
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk8205 – No External Care

? Are there any other people who regularly take care of the child (aside from members of the household)? // No (*from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/82:hb2a*)

1	[1] Yes	7561
-1	[-1] No Answer	119
-2	[-2] Does not apply	2396
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

7 Variables on costs of institutions, carer, activities etc.

bfk8302 – Care Outside: No Costs

? Is the care provided for free, or do you pay this person / these people something? // The child care costs – euros per month (*from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/83:hbct6a*)

1	[1] No, No Costs	2007
-1	[-1] No Answer	11
-2	[-2] Does not apply	8058
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

The variable **bfk8302** describes the costs of school, care and activities. In wave BA (2010) average monthly costs were surveyed: “How much do the above mentioned school, care and activities cost you?” Parents indicate average monthly cost of their children regarding school, care, and (leisure) activities, e.g., early music education, sports, etc.. In wave BA this variable was surveyed for the 1st time.

bfk8301 – Care Outside : Costs Per Month

? Is the care provided for free, or do you pay this person / these people something? // No, it doesn't cost anything (*from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/83:hbct7a*)

Corresponding to parents' estimation of average monthly costs **bfk8301** “no costs” indicates if parents do not have any costs.

bfk7601 – Costs Ffor School

? How much does the school cost you? // Average monthly cost in euros (*from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/76:hein8a*)

bfk7602 – No Costs

? How much does the school cost you? // Nothing (*from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/76:hein8a1*)

1	[1] No Costs	3710
-1	[-1] No Answer	78
-2	[-2] Does not apply	6288
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

bfk8001 – Costs for Care Facility

? How much do you pay for the school or facility? // Average monthly cost in euros (*from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/80:hei13a1*)

bfk8002 – No Costs

? How much do you pay for the school or facility? // Nothing (from: soep-core/soep-core-2015-hh/80:hei13a2)

1	[1] No Costs	616
-1	[-1] No Answer	42
-2	[-2] Does not apply	9418
-3	[-3] Answer improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0

8 Pointer

The pointers provided in **bfkind** comprise **persnr** of the household head of the child **bfkhv**, the partner of the household head **bfkhvp**, the mother of the child **bfkmutti**, and the partner of the mother **bfkmup**. The first two pointers **bfkhv** and **bfkhvp** are using the codes (0) and (1) / (2) of **\$STELL** in the wave-specific **\$PBRUTTO**. After extensive testing of the distribution of the data up to that point, the pointers to mother (variable **bfkmutti**) and mother's partner (variable **bfkmup**) were revised in July 1994 for SOEP waves A (1984) to J (1993), since in some cases these variables showed a very high percentage of missings. The identifiers linking the **PERSNR** of a child's mother to each child in **bfkind**, are based on the variables **\$STELL**, **PARTNR\$\$** in the wave-specific files **\$PGEN** and if possible information from the files **BIOBIRTH** or **BIOAGE01**. More information on **bfkmutti** is included in the comment section of **bfkmutti**.

bfkhv – Pointer To Head of Household

PERSNR of the HH head, i.e. person with **\$stell=0** in the wave-specific file **\$PBRUTTO**.

bfkhvp – Pointer To Partner of Head

PERSNR of the partner of the household head. It is defined by combining the variables **\$stell** (relationship to household head) in the wave-specific file **\$PBRUTTO** and the information of **PARTNR\$\$** in the wave-specific file **\$PGEN**. The partner information of **PARTNR\$\$** is only taken into account when an individual provided the information.

bfkmutti – Pointer To Mother

PERSNR of a child's mother. After extensive testing of the distribution of the data up to that point, the pointers to mother (variable **\$kmutti**) and mother's partner (variable **\$kmup**) were revised in July 1994 for SOEP waves A (1984) to J (1993), since in some cases these variables showed a very high percentage of missings. The procedure for generating the pointers was modified to identify the mother-child relationship as a combination of the variables **\$STELL** (=relationship to household head) and **PARTNR\$\$** (=person ID number of spouse or partner). The information of **PARTNR\$\$** in the wave-specific **\$PGEN** is only available when an interview took place with the partner. If this data is lacking the combination of relationship to household head of the mother and of the mother's partner is used. In this context, for waves A to J, the newly generated pointers were tested longitudinally over time for consistency. While it is quite realistic that a mother would change partners over time, (e.g., second

marriage after partner's death, or separation from partner), it seems less plausible that there would be pointers to different mothers for the different survey years. According to a strictly biological definition of motherhood, this would certainly not be possible, but according to a social definition of motherhood, it would be possible to have a „new/ social“ mother after the biological mother dies or moves out. This problem is quantitatively insignificant, however (e.g., a changing mother pointer was only identical for 29 children from wave A to J). Further information on the definition of social/ biological mother-child relationships in the SOEP can be found in the BIO documentation for the files **BIOBIRTH**.

bfkmup – Pointer To Partner of Mother

PERSNR of the partner of a child's mother based on **partner\$\$** of the mother in the person-related files **\$PGEN**. Please see also the description of **bfkmutti**.