

# The German Family Panel

## Overview of Available Information (Release 9.0)

### The Design of the German Family Panel

- The pairfam reference paper (Huinink et al., 2011) is an introduction to the conceptual framework of the German Family Panel.
- The [Technical Paper No. 01](#) describes the pairfam design, provides a summary of sampling and response rates, and compares pairfam with other benchmark data.

### pairfam Data

- The pairfam scientific use file can be ordered using the [application form](#). All data sets are available in SPSS and Stata formats, with English and German labels.
- The pairfam data are archived and described in the [GESIS data catalog](#).
- The [data manual](#) gives a description of the pairfam data sets and explains their file structure. It documents how data sets and generated variables have been constructed. **It is strongly recommended that pairfam users familiarize themselves with the material presented in the data manual.**

### pairfam Variables

- The [variable lists](#) provide an overview of the complete set of variables with names and labels for all waves. They include notes on changes across the waves.
- A description of user-friendly generated variables and data sets is included in the [data manual](#).

### pairfam Questionnaires

- The [codebooks](#) document the pairfam questionnaires.
- The [scales manual](#) gives background information on the scales used in the pairfam questionnaires. It is accompanied by Stata / SPSS syntax files for computing the scales.

### Getting Started

- The [Quick Guide](#) is a short tutorial on working with pairfam data.
- There are Stata do-files ([Quick Starts](#)) for an easy start with the pairfam data. The Quick Starts show how common analysis problems can be solved. Adapting the Quick Starts will be an easy way to start your own analyses.

### Citation Rules

- The use of pairfam data in your work should be acknowledged by citing both the reference paper (Huinink et al., 2011) and the dataset (Brüderl et al., 2018 for release 9.0). For more details on the rules of pairfam citation, please see the pairfam [website](#).

### Staying up to date

- All relevant information and materials are available at [www.pairfam.de](http://www.pairfam.de).
- Users will be informed via our [Newsletter](#) about the progress of the pairfam project.
- Please contact our user support at [support@pairfam.de](mailto:support@pairfam.de) if you need further information.