

Recent, Ongoing and Planned Innovation Projects for the SOEP Survey

Innovation Projects 2001 - 2008

- Introduction of event/age-specific questionnaires
 - newborns
 - toddlers
 - preschoolers
 - youth
 - emigrants
- Identification of twins
- Running retest studies in main samples
- Introduction of questions about personal traits
- Introduction of a new module on individual wealth holdings
- Two pretests of web-based surveying
- Measuring above and beyond “survey questions”
 - evaluation of health (by taking grip strength)
 - behavioral experiments
 - evaluation of cognitive abilities
- Improvements of imputation techniques
- Improvement of industry (NACE) and ISCO coding – ready for ISCO2008
- Linking neighborhood data to SOEP households (“microm data”)
- Linking geographical codes to SOEP households
- Establishment of an interviewer survey
- (Test) survey of attriters

Ongoing Innovation Projects

- Link to remote sensing data
- Sampling twins as a related sample (pretest study)
- Test of fully web-based SOEP questionnaires
- Test of mobile-phone-based interviewing and assessments
- Test of the event-triggered questionnaire “The Deceased Person” (in main SOEP wave of 2009)
- Test of statistical matching: SOEP and Social Security Register Data
- Pretests on educational aspirations of parents
- Pretest on factorial design (“vignettes approach”)
- Pretests evaluating the cognitive and non-cognitive skills of preschoolers and links with educational institutions (day care, school)
- Pretests of saliva sample collection

Innovation Projects in Planning Stage

- Pretest on the longitudinal impact of incentives
- Pretest on better measurement of incomes, savings and expenditures
- Standardization of personality indicators, mood and emotions
- Event-triggered questionnaire for (children 8-9 years of age)