



pairfam tutorial

10. Data access

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This tenth tutorial explains how to obtain access to the *pairfam* data, citation rules, and the rights and duties of data users.

Data access

Scientific Use File

- » Release 12.0 currently available
- » DOI: 10.4232/pairfam.5678.12.0.0
- » Distributed by GESIS Data Archive for Social Sciences (minimal fee of €30)
- » User agreement available at www.pairfam.de/en under Data > Data access
- » Send user agreement to support@pairfam.de

How can you access the *pairfam* data?

If you are an employee of a university or research institution, you can order the data for your own research purposes.

The Scientific Use File currently available is Release 12.0, which includes all data sets in both Stata and SPSS format plus documentation materials.

The data is distributed by the GESIS Data Archive for Social Sciences via a secure download link. GESIS charges 30 euro for the download.

The user agreement can be found on our homepage pairfam.de/en under Data Access.

To order the data, send in a completed and signed user agreement to the *pairfam* User Service at support@pairfam.de.

Data user types

- » Main user
- » Internal distribution
- » Teaching version

Are there different user types?

We distinguish 3 user types. Main users are employees of a university or research institution and must send in a user agreement form for each new release.

The internal distribution of *pairfam* data to a third party is authorized only if the recipient works in the context of the same research project or the same research institute specified in the user agreement form, or is a student using the data for an academic theses required by the degree program.

Students wishing to use the *pairfam* data for the preparation of a student thesis must therefore do so through their advisor by way of an internal distribution form available on the homepage and in the Scientific Use File.

The internal distribution form is valid independently of the specific release version, meaning that if you have previously signed an internal distribution form, you are permitted to provide data from the next release to the specific persons mentioned in the original form without completing a new distribution form.

The *pairfam* data can also be used for teaching purposes in the form of reduced data sets to protect respondent privacy. All users of the teaching version, including students, must sign a distribution form. The syntax required to generate the teaching version (50% of cases) is included in the Scientific Use File.

Informing the pairfam User Service

- » Any data distribution
- » Student thesis
- » Publications

When do you need to inform the *pairfam* User Service?

Users are obliged to complete the user agreement and to inform the *pairfam* User Support of any internal distribution of the data by sending a signed copy of the internal distribution form.

Students are obliged to inform the *pairfam* User Service about the title, submission date, and related institution of student theses a maximum of four weeks after submission.

By signing the user agreement, users are also obliged to notify the project of any publication resulting from the analysis of *pairfam* data no later than four weeks after its publication together with an electronic version of the content.

Citation rules

- » Citation rules listed on our website
- » Citation of both data and documentation
- » Acknowledgment

How do you properly cite the *pairfam* project?

We kindly request you to follow the citation rules listed on our website under Data – Citation.

Properly referencing the use of *pairfam* data is important for the research community and for demonstrating the scientific value of such a large-scale study.

Bibliographic details for referencing the data as well as the documentation, for example, the Data Manual, Scales Manual, or the Codebooks are available on our homepage.

Along with a proper citation of the material used, an acknowledgment of the principal investigators and funding of the project by the German Research Foundation should be included in the publication.

Permitted usage of data

- » Statistical analyses and academic research
- » Presentation and publication of analyses
- » Forwarding data to a third party
- » Safe storage of data

What are your rights and duties as a data user?

pairfam data may be used for statistical analyses and academic research.

Presentations and publications of analyses based on *pairfam* data are also permitted, if properly cited.

Forwarding data to a third party is allowed if the aforementioned conditions apply and if the third party completes a distribution form.

Data users are obliged to comply with the regulations of the General Data Protection Regulations and assure the safe storage of data.

Prohibited usage of data

- » Disclosure of anonymized statistical information
- » Attempts to identify individual respondents
- » Publication or presentation of single cases
- » Use of data for commercial/economic purposes
- » Transferring data to third parties without signing and sending in a distribution form
- » Distribution of data by students

The disclosure of any anonymized statistical information is prohibited, as well as attempts to identify individual respondents and the publication or presentation of single cases.

Moreover, the use of data for commercial or economic purposes is not allowed.

Transferring the data to a third party without completing a distribution form is also prohibited.

The *pairfam* data are to be handled confidentially.

Students are not allowed to distribute the data and are obliged to erase all data from their device after the completion of the course or project for which they used the data.

Thank you very much
for listening!

This marks the end of our introductory tutorials. My name is Kristin Hajek. Thank you for listening and good luck with your research!