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General information

This dataset is designed to assist in linking data from different waves for the substantive evaluation of household level data. This dataset includes all households that ever had contact with SOEP in any wave up to the present. Thus a household interview does not necessarily have to have taken place; it is enough to simply have appeared once in any one of the “$HBRUTTO” household datasets. The only sorting key (SORT-ID) is the current household number (HHNRAKT). While “old” households retain their old HHNRAKT in case of a move, “new” panel households (e.g. formed by members of an existing panel HH that have moved into a new HH) receive a different HHNRAKT upon their first interview depending on the particular wave. The variables AHHNR, BHHNR, CHHNR etc. also contain the current HH number if the HH was also entered in the gross data in the respective wave. In any other case, the variable $HHNR is “missing”, which then helps to prevent mistakes in linking household level data across time. The variables AHNETTO, BHNETTO etc., also give information on whether it was possible to carry out a HH interview and whether it would pay off to create a link to the corresponding data in that wave’s $H file.

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List of variables:

$HHNR Household number $$$$$............................................................................................................ 4
$HNETTO Wave survey status $$$$$ ........................................................................................................... 5
$SAMPREG Current wave sample reason $$$$$ .......................................................................................... 6
HSAMPLE Sample member........................................................................................................................... 7
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$HHNR -- Household number $$$$

Var Label : $HHNR   Household number $$$$  
$ - Wave : $=A..Z, BA, BC  
$$$$ - year : $$=1984..2012  
Var format : $HHNR  (I6)  

Comment:   current household number = HHNRAKT  

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$HNETTO -- Wave survey status $$$$

Var Label : $HNETTO  Wave survey status $$$$
Value Label : $HNETTO  (1) successful household interview
                (2) HH in Brutto only
Var format : $HNETTO  (I1)
$ - wave : $=A.. Z, BA, BC
$$$ - year : $$=1984..2012

Comment: Wave-specific survey status: for $HNETTO=1 there is a HH
interview in the respective year, i.e. an entry in the file
$H. For $HNETTO=2 there is only an entry in the file
$HBRUTTO, but the HH could not be interviewed (the reason for
which is given by the variable $HERGS in the file $HBRUTTO).

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$SAMPREG -- Current wave sample reason $$$$

Var Label : $SAMPREG Current wave sample reason $$$$
Value Label : $SAMPREG (1) West Germany (former FRG)'
(2) East Germany (former GDR)'

$ - Wave : $=G.. Z, BA, BC
$$$$ - Jahr : $$=1990..2012
Var format : $SAMPREG (I2)

Comment: The first East survey (1990=Wave G) of SOEP led to an
expansion of the survey area beyond the West sample that was
carried out up to 1984. In connection with the SOEP concept
of following SOEP respondents continuously from one year to
the next, explicitly reflecting spatial mobility, households
that leave the “area” of the original sample (former Federal
Republic of Germany, within the borders existing up to 3
October 1990 for Samples A and B, or for the former GDR for
Sample C) and continue to take part in SOEP are interviewed
at their new address. Because of this interregional mobility
between West and East Germany, which has been registered in
SOEP since the second East wave (1991=Wave H), using the
original sample number (which does not change over time) to
distinguish households produces increasingly biased results
for analyses differentiating between households in East and
West Germany (Variable HSAMPLE; here H for “household” in
comparsion to PSAMPLE in the file PPFAD for “person”). The
wave-specific variable $SAMPREG thus tells whether a HH was
living in West or East Germany in the respective year.
Starting with wave H (1991) the time-independent variables
HSAMPLE and PSAMPLE should *not* be used for differentiating
East and West Germany !!!

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**HSAMPLE**-- Sample member

Var Label : HSAMPLE  Sample member
Value Label : HSAMPLE
(1) 'A German (West)'
(2) 'B Foreigner (West)'
(3) 'C German (East)'
(4) 'D Immigrant 1984–1993'
(5) 'E Supplementary sample 1998'
(6) 'F Innovation sample 2000'
(7) 'G High-income sample 2002'
(8) 'H Refreshment 2006'
(9) 'I Incentivation sample 2009'
(10)'J Increase 2011'
(11)'J Increase 2012'

Var format : HSAMPLE (I2)

Comment: Unchanging sample membership at first contact with SOEP (at the point of selection of the original household into the sample).

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$HPOP -- Sample membership $$$$

Var Label : $HPOP Sample membership $$$'
Value Label : $HPOP (1) Private HH, German HH-Head
(2) Private HH, Foreign HH-Head
(3) Institutional. HH, German HH-Head
(4) Institutional. HH, Foreign HH-Head
(5) Not Compl. Private HH, German HH-Head
(6) Not Compl. Private HH, Foreign HH-Head
(7) Not Compl. Institutional. HH, German HH-Head
(8) Not Compl. Institutional. HH, Foreign HH-Head

$ - Wave : $=A.. Z, BA, BC
$$$$ - year : $$1984..2012
Var format : $HPOP (I2)

Comment: $POP was derived from $WUM2 (in $HBRUTTO differentiating private from institutional households) as well as $PNAT and $STELL (nationality and relationship to HH head in $PBRUTTO). Missing values are imputed taking into account respondent’s history. Thus the only admissible missing value is “-2”, which means “does not apply”. The variable is therefore of particular importance, as it is used to compute cross-sectional weights. The variable corresponds with $POP in PPFAD.

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