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1 General Information

This file is designed to support longitudinal analysis linking personal information from various waves of SOEP-IS. Each person saved in at least one \$PBRUTTO file is also in PPFAD. The only sorting key (SORT-ID) is the unchanging person identification number PID. The variable CID contains the unchanging original household number whereas the variables HID\$\$ contain the current household number of the particular household in which the person lived and was interviewed at the time of the survey, either as an adult household member or child. The variables NETTO\$\$ give the wave-specific interview status or tell which file contains a person in a particular wave (\$P, \$KIND, etc.) or whether the person has left SOEP-IS. The variables \$HID and \$NETTO are coded “-2” for those waves in which a person is not yet or no longer part of the SOEP survey population. In addition, PPFAD contains basic demographic variables, which have been longitudinally tested to some extent:

- o SEX (sex)
- o GEBJAHR (4-digit birth year)
- o TODJAHR (4-digit year of death, if applicable)
- o IMMIYEAR (year of first immigration to Germany)
- o GERMBORN (born in Germany)
- o CORIGIN (country of origin)
- o MIGBACK (migration background)
- o MIGINFO (information source for MIGBACK)

It is recommended that these tested variables are used for cross-sectional and longitudinal analysis. These variables are adjusted on a wave-by-wave basis in the framework of demographic testing. Therefore, a small number of individuals from different original SOEP-IS households moved into the same household. These individuals share the same current household number for the current wave (HID) but have different original household numbers, CID. With the variable \$CASEMAT, these households are assigned the value of the CASE-ID (CID) that also needs to be taken into account. All other households are assigned the value -2.

Further methodological variables (year, four-digit):

- o EINTRITT: year a person joined SOEP-IS
- o AUSTRITT: year a person ultimately left SOEP-IS
- o ERSTBEFR: year of a person’s first interview
- o LETZTBEF: year of a person’s most recent interview

2 Variables in File PPFAD

cid – Original Household Number

pid – Never Changing Person ID

psample – Sample Member

? Please choose a sample! (from: *soep-is/soep-is-2014-f/Q2;sample[2245]*)

5	[5] E Refreshment 1998	1347
9	[9] I Incentivation 2009	4057
22	[22] S1 Supplementary 2012	2631
25	[25] S2 Supplementary 2013	2741
26	[26] S3 Supplementary 2014	2010
28	[28] Bonn Intervention Panel 2014	2259

32	[32] S4 Supplementary 2016	2385
38	[38] S5 Supplementary 2020 ESS	1625
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Unchanging sample information

sex – Sex

? Sex: (from: soep-is/soep-is-2019/PA1:lsex[28037])

? Please tell us for each of those children name, year of birth and sex. // Gender (from: soep-is/soep-is-2019/Q215:hksex__a_b_c_d_e_f_g_h_i[28246])

1	[1] Male	9333
2	[2] Female	9659
-1	[-1] No Answer	63
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Respondent's sex, longitudinally tested.

gebjahr – Year of Birth

? Your date of birth: // 3 Year (from: soep-is/soep-is-2019/PA2:lgeb[28038])

? Please tell us for each of those children name, year of birth and sex. // Birth year (from: soep-is/soep-is-2019/Q215:hkgeb__a_b_c_d_e_f_g_h_i[28246])

? What year and month was <first name> born? // Birthyear (from: soep-is/soep-is-2019/Q258:lkgeb__1_2_3_4_5_6_7_8_9_10[28287])

1907	1
1908	2
1909	1
1910	1
1913	1
1914	1
1915	1
1917	4
1918	3
1919	11
1920	6
1921	17
1922	19
1923	22
1924	25

...	(87 rows omitted)	17750
2012		142
2013		120
2014		109
2015		89
2016		98
2017		98
2018		54
2019		66
2020		41
-1	[-1] No Answer	373
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Respondent's year of birth, longitudinally tested.

gebmonat – Month of Birth

? Your date of birth: // 2 Month (*from: soep-is/soep-is-2019/PA2:lgebmo[28038]*)

1	[1] January	1320
2	[2] February	1208
3	[3] March	1395
4	[4] April	1291
5	[5] May	1335
6	[6] June	1238
7	[7] July	1340
8	[8] August	1323
9	[9] September	1287
10	[10] October	1285
11	[11] November	1164
12	[12] December	1192
-1	[-1] No Answer	3677
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

gebmoval – Month of Birth, Data Source

1	[1] Generated from data set pbrutto	13
2	[2] Reported by mother data set H	1
3	[3] Generated from data set P	14
4	[4] Info from data set biobirth/biobrthm	530
5	[5] Info from data set OLDER THAN 48 MONTH	1827
6	[6] Info from data set 24 TO 47 MONTH	228

7	[7] Info from data set 0 TO 23 MONTH	572
8	[8] Info from data set BIOAGE08b	0
9	[9] Info from data set BIOAGE08a	0
10	[10] Info from data set BIOAGE06	0
11	[11] Info from data set BIOAGE03	0
12	[12] Info from data set BIOAGE01	169
13	[13] Info from data set YOUTH	120
14	[14] Info from data set S	775
15	[15] Info from data set LELA	11129
-1	[-1] No Answer	3677
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

GEBMOVAL: Data source on month of birth.

erstbefr – Year First Surveyed

1998		724
1999		38
2000		22
2001		25
2002		27
2003		33
2004		15
2005		25
2006		22
2007		30
2008		15
2009		2451
2010		273
2011		101
2012		1711
2013		2000
2014		2302
2015		255
2016		1730
2017		180
2018		174
2019		118
2020		957
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	5827
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

letztbef – Year of Last Survey

1998	6
1999	14
2000	17
2001	16
2002	13
2003	15
2004	15
2005	18
2006	29
2007	15
2008	12
2009	668
2010	378
2011	505
2012	568
2013	737
2014	915
2015	581
2016	1036
2017	759
2018	746
2019	826
2020	5339
-1 [-1] No Answer	0
-2 [-2] Does Not Apply	5827
-3 [-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4 [-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5 [-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6 [-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

eintritt – Year First Contacted

1998	936
1999	27
2000	16
2001	27
2002	20
2003	30
2004	25
2005	18
2006	28
2007	25
2008	13
2009	3454
2010	296
2011	96
2012	2391
2013	2606

2014	4096
2015	213
2016	2463
2017	232
2018	164
2019	139
2020	1740
-1 [-1] No Answer	0
-2 [-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3 [-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4 [-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5 [-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6 [-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

austritt – Year of Last Contact

1999	3
2000	13
2001	20
2002	13
2003	15
2004	20
2005	11
2006	23
2007	31
2008	27
2009	18
2010	709
2011	648
2012	547
2013	743
2014	945
2015	1324
2016	816
2017	1162
2018	1141
2019	1000
2020	9826
-1 [-1] No Answer	0
-2 [-2] Does Not Apply	0
-3 [-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4 [-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5 [-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6 [-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

todjahr – Year Died, 4 Digits

2011	16
2012	34
2013	37

2014		44
2015		59
2016		53
2017		65
2018		56
2019		59
2020		45
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	18587
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

todinfo – Year Died, Information Source

1	[1] From Annual Survey	468
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	18587
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

For all persons who have been identified as deceased over the course of SOEP, the variable TODINFO gives the source of this information. The variable TODJAHR contains the four-digit year of death or a missing value code:

(-2): persons, for whom it is unknown whether they are deceased (that is, both persons still living up to that wave, and persons whose exact whereabouts is unknown and have dropped out of SOEP-IS)

(-1): persons, for whom the fact of death is known, but the year of death is unknown.

####: factual year of death for persons whose death could be firmly established

The information is taken from the annual survey or/and the question about family events in the personal questionnaire.

loc1989 – Where did you live in 1989?

? (from: *soep-is/soep-bip-2020-e/Q110:lwied[]*)

? Where did you live before German reunification, i.e. before 1989? (from: *soep-is/soep-is-2020/Q187:lwied[]*)

1	[1] East Germany (GDR) incl. East Berlin	1960
2	[2] West Germany (FRG) incl. West Berlin	6916
3	[3] Abroad (Ausland)	947
4	[4] Born 1989 or later	5742
-1	[-1] No Answer	122
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	2436
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	64
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	868
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable's information is mainly based upon the corresponding question in the biography questionnaire. Additionally, persons who answered 'East Germany' or 'West Germany' but stated that they immigrated after 1989 were corrected to '[3] Abroad'. Persons who initially answered 'Abroad' but also stated that they immigrated to Germany before 1989 were corrected to '[-3] Answer Improbable'.

For individuals with the values '[-1] No Answer' or '[-2] Does Not Apply' no valid information could be generated. Note that '[-2] Does Not Apply' is assigned to adults who never answered an individual questionnaire. Persons with NETTO\$ codes between 210 and 229 are coded to '[-1] No Answer' if relevant information is missing.

germborn - Born In Germany

? (from: soep-is/soep-bip-2020-e/Q76:lsta1[])

? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2020-fgz/Q176:lsta1[])

1	[1] Born in Germany or immigr. <1949	14088
2	[2] Immigr. >1948	1652
-1	[-1] No Answer	281
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	3034
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable's information is mainly based upon the corresponding question in the biography questionnaire. Additionally, persons who stated that they immigrated to Germany before 1949 were automatically assigned the value '[1] Immigrant Before 49 Or German Born'. For children (NETTO\$ codes between 220 and 229) their parents' information about birthplace and year of immigration was used to generate the variable whereby single parenthood was taken into consideration as well.

For individuals with the values '[-1] No Answer' or '[-2] Does Not Apply' no valid information could be generated. Note that '[-2] Does Not Apply' is assigned to adults who never answered an individual questionnaire. Persons with NETTO\$ codes between 210 and 229 are coded to '[-1] No Answer' if relevant information is missing.

immiyear - Year of Immigration to Germany

? (from: soep-is/soep-bip-2020-e/Q78:lzug01[])

? When did you move to the Federal Republic of Germany? // In the year ... (from: soep-is/soep-is-2020/Q154:lzug01[])

? When did you move to the Federal Republic of Germany? // In the year (from: soep-is/soep-is-2020-fgz/Q178:lzug01[])

1949	4
1950	1
1951	1
1952	2
1953	1
1954	2
1955	2
1956	4

1957	8
1958	4
1959	3
1960	5
1961	8
1962	3
1963	6
... (48 rows omitted)	1421
2012	22
2013	30
2014	21
2015	24
2016	6
2017	3
2018	1
2019	3
2020	1
-1 [-1] No Answer	2073
-2 [-2] Does Not Apply	15174
-3 [-3] Answer Improbable	222
-4 [-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5 [-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6 [-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable's information is mainly based upon the corresponding question in the biography questionnaire. Additionally, persons who stated that they were born in Germany were assigned the value '[-2] Does Not Apply' as well as those stating that they immigrated to Germany before 1949. For children (NETTO\$ codes between 220 and 229) their parents' information about birthplace and year of immigration was used to generate the variable whereby single parenthood was taken into consideration as well.

For individuals with the value '[-1] No Answer' no valid information could be generated. Note that '[-1] No Answer' in immiyear includes—other than in germborn—persons with all NETTO\$ codes. Due to '[-2] Does Not Apply' meaning that no immigration occurred no distinction between those with invalid NETTO\$ codes and those with real missing information could be made for immiyear. '[-3] Answer Improbable' reports a conflict between information from different biography variables.

corigin – Country of Origin

? In which country were you born? (*from: soep-is/soep-is-2019/Q177:lsta2[28191]*)

1	[1] Germany	14086
2	[2] Turkey	208
3	[3] Ex-Yugoslavia	16
4	[4] Greece	26
5	[5] Italy	59
6	[6] Spain	8
7	[7] Ex-GDR (Country Of Origin Only)	2
10	[10] Austria	39
11	[11] France	23
12	[12] Benelux	0

13	[13] Denmark	3
14	[14] Great Britain	17
15	[15] Sweden	1
16	[16] Norway	0
17	[17] Finland	6
...	(156 rows omitted)	1237
174	[174] Madagascar	1
175	[175] Grenada	0
176	[176] Lesotho	0
177	[177] Bhutan	1
178	[178] Rwanda	0
179	[179] Malawi	0
180	[180] Bessarabia	0
222	[222] Eastern Europe	0
333	[333] unspec. foreign country	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	283
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	2817
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	222
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

This variable's information is mainly based upon the corresponding question in the biography questionnaire. Additionally, persons with NETTO\$ codes between 210 and 229 and GERMBORN equal to '[1] Immigrant Before 49 Or German Born' are assigned a '[1] Germany' in CORIGIN. If information about the place of birth is missing and GERMBORN is equal to '[2] Immigrant > 1948' valid information about each person's nationality is used to generate CORIGIN.

For individuals with the values '[-1] No Answer' or '[-2] Does Not Apply' no valid information could be generated. Note that '[-2] Does Not Apply' is assigned to adults who never answered an individual questionnaire. Persons with NETTO\$ codes between 210 and 229 are coded to '[-1] No Answer' if relevant information is missing. '[-3] Answer Improbable' reports a conflict between information from different biography variables.

migback - Migration Background

? Were you born in Germany? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2019/Q176:lsta1[28190])

? Do you have German citizenship? (from: soep-is/soep-is-2019/Q179:lsta1a[28193])

1	[1] No Migration Background	10098
2	[2] Direct Migration Background	1652
3	[3] Indirect Migration Background	2107
4	[4] Migration Background, Not Differentiable	148
-1	[-1] No Answer	2826
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	2224
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

MIGBACK provides information on migration background. It considers the nationality of

the individual, his/her migration history as well as that of his/her parents. In order to do so information on country of birth, citizenship and its change over time (in case of naturalization for example), and if available, parental information (direct information or proxy information) are combined. Direct/Indirect migration background indicates whether the person immigrated by him/herself (direct migration background) or if she/he is of migrant origin but born in Germany (indirect migration background). That applies for children with parents who have an indirect migration background. Respondents assigned the code 4 have a migration background. As the information on the region of birth is missing, it is not possible to know whether they migrated by themselves or if they were born in Germany.

Note that code '[1] No Migration Background' also includes persons of German nationality born in Germany whose parental information are not available. Some of them might be migrants' offspring. Thus, the MIGBACK variable slightly underestimates the number of persons belonging to code '[3] Indirect Migration Background'.

Note that in principle, an individual who gains a foreign nationality will be classified as being of migrant origin even if this was not the case before. Thus, the migration background variable as applied in SOEP-IS takes a retrospective perspective and will be updated every year.

Ethnic German repatriates ("Spät-/Aussiedler") in this classification are coded '[2] Direct Migration Background'. Foreigners who were born in Germany and naturalized are coded '[3] Indirect Migration Background'.

In order to provide the highest possible transparency we include a variable informing about the sources used to create the migration background variable. This information is provided in MIGINFO.

For individuals with the values '[-1] No Answer' or '[-2] Does Not Apply' no valid information could be generated. Note that '[-2] Does Not Apply' is assigned to adults who never answered an individual questionnaire. Persons with NETTO\$ codes between 210 and 229 are coded to '[-1] No Answer' if relevant information is missing.

miginfo – Information Source of MIGBACK

? Were you born in Germany? (from: *soep-is/soep-is-2019/Q176:lsta1[28190]*)

? Do you have German citizenship? (from: *soep-is/soep-is-2019/Q179:lsta1a[28193]*)

1	[1] Direct Personal w/o Parental Info	8605
2	[2] Proxy Personal w/o Parental Info	55
3	[3] Direct Personal With Parental Info	896
4	[4] Proxy Personal With Parental Info	4449
5	[5] Only Parental Info And Place Of Birth	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	2826
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	2224
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

The MIGINFO variable informs on the information used to generate MIGBACK. There are two distinctions between used information. Firstly, the personal information. Either it stems from the interviewee or it is reported by someone else. Secondly, there is a further differentiation between persons for which we have parental information and those whose parents were not interviewed.

Direct information stem from the respondent (NATION\$, GERMBORN or variables about

citizenship acquisition in \$P). A person's migration background is based on proxy information if at least one used information is either reported by the parents or by the interviewer (PNAT\$ out of \$PBRUTTO or the respective Infratest information).

For individuals with the values '[-1] No Answer' or '[-2] Does Not Apply' no valid information could be generated. Note that '[-2] Does Not Apply' is assigned to adults who never answered an individual questionnaire. Persons with NETTO\$ codes between 210 and 229 are coded to '[-1] No Answer' if relevant information is missing.

netto\$ – Current Wave Survey Status [in year] [generic]

210	[210] Interviewee With Successful Interview (_P)	713
212	[212] Individual Questionnaire And Person Biography	0
213	[213] Individual Questionnaire And Youth Biography	0
214	[214] Individual Questionnaire And Other Questionnaires	0
215	[215] Individual Questionnaire And Experiments, Test	0
216	[216] Individual Questionnaire, First Time Surveyed, 17 Years	11
217	[217] Youth Biography First Time Surveyed, 17 Years	0
218	[218] Individual Questionnaire And Child und 17 Years	0
219	[219] Individual Questionnaire Without Household Interview	0
220	[220] Children in Successfully Interviewed Households (_Kind)	187
221	[221] Children With Mother-Child Questionnaire_I, 0-1 Year	0
222	[222] Children With Mother-Child Questionnaire_II, 2-3 Year	0
223	[223] Children With Mother-Child Questionnaire_III, 5-6 Year	0
224	[224] Parents with children 7-8 year	0
225	[225] Parents with children 9-10 year	0
...	(13 rows omitted)	25
289	[289] Repatriate - (was drop out [90])	0
290	[290] Individual Dropouts PBR_EXIT	0
291	[291] Moved abroad	0
292	[292] Moved abroad (abroad)	0
293	[293] Moved abroad (exit)	0
294	[294] Person Gap with advices	0
297	[297] advice to dead person (exit)	0
298	[298] advice to dead person (_VP)	0
299	[299] Died	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	18119
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

NETTO\$ follows the SOEP logic in principle, although some of the provided value labels are not relevant for SOEP-IS at the moment. The main difference is that SOEP-IS uses 3-digit numbers and features an integrated personal interview, capturing the biography information as well as the personal information (code 210). If a person does not fill out the questionnaire, the code is set 230. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessarily generic.]

pop\$ – Sample Membership [in year] [generic]

1	[1] Private HH, German HH-Head	911
2	[2] Private HH, Foreign HH-Head	25
3	[3] Institutional. HH, German HH-Head	0
4	[4] Institutional. HH, Foreign HH-Head	0
5	[5] Not Compl. Private HH, German HH-Head	0
6	[6] Not Compl. Private HH, Foreign HH-Head	0
7	[7] Not Compl. Institutional. HH, German HH-Head	0
8	[8] Not Compl. Institutional. HH, Foreign HH-Head	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	18119
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

POP\$ was derived from \$WUM2 (see private household, institutional household in \$HBRUT-TO) as well as \$PNAT and \$STELL (nationality and relationship to head of household in \$PBRUTTO). Missing values were imputed based on the person's history. Thus, the only admissible missing value is -2, meaning not applicable.

This variable is therefore particularly important, as it enters into the determination of cross-sectional weights. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessarily generic.]

hid\$ – Current Wave Household Number [in year] [generic]

Identifier for the household (HHNRAKT) in which a person lived at the time of the interview. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessarily generic.]

sampreg\$ – Current Sample Region [in year] [generic]

1	[1] West-Germany	767
2	[2] East-Germany	169
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	18119
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

Households have been identified as living in either in the West or the East sample region. This information is time-dependent; thus for each year, there is the wave-specific information SAMPREG\$.

For analyses differentiating between East and West Germany, the current sample region variable SAMPREG\$ should be used, and not the time-independent original sample variable PSAMPLE. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessarily generic.]

casemat\$ - Case Match, Combined Panel Households [in year] [generic]

0	[0] CASE With HH Details	0
-1	[-1] No Answer	0
-2	[-2] Does Not Apply	19055
-3	[-3] Answer Improbable	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible Multiple Answer	0
-5	[-5] Not Contained In Questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Questionnaire Version With Modified Filtering	0

For Wave 2010 of SOEP-IS, we had two individuals from different original households (CASES) living in one common household. In this case, people with identical values for HID in one wave have different values for CID (CASE-ID).

The CASEMAT\$ variable is assigned a value only for those persons living in the households described above, and contains the CID of the other household members.

This information is not relevant when linking person and household data based on the current household number HID in non-hierarchically structured databanks. [This information can be related to a specific variable and is not necessarily generic.]