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Dear colleagues,

Dear pairfam users,

We are pleased to announce that Release 11.0 of the pairfam data is now available! Additionally, we would like to inform you about further updates regarding the pairfam project.

Release 11.0 available

Release 11.0 is now available, including the latest pairfam data from Wave 11. We are happy to inform you that Wave 11 not only includes data from the original pairfam sample, but also from more than 5,000 first-time interviewees as part of a **sample refreshment**. This sample includes new respondents from the two youngest birth cohorts (1981-1983 and 1991-1993), as well as a new cohort (2001-2003) with more than 2,400 anchor respondents. For the latter, retrospective questions concerning partnership, fertility, mobility, educational and employment histories, critical life events, origin, childhood history, and their childhood were asked in addition to questions covering their current situation. Further, the questionnaire for refreshment sample respondents of all cohorts includes items on personality traits (Big5), their own upbringing, sexual orientation, risk-taking behavior, and religiousness.

Data from these refreshment sample respondents is included in the data set *anchor11* (c.f. Figure 1). Additionally, refreshment sample respondents' partners and children were integrated into the respective Wave 11 alteri surveys. In order to easily identify the different survey groups, all data sets now contain the **new generated variable "sample"** with the categories "pairfam main sample", "DemoDiff sample" and "refreshment sample". We would like to draw your attention to the fact that the variable cohort is labeled "4" for the youngest survey group (c.f. Figure 1). Kantar's [methods report](#) on fieldwork details for the refreshment sample is available on the pairfam homepage (in German only). Additionally, [Technical Paper No. 01](#) and the [Data Manual](#) contain more detailed information on these new respondents.

The main **anchor survey** has been expanded to include new items on mothers' employment, marriage contracts, ElterngeldPlus, and the parenting cooperation of separated parents (co-parenting). Furthermore, Wave 11 includes data on social networks with a special emphasis on the use of mobile instant messaging within the family.

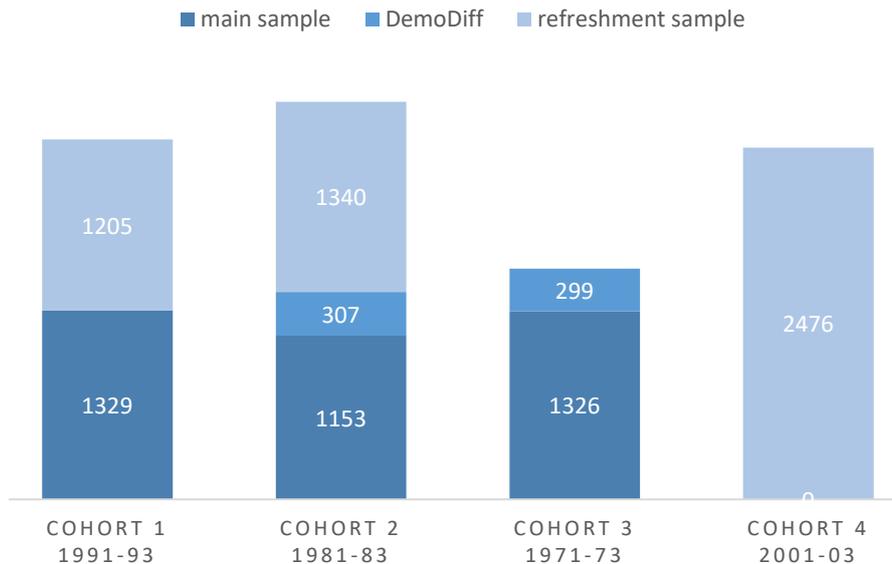


Figure 1: Wave 11 anchor samples

Also **new in Wave 11: Partners** were interviewed about their **children under the age of six** (data set *parentingu6partner11*), including questions concerning children’s temperament, sleep behavior, and stress caused by children. In addition, information on child behavior, parental roles, and parent-child interactions were collected for children aged three years and older. Furthermore, non-specific stress in the parental role and overprotectiveness have been included in the partner survey.

Additionally, Release 11.0 contains data from a **vignette study on the division of labor in relationships**. The data was collected as part of the wave 10 anchor questionnaire and can thus be found in the *anchor10* data set. Analyses of these vignette data are now possible with a decoding data set available in Release 11.0. The new [Technical Paper No. 14](#) on this topic is available on the pairfam homepage as of now.

An overview of the survey content for each individual wave can be found in the respective [Codebooks](#) and [Variable Lists](#).

The [Data Manual](#) and the [Scales Manual](#) have been modified and updated for release 11.0. The [Data Manual](#) now includes a section on the Event History Calendar (EHC) and a new chapter covering the refreshment sample. We strongly recommend reading the chapter “**pairfam Nuts and Bolts**” carefully before analyzing the data. For each release, this chapter includes key information, FAQs, and possible analysis difficulties. The [Scales Manual](#) 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. 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.

In order to **obtain data from Release 11.0**, please proceed as follows: Send your completed and signed [application](#) form to our [user support](#) team, preferably via e-mail. The Scientific Use File

will then be made available to you from the GESIS Data Service. Registered users of Release 10.0 will receive Release 11.0 free of charge if the application form is sent to our [user support](#) office by **September 30th, 2020**. It pays to be quick!

As a reminder, the pairfam data are to be used exclusively for **scientific purposes** only by those 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 their final 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. 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 distribute data from the current release to these specific persons without filling out a new distribution form.

We also provide a syntax file for a reduced **teaching version** containing 50 percent of cases. All users of the 50% teaching version must [now sign a form](#), available on the homepage and included in the Scientific Use File, which is to be sent to the pairfam [user service](#).

Several [Quick Start do-files](#), available on our website, have been adjusted for working with Release 11.0. These syntax files have been specifically designed to facilitate first analyses with pairfam data.

New Technical Papers on the children's module, the children questionnaire, and the parenting questionnaire

Three [new Technical Papers](#) are now available on the website as helpful overviews and general information on the children's modules, the children questionnaire, and the parenting questionnaire:

Nr. 11: Thönnissen, Carolin und Sabine Walper. 2020. Die Befragung der Kinder im deutschen Beziehungs- und Familienpanel pairfam: Sampling, Stichprobe und Erhebungsinstrumente.

Nr. 12: Wilhelm, Barbara und Sabine Walper. 2020. Die Kindermodule im Ankerinterview des Beziehungs- und Familienpanel pairfam: Übersicht, Stichprobe und Erhebungsprogramm.

Nr. 13: Wilhelm, Barbara und Sabine Walper. 2020. Die Erziehungsbefragung im Beziehungs- und Familienpanel pairfam: Übersicht, Stichprobe und Erhebungsprogramm.

Currently, these are only available in German. An English translation will be made available shortly.

Temporary halt of Wave 12 fieldwork due to COVID-19

In order to help slow the spread of the current pandemic, Wave 12 fieldwork was temporarily halted. The remaining interviews not conducted personally are currently being conducted via telephone. Initial feedback from both interviewers and respondents has been positive. For further information about the impact of COVID-19 on pairfam's fieldwork see Gummer et al. (2020; c.f.

“Recent Publications”).

Supplementary Corona Survey

Currently, pairfam is conducting a web-based survey to investigate the effects of the lockdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic on well-being and communal life (cf. Gummer et al. 2020). These data will most likely be made available as part of Release 12.0.

FReDA project approval

The maximum funding period for long-term projects funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) will be exhausted for pairfam in 2022. However, this is not the end of the panel - pairfam will continue in a modified form.

In January 2020, funding was approved for **FReDA - The Family Demographic Panel**. This new panel is a joint project of the University of Cologne, the University of Jena, the Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB), and GESIS. The survey’s focus will be on relationships, fertility intentions, new types of family constellations, family ties, and the intra-generational importance of the family. Both main respondents and their partners will be questioned on these topics biannually. The panel targets two different samples: First, individuals between 18 and 49 will be surveyed as part of the GGS (Generations and Gender Survey). Second, pairfam respondents of Wave 14 will be integrated into the FReDA panel. Further information on the research project can be found [here](#).

7th International pairfam Conference postponed

It was with great regret, due to the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, that the [7th International pairfam Conference](#) planned for this July at the Friedrich Schiller University had to be canceled. However, we were able to postpone the conference to next year. It is now scheduled to be held July 07- 09, 2021. We hope to see you then!

Personnel changes in the pairfam team

As of May 2020, our long-standing colleague [Dr. Christine Finn](#) from the Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena left the pairfam team. We thank her very much for her exceptional support and wish her all the best for the future! Her responsibilities have been assumed by [Dr. Elisabeth Borschel](#), previously part of the pairfam team in Jena within the context of Dr. Finn’s parental leave. A very warm welcome back to Dr. Borschel!

[Nina Schumann](#) (LMU Munich) has returned from parental leave in January 2020 and is once again responsible for the pairfam [user support](#). Welcome back!

While [Timo Peter](#) (University of Bremen) is on parental leave, [Katharina Timmermann](#) is taking over his responsibilities. Welcome!

Recent Publications

These are the latest publications based on pairfam data:

- Borowsky, Christine, Sonja Drobnič & Michael Feldhaus. 2020. Parental commuting and child well-being in Germany. *Journal of Family Research* (online first). DOI: 10.20377/jfr-370
- Bozoyan, Christiane & Claudia Schmiedeberg. 2020. Zufriedenheit in der Partnerschaft und Untreue: Ein Zusammenhang, zwei Richtungen. *KZfSS Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie* (online first). DOI: 0.1007/s11577-020-00660-9
- Castiglioni, Laura, Shih-cheng Lien, Christopher Peterle & Nadira Tursun. 2019. Impulse für die Weiterentwicklung der Familienerholung. Bericht zur quantitativen Sekundärdatenanalyse (Modul 1). *Deutsches Jugendinstitut e.V.*
- Finn, Christine, Matthew D. Johnson & Franz J. Neyer. 2020. Happily (n)ever after? Codevelopment of romantic partners in continuing and dissolving unions. *Developmental Psychology* 56.5: 1022–1028. DOI: 10.1037/dev0000897
- Gummer, Tobias, Claudia Schmiedeberg, Martin Bujard, Pablo Christmann, Karsten Hank, Tanja Kunz, Detlev Lück & Franz J. Neyer. 2020. The impact of COVID-19 on fieldwork efforts and planning in pairfam and FReDA-GGS. *Survey Research Methods* 14.2: 223-227. DOI: 10.18148/srm/2020.v14i2.7740
- Hämäläinen, Hans, Antti O. Tanskanen, Mirrka Danielsbacka & Bruno Arpino. 2020. Short-term reciprocity between adult children and parents: A within-person investigation of longitudinal data. *Advances in Life Course Research* 44. DOI: 10.1016/j.alcr.2020.100337
- Huss, Björn & Matthias Pollmann-Schult. 2020. Relationship Satisfaction Across the Transition to Parenthood: The Impact of Conflict Behavior. *Journal of Family Issues* 41.3: 383-411. DOI: 10.1177/0192513X19876084
- Hünteler, Bettina & Clara H. Mulder. 2020. Geographic Proximity to Parents, Intergenerational Support Exchange, and Migration within Germany. *European Journal of Population* (online first). DOI: 10.1007/s10680-020-09558-w
- Hünteler, Bettina & Martin Wetzels. 2020. Relationship-Based Selective Participation of Secondary Respondents in a German Multi-Actor Panel Study. *Journal of Marriage and Family* (online first). DOI: 10.1111/jomf.12671
- Jalovaara, Marika & Michaela Kreyenfeld. 2020. Childbearing Across Partnerships in Finland and Germany. In *Divorce in Europe*, European Studies of Population 21 edited by Dimitri Mortelmans, 315-336. Cham: Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-25838-2_15
- Krapf, Sandra & Michael Wagner. 2020. Housing Affordability, Housing Tenure Status and Household Density: Are Housing Characteristics Associated with Union Dissolution? *European Journal of Population* (online first). DOI: 10.1007/s10680-019-09549-6
- Li, Jianghong, Heike Ohlbrecht, Matthias Pollmann-Schult & Filip Elias Habib. 2020. Parents' nonstandard work schedules and children's social and emotional wellbeing: A mixed-methods analysis in Germany. *Journal of Family Research* (online first). DOI: 10.20377/jfr-371
- Morgan, Preston, Richard Dell'Isola, Bornell Nicholson & Chelsea Spencer. 2020. Stress generation theory in couples with depression: A latent profile analysis. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships* (online first). DOI: 10.1177/0265407520919992
- Mund, Marcus & Matthew D. Johnson. 2020. Lonely Me, Lonely You: Loneliness and the Longitudinal Course of Relationship Satisfaction. *Journal of Happiness Studies* (online first). DOI: 10.1007/s10902-020-00241-9
- Mund, Marcus & Steffen Nestler. 2019. Beyond the Cross-Lagged Panel Model: Next-generation

statistical tools for analyzing interdependencies across the life course. *Advances in Life Course Research* 41. DOI: 10.1016/j.alcr.2018.10.002

Ochnik, Dominika & Gal Slonim. 2020. Satisfaction with Singlehood in Never-Married Singles: The Role of Gender and Culture. *The Open Psychology Journal* 13: 17-26. DOI: 10.2174/1874350102013010017

Schmid, Matthias, Thomas Welchowski, Marvin N. Wright & Moritz Berger. 2020. Discrete-time survival forests with Hellinger distance decision trees. *Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery* 34: 812-832. DOI: 10.1007/s10618-020-00682-z

Schröder, Jette & Claudia Schmiedeberg. 2020. Effects of Partner Presence During the Interview on Survey Responses: The Example of Questions Concerning the Division of Household Labor. *Sociological Methods & Research* (online first). DOI: 10.1177/0049124120914938

Stenpaß, Anna & Stefanie Kley. 2020. It's getting late today, please do the laundry: The influence of long-distance commuting on the division of domestic labor. *Journal of Family Research* (early view). DOI: 10.20377/jfr-358

Van den Eynde, Annelies, Elke Claessens & Dimitri Mortelmans. 2020. The consequences of work-family conflict in families on the behavior of the child. *Journal of Family Research* 32.1: 123-144. DOI: 10.20377/jfr-355

Wagner, Michael. 2020. On Increasing Divorce Risks. In *Divorce in Europe*, European Studies of Population 21 edited by Dimitri Mortelmans, 37-61. Cham: Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-25838-2_3

Tanskanen, Antti O. & Mirkka Danielsbacka. 2020. Birth order and relationship quality between adult children and parents: No evidence for the neglected middleborn hypothesis. *Finnish Yearbook of Population Research* 54: 53-61. DOI: 10.23979/fypr.83319

The abstracts and/or summaries of each article are available on our [website](#).

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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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