

Dear SOEP Users,

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Dear SOEP users,

The corona pandemic has forced us to change our behavior in daily life, and it continues to affect work for many of our data users. We would like to remind all of our data users that the use of SOEP data on computers outside of the research institute listed in your SOEP data use contract is only permitted if you have taken special provisions for secure data access.

The SOEP-CoV project is dedicated to the study of everyday life during the COVID-19 pandemic, and early analyses of the SOEP-CoV data have already been released—see our Events and Activities below for details. There, you will also find information about the SOEP-RKI project, an exciting collaboration with the Robert Koch Institute in which SOEP respondents are invited to take part in COVID-19 self-testing.

We hope you are staying healthy!

Data Service

- Call for proposals: [Your research question in SOEP-IS 2021](#)
- Just released: The new SOEP-IS Companion, providing comprehensive support in the use of SOEP-IS data. At <http://companion-is.soep.de/>, you will find all modules that have been included in SOEP-IS since 2011 in somewhat more detailed form.

Events and Activities

- In mid-August, we held the first weeklong workshop in our online workshop series, SOEPcampus@home. We plan to incorporate the feedback from our participants and the experiences of SOEP team members into our concept to improve future workshops. The next workshop in the series will take place from November 9 to 13. [Registration is still open on our website.](#)

- The study “The Spread of the Coronavirus in Germany: "Socio-Economic Factors and Consequences” (SOEP-CoV) is a joint project of the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) at DIW Berlin and the University of Bielefeld. As part of this study, more than 10,000 SOEP respondents have been interviewed by telephone since early April using “[corona questionnaires](#)”. First results have been published on the project homepage, <http://www.soep-cov.de/>, and in the [DIW dossier SOEP-CoV](#) (currently in German only). Members of cooperation projects can apply to receive the SOEP-CoV data ahead of the scheduled release to SOEP data users as part of the SOEP-Core v37 data release in fall/winter 2021. For further information, see the [Call for Proposals](#).
- The “Nationwide Corona Monitoring” (RKI-SOEP Study) is a survey to track COVID-19 infection and immunity in the German population. From early October to end of November, the SOEP at DIW Berlin and the Robert Koch Institute will be conducting voluntary COVID-19 infection and antibody tests on adult survey respondents in around 21,000 SOEP households. Participants in the study will perform the tests themselves. For more information see our short description.
- The SOEP Linked Employer-Employee (SOEP-LEE) survey, which was first conducted in 2012, is entering its second round with SOEP-LEE2. In cooperation with the Institute for Employment and Labour Relations (IPA) at the Helmut Schmidt University / University of the Federal Armed Forces in Hamburg and funded by the Center for Digitization and Technology Research of the German Armed Forces (DTEC.Bw), two waves of SOEP-LEE2 survey data will be collected over the next four years. For more information, see [this report](#).
- The Basic Income Pilot Project was launched in mid-August with the involvement of Jürgen Schupp of the SOEP. The project has been met with a great deal of public interest. For more information, see the German [press release](#) and the [project page](#).
- On June 26, 2020, the Joint Science Conference of the Federal Government and the Länder (GWK) approved funding for the Consortium for the Social, Behavioral, Educational and Economic Sciences (KonsortSWD) as one of nine founding consortia of the National Research Data Infrastructure (NFDI). The SOEP is one of the members of the consortium and will support KonsortSWD in its work, which is starting in October 2020. For more information, see <https://www.ratswd.de/en/konsortswd>.

People and Papers

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- **Publications**

Recently published: The new [SOEP Annual Report](#)! As the successor to the SOEP Wave Report, it features a fresh, new design and gives a clear, concise overview of SOEP's activities in 2019. You'll find information about SOEP's projects, partners, and services; Kantar's fieldwork; and the process of data preparation. The report is available online free of charge, and we would also be happy to send you a hard copy on request.

Stay safe and healthy!

On behalf of the whole SOEP team at DIW Berlin
Uta Rahmann



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