

PFLEGE

Generated Person-Level Invalidity-Care-Variables
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For waves 2 onward (survey years 1985 onward) a person-level file was created based on information gathered in the household questionnaire concerning the invalidity-care file PFLEGE.

The following variables are provided in File PFLEGE:

HHNR Household identifier of first wave
PERSNR Unique person identifier of person in need of care
ERHEBJ Survey Year = 1985, 1986,... and onward

MAXGRAD: This variable represents the extent of invalidity (in need of care). Only the highest level of invalidity is given. Please note that invalidity has been measured differently starting in 1991 as compared to the previous years 1985-1990. Excluding missing values, MAXGRAD can take on the values 1 (lowest care level) to 5 (highest care level). Further, care level 3 occurs only from 1985-1990, and care level 2 and 4 occur only starting in 1991 onward. The following is a list of the care levels:

- 1 Person requires help only with chores/shopping outside of household
- 2 Person requires help with running the household, preparing meals and drinks (only asked starting 1991)
- 3 Person is not confined to a bed, but needs help with daily household tasks (only asked from 1985-1990).
- 4 Person requires minor care, such as help with dressing, washing up, combing hair, shaving (only asked starting 1991)
- 5 Person is confined to bed (bed-ridden) on a long-term basis, and/or needs mayor care such as getting in and out of bed, bowel movements (only asked starting 1991)

MULTGRAD: Since survey year 1991 multiple answers can be given with respect to the extent of care. MULTGRAD combines the multiple answers in one variable. The first of the five digits represent - e.g. 10000 - represents the lowest level of invalidity. The fifth digit - e.g. 00001 = 1 - gives the highest level of invalidity. If a household indicate all levels of invalidity (this is possible since survey year 1991), MULTGRAD takes the value 11011 (since 1991 code 3 is no longer asked).

1. digit=1 'help with errands outside of the house'
2. digit=1 'help with running the household'

3. digit=1 'help with daily household tasks 1985-1990'
4. digit=1 'help with minor care'
5. digit=1 'help with major care'

PNRCARE: This variable provides the unique person identifier of the person who cares for someone in the household.

WERPFLGT: This variable provides information about persons who care. This is a combined information on the lines of MULTGRAD. A value of 011000 or rather 11000 indicates that friends and neighbors are take care. Information about persons taking care is only asked in the survey years 1985-1990, 1997 and since 1999. Since 1999 code 6 is asked the first time. Code Code 7 was only asked in the survey years 1985 to 1990.

1. digit=1 'public or church nurse, social worker'
2. digit=1 'friends'
3. digit=1 'neighbors'
4. digit=1 'relatives in the household'
5. digit=1 'relatives not in the household'
6. digit=1 'private care service'
7. digit=1 'no special care is needed'

STUFE: Care level. Information is asked since 2001.

PAY: Variable indicates whether care is provided for pay. Information is asked since 2004.

FURTHER: number of further persons requiring help
Information is asked since 2009.

CARECOST: regular monthly costs for care
Information is asked since 2010.

VALUE LABELS	MAXGRAD	Errandoutsidehh1 Running the hh 2 Dailytasksinhh 3 Simplecaretasks4 Difficcaretasks5
VAR LABELS	HHNR	'Unique Household-ID'/
	PERSNR	'Unique Person-Id'/
	ERHEBJ	'Survey Year'/
	MAXGRAD	'Level of invalidity'/
	MULTGRAD	'Invalidity categories'/
	WERPFLGT	'Who cares'/
	PNRCARE	'Unique Person-ID who cares'/
	STUFE	'Care level'/
	PAY	'Care for pay'/
	FURTHER	'number of further person req. help'/

CARECOST 'monthly care costs in Euro' /