

Original survey information, LIS - Germany 1994

<b>Generic information</b>	
Name of survey	German Socio-Economic Panel (GSOEP)
Responsible institution	German Institute for Economic Research / Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW)
Main objective	To collect representative micro-data on persons, households and families in order to measure stability and change in living conditions by following principally a micro-economic approach enriched with sociology and political science variables, mainly determined by the "Social Indicator" movement.
Structure of data source	Panel and cross-sectional
Frequency	Annual
Survey year / Wave	1995 – Wave L (#12)
Coverage	All private (non-group, non-institutional) households in Germany. The institutionalised population (persons living in hospitals, nursing homes, military installations) was not representatively included in the first wave; later, however, persons from the initial households who had taken up residence temporarily or permanently in institutions were followed.
<b>Sampling</b>	
Sampling procedure	(1) Initial samples: there are 4 different samples, all multi-stage random samples, which are regionally clustered (around federal states, administrative districts and type of community). The respondents (households) are selected by random-walk. (2) Sampling frame: 1982 ADM master tape for sample A, immigrant registration records and local residents' registration lists for sample B, central residents' file of the GDR for sample C. (3) Follow-up concept: old households with old and new persons (births and moved in) are followed up as well as new households with old (moved out) and new persons (births and split-offs).
Sample size	In 1995, the total size of all samples (A – D) was 6,968 households. Note: LIS does not retain the records from the immigrant sample as they do not have weights associated to them.
<b>Collection</b>	
Collection period	8 months in 1995
Collection mode	Data were collected through computer assisted personal interview (CAPI) and paper-and-pencil personal interviews (PAPI).
Description of instruments	The survey instruments include: (1) Household head schedule; (2) Schedule for each individual over 16; (3) Schedule for foreigners; (4) Address record (in order to follow people through the panel).
<b>Definitions</b>	
Household	Every group of persons, who live together and economically spend and earn together as well as share meals. Those living alone, and earning (or responsible for) their own money, constitute single-person-households. Other private households include: (a) so-called "private households in institutions": persons who live in institutions, but are responsible for earning their own living, e.g. a gatekeeper husband and wife at a hospital, or a superintendent family in a home for children; (b) most persons in a residence (e.g. convent), as long as they run their own household, and are not cared for and fed by the institution. All persons who normally live in the household, but who are at the time of the interview in hospital, on vacation, doing military or civilian service, are indeed considered to be part of the household.
Household head	The head of the household is defined as the person who knows best about the general conditions under which the household acts and is supposed to answer the household questionnaire in each given year (to reduce the risk of longitudinal inconsistencies).
<b>Data quality aspects</b>	
Non-response error	-
Item non-response / imputation	The Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF) includes completely simulated taxes and contributions (on the basis of a microsimulation model – the Schwarze routine) and fully imputed missing income information due to item and partial unit non-response.
Weighting	Different longitudinal and cross-sectional weights (both at the individual and household level) to correct for the different sampling probabilities of the subsamples, for non-response (non-willingness to participate in the first wave) and attrition in the subsequent waves.
<b>Labour market information</b>	
Eligibility	Persons aged 16 or more at the time of interview
Employment	Information available from two sources: (1) Main and secondary self-defined activity at interview time (where employment includes irregular and marginal employment as well). (2) Monthly activities are collected for each month of the reference year (calendar year 1994). Job characteristics are available for regularly and marginally employed persons as well as those in occupational/professional education or retraining.
<b>Income</b>	
Reference period	Calendar year 1994
Unit of time	Mostly monthly income with number of months in 1994, some yearly
Unit of collection	Mostly individual, some income sources at the household level
Taxes and contributions	Incomes are collected gross of taxes and contributions. Income taxes and social insurance contributions are then simulated by the data provider (CNEF).
Restrictions	-
<b>Additional remarks</b>	
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Source: [1] Data provider.