



## pairfam Newsletter June 2021

Dear colleagues,

Dear pairfam users,

As pairfam nears its end, we are very pleased to announce that Release 12.0 including data from wave 12 of the German Family Panel is now available! Additionally, we would like to inform you of important changes to this year's data release, as well as further updates regarding the pairfam project — including the new weighting strategy for all anchor data, Release 1.1 of the supplementary COVID-19 study, and registration for the upcoming User Conference in the fall.

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### Release 12.0 available with data from wave 12

**Release 12.0** is now available, including the latest data from wave 12 (2019/2020), which contains data from 7,630 anchor respondents, 2,418 partners, and 1,146 children. Up to March 2020, 5,794 anchor respondents and 1,002 children were surveyed — as usual — in computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI mode).

In March, fieldwork was halted due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**, and the **survey mode was changed** to computer-assisted telephone interviews (CATI mode). Sensitive questions, typically posed in a CASI section of the CAPI, were posed to CATI participants via postal survey (PAPI). As questions and filters had to be adjusted to the new survey modes, data sets as well as codebooks of the anchor and children survey are stored separately in Release 12.0 according to interview mode (CAPI vs. CATI). The new variable *intmode* reflects survey mode (1="CAPI & CASI", 2="CATI & PAPI"). Additional information on the change in survey mode can be found in the [Data Manual](#), the new [Technical Paper No. 16](#), as well as the [Method Report from Kantar](#).

The anchor survey has been expanded to include **new items** on regretting parenthood, the importance of family and work, and changes to employment situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The children's survey now incorporates items concerning worries, daily and family life, friends, school and studying during the pandemic, as well as information gathering on COVID-19. An overview of the survey content for each individual wave can be found in the respective [Codebooks](#) and [Variable Lists](#). The **refreshment sample** was surveyed for the second time in wave 12 and received the same questionnaire as the base sample.

New data from **step-up respondents** and their partners are also available: Data from 567 step-up respondents and 58 step-up partners are available as part of

Release 12.0. 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](#).

For the second time, **partners** were interviewed about their **children under the age of six** (data set *parentingu6partner12*), 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.

The **satellite project** "The Dynamics of Implicit Motives in Intimate Relationships" is also included in Release 12.0, stored in a separate folder in the Scientific Use File.

The [Data Manual](#) and the [Scales and Instruments Manual](#) have both been modified and updated accordingly for Release 12.0. We strongly recommend reading the chapter "**pairfam Nuts and Bolts**" in the [Data Manual](#) 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 the 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. Stata data sets are provided in Unicode, which was implemented in Stata 14.

In order to **obtain data from Release 12.0**, please proceed as follows:

Once the [application form](#) has been completed, signed, and sent to our [user support](#) office via e-mail, the Scientific Use File will be made available directly from the GESIS Data Service. Registered users of Release 11.0 will receive data from Release 12.0 free of charge if the application form is sent in by **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. It pays to be quick!

The pairfam data are to be used **exclusively for scientific purposes** by those persons included on the application form as part of the project or research plan indicated. 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 an academic paper or thesis. In both cases, the pairfam [user support](#) office 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 12.0 also includes the syntax for a reduced **teaching version** with 50% of the observations. As of Release 11.0, all users of the 50% teaching version must also [sign a form](#), available on the homepage and included in the Scientific Use File, which is to be sent to the pairfam [user support](#) office.

Several [Quick Start do-files](#) are available on the pairfam website. These syntax files have been made available to facilitate the introduction to analyses with pairfam data.

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## New weighting strategy for the pairfam anchor data

With Release 12.0, the pairfam group revised the **weighting procedures** of the pairfam **anchor data**. Compared to the former approach, the new weights have been improved in several ways:

- The new weighting variables allow for the collective weighting of all sub-samples (pairfam base, DemoDiff, refreshment sample).
- The new calibration procedure that adjusts to information from the Mikrozensus for each wave ensures that the data more closely represent the (changing) population of interest in central characteristics and size.
- The new weighting procedure addresses cohort size relative to each other, which leads to more adequate representations of cohort sizes in the weighted sample.
- The variance of the calibrated weights now remains relatively small over observations.
- The choice of variables and the impact of each variable on the weights is now transparent.
- Last but not least: Using the new weights is easier than ever, as it requires no further preparations by the user (such as multiplying cross-sectional and longitudinal weights).

A summary of the weighting approach is included in the new [Technical Paper No. 17](#) and Section 4.6 of the pairfam [Data Manual](#). In addition, the [Quick Start do-file „Weighting“](#) includes practical examples for working with the new weights in Stata.

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## Release 1.1 of the pairfam COVID-19 survey with new weights

As part of the new weighting strategy for Release 12.0, the weights that were previously included in the pairfam COVID-19 data set have been updated: They are now based on the same calibration weights used for the weighting of the pairfam base sample. These weights are available in Release 1.1 of the supplementary pairfam COVID-19 study. [Technical Paper No. 15](#), which describes the design and instruments of the COVID-19 study, has been modified accordingly.

Current users of the pairfam COVID-19 study can request Release 1.1 free of charge **by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. To obtain the data, please use the standard [application form](#).

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## International pairfam User Conference 2021

On **September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**, the German Family Panel will host the 7<sup>th</sup> International pairfam User Conference. Due to the current restrictions and

unpredictability of developments in the upcoming months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference will take place **online**. The conference will again give scientists from various disciplines the opportunity to present their findings based on pairfam data to an international audience of professional colleagues. In addition to presentation sessions covering topics such as intergenerational relationships, partnerships, fertility, and gender ratio, there will be an in-depth digital poster session covering the wide thematic spectrum of research activities based on pairfam data. We will continue the tradition of bestowing prizes for the best publication based on pairfam data as well as the best presentation given during the conference.

An overview of the **conference program** is available [here](#).

**Registrations** for the conference can be completed [here](#). Participation is free of charge.

Please contact the organizational team at [pairfam-conference@uni-bremen.de](mailto:pairfam-conference@uni-bremen.de) with questions and comments concerning the upcoming User Conference.

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### Online workshop: Introduction to pairfam

A pairfam workshop will take place **online via Zoom** from the **23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of September, 2021**. Participants will have access to short introductory videos covering the pairfam design, samples, data structure, variables, missing value definitions, and available documentation. The two-hour session on the 23<sup>rd</sup> will include an introduction to cross-sectional data management and multi-actor links with pairfam data (including practical exercises). The following day will entail tips and tricks for weighting, longitudinal data management, as well as fixed effects regression techniques in a second two-hour session.

The workshop will be conducted in English.

Please e-mail the user support office at [support@pairfam.de](mailto:support@pairfam.de) if you are interested in participating.

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### Personnel changes in the pairfam team

As of February 2021, site coordination tasks have been assumed by [Richard Preetz](#) and [Katharina Timmermann](#) at the University of Bremen. We are pleased to welcome them back to the team! We would also like to warmly welcome Katharina Lutz to the team at the LMU Munich. While Barbara Sawatzki is on parental leave, [Svenja Geissler](#) is taking over her responsibilities. Welcome!

We have said goodbye to Trang Phan (LMU Munich) and thank her very much for her valuable support and wish her all the best for the future! [Bernadette Huyer-May](#) (LMU Munich) is currently on parental leave.

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### Recent publications

These are the latest publications based on pairfam data:

Augustijn, Lara. 2020. The intergenerational transmission of self-esteem. *Zeitschrift für Soziologie der Erziehung und Sozialisation* 40.4, 296–311. <https://doi.org/10.3262/ZSE2004296>

De Moor, Elisabeth L., Jaap J. A. Denissen, Wilco H. M. Emons, Wiebke Bleidorn, Maike Luhmann, Ulrich Orth & Joanne M. Chung. 2021. Self-esteem and satisfaction with social relationships across time. *Journal of personality and social psychology* 120.1, 173–191. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pspp0000379>

Diederich, Freya, Hans-Helmut König & Christian Brettschneider. 2021. A longitudinal perspective on inter vivos transfers between children and their parents in need of long-term care. *The Journal of the Economics of Ageing* 19, 100324. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeoa.2021.100324>

El Ghaziri, Nahema, Joëlle Darwiche, Jean-Philippe Antonietti & Ulrich Orth. 2021. Importance of Self-Esteem for the Parental Couple: Testing for Actor and Partner Effects. *Family Relations* (Online First). <https://doi.org/10.1111/fare.12532>

Fang, Shichen, Nancy L. Galambos & Matthew D. Johnson. 2021. Parent–Child Contact, Closeness, and Conflict Across the Transition to Adulthood. *Journal of Marriage and Family* (Online First). <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12760>

Feldhaus, Michael & Gunter Kreutz. 2021. Familial cultural activities and child development – Findings from a longitudinal panel study. *Leisure Studies* (Online First), 1–15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02614367.2020.1843690>

Fischer-Neumann, Marion & Petra Böhnke. 2020. Facets of parent–child relations in adulthood and their role in transmitting economic deprivation across generations. *Advances in Life Course Research* (Online First). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.alcr.2020.100397>

Gröpler, Nicolai, Johannes Huinink & Timo Peter. 2021. Does the birth of a child still prompt a marriage? A comparison of Austria, France, Germany and Hungary. *European Societies* (Online First). <https://doi.org/10.1080/14616696.2021.1922930>

Hajek, Kristin. 2021. The Interplay of Having an Abortion, Relationship Satisfaction, and Union Dissolution. *Comparative Population Studies* 46, 97–122. <https://doi.org/10.12765/CPoS-2021-04>

Hank, Karsten. 2021. Linked in Life and Death: A Note on the Effect of Parental Death on Sibling Relations in Young and Middle Adulthood. *Journal of Family Issues* (Online First), 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X20985566>

Huss, Björn. 2021. Well-Being Before and After Pregnancy Termination: The Consequences of Abortion and Miscarriage on Satisfaction with Various Domains of Life. *Journal of Happiness Studies* (Online First). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10902-020-00350-5>

Johnson, Matthew D., Justin A. Lavner, Marcus Mund, Martina Zemp, Scott M. Stanley, Franz J. Neyer, Emily A. Impett, Galena K. Rhoades, Guy Bodenmann, Rebekka Weidmann, Janina Larissa Bühler, Robert Philip Burriss, Jenna Wünsche & Alexander Grob. 2021. Within-Couple Associations Between Communication and Relationship Satisfaction Over Time. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. (Online First). <https://doi.org/10.1177/01461672211016920>

Kislev, Elyakim. 2021. Reduced relationship desire is associated with better life satisfaction for singles in Germany: An analysis of pairfam data. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships* (Online First). <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075211005024>

Kreuzer, Marianne & Mario Gollwitzer. 2021. Neuroticism and satisfaction in romantic relationships: A systematic investigation of intra- and interpersonal processes with a longitudinal approach. *European Journal of Personality* 12.1. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08902070211001258>

Morgan, Preston C., Michelle Washburn-Busk, Hunter M. Stanfield & Jared A. Durtschi. 2021. The Role of Leisure Activities on Partnered Men’s and Women’s Types of Depressive Symptoms Over Time. *Marriage & Family Review* (Online First). <https://doi.org/10.1080/01494929.2021.1902454>

Nauck, Bernhard & Qiang Ren. 2021. Coresidence with kin and subjective well-being in the

transition to adulthood: A comparison of the United States, Germany, Japan and China. *Chinese Journal of Sociology* 7.1, 22–47. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2057150X20984864>

Pettay, Jenni; Mirrka Danielsbacka, Samuli Helle & Antti O. Tanskanen. 2021. Kin recognition and step-paternal investment: The effect of childhood co-residence duration. *Center for Open Science*. <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/fya6n>

Richter, Julia & Christine Finn. 2021. Transactions between self-esteem and perceived conflict in romantic relationships: A 5-year longitudinal study. *PLOS ONE* 16.4, e0248620. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0248620>

Schemer, Christian, Philipp K. Masur, Stefan Geiß, Philipp Müller & Svenja Schäfer. 2020. The Impact of Internet and Social Media Use on Well-Being: A Longitudinal Analysis of Adolescents Across Nine Years. *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication* 26.1: 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jcmc/zmaa014>

Schmiedeberg, Claudia & Carolin Thönnissen. 2021. Positive and negative perceptions of the COVID-19 pandemic: Does personality play a role? *Social Science & Medicine* 276.113859. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.113859>

Schmiedeberg, Claudia & Christiane Bozoyan. 2021. Do Economic Hardship and Pressure Really Influence Parenting? *European Sociological Review* 37.2, 287–304. <https://doi.org/10.1093/esr/jcaa051>

Stenpaß, Anna. 2020. *Pendelmobilität und partnerschaftliche Arbeitsteilung. Eine Studie über Geschlechterungleichheiten in heterosexuellen Partnerschaften*. Wiesbaden: Springer Fachmedien Wiesbaden

Walper, Sabine & Julia Reim. 2020. Young People in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Findings from Germany. *ISSBD Bulletin* 2.78, 18–20.

Van der Vleuten, Maaïke, Eva Jaspers & Tanja van der Lippe. 2020. Same-Sex Couples' Division of Labor from a Cross-National Perspective. *Journal of GLBT Family Studies* 23, 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1550428X.2020.1862012>

Yurkiw, Jennifer & Matthew D. Johnson. 2021. Perceived Stress, supportive dyadic coping, and sexual communication in couples. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships* (Online First). <https://doi.org/10.1177/0265407521996446>

Zimmermann, Okka. 2021. Is Early Partnership Formation Instrumental for Fertility in Germany? Influences of Fertility Orientations on Partnership Transitions. *Comparative Population Studies* 46, 3–34. <https://doi.org/10.12765/CPoS-2021-01>

Zoch, Gundula. 2021. Thirty Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall—Do East and West Germans Still Differ in Their Attitudes to Female Employment and the Division of Housework? *European Sociological Review* (Online First). <https://doi.org/10.1093/esr/jcab002>

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