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1 General Information

The PPATH dataset is designed to support longitudinal analysis linking personal information from various waves of the SCP. Each person participating in at least one survey wave is also in PPATH. PPATH also contains two persons who began the recruitment survey but did not answer any items and are excluded from the P, PGEN and PHRF datasets.
In some places in the documentation and in the data, year numbers are used, for example, for the names of variables and of the questionnaire instrument. These year numbers are always based on the field start of the data collection of the corresponding survey wave.
Data in this dataset may be missing due to different reasons. Missings are coded "[-1] No answer" if the respondent fails to provide valid information that is required for the variable. Missings are coded "[-2] Does not apply" if the information is missing due to the study design.

2 Identifiers and Sample Information

pid – Never Changing Person ID

2110000301		1
2110000302		1
2110000901		1
2110000902		1
2110001001		1
2110001201		1
2110001601		1
2110001603		1
2110002001		1
2110002101		1
2110003201		1
2110003701		1
2110003901		1
2110004401		1
2110004402		1
...	(17434 rows omitted)	17434
2113796701		1
2113796702		1
2113796703		1
2113797101		1
2113797102		1
2113797201		1
2113797301		1
2113797601		1
2113797801		1
2113797901		1
2113798501		1
2113798701		1
2113799101		1
2113799102		1
2113800001		1

The central individual identifier across time is PID, which is fixed over time (and of course datasets).

cid – Original Household ID

21100003		2
21100009		2
21100010		1
21100012		1
21100016		2
21100020		1
21100021		1
21100032		1
21100037		1
21100039		1
21100044		3
21100045		1
21100049		1
21100050		1
21100058		1
...	(13025 rows omitted)	17423
21137960		1
21137961		1
21137963		2
21137964		2
21137967		3
21137971		2
21137972		1
21137973		1
21137976		1
21137978		1
21137979		1
21137985		1
21137987		1
21137991		2
21138000		1

This identifier groups individuals into their original households at the start of the panel. That means that a person's CID is time-constant and will always relate them back to the household they initially belonged to, even if they moved out since.

psample_scp – Sample

1	[1]	A 2021	Initial Sample	17464

Unchanging sample information

hid21_1 – Current Household ID Wave 1 Part 1

21100003		2
21100009		2
21100010		1
21100012		1
21100016		1
21100020		1
21100021		1
21100032		1
21100037		1
21100039		1
21100044		3
21100045		1
21100049		1
21100050		1
21100058		1
...	(13035 rows omitted)	17004
21137979		1
21137985		1
21137987		1
21137991		2
21138000		1
-1	[-1] No answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	435
-3	[-3] Implausible value	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	[-7] Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	[-8] Question not part of the questionnaires this wave	0
-9	[-9] Don't want to answer [only CAWI]	0
-10	[-10] Break-off [only CAWI]	0

This identifier groups all individuals into their respective households at the time of the given wave. This means that a person's HID can change over time, for example if an adult child moves out of their parents' home and starts their own household. The HID reflects the status prior to the fieldwork phase. Changes in household membership are only accounted for in the HID of the subsequent wave.

hid21_2 – Current Household ID Wave 1 Part 2

21100003	1
21100009	2
21100016	1
21100020	1
21100021	1
21100032	1

21100039		1
21100045		1
21100049		1
21100069		1
21100073		1
21100080		2
21100092		1
21100101		1
21100106		2
...	(8849 rows omitted)	11630
21137978		1
21137979		1
21137985		1
21137987		1
21137991		2
-1	[-1] No answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	5810
-3	[-3] Implausible value	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	[-7] Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	[-8] Question not part of the questionnaires this wave	0
-9	[-9] Don't want to answer [only CAWI]	0
-10	[-10] Break-off [only CAWI]	0

This identifier groups all individuals into their respective households at the time of the given wave. This means that a person's HID can change over time, for example if an adult child moves out of their parents' home and starts their own household. The HID reflects the status prior to the fieldwork phase. Changes in household membership are only accounted for in the HID of the subsequent wave.

hid22 – Current Household ID Wave 2

21100003		1
21100009		2
21100016		1
21100020		1
21100021		1
21100032		1
21100039		1
21100045		1
21100049		1
21100069		1
21100073		1
21100080		2
21100092		1
21100101		1
21100106		2

...	(8818 rows omitted)	11846
22103896		1
22115150		1
22117540		1
22119085		1
22125622		1
-1	[-1] No answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	5595
-3	[-3] Implausible value	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	[-7] Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	[-8] Question not part of the questionnaires this wave	0
-9	[-9] Don't want to answer [only CAWI]	0
-10	[-10] Break-off [only CAWI]	0

This identifier groups all individuals into their respective households at the time of the given wave. This means that a person's HID can change over time, for example if an adult child moves out of their parents' home and starts their own household. The HID reflects the status prior to the fieldwork phase. Changes in household membership are only accounted for in the HID of the subsequent wave.

hid23 – Current Household ID Wave 3

21100003		1
21100009		2
21100016		2
21100020		1
21100021		1
21100032		1
21100039		1
21100045		1
21100049		1
21100069		1
21100073		1
21100080		2
21100092		1
21100101		1
21100106		2
...	(8781 rows omitted)	11856
22250048		1
22250049		1
22250050		1
22250051		1
22250052		1
-1	[-1] No answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	5584
-3	[-3] Implausible value	0

-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	[-7] Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	[-8] Question not part of the questionnaires this wave	0
-9	[-9] Don't want to answer [only CAWI]	0
-10	[-10] Break-off [only CAWI]	0

This identifier groups all individuals into their respective households at the time of the given wave. This means that a person's HID can change over time, for example if an adult child moves out of their parents' home and starts their own household. The HID reflects the status prior to the fieldwork phase. Changes in household membership are only accounted for in the HID of the subsequent wave.

3 Survey History

eintritt – Year First Contacted

2021	16666
2022	637
2023	161

The year in which the person was first invited to take part in the survey.

eintritt_wave – Wave First Contacted

1	[1] Wave 1, part 1 (2021/22)	17029
2	[2] Wave 1, part 2 (2021/22)	0
3	[3] Wave 2 (2022/23)	274
4	[4] Wave 3 (2023)	161

The survey wave in which the person was first invited to take part in the survey.

erstbefr – Year First Surveyed

2021	16428
2022	863
2023	173

The year in which the person took part in the survey for the first time. This may differ from the year of the first invitation (EINTRITT) if data collection included the turn of a year.

erstbefr_wave – Wave First Surveyed

1	[1] Wave 1, part 1 (2021/22)	17029
2	[2] Wave 1, part 2 (2021/22)	0
3	[3] Wave 2 (2022/23)	274
4	[4] Wave 3 (2023)	161

The survey wave in which the person took part in the survey for the first time.

austritt – Year of Last Contact

2021	5151
2022	423
2023	11890

The year in which the person was last invited to take part in the survey. People are no longer contacted if they do not give their consent during their first survey or if they subsequently withdraw their consent.

austritt_wave – Wave of Last Contact

1	[1] Wave 1, part 1 (2021/22)	5370
2	[2] Wave 1, part 2 (2021/22)	64
3	[3] Wave 2 (2022/23)	150
4	[4] Wave 3 (2023)	11880

The survey wave in which the person was last invited to take part in the survey. People are no longer contacted if they do not give their consent during their first survey or if they subsequently withdraw their consent.

letztbef – Year of Last Survey

2021	6943
2022	2524
2023	7997

The year in which the person last took part in the survey.

letztbef_wave – Wave of Last Survey

1	[1] Wave 1, part 1 (2021/22)	7102
2	[2] Wave 1, part 2 (2021/22)	988
3	[3] Wave 2 (2022/23)	1382
4	[4] Wave 3 (2023)	7992

The survey wave in which the person last took part in the survey.

4 Demographics

sex_scp – Sex

? What gender are you? *(from: scp/w3/Q31:pgender[])*
? What gender are you? *(from: scp/w3/Q64:pgender_n[])*

1	[1] Male	8473
2	[2] Female	8755
3	[3] Diverse	41
-1	[-1] No answer	195
-2	[-2] Does not apply	0
-3	[-3] Implausible value	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	[-7] Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	[-8] Question not part of the questionnaires this wave	0
-9	[-9] Don't want to answer [only CAWI]	0
-10	[-10] Break-off [only CAWI]	0

Missing values are replaced with valid values from the following survey wave.

sex_scp_flag – Flag for sex_scp

0	[0] Not changed since first inform.	17230
1	[1] Changed since first inform.	234

This variable indicates whether a valid value in PGENDER has changed at least once in a subsequent survey wave compared to the first valid entry. A change from a valid value to a missing value or vice versa is not displayed.

gebjahr_scp – Year of Birth

? When were you born? // Year [...] *(from: scp/w3/Q32:pbirthyear[])*
? When were you born? // Year [...] *(from: scp/w3/Q65:pbirthyear_n[])*

1921	[1921] 1921 and before	2
1922	[1922] 1922	1
1923	[1923] 1923	3
1924	[1924] 1924	1
1925	[1925] 1925	5
1926	[1926] 1926	10
1927	[1927] 1927	7
1928	[1928] 1928	12
1929	[1929] 1929	13
1930	[1930] 1930	20
1931	[1931] 1931	29

1932	[1932] 1932	26
1933	[1933] 1933	36
1934	[1934] 1934	60
1935	[1935] 1935	83
...	(65 rows omitted)	16204
2001	[2001] 2001	247
2002	[2002] 2002	235
2003	[2003] 2003	175
2004	[2004] 2004	41
2005	[2005] 2005	13
-1	[-1] No answer	241
-2	[-2] Does not apply	0
-3	[-3] Implausible value	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	[-7] Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	[-8] Question not part of the questionnaires this wave	0
-9	[-9] Don't want to answer [only CAWI]	0
-10	[-10] Break-off [only CAWI]	0

Birth years 1921 and earlier were combined into one category for data protection reasons. Missing values are replaced with valid values from the following survey wave.

gebjahr_scp_flag – Flag for gebjahr

0	[0] Not changed since first inform.	17140
1	[1] Changed since first inform.	324

This variable indicates whether a valid value in PBIRTHYEAR has changed at least once in a subsequent survey wave compared to the first valid entry. A change from a valid value to a missing value or vice versa is not displayed.

germborn – Born in Germany

? In what country were you born? *(from: scp/w3/Q66a:porigin[])*
? Since when do you mainly live in Germany? // Since the year [...] *(from: scp/w3/Q66c:pgermstay [])*

1	[1] Born in Germany or immigrated before 1949	15666
2	[2] Immigrated after 1948	1531
-1	[-1] No answer	267
-2	[-2] Does not apply	0
-3	[-3] Implausible value	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	[-7] Only available in less restricted edition	0

-8	[-8] Question not part of the questionnaires this wave	0
-9	[-9] Don't want to answer [only CAWI]	0
-10	[-10] Break-off [only CAWI]	0

This variable's information is based upon PORIGIN. Respondents who stated that they immigrated to Germany before 1949 (PGERMSTAY) are assigned the value '[1] Born in Germany or immigrated before 1949'. For individuals with the value '[-1] No answer', no valid information could be generated.

immiyear – Year of Immigration to Germany

? In what country were you born? *(from: scp/w3/Q66a:porigin[])*
? Since when do you mainly live in Germany? // Since the year [...] *(from: scp/w3/Q66c:pgermstay[])*

1949	[1949] 1949	1
1950	[1950] 1950	3
1951	[1951] 1951	1
1952	[1952] 1952	1
1953	[1953] 1953	1
1954	[1954] 1954	3
1955	[1955] 1955	1
1956	[1956] 1956	1
1957	[1957] 1957	3
1958	[1958] 1958	6
1959	[1959] 1959	2
1960	[1960] 1960	4
1961	[1961] 1961	2
1962	[1962] 1962	1
1963	[1963] 1963	6
...	(54 rows omitted)	1320
2018	[2018] 2018	55
2019	[2019] 2019	60
2020	[2020] 2020	42
2021	[2021] 2021	14
2022	[2022] 2022	4
-1	[-1] No answer	267
-2	[-2] Does not apply	15666
-3	[-3] Implausible value	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	[-7] Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	[-8] Question not part of the questionnaires this wave	0
-9	[-9] Don't want to answer [only CAWI]	0
-10	[-10] Break-off [only CAWI]	0

This variable's information is based upon PGERMSTAY. Respondents who were '[1] Born in Germany or immigrated before 1949' (GERMBORN) are assigned the value '[-2] Does

not apply'. For individuals with the value '[-1] No answer', no valid information could be generated.

corigin_scp – Country of Origin

? In what country were you born? *(from: scp/w3/Q66a:porigin[])*
? In which other country were you born? *(from: scp/w3/Q66b:pothcount[])*
? Since when do you mainly live in Germany? // Since the year [...] *(from: scp/w3/Q66c:pgermstay[])*
? What other citizenship do you have? *(from: scp/w3/Q67b:pnatoth[])*

4	[4] Afghanistan	22
8	[8] Albania	11
10	[10] Antarctica	0
12	[12] Algeria	8
16	[16] American Samoa	0
20	[20] Andorra	0
24	[24] Angola	0
28	[28] Antigua and Barbuda	0
31	[31] Azerbaijan	2
32	[32] Argentina	4
36	[36] Australia	4
40	[40] Austria	39
44	[44] Bahamas	0
48	[48] Bahrain	0
50	[50] Bangladesh	0
...	(230 rows omitted)	17065
876	[876] Wallis and Futuna	0
882	[882] Samoa	0
887	[887] Yemen	0
894	[894] Zambia	0
900	[900] Kosovo	13
-1	[-1] No answer	296
-2	[-2] Does not apply	0
-3	[-3] Implausible value	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	[-7] Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	[-8] Question not part of the questionnaires this wave	0
-9	[-9] Don't want to answer [only CAWI]	0
-10	[-10] Break-off [only CAWI]	0

This variable's information is based upon POTHCOUNT and PORIGIN. Respondents who were '[1] Born in Germany or immigrated before 1949' (GERMBORN) are assigned the value '[276] Germany'. If information about the country of birth is missing and GERMBORN is '[2] Immigrated after 1948' valid information about a respondent's citizenship (PNATOTH) is used to generate CORIGIN_SCP. For individuals with the value '[-1] No answer', no valid information could be generated.

migback_scp – Migration Background

? Next, we would like to know more about the origins of your parents and grandparents. // Were both your parents born in Germany? *(from: scp/w1_1/Q17:pmigback01[])*
? In what country were you born? *(from: scp/w3/Q66a:porigin[])*
? Which citizenship do you have? // Another *(from: scp/w3/Q67a:pnation02[])*
? Now, we would like to know more about the origins of your grandparents. Were all of your grandparents born in Germany? *(from: scp/w3/Q68:pmigback02[])*
? In what country was your father born? *(from: scp/w3/Q99v:pfathcountry[])*
? In what country was your mother born? *(from: scp/w3/Q99m:pmothcountry[])*

1	[1] No Migration Background	12290
2	[2] Direct Migration Background	1844
3	[3] Indirect Migration Background	2366
4	[4] Migration Background, Type unclear	5
-1	[-1] No answer	959
-2	[-2] Does not apply	0
-3	[-3] Implausible value	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	[-7] Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	[-8] Question not part of the questionnaires this wave	0
-9	[-9] Don't want to answer [only CAWI]	0
-10	[-10] Break-off [only CAWI]	0

This variable provides information on migration background. It considers the country of birth and citizenship of the individual and his/her migration history. Direct/indirect migration background indicates whether the respondent immigrated by him/herself or has a non-German citizenship (direct migration background) or if she/he is of migrant origin but born in Germany (indirect migration background). Respondents assigned the code 4 also have a migration background, but we do not know whether they immigrated themselves because the information on their country of birth is missing. Code '[1] No Migration Background' includes respondents of German nationality born in Germany whose parents and grandparents were also born in Germany. For individuals with the value '[-1] No answer', no valid information could be generated, mostly due to missing information on the parents' or grandparents' country of birth.

sampreg_scp21_1 – Current Sample Region Wave 1 Part 1

1	[1] Western Germany	11063
2	[2] Eastern Germany	5212
3	[3] Berlin	754
-1	[-1] No answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	435
-3	[-3] Implausible value	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0

-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	[-7] Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	[-8] Question not part of the questionnaires this wave	0
-9	[-9] Don't want to answer [only CAWI]	0
-10	[-10] Break-off [only CAWI]	0

This variable indicates in which sample region households were located in the given survey wave: Western Germany, Eastern Germany, or Berlin.

sampreg_scp21_2 – Current Sample Region Wave 1 Part 2

1	[1] Western Germany	11063
2	[2] Eastern Germany	5212
3	[3] Berlin	754
-1	[-1] No answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	435
-3	[-3] Implausible value	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	[-7] Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	[-8] Question not part of the questionnaires this wave	0
-9	[-9] Don't want to answer [only CAWI]	0
-10	[-10] Break-off [only CAWI]	0

This variable indicates in which sample region households were located in the given survey wave: Western Germany, Eastern Germany, or Berlin.

sampreg_scp22 – Current Sample Region Wave 2

1	[1] Western Germany	7749
2	[2] Eastern Germany	3552
3	[3] Berlin	568
-1	[-1] No answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	5595
-3	[-3] Implausible value	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	[-7] Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	[-8] Question not part of the questionnaires this wave	0
-9	[-9] Don't want to answer [only CAWI]	0
-10	[-10] Break-off [only CAWI]	0

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1	[1] Western Germany	7759
2	[2] Eastern Germany	3550
3	[3] Berlin	571
-1	[-1] No answer	0
-2	[-2] Does not apply	5584
-3	[-3] Implausible value	0
-4	[-4] Inadmissible multiple response	0
-5	[-5] Not included in this version of the questionnaire	0
-6	[-6] Version of questionnaire with modified filtering	0
-7	[-7] Only available in less restricted edition	0
-8	[-8] Question not part of the questionnaires this wave	0
-9	[-9] Don't want to answer [only CAWI]	0
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