

## Data

The German Family Panel pairfam strives to release data from the current survey wave to the international and interdisciplinary scientific community as early as possible after fieldwork is conducted by Kantar Public. Our data meet the highest usability standards.

- **The pairfam data are available...**

- as scientific use file (distributed by GESIS)
- in two standard data formats (Stata, SPSS)
- with both English and German variable labels
- incl. numerous generated variables and data sets to increase user friendliness
- with extensive documentation materials.

To enable spatial analyses, the official municipality key (Gemeindekennziffer) and the official district key (Kreiskennziffer) are available for the anchor respondents' main residence for each panel wave. In addition, anchor data of the first five waves have been enriched with neighborhood context information provided by microm consumer marketing. Due to data protection issues, these data can only be accessed from secured workstations at the project locations Bremen, Cologne, Jena, and Munich.

## Events

- **User conferences**

Presentation of recent findings based on pairfam data; awards for best presentation and best paper.

- **International conferences**

Discussion of new developments and results for one of the pairfam focal points.

- **In-house seminars and workshops**

Our team offers to give an introduction to working with pairfam data, including some practical implications, on-site at your institution. Contact our user support, if you are interested in hosting an in-house seminar.

## Contact

### User support

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## The German Family Panel



# pairfam

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## Study

The German Family Panel pairfam (“Panel Analysis of Intimate Relationships and Family Dynamics”) is a longitudinal, multidisciplinary, multi-actor study for the analysis of partnerships and family processes. Launched in 2008 with a baseline sample of 12,402 randomly selected anchor respondents, interviews are conducted annually. The additional inclusion of partners, parents, and children into the survey creates a unique data base for the investigation of attitudes and mutual interdependencies of family members as they develop over time.

### •• The main goals of pairfam are...

- to collect panel data in the domains of family, partnership, and private living arrangements
- to prepare and provide these data as a scientific use file for the broader scientific community
- to encourage cutting-edge research that meets international research quality standards.

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## Topics

The German Family Panel is a multi-subject survey with a strong focus on issues of partnership and the family. The questionnaire includes large blocks of targeted questions that capture information from additional life domains such as employment and education, leisure activities, health, social networks, and religion. The question battery also covers several socio-demographic and biographical aspects of respondents’ lives. A core set of items is repeated in each survey wave alongside periodically (non-)recurring modules in specific waves.

### •• Topic 1: Partnership

Formation, development, quality, stability, etc.

### •• Topic 2: Fertility

Attitudes, decision-making, childbearing behavior, etc.

### •• Topic 3: Intergenerational Relationships

Quality, norms, intergenerational transfers, etc.

### •• Topic 4: Parenting and Child Development

Parenting goals, skills and behavior, caretaking, etc.

### •• Topic 5: Social Embeddedness

Forms of interdependence, social networks

## Design

### •• Multi-Cohort

Nationwide random sample of anchor respondents residing in Germany from three birth cohorts: 1991-93, 1981-83, and 1971-73. DemoDiff subsample with respondents of the two oldest cohorts living in East Germany when first interviewed. Refreshment samples in wave 11 with additional respondents from the youngest two cohorts and a new, younger cohort (2001-03).

### •• Multi-Actor

Separate interviews with alteri respondents including the anchors’ partners and, from wave 2, any applicable (step-)parents and children in the household aged 8-15. Former child survey participants who have reached the age of 15 are included as “step-up” anchor respondents.

### •• Multi-Wave

Annually conducted interviews of the same anchor respondents and their alteri family members.

