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1 General Information

This file is designed to support longitudinal analysis linking personal information from various waves of SOEP-IS. Each person saved in at least one \$PBRUTTO file is also in PPFAD. The only sorting key (SORT-ID) is the unchanging person identification number PID. The variable CID contains the unchanging original household number whereas the variables HID\$\$ contain the current household number of the particular household in which the person lived and was interviewed at the time of the survey, either as an adult household member or child. The variables NETTO\$\$ give the wave-specific interview status or tell which file contains a person in a particular wave (\$P, \$KIND, etc.) or whether the person has left SOEP-IS. The variables \$HID and \$NETTO are coded “-2” for those waves in which a person is not yet or no longer part of the SOEP survey population. In addition, PPFAD contains basic demographic variables, which have been longitudinally tested to some extent:

- o SEX (sex)
- o GEBJAHR (4-digit birth year)
- o TODJAHR (4-digit year of death, if applicable)
- o IMMIYEAR (year of first immigration to Germany)
- o GERMBORN (born in Germany)
- o CORIGIN (country of origin)
- o MIGBACK (migration background)
- o MIGINFO (information source for MIGBACK)

It is recommended that these tested variables are used for cross-sectional and longitudinal analysis. These variables are adjusted on a wave-by-wave basis in the framework of demographic testing. Therefore, a small number of individuals from different original SOEP-IS households moved into the same household. These individuals share the same current household number for the current wave (HID) but have different original household numbers, CID. With the variable \$CASEMAT, these households are assigned the value of the CASE-ID (CID) that also needs to be taken into account. All other households are assigned the value -2.

Further methodological variables (year, four-digit):

- o EINTRITT: year a person joined SOEP-IS
- o AUSTRITT: year a person ultimately left SOEP-IS
- o ERSTBEFR: year of a person’s first interview
- o LETZTBEF: year of a person’s most recent interview

2 Variables in File PPFAD

cid – Original Household Number

pid – Never Changing Person ID

psample – Sample Member

? Please choose a sample! (*from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q2;sample[2245]*)

5	[5] E Refreshment 1998	1313
9	[9] I Incentivation 2009	3949
22	[22] S1 Supplementary 2012	2514
25	[25] S2 Supplementary 2013	2625
26	[26] S3 Supplementary 2014	1931
28	[28] Bonn Intervention Panel 2014	2183

32	[32] S4 Supplementary 2016	2265
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Unchanging sample information

sex – Sex

- ? What was your occupational status before moving to Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-a/Q5000:lsex[8656])
- ? The child is ... (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-a/Q224:lksex__1_2_3_4_5_6_7_8_9_10[13539])
- ? Please tell me the first name, date of birth and sex of these children. // Sex (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-f/Q178:hksex__a_b_c_d_e_f_g_h_i[])
- ? Name of the child is ... (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-f/Q224:lksex__1_2_3_4_5_6_7_8_9_10[])
- ? A000C // Sex (from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/A000C:lsex[2])
- ? <first name> is ... (from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/Q106:lksex[124])
- ? In what year were these children born? // Sex of child (from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/Q117A:hksex[163])
- ? Please give details of the target person // Sex (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-aufwuchs/A000C:lsex[366])
- ? Please give the following informations on the target person // Sex (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-haupt/A000C:lsex[1331])
- ? Please give details of the target person // Sex (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-a/A000C:lsex[2083])
- ? Please give details of the target person // Sex (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-f/A000C:LSEX[1633])
- ? Please give details of the target person // Sex (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/A000C:lsex[2722])
- ? Please give details of the target subject (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q5;lsex[2829])
- ? Please tell us for each of those children name, year of birth and sex. (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q195;[3056])
- ? the child not living in the household is ... (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q234A:lksexx[3097])
- ? In which year and month is <first name> born? // Month of birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q235A:LKGEBMOX[3098])

1	[1] Male	8214
2	[2] Female	8535
-1	[-1] No Answer	31
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Respondent's sex, longitudinally tested.

gebjahr – Year Of Birth

- ? In which year are you born? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-a/Q6000:lgeb[8657])
- ? In which year and month is <first name> born? // Year of birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-a/Q225:lkgeb__1_2_3_4_5_6_7_8_9_10[13540])
- ? Your date of birth: // 3 Year (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-f/PA2:lgeb[9697])
- ? According to "My Infratest", these are the children in your household that were born in 2000 or later. Please state whether these children still live in your household. // born: [year > 2000] (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-f/Q176:hkgeb__a_b_c_d_e_f_g_h_i[])
- ? In which year and month is <first name> born? // Year of birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-f/Q225:lkgeb__1_2_3_4_5_6_7_8_9_10[])
- ? A000C // Year of Birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/A000C:lgeb[2])
- ? What year was <first name> born? // Year of birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/Q107:lkgeb[125])
- ? In what year were these children born? // Year of birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/Q117A:hkgeb[163])
- ? Please give details of the target person // Year of birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-aufwuchs/A000C:lgeb[366])
- ? Please give the following informations on the target person // Year (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-haupt/A000C:lgeb[1331])
- ? Please give details of the target person // Year of birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-a/A000C:lgeb[2083])
- ? Please give details of the target person // Year of birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-f/A000C:5[1633])
- ? Please give details of the target person // Year of birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/A000C:lgeb[2722])
- ? In which year and month are you born? // Year (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q6:LGEB[3556])
- ? Please tell us for each of those children name, year of birth and sex. (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q195:[3056])
- ? the child not living in the household is ... (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q234A:lksexx[3097])
- ? In which year and month is <first name> born? // Year of birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q235A:LKGEbX[3098])

1907	1
1908	2
1909	1
1910	1
1913	1
1914	1
1915	1
1917	4
1918	3
1919	11
1920	6
1921	17
1922	19
1923	22
1924	25
... (84 rows omitted)	15570

2009	160
2010	144
2011	131
2012	120
2013	108
2014	96
2015	76
2016	68
2017	2
-1 [-1] No Answer	190
-2 [-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3 [-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4 [-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5 [-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6 [-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Respondent's year of birth, longitudinally tested.

gebmonat – Month Of Birth

- ? In which month are you born? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-a/Q7000:lgebmo[8658])
- ? Your date of birth: // 2 Month (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-f/PA2:lgebmo[9697])
- ? A000C // Month of Birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/A000C:lgebmo[2])
- ? In which month of the year <year> <first name> was born? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/Q117B:hkgebmo[164])
- ? Please give details of the target person // Month of birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-aufwuchs/A000C:lgebmo[366])
- ? Please give the following informations on the target person // Month (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-haupt/A000C:lgebmo[1331])
- ? Please give details of the target person // Month of birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-a/A000C:lgebmo[2083])
- ? Please give details of the target person // Month of birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-f/A000C:6[1633])
- ? Please give details of the target person // Month of birth (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/A000C:lgebmo[2722])
- ? In which month were you born? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q5:LGEBMO[2246])
- ? In which year and month are you born? // Month (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q6:LGEBMO[3556])

1 [1] January	1152
2 [2] February	1079
3 [3] March	1229
4 [4] April	1132
5 [5] May	1169
6 [6] June	1104
7 [7] July	1186
8 [8] August	1161
9 [9] September	1133
10 [10] October	1147

11	[11] November	1032
12	[12] December	1051
-1	[-1] No Answer	3205
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

gebmoval – Month Of Birth, Data Source

1	[1] Generated from data set pbrutto	2
2	[2] Reported by mother data set H	1
3	[3] Generated from data set P	3
4	[4] Info from data set biobirth/biobrthm	409
5	[5] Info from data set OLDER THAN 48 MONTH	1822
6	[6] Info from data set 24 TO 47 MONTH	181
7	[7] Info from data set 0 TO 23 MONTH	360
8	[8] Info from data set BIOAGE08b	0
9	[9] Info from data set BIOAGE08a	17
10	[10] Info from data set BIOAGE06	27
11	[11] Info from data set BIOAGE03	26
12	[12] Info from data set BIOAGE01	110
13	[13] Info from data set YOUTH	120
14	[14] Info from data set S	775
15	[15] Info from data set LELA	9722
-1	[-1] No Answer	3205
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

GEBMOVAL: Data source on month of birth.

erstbefr – Year First Surveyed

1998	724
1999	38
2000	22
2001	25
2002	27
2003	33
2004	15
2005	25
2006	22
2007	30
2008	15
2009	2451

2010		276
2011		98
2012		1711
2013		2000
2014		2302
2015		255
2016		1730
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	4981
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

letztbef – Year Of Last Survey

1998		6
1999		14
2000		17
2001		16
2002		13
2003		15
2004		15
2005		18
2006		29
2007		15
2008		12
2009		663
2010		377
2011		514
2012		569
2013		743
2014		942
2015		724
2016		7097
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	4981
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

eintritt – Year First Contacted

1998		936
1999		27
2000		16
2001		27
2002		20
2003		30

2004	25
2005	18
2006	28
2007	25
2008	13
2009	3454
2010	296
2011	96
2012	2391
2013	2606
2014	4096
2015	213
2016	2463
-1 [-1] No Answer	0
-2 [-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3 [-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4 [-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5 [-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6 [-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

austritt – Year Of Last Contact

1999	3
2000	13
2001	20
2002	13
2003	15
2004	20
2005	11
2006	23
2007	31
2008	27
2009	18
2010	709
2011	648
2012	548
2013	746
2014	945
2015	1328
2016	11662
-1 [-1] No Answer	0
-2 [-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3 [-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4 [-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5 [-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6 [-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

todjahr – Year Died, 4 Digits

2011	16
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2012	34
2013	37
2014	44
2015	59
2016	53
-1 [-1] No Answer	0
-2 [-2] Does Not Apply	16537
-3 [-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4 [-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5 [-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6 [-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

todinfo – Year Died, Information Source

1 [1] From Annual Survey	243
-1 [-1] No Answer	0
-2 [-2] Does Not Apply	16537
-3 [-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4 [-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5 [-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6 [-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

For all persons who have been identified as deceased over the course of SOEP, the variable TODINFO gives the source of this information. The variable TODJAHR contains the four-digit year of death or a missing value code:

(-2): persons, for whom it is unknown whether they are deceased (that is, both persons still living up to that wave, and persons whose exact whereabouts is unknown and have dropped out of SOEP-IS)

(-1): persons, for whom the fact of death is known, but the year of death is unknown.

####: factual year of death for persons whose death could be firmly established

The information is taken from the annual survey or/and the question about family events in the personal questionnaire.

loc1989 – Where did you live in 1989?

? Where did you live before German reunification, that is, before 1989? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-a/Q173;lwied[4026])

? Where did you live before German reunification, i.e. before 1989? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-f/Q173;lwied[3053])

? Where did you live before German reunification, i.e. before 1989? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/Q112;lwied[158])

? Where did you live before German reunification, i.e. before 1989? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-aufwuchs/Q112;lwied[447])

? Where did you live before German reunification, i.e. before 1989? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-haupt/Q115;lwied[447])

? Where did you live before German reunification, i.e. before 1989? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-a/Q147;lwied[447])

? Where did you live before German reunification, i.e. before 1989? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-f/Q147;lwied[447])

? Where did you live before German reunification, i.e. before 1989? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q129;lwied[447])

? Where did you live before German reunification, i.e. before 1989? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q129;lwied[447])

? Where did you live before German reunification, i.e. before 1989? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q190;lwied[3053])

1	[1] East Germany (GDR) incl. East Berlin	1928
2	[2] West Germany (FRG) incl. West Berlin	6828
3	[3] Abroad	924
4	[4] Born 1989 or later	5014
-1	[-1] No Answer	83
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	1940
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	63
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable's information is mainly based upon the corresponding question in the biography questionnaire. Additionally, persons who answered 'East Germany' or 'West Germany' but stated that they immigrated after 1989 were corrected to '[3] Abroad'. Persons who initially answered 'Abroad' but also stated that they immigrated to Germany before 1989 were corrected to '[-3] Answer Improbable'.

For individuals with the values '[-1] No Answer' or '[-2] Does Not Apply' no valid information could be generated. Note that '[-2] Does Not Apply' is assigned to adults who never answered an individual questionnaire. Persons with NETTO\$ codes between 210 and 229 are coded to '[-1] No Answer' if relevant information is missing.

germborn - Born In Germany Or Immigration Prior To 1949

? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-a/Q131;lsta1[87])

? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-f/Q131;lsta1[413])

? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/Q67;lsta1[87])

? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-aufwuchs/Q67;lsta1[413])

? Now we would like to know something about you personally. Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-haupt/Q72;lsta1[1385])

? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-a/Q108;lsta1[413])

? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-f/Q108;lsta1[413])

? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q94;lsta1[413])

? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q94;lsta1[413])

? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q153;lsta1[413])

1	[1] Immigrant Before 49 Or German Born	13245
2	[2] Immigrant > 1948	1580
-1	[-1] No Answer	107
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	1848
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable's information is mainly based upon the corresponding question in the biography questionnaire. Additionally, persons who stated that they immigrated to Germany before 1949 were automatically assigned the value '[1] Immigrant Before 49 Or German Born'. For children (NETTO\$ codes between 220 and 229) their parents' information about birthplace and year of immigration was used to generate the variable whereby single parenthood was taken into consideration as well.

For individuals with the values '[-1] No Answer' or '[-2] Does Not Apply' no valid information could be generated. Note that '[-2] Does Not Apply' is assigned to adults who never answered an individual questionnaire. Persons with NETTO\$ codes between 210 and 229 are coded to '[-1] No Answer' if relevant information is missing.

immiyear – Year Of Immigration To Germany After 1948

- ? When did you move to the Federal Republic of Germany? // In year: (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-a/Q133:lzug01[89])
- ? When did you move to the Federal Republic of Germany? // Year: (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-f/Q133:lzug01[1743])
- ? When did you move to the Federal Republic of Germany? // In year: (from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/Q69:lzug01[89])
- ? When did you move to the Federal Republic of Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-aufwuchs/Q69;lzug01[414])
- ? When did you move to the Federal Republic of Germany? // Year (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-haupt/Q74:lzug01[1386])
- ? When did you move to the Federal Republic of Germany? // Year: (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-a/Q110:lzug01[89])
- ? When did you move to the Federal Republic of Germany? // Year: (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-f/Q110:LZUG01[1743])
- ? When did you move to the Federal Republic of Germany? // Year: (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q96:lzug01[89])
- ? When did you move to Germany? // Year: (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q96:LZUG01[1386])
- ? When did you move to Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q155;lzug01[3023])

1949	3
1950	1
1951	1
1952	2
1953	1
1954	2
1955	2
1956	4
1957	8
1958	4
1959	3
1960	5
1961	7
1962	3
1963	5
... (44 rows omitted)	1290
2008	21
2009	20

2010		20
2011		26
2012		20
2013		29
2014		19
2015		21
2016		4
-1	[-1] No Answer	1441
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	13596
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	222
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable's information is mainly based upon the corresponding question in the biography questionnaire. Additionally, persons who stated that they were born in Germany were assigned the value '[-2] Does Not Apply' as well as those stating that they immigrated to Germany before 1949. For children (NETTO\$ codes between 220 and 229) their parents' information about birthplace and year of immigration was used to generate the variable whereby single parenthood was taken into consideration as well.

For individuals with the value '[-1] No Answer' no valid information could be generated. Note that '[-1] No Answer' in immiyear includes—other than in germborn—persons with all NETTO\$ codes. Due to '[-2] Does Not Apply' meaning that no immigration occurred no distinction between those with invalid NETTO\$ codes and those with real missing information could be made for immiyear. '[-3] Answer Improbable' reports a conflict between information from different biography variables.

corigin – Country Of Origin

- ? What country were you born in? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-a/Q132;lsta2__nr[8764])
- ? What country were you born in? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-f/Q132;lsta__2_nr[1742])
- ? What country were you born in? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/Q68;lsta2[88])
- ? What country were you born in? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-aufwuchs/Q68;lsta2[88])
- ? What country were you born in? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-haupt/Q73;lsta2[88])
- ? What country were you born in? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-a/Q109;lsta2[88])
- ? What country were you born in? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-f/Q109;lsta2[1742])
- ? What country were you born in? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q95;lsta2[88])
- ? What country were you born in? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q95;lsta2[1742])
- ? What country were you born in? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q154;lsta2[88])

1	[1] Germany	13245
2	[2] Turkey	193
3	[3] Ex-Yugoslavia	15
4	[4] Greece	26
5	[5] Italy	59
6	[6] Spain	8
7	[7] Ex-GDR (Country Of Origin Only)	2
10	[10] Austria	39
11	[11] France	21

12	[12] Benelux	0
13	[13] Denmark	2
14	[14] Great Britain	17
15	[15] Sweden	1
16	[16] Norway	0
17	[17] Finland	6
...	(156 rows omitted)	1186
174	[174] Madagascar	1
175	[175] Grenada	0
176	[176] Lesotho	0
177	[177] Bhutan	1
178	[178] Rwanda	0
179	[179] Malawi	0
180	[180] Bessarabia	0
222	[222] Eastern Europe	0
333	[333] unspec. foreign country	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	106
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	1630
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	222
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable's information is mainly based upon the corresponding question in the biography questionnaire. Additionally, persons with NETTO\$ codes between 210 and 229 and GERMBORN equal to '[1] Immigrant Before 49 Or German Born' are assigned a '[1] Germany' in CORIGIN. If information about the place of birth is missing and GERMBORN is equal to '[2] Immigrant > 1948' valid information about each person's nationality is used to generate CORIGIN.

For individuals with the values '[-1] No Answer' or '[-2] Does Not Apply' no valid information could be generated. Note that '[-2] Does Not Apply' is assigned to adults who never answered an individual questionnaire. Persons with NETTO\$ codes between 210 and 229 are coded to '[-1] No Answer' if relevant information is missing. '[-3] Answer Improbable' reports a conflict between information from different biography variables.

migback - Migration Background

- ? Were you born in Germany? (*from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-a/Q131;lsta1[87]*)
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (*from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-a/Q134;lsta1a[90]*)
- ? Were you born in Germany? (*from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-f/Q131;lsta1[413]*)
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (*from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-f/Q134;lsta1a[415]*)
- ? Were you born in Germany? (*from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/Q67;lsta1[87]*)
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (*from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/Q70;lsta1a[90]*)
- ? Were you born in Germany? (*from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-aufwuchs/Q67;lsta1[413]*)
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (*from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-aufwuchs/Q70;lsta1a[415]*)
- ? Now we would like to know something about you personally. Were you born in Germany? (*from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-haupt/Q72;lsta1[1385]*)
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (*from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-haupt/Q75;lsta1a[415]*)
- ? Were you born in Germany? (*from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-a/Q108;lsta1[413]*)

- ? Do you have German citizenship? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-a/Q111;lsta1a[415])
- ? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-f/Q108;lsta1[413])
- ? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q94;lsta1[413])
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q97;lsta1a[415])
- ? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q94;lsta1[413])
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q97;lsta1a[415])
- ? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q153;lsta1[413])
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q156;lsta1a[415])

1	[1] No Migration Background	9778
2	[2] Direct Migration Background	1580
3	[3] Indirect Migration Background	1936
4	[4] Migration Background, Not Differentiable	149
-1	[-1] No Answer	1698
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	1639
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

MIGBACK provides information on migration background. It considers the nationality of the individual, his/her migration history as well as that of his/her parents. In order to do so information on country of birth, citizenship and its change over time (in case of naturalization for example), and if available, parental information (direct information or proxy information) are combined. Direct/Indirect migration background indicates whether the person immigrated by him/herself (direct migration background) or if she/he is of migrant origin but born in Germany (indirect migration background). That applies for children with parents who have an indirect migration background. Respondents assigned the code 4 have a migration background. As the information on the region of birth is missing, it is not possible to know whether they migrated by themselves or if they were born in Germany.

Note that code '1] No Migration Background' also includes persons of German nationality born in Germany whose parental information are not available. Some of them might be migrants' offspring. Thus, the MIGBACK variable slightly underestimates the number of persons belonging to code '3] Indirect Migration Background'.

Note that in principle, an individual who gains a foreign nationality will be classified as being of migrant origin even if this was not the case before. Thus, the migration background variable as applied in SOEP-IS takes a retrospective perspective and will be updated every year.

Ethnic German repatriates ("Spät-/Aussiedler") in this classification are coded '2] Direct Migration Background'. Foreigners who were born in Germany and naturalized are coded '3] Indirect Migration Background'.

In order to provide the highest possible transparency we include a variable informing about the sources used to create the migration background variable. This information is provided in MIGINFO.

For individuals with the values '[-1] No Answer' or '[-2] Does Not Apply' no valid information could be generated. Note that '[-2] Does Not Apply' is assigned to adults who never answered an individual questionnaire. Persons with NETTO\$ codes between 210 and 229 are coded to '[-1] No Answer' if relevant information is missing.

miginfo – Information Source of MIGBACK

- ? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-a/Q131;lsta1[87])
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-a/Q134;lsta1a[90])
- ? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-f/Q131;lsta1[413])
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2016-f/Q134;lsta1a[415])
- ? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/Q67;lsta1[87])
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2011/Q70;lsta1a[90])
- ? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-aufwuchs/Q67;lsta1[413])
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-aufwuchs/Q70;lsta1a[415])
- ? Now we would like to know something about you personally. Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-haupt/Q72;lsta1[1385])
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2012-haupt/Q75;lsta1a[415])
- ? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-a/Q108;lsta1[413])
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-a/Q111;lsta1a[415])
- ? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2013-f/Q108;lsta1[413])
- ? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q94;lsta1[413])
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-a/Q97;lsta1a[415])
- ? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q94;lsta1[413])
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q97;lsta1a[415])
- ? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q153;lsta1[413])
- ? Do you have German citizenship? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2015/Q156;lsta1a[415])

1	[1] Direct Personal w/o Parental Info	8440
2	[2] Proxy Personal w/o Parental Info	23
3	[3] Direct Personal With Parental Info	799
4	[4] Proxy Personal With Parental Info	4181
5	[5] Only Parental Info And Place Of Birth	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	1698
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	1639
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The MIGINFO variable informs on the information used to generate MIGBACK. There are two distinctions between used information. Firstly, the personal information. Either it stems from the interviewee or it is reported by someone else. Secondly, there is a further differentiation between persons for which we have parental information and those whose parents were not interviewed.

Direct information stem from the respondent (NATION\$, GERMBORN or variables about citizenship acquisition in \$P). A person's migration background is based on proxy information if at least one used information is either reported by the parents or by the interviewer (PNAT\$ out of \$PBRUTTO or the respective Infratest information).

For individuals with the values '[-1] No Answer' or '[-2] Does Not Apply' no valid information could be generated. Note that '[-2] Does Not Apply' is assigned to adults who never answered an individual questionnaire. Persons with NETTO\$ codes between 210 and 229 are coded to '[-1] No Answer' if relevant information is missing.

netto\$ – Current Wave Survey Status [in year] [generic]

210	[210] Interviewee With Successful Interview (_P)	713
212	[212] Individual Questionnaire And Person Biography	0
213	[213] Individual Questionnaire And Youth Biography	0
214	[214] Individual Questionnaire And Other Questionnaires	0
215	[215] Individual Questionnaire And Experiments, Test	0
216	[216] Individual Questionnaire, First Time Surveyed, 17 Years	11
217	[217] Youth Biography First Time Surveyed, 17 Years	0
218	[218] Individual Questionnaire And Child und 17 Years	0
219	[219] Individual Questionnaire Without Household Interview	0
220	[220] Children in Successfully Interviewed Households (_Kind)	187
221	[221] Children With Mother-Child Questionnaire_I, 0-1 Year	0
222	[222] Children With Mother-Child Questionnaire_II, 2-3 Year	0
223	[223] Children With Mother-Child Questionnaire_III, 5-6 Year	0
224	[224] Parents with children 7-8 year	0
225	[225] Parents with children 9-10 year	0
...	(13 rows omitted)	25
289	[289] Repatriate - (was drop out [90])	0
290	[290] Individual Dropouts PBR_EXIT	0
291	[291] Moved abroad	0
292	[292] Moved abroad (abroad)	0
293	[293] Moved abroad (exit)	0
294	[294] Person Gap with advices	0
297	[297] advice to dead person (exit)	0
298	[298] advice to dead person (_VP)	0
299	[299] Died	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	15844
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

NETTO\$ follows the SOEP logic in principle, although some of the provided value labels are not relevant for SOEP-IS at the moment. The main difference is that SOEP-IS uses 3-digit numbers and features an integrated personal interview, capturing the biography information as well as the personal information (code 210). If a person does not fill out the questionnaire, the code is set 230. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessarily generic.]

pop\$ – Sample Membership [in year] [generic]

1	[1] Private HH, German HH-Head	911
2	[2] Private HH, Foreign HH-Head	25
3	[3] Institutional. HH, German HH-Head	0
4	[4] Institutional. HH, Foreign HH-Head	0
5	[5] Not Compl. Private HH, German HH-Head	0
6	[6] Not Compl. Private HH, Foreign HH-Head	0
7	[7] Not Compl. Institutional. HH, German HH-Head	0

8	[8] Not Compl. Institutional. HH, Foreign HH-Head	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	15844
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

POP\$ was derived from \$WUM2 (see private household, institutional household in \$HBRUTTO) as well as \$PNAT and \$STELL (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. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessarily generic.]

hid\$ - Current Wave Household Number [in year] [generic]

Identifier for the household (HHNRAKT) in which a person lived at the time of the interview. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessarily generic.]

sampreg\$ - Current Sample Region [in year] [generic]

1	[1] West-Germany	767
2	[2] East-Germany	169
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	15844
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Households have been identified as living in either in the West or the East sample region. This information is time-dependent; thus for each year, there is the wave-specific information SAMPREG\$.

For analyses differentiating between East and West Germany, the current sample region variable SAMPREG\$ should be used, and not the time-independent original sample variable PSAMPLE. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessarily generic.]

casemat\$ - Case Match, Combined Panel Households [in year] [generic]

0	[0] CASE With HH Details	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	16780
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

For Wave 2010 of SOEP-IS, we had two individuals from different original households (CASES) living in one common household. In this case, people with identical values for HID in one wave have different values for CID (CASE-ID).

The CASEMAT\$ variable is assigned a value only for those persons living in the households described above, and contains the CID of the other household members.

This information is not relevant when linking person and household data based on the current household number HID in non-hierarchically structured databanks. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessarily generic.]