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1 Primary Key, Foreign Keys and Sample Information

hid – Current Wave HH Number

-1	No answer	0
-2	Does not apply	0
-3	Implausible value	0
-4	Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	Question this year not part of survey	0
-9	Missing due to a terminated interview	0

The members and configuration of a household with a given ID (HID) can change between years. Depending on the respective research issue it may be necessary to check alterations using PPATHL, where persons are assigned to a household in each year.

syear – Survey Year

1998	373	
1999	388	
2000	405	
2001	428	
2002	432	
2003	443	
2004	451	
2005	463	
2006	477	
2007	476	
2008	471	
2009	1960	
2010	2223	
2011	1840	
2012	4610	
... (6 rows omitted)	37294	
2019	4054	
2020	4687	
2021	2558	
2022	3635	
2023	13166	
2024	4682	
-1	No answer	0
-2	Does not apply	0
-3	Implausible value	0
-4	Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	Only available in less restricted edition	0

-8	Question this year not part of survey	0
-9	Missing due to a terminated interview	0

Survey year (Reference Year for survey instruments)

cid – Original Household Number, Case ID

-1	No answer	0
-2	Does not apply	0
-3	Implausible value	0
-4	Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	Question this year not part of survey	0
-9	Missing due to a terminated interview	0

Case Id - Household Source Identifier (fixed). The fixed household source id point to the first SOEP ancestor households to which current households can be traced back to. This variable is relevant for sampling information and calculating the weights.

sample1 – Subsample Identifier

1	A German HH Head, West, 1984	0
2	B1 Turkish HH Head, 1984	0
3	B2 Yugoslav HH Head, 1984	0
4	B3 Greek HH Head, 1984	0
5	B4 Italian HH Head, 1984	0
6	B5 Spanish HH Head, 1984	0
7	C German HH Head, East, 1990	0
8	D1 Immigrant W. Germany (1984-1994), 1994/95	0
9	D2 Immigrant W. Germany (1984-1994), 1994/95	0
10	E1 Refreshment (PAPI), 1998	5027
11	E2 Refreshment (CAPI), 1998	4700
12	F1 Refreshment, 2000	0
13	F2 Refreshment, Additional Foreigner Addresses, 2000	0
15	G2 High Income, 2002	0
16	H Refreshment, 2006	0
...	(23 rows omitted)	75789
61	L2/3 FiD Screening, Single Parent, 2010/11	0
62	L2/3 FiD Screening, Families with Several Children, 2010/11	0
63	L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2007, 2010/11	0
64	L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2008, 2010/11	0
65	L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2009, 2010/11	0
66	L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2010, 2010/11	0
-1	No answer	0
-2	Does not apply	0

-3	Implausible value	0
-4	Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	Question this year not part of survey	0
-9	Missing due to a terminated interview	0

2 Survey History

hnetto – Aktueller Befragungsstatus

1	Successful HH Interview	53585
2	HH In Brutto Only	31931
3	unsuccessful, initial gross sample	0
-1	No answer	0
-2	Does not apply	0
-3	Implausible value	0
-4	Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	Question this year not part of survey	0
-9	Missing due to a terminated interview	0

Wave-specific survey status: for HNETTO=1 there is a HH interview in the respective year, i.e. an entry in the file HL. 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). HNETTO=3 indicates unrealized Households of new samples in HBRUTT-Files.

3 Basic Demographic Information

sampreg – Aktuelle Stichprobenregion

1	West-Germany	67808
2	East-Germany	15066
-1	No answer	0
-2	Does not apply	84
-3	Implausible value	0
-4	Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	Question this year not part of survey	2558
-9	Missing due to a terminated interview	0

The variable SAMPREG tells whether a HH was located in West or East Germany in the respective year. This variable approximates also former regional differences within Berlin according to zip-codes.

hpop – Aktuelle Populationszugehoerigkeit

1	Private HH, German HH-Head	48929
2	Private HH, Foreign HH-Head	2278
3	Institutionalized HH, German HH-Head	226
4	Institutionalized HH, Foreign HH-Head	26
-1	No answer	0
-2	Does not apply	34057
-3	Implausible value	0
-4	Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	Question this year not part of survey	0
-9	Missing due to a terminated interview	0

POP was derived from WUM2 in HBRUTTO as well as PNAT_V* and STELL_V* (nationality and relationship to head of household in PBRUTTO). Missing values were imputed based on the person's history. Thus, the only admissible missing value is –2, meaning not applicable. This variable is therefore particularly important, as it enters into the determination of cross-sectional weights. The variable corresponds with POP in PPATH/L.

4 Weighting

hbleib – Inverse Staying Probability

-1	No answer	0
-2	Does not apply	0
-3	Implausible value	0
-4	Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	Question this year not part of survey	0
-9	Missing due to a terminated interview	0

inverse probability weights

hhrf – Weighting factor

-1	No answer	0
-2	Does not apply	0

-3	Implausible value	0
-4	Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
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-8	Question this year not part of survey	0
-9	Missing due to a terminated interview	0

standard household weight