

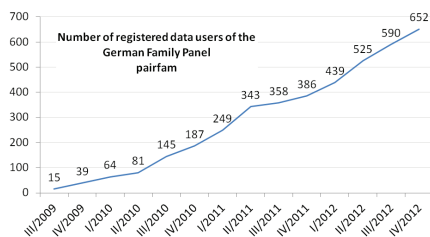
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Dear colleagues,
dear users of the German Family Panel data,

As 2012 comes to a close, we would like to inform you about recent developments in the German Family Panel project. Parallel to the publication of data from the first three survey waves in the spring of 2012, the *pairfam* team began its preparations for the next full release. Public distribution of the scientific-use file for Release 4.0 is scheduled for **April, 2013**. In addition to all the information contained in previous releases, it will also provide the fully proofed and documented responses of 7,049 anchors, 2,187 partners, 3,352 parents, and 1,084 children from the fourth wave. This fourth survey round focuses on intergenerational relations, fertility issues, and social network integration. For the *pairfam* team, however, “after the wave is before the wave and within the wave,” and so our work continues. The interviews for the now fifth wave have been underway since October and we are busy collating these data.

An important and happy development is the continually growing number of persons working with *pairfam* data. We now have over 650 registered data users. Most of the work is being done in the context of basic research and teaching in universities. However, the data are also being analyzed in a number of reputable



research institutes such as the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock, the Federal Institute for Population Research in Wiesbaden, the German Youth Institute in Munich, the German Institute for Economic Research in Berlin, the State Institute for Family Research at the University of Bamberg, the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute in the Hague, the Population Studies Center in Philadelphia, the Dondeña Center for Research on Social Dynamics in Bocconi, and the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna.

At this time, every seventh user works outside of Germany. In order to acquaint an even larger portion of the international scientific community with the data available through *pairfam*, we presented the goals and results of the German Family Panel this past year at several conferences. These include presentations in the context of the “Research in Germany” initiative at the Congress of the American Sociological Association (ASA) in Denver and the International Congress of Psychology (ICP) in Kapstadt. There were also project-specific events at the meetings of the European Society on Family Relations (ESFR) in Lillehammer, the European Association for Population Studies (EAPS) in Stockholm, the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) in Phoenix, and the German Sociological Society (DGS) in Bochum. Another highlight was the conference on “Fertility over the Life Course” organized by the *pairfam* team in September, with talks by several established international authorities.



“Research in Germany” at the ASA conference in 2012 - from left to right: Denis Huschka (RatSWD), Hans-Günther Rossbach (NEPS), Jutta von Maurice (NEPS), Martina Brandt (SHARE), Johannes Huinink (pairfam), Bernhard Nauck (pairfam), Jürgen Schupp (SOEP), Eckard Kämper (DFG), Markus Berger (SHARE), Daniel Fuss (pairfam)

Data

Intermediate Release 3.1

The German Family Panel *pairfam* will publish its new Release 3.1 by mid-January, 2013. This release was necessary in order to correct minor errors in the data and materials from the first three waves. We used this opportunity to add some new data to the scientific-use file:

- *bioparent*: This additionally edited dataset contains retrospective and prospective information on the biological parents, adoptive parents, and stepparents of our anchor respondents, including the respective status, date of birth, date of death (if applicable), marital and family status, and characteristics of any new partnerships. Data are delivered together with relevant documentation (manual) and the Stata do-file for generating the dataset.
- *DemoDiff, Release 2.0*: The long-term panel study *DemoDiff*, which is being conducted by the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock, augments the German Family Panel with an additional sample of eastern Germans. This sample includes 1,489 anchor respondents and 684 partners in the first wave plus 1,173 anchor respondents and 578 partners in the second wave. The content of these data are almost fully identical to the content of *pairfam* data. The data are located in their own folder as part of the *pairfam* scientific-use file.
- *Corrections*: Small corrections had to be undertaken on the anchor data (Wave 2: age, page, mage, fage, smage, sfage, k*age, homosex, hhcomp, lweight, ppanel, pcontact, panswer, school, pschool; Wave 3: school, pschool), the parenting data (Wave 2: two empty cases were deleted), and the parent data (Wave 3: filter settings for parigr40p1, parigr40p3, parigr41p1, parigr41p3). In addition, a few mistakes in the variable and value labels in both the German and English language versions were corrected. All modifications made between Release 3.0 and Release 3.1 are documented in the appendix of the current data manual.

The scientific-use file from the Intermediate Release 3.1 can be ordered from the [Data Catalogue](#) of the GESIS (for details see below). **Users already working with Release 3.0 will receive automatically an email alert about receiving a free upgrade.** Please note that the new data version has been given a new Digital Object Identifier (doi:10.4232/pairfam.5678.3.1.0). This DOI should be included when you cite the data in publications (see the citation rules, below).

Data access and internal distribution

The access rules for *pairfam* data have been made less restrictive with the new intermediate release. First, users now no longer have to indicate the planned beginning and termination dates of their research projects when ordering the data. Second, users now have the option of distributing the data free of charge to students for the purpose of completing research projects required by a degree program. The following basic procedure should be followed to get access to the data of the German Family Panel:

- Download the [order form](#) from the GESIS online data catalogue. Send the completed and signed form by post or fax to the user service at the *pairfam* research data center.
- Within several working days you will receive an email from GESIS data service with information about current [fees](#) and a link to all of the scientific-use files. GESIS currently charges 15 Euros for the complete download.
- German Family Panel data may be distributed to third parties as long as these persons (a) are working in the project identified on the order form or (b) are students using *pairfam* data for the purpose of completing research projects required by a degree program. In both cases, users are required to inform the *pairfam* user service. For this purpose, you may make use of the “Additional Users in Project” field on the order form. You may also use the [distribution form](#), which can be downloaded from the *pairfam* website.

For keeping our user records up-to-date, we request that unregistered *pairfam* data users register themselves retrospectively at their earliest convenience.

Announcements

International user conference on the 9th and 10th of October, 2013 in Munich

Next year, the German Family Panel will be hosting its third international user conference in Munich. The conference brings together researchers who wish to present their work based on *pairfam* data to a broad audience of experts. It is an interdisciplinary conference and thematically open. Prospective participants are invited to submit paper abstracts in English by email to support@pairfam.de. The deadline for proposals is **April 30, 2013**. Abstracts should be no longer than one page in length and include the paper title and the names, email addresses, and institutional affiliations of all authors. In early 2013, a detailed call for papers will be distributed by email and published on the *pairfam* website.

First user survey 2013

A central aim of the German Family Panel is to make carefully proofed and documented data available to researchers for use in their own analyses. In 2013, we will be undertaking our first *pairfam* user survey in order to better understand and honor the interests of data users and observers in the future, to better gauge the level of satisfaction of users, and to get a sense of how the *pairfam* data are being used. We want the survey to generate ideas about how to improve our service, and for this to happen we need a high response rate. Please participate! You will soon be receiving details regarding the survey with a link to the online questionnaire in a separate email.

Additional events

As in previous years, we will be offering a *pairfam* workshop for young scientists and advanced students in 2013. It will provide an introduction to the German Family Panel data and an overview of the possibilities and techniques for their analysis. Program information, including the date and location of the workshop, will be distributed well in advance.

Pairfam representatives will again be presenting the project and results during a number of German and international conferences in 2013. The German Family Panel will also reach a general audience through its own installation on the "MS Wissenschaft," an exhibition ship funded by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research that will tour 35 cities in Germany from April to September with various installations touching on the topic of demographic change as part of the Year of Science 2013.

Publications

Selected *pairfam* publications in 2012

Arránz Becker, Oliver: Effects of similarity of life goals, values, and personality on relationship satisfaction and stability: Findings from a two-wave panel study. *Personal Relationships*.

Arránz Becker, Oliver and Anja Steinbach: Relations between Grandparents and Grandchildren in the Context of the Family System. *Comparative Population Studies – Zeitschrift für Bevölkerungswissenschaft*.

Bauer, Gerrit and Thorsten Kneip: Fertility From a Couple Perspective: A Test of Competing Decision Rules on Proceptive Behaviour. *European Sociological Review*.

Buhr, Petra and Johannes Huinink: Die Bedeutung familienpolitischer Maßnahmen für die Entscheidung zum Kind [The relevance of family policy measures for the decision for a child]. *Zeitschrift für Sozialreform*.

Huinink, Johannes and Michael Feldhaus: Fertility and Commuting Behaviour in Germany. *Comparative Population Studies – Zeitschrift für Bevölkerungswissenschaft*.

Huinink, Johannes, Michaela Kreyenfeld, and Heike Trappe (Eds.): *Familie und Partnerschaft in Ost- und Westdeutschland: Ähnlich und doch immer noch anders [Family and partnership in Eastern and Western Germany: Similar but still different]*. Verlag Barbara Budrich.

Hutteman, Roos, Wiebke Bleidorn, Lars Penke, and Jaap J. A. Denissen: It Takes Two: A Longitudinal Dyadic Study on Predictors of Fertility Outcomes. *Journal of Personality*.

Klaus, Daniela, Bernhard Nauck, and Anja Steinbach: Relationships to stepfathers and biological fathers in adulthood: Complementary, substitutional, or neglected? *Advances in Life Course Research*.

Lois, Daniel and Nadia Lois: „Living apart together“ - eine dauerhafte Alternative? Zur Bedeutung von beruflichen Lagen und Partnerschaftsbildern für das Leben in getrennten Haushalten. [„Living apart together“ - a permanent alternative? The relevance of occupational status and partnership ideals for living in separate households]. *Soziale Welt*.

Perelli-Harris, Brienna, Michaela Kreyenfeld, Wendy Sigle-Rushton, Renske Keizer, Trude Lappegård, Aiva Jasilioniene, Caroline Berghammer and Paola Di Giulio: Changes in union status during the transition to parenthood in eleven European countries, 1970s to early 2000s. *Population Studies: A Journal of Demography*.

Rainer, Helmut and Ian Smith: Education, Communication and Wellbeing: An Application to Sexual Satisfaction. *Kyklos - International Review for Social Sciences*.

Schmahl, Franziska and Sabine Walper: Can You Relate? The Importance of Need Satisfaction for the Quality and Progressive Union Formation Process of Intimate Relationships. *Comparative Population Studies – Zeitschrift für Bevölkerungswissenschaft*.

Literature data bank

This bibliography, published on the German Family Panel website, is regularly updated and replenished by new articles. In order to keep this list current, we depend on you informing us of your new publications.

Please inform the *pairfam* user service of your publications based on data from the German Family Panel. We are also interested in student theses.

Citation rules

Correctly referencing the use of data from the German Family Panel *pairfam* is important for the research community and for demonstrating the scientific value of such a large-scale study. Therefore, we kindly request you to follow these citation rules in your publications.

1. Refer to the study and the data version by including the following (or a similar) phrase in your text:

Analyses are based on data from the first three waves of the German Family Panel (pairfam), release 3.1 (Nauck et al. 2012). A detailed description of the study can be found in Huinink et al. (2011).

2. Add the respective bibliographic details to your list of references:

Nauck, Bernhard, Josef Brüderl, Johannes Huinink, and Sabine Walper. 2012. The German Family Panel (pairfam). GESIS Data Archive, Cologne. ZA5678 Data file Version 3.0.0, doi:10.4232/pairfam.5678.3.1.0.

Huinink, Johannes, Josef Brüderl, Bernhard Nauck, Sabine Walper, Laura Castiglioni, and Michael Feldhaus. 2011. Panel Analysis of Intimate Relationships and Family Dynamics (pairfam): Conceptual framework and design. Zeitschrift für Familienforschung - Journal of Family Research 23: 77-101.

3. The text should also include an acknowledgement like this:

This paper uses data from the German Family Panel pairfam, coordinated by Josef Brüderl, Johannes Huinink, Bernhard Nauck, and Sabine Walper. Pairfam is funded as long-term project by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

User support and public relations

Sabine Keller, previously of the Georg August University in Göttingen and now at the Chemnitz University of Technology, took on the position of coordinator of the user service at the *pairfam* research data center in October, 2012. Please feel free to contact her with questions or comments about the project. Her predecessor, Dr. Daniel Fuss, now serves as coordinator of the German Family Panel.

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