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Dear colleagues,
Dear pairfam users,

We are pleased to announce that Release 10.0 of the pairfam data is now available. Data from the 10th survey wave have been fully processed and can be accessed immediately as part of the Release 10.0 Scientific Use File. Furthermore, we would like to inform you of further updates regarding the pairfam project, for example the International pairfam User Conference which took place in Cologne at the end of May.

Release 10.0 available with data from Wave 10

Release 10.0 is now obtainable, including the latest pairfam data from Wave 10. This survey wave (2017/2018) contains data from 4,750 anchor respondents, 1,799 partners, and 1,282 children. The anchor survey has been expanded to include new items regarding work flexibility and frequency of working from home, trust in people, use of dating apps, relationship status and former marriages of the current partner, physical conflict and cyber bullying during separation from a partner, the physical and psychological burden of menopause, the assessment of one's own social status, the importance of tidiness and housework, employment of housework help, and age at first ejaculation. Alteri surveys have also been updated to include new items: The children’s survey now incorporates items concerning personality traits (Big Five) as well as help with household chores and general satisfaction with life, and the partner survey now includes questions on the importance of tidiness and housework. An overview of the survey content for each individual wave can be found in the respective Codebooks and Variable Lists.

For the second time, the PAYA survey (“Parenting of Adolescents and Young Adults”) targeted at respondents’ relationships to their adolescent and young adult children (in addition to, and as a continuation of, the parenting survey), was implemented in Wave 10. This survey focuses on relationship quality and management between parents and their children, as well as items concerning parental roles.

New data from step-up respondents and their partners are also available. Each year, the sample sizes increase: 410 step-up respondents and 47 step-up partners are available as part of
Wave 10. For these respondents, questions regarding helicopter parenting, autonomy support, and methods to induce a pregnancy have been included. For the second time, additional questions for step-ups, who until Wave 8 received a drop-off questionnaire, were included into the standard CAPI interview. As a result, the separate transition questionnaire and data set for new step-ups are no longer necessary. Data and documentation for step-up respondents and the step-up partner survey are archived in a separate folder in the Scientific Use File. More information on step-up respondents is available in the Data Manual.

The Data Manual and the Scales and Instruments Manual have both been modified and updated accordingly for Release 10.0. The latter provides information on key item groups that are part of the various pairfam surveys. In addition, this manual presents guidelines for the creation of index variables and scales (including reliability scores) based on pairfam instruments used. Syntax files used to generate these scales are also part of the Scientific Use File.

As in previous years, all data sets are available as both Stata and SPSS files. We provide Stata data sets in Unicode, which was implemented in Stata 14.

In order to obtain data from Release 10.0, please proceed as follows:

Once the application form has been completed, signed, and sent to our user support team via e-mail, post, or fax, the Scientific Use File will be made available directly from the GESIS Data Service. Registered users of Release 9.0 or 9.1 data will receive data from Release 10.0 free of charge if the application form is sent to our user support office by September 30, 2019. It pays to be quick!

The pairfam data are to be used exclusively for scientific purposes by those persons indicated on the application form as part of the project or research plan noted. Data may be given to internal third parties if these a) will work with the pairfam data in the context of the project mentioned, or b) are students using the data for a paper or thesis. In both cases, the pairfam user support must be informed. Please fill out the distribution form on the pairfam website. In accordance with data protection laws and in order to keep our user database up to date, all parties (including students and research assistants) with access to pairfam data must complete and sign the distribution form. It is no longer possible to include multiple users on one application form. The distribution contract is valid independently of the specific release version. If you have previously signed a distribution contract with third parties, you are permitted to provide data from the next release to these specific persons without completing a new distribution form.
Release 10.0 also includes the syntax for a reduced teaching version with 50% of the observations. This version may be made available to students without filling out the distribution form.

Several Quick Start do-files that have been adjusted for working with data from Release 10.0 are available on our homepage. These syntax files have been made available to facilitate the introduction to analyses with pairfam data.

**Recent event: International pairfam User Conference in Cologne**

The 6th International pairfam User Conference took place on May 16th and 17th in Cologne. All research based on pairfam data, independent of topic, were able to be presented. Topics ranged from indicators on the partner market to housework distribution, sexual intercourse and infidelity in partnerships, fertility, child development, and child well-being in different family settings.

The conference program and further information are available on the pairfam homepage. Many thanks to all the participants for this interesting conference!

**pairfam Awards 2019**

In the course of this year’s International pairfam User Conference, two competitive awards were granted for excellent scientific work based of pairfam data. Two papers received the Best Publication Award:

- Tanskanen, Antti O. 2017. Intergenerational relations before and after offspring arrive: A within-person investigation. *Social Science Research* 67: 138-146. DOI: 10.1016/j.ssresearch.2017.08.001

The Best Presentation Award was won by Stephanie Hess and Matthias Pollmann-Schult for their presentation “Does maternal depression really lower child well-being? A comparison of parents’ and children’s (self-)assessment”.

Congratulations!

Awards were sponsored by Kantar Public.
Announcement: pairfam workshop in Mannheim

A pairfam workshop will take place on January 27 at the gesis institute in Mannheim. After an introduction to the design, sample, and data structure, we will provide participants with tips and tricks for cross-sectional data management, weighting options, and multi-actor links in the data. In addition, longitudinal data management as well as fixed effects regression techniques will be demonstrated with a practical orientation.

If you would like to organize an in-house course at your institute, please get in touch with our user support team.

Personnel changes in the pairfam team

As of March 2019, our long-standing colleague Dr. Bettina Müller from the LMU Munich left the project team. Thank you very much for your exceptional dedication. We wish you all the best for your professional and private future.

Renate Frister has taken over her data management responsibilities. In addition, Tita Gonzales Avilés joined the staff in Jena. Welcome to the team!

Recent Publications

These are the latest publications based on pairfam data:


Danielsbacka, Mirkka, Antti O. Tanskanen & Francesco C. Billari. 2019. Who meets online? Personality traits and sociodemographic characteristics associated with online partnering in Germany. Personality and Individual Differences 143: 139-144. DOI: 10.1016/j.paid.2019.02.024


The abstracts and/or summaries of each article can be accessed on our homepage.

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We wish you all the best for your research with pairfam data. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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