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BIORESID: Variables on Occupancy and Second Residence

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In 1994 questions with a focus on occupancy were introduced to the Biographical Questionnaire asking for the duration of residence in the current dwelling and any second residence. Questions on the second residence were also asked before 1994, but those were collected in the (blue version of the) Individual Questionnaire and therefore the corresponding variables are part of the \$P files. The information surveyed in the Biographical Questionnaire is stored in the new file BIORESID.

The variables of BIORESID are based on following questions:

Question I

When did you move into this home?

Year

Question II

*Do you have another home in which you yourself reside or spend your vacation?*²

(0) No (1) Yes => continue with question

Is this second home in western Germany (including West Berlin), in eastern Germany (including East Berlin) or abroad?

Germany³

Western Germany³

Eastern Germany³

Abroad³

Which home is your main residence?

This one

The other one

I use both about the same

¹ Replaces earlier versions by Henning Lohmann and Sven Witzke/ Jürgen Schupp and Michael Fröhling / Thorsten Schneider/ Mila Staneva.

² In the years 1994 and 1995 the question was “*Do you have another home, in Germany, in which you yourself reside in?*”

³ The new category "abroad" was added in 1996.

³ From 1994 to 2013 Western Germany and Eastern Germany were treated as two different categories in the Question. Since 2014, these two categories are combined in one Variable (“Germany”).

⁴ Requested only from 1994 to 2013

From which residence do you usually go to work?⁴

From this one

From the other one

Not applicable

Since 2014, Western

1 Sources of Variables

The information for the years 1994 and 1995 stem from the file BIOLELA. Information for later years are taken from the wave-specific data sets \$LELA.

In principle, SOEP respondents answer the Biography Questionnaire only once, so every person has only one record with wave-specific information in BIORESID. For fieldwork-related reasons, very few people have answered the Biography Questionnaire twice. For these, the first interview is taken as relevant for BIORESID. Further cases are dropped if their information stems from an interview completed before 1994.

2 Population of Interest

The BIORESID dataset as of wave 2017 contains information on 58,341 individuals, stemming from samples A-M. The data set is supplemented every year by new respondents filling in the supplementary Biography Questionnaire.

Table 1: Survey Year in BIORESID

Survey Year	n
1994	993
1995	1,075
1996	471
1997	480
1998	415
1999	2,039
2000	243
2001	8,816
2002	508
2003	2,319
2004	449
2005	299
2006	223
2007	2,232
2008	336
2009	196
2010	9,845
2011	6,860
2012	2,993
2013	398
2014	277
2015	5,050
2016	4,890
2017	7,054
Total	58,341

Status: up to wave BH (2017)

Table 2: Samples in BIORESID

Sample	n
A Germans (West)	2,178
B Foreigners (West)	745
C Germans (East)	1,451
D Immigrants 1984-93	1,403
E Supplement 1998	1,877
F Innovation 2000	9,911
G High Income 2002	2,279
H Supplement 2006	2,217
I Incentivation 2009	1,870
J Supplement 2011	5,504
K Supplement 2012	2,620
L Family Types	10,131
M Migration Sample	12,437
N Supplement 2017	3,718

The information in BIORESID is treated as time-invariant. Although, in principle, it is possible to update the information on occupancy for some individuals on the basis of more recent information, we abstain from doing so for selectivity reasons.

3 Variable List of the Data Set BIORESID

Table 3: Description of the Data Set BIORESID

Variable Name	Content of the Variable
Entries for Surveyed Person	
HHNR	Original household number (invariant)
HHNRAKT	Current wave HH number (wave of biography interview)
PERSNR	Never changing person ID
SYEAR	Survey year
Occupancy	
BRMOVEIN	Year person moved in current dwelling
Second Residence	
BRSECHOM	Having a second residence
BRSECREG	Region of second residence
BRSECUSE	Use of second residence
BRSECWOR	Second residence at place of work
Specification of Interview Situation	
BRINTA	Type of interview
INTID	Identifier of the interviewer

4 Recent Changes in the Data Set

In 2012 the Biography Questionnaire was integrated in the Individual Questionnaire. This revised questionnaire version was used on the new sample K and did not contain the question about the use of the second residence. As a result respondents from sample K who have a second residence are coded with “-5” on the variable BRSECUSE.

In 2013 the new sample M was interviewed with a special version of the Biography Questionnaire which does not contain the questions on occupancy. Therefore, in 2013 and 2014 sample M is not part of the BIORESID dataset. In 2015 the sample M was interviewed on occupancy and is now a part of the BIORESID dataset. In 2014, Data from the SOEP-related FID-study from the years 2010 to 2014 has been integrated in the SOEP (Sample L). Therefore, the number of cases in BIORESID has increased with SOEP Version 31 retrospectively for the years 2010 to 2013, compared with previous versions.

Starting in 2014, the question on residence usage at place of work was no longer part of the survey. Therefore, the Variable “BRSECWOR” is coded “-5” since 2014.

In 2016 the new refugee samples (M3 and M4) were integrated in BIORESID. The Year a person moved into their current dwelling was not asked in the Individual and Biography Questionnaire. However, the year of moving into the current dwelling was asked in the Household Questionnaire. Although we assume that the year of moving in for this specific population of refugees at a household level is the same or almost the same as at the individual level, we decided not to integrate the year of moving in from the household dataset and to code all variables in BIORESID with “-5” for the original members of these samples. The reason is that the Household Questionnaire collects information on a household level and BIORESID conceptually is confined to information on an individual level. If you are interested in the year of moving into current dwelling, consider to implement it from the Household dataset.⁴

⁴ The corresponding variable in 2016 is bghr0302. In 2017 it is the variable bhh_11_01_q66.