

The Swiss Household Panel Study (SHP)

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General design (1)

At present, the SHP comprises three samples of private households (drawn by the Swiss Federal Statistical Office):

The SHP_I	The SHP_II	The SHP_III
1999	2004	2013
5,074 households	2,538 households	3,989 households
7,799 individuals interviewed	3,654 individuals interviewed	6,090 individuals interviewed

General design (2)

And two additional samples:

The LIVES Cohort

2013

1,692 individuals born between 1988 and 1997 interviewed

The sample over-represents second generation immigrants, i.e. respondents whose parents were both born abroad and who have arrived in Switzerland after the age of 18 years

The SHP Vaud

2013

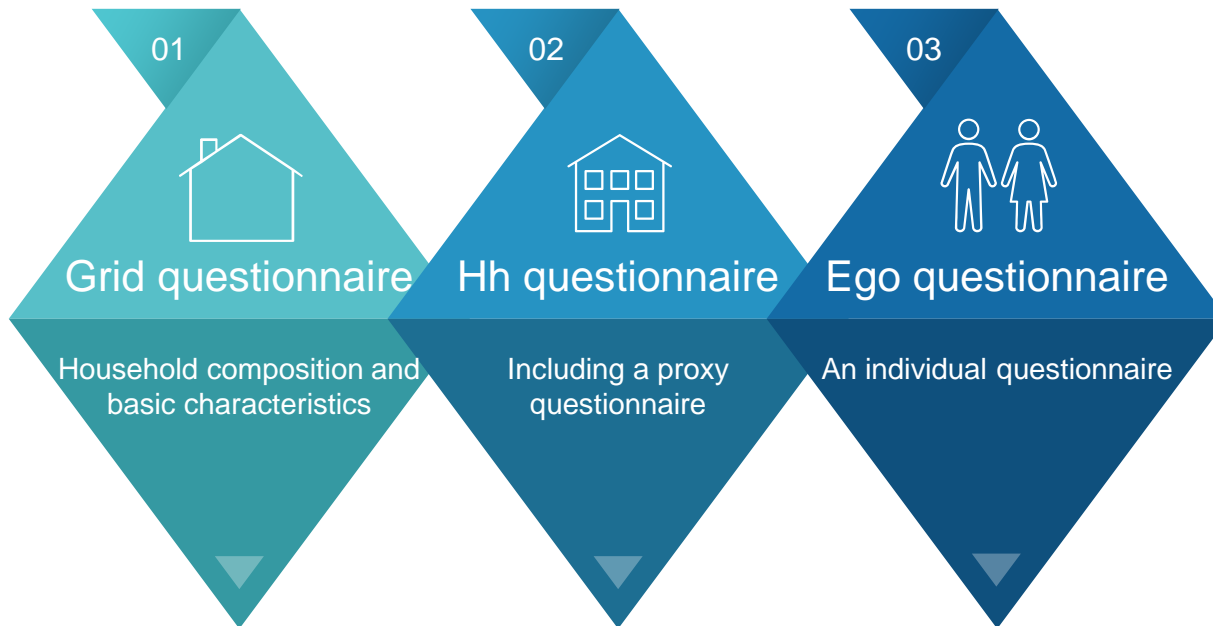
915 households

1,253 individuals interviewed

The sample over-represents financially disadvantaged people

General design (3)

There are three main types of questionnaires in the SHP

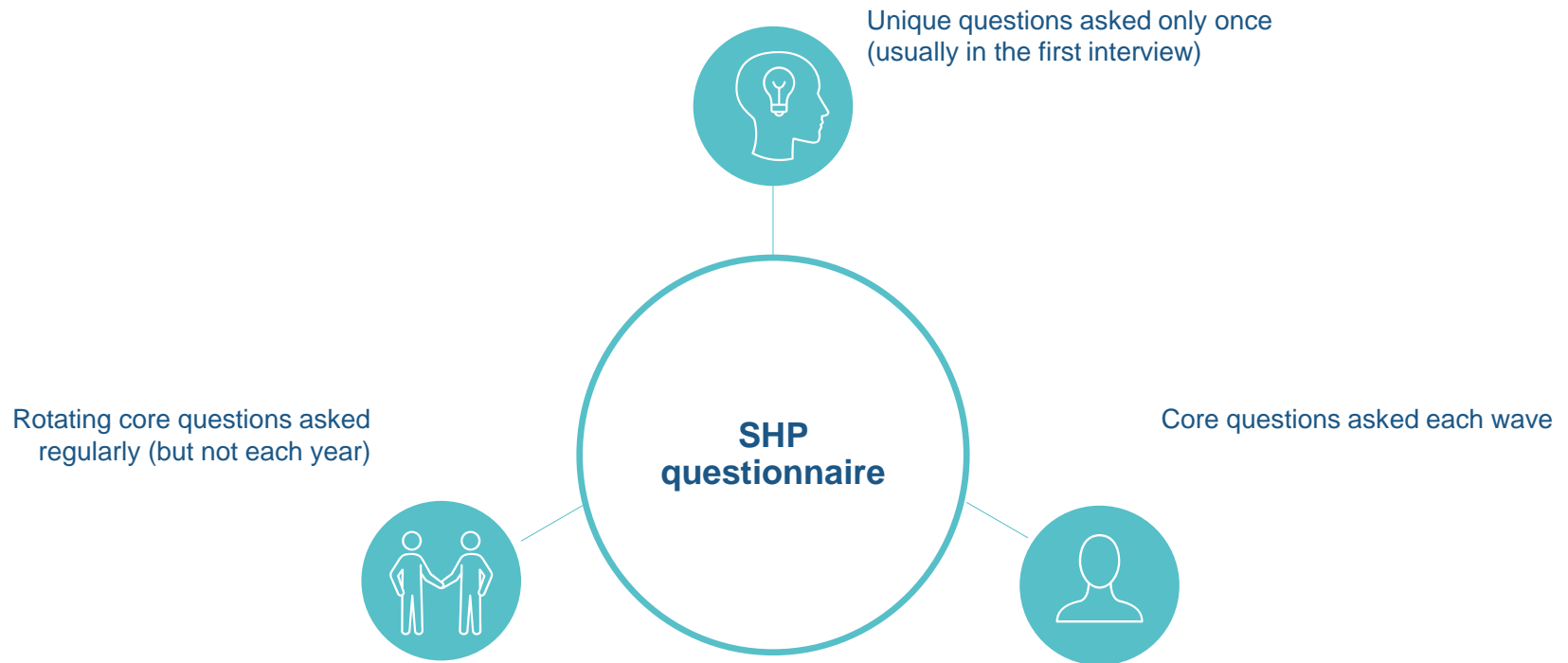


Survey content (1)

- The household and individual questionnaires: They cover a broad range of topics (**comprehensive survey**)
- They are also designed to collect both '**objective**' data, such as financial resources, social position, and participation, **and subjective data**, such as satisfaction scores, values, and attitudes
- The whole constitutes an **operationalisation of different elements on the micro-social level**: living conditions, life events, attitudes/perceptions, and lifestyles

Survey content (2)

(New) current system of questioning introduced in 2009



Survey content (3)

	Unique questions	Core questions	Rotating core questions
Sociodemographics		✓	
Life events		✓	
Health		✓	
Education		✓	
Actual job		✓	
Last job	✓		
Activity calendar		✓	
Income		✓	
Social Network			✓
Social origin	✓		
Religion			✓
Social participation			✓
Politics			✓
Leisure			✓
Psychological dimensions	✓		✓

Survey content (4)

Retrospective biographical data exist:

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A subsample of the SHP_I respondents
n=5,560

In 2001-2002, respondents were approached by mail with a self-completion questionnaire (focused on education, work, and family history)

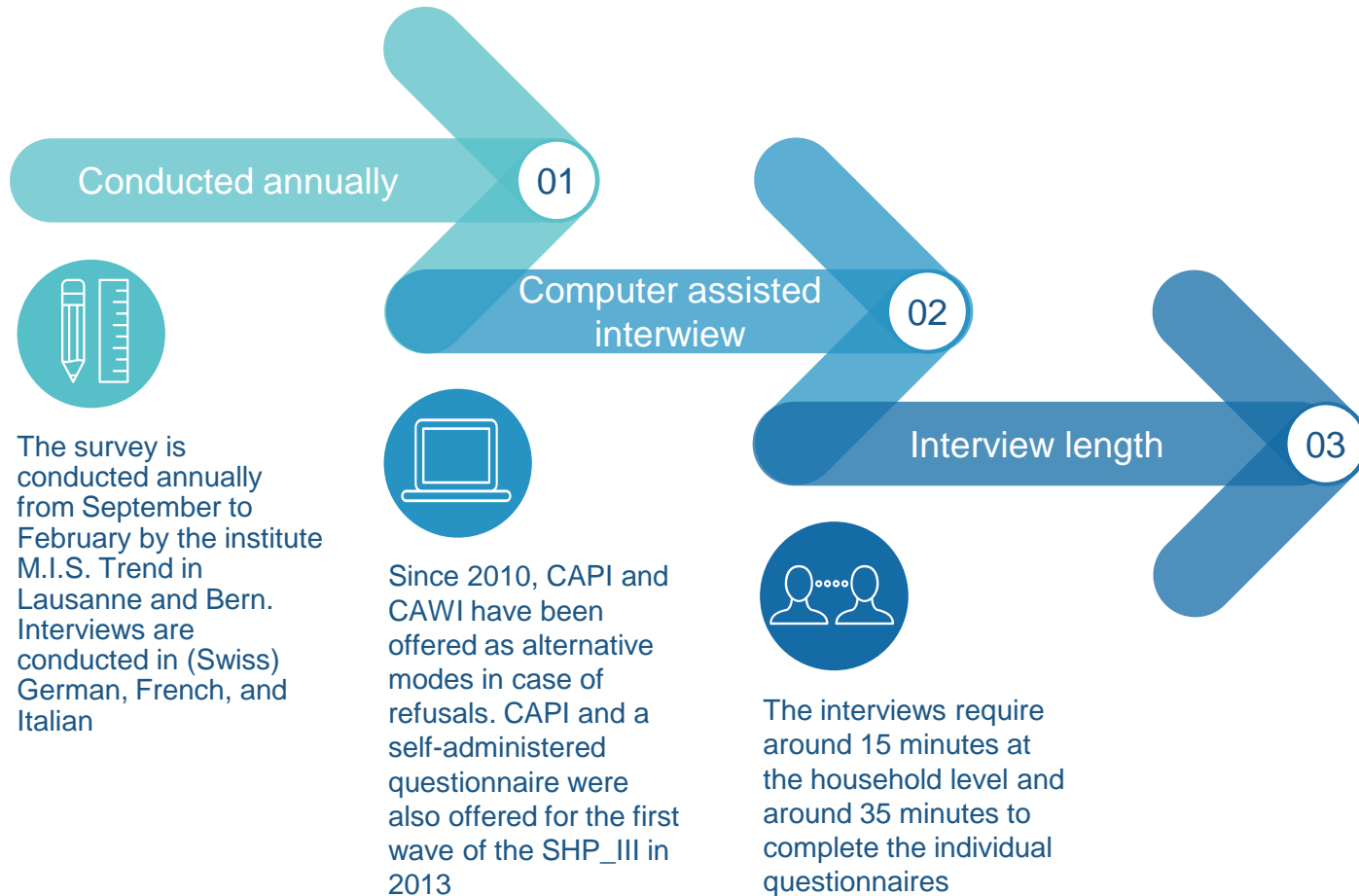
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SHP_III respondents at the first wave in 2013
n=6,090

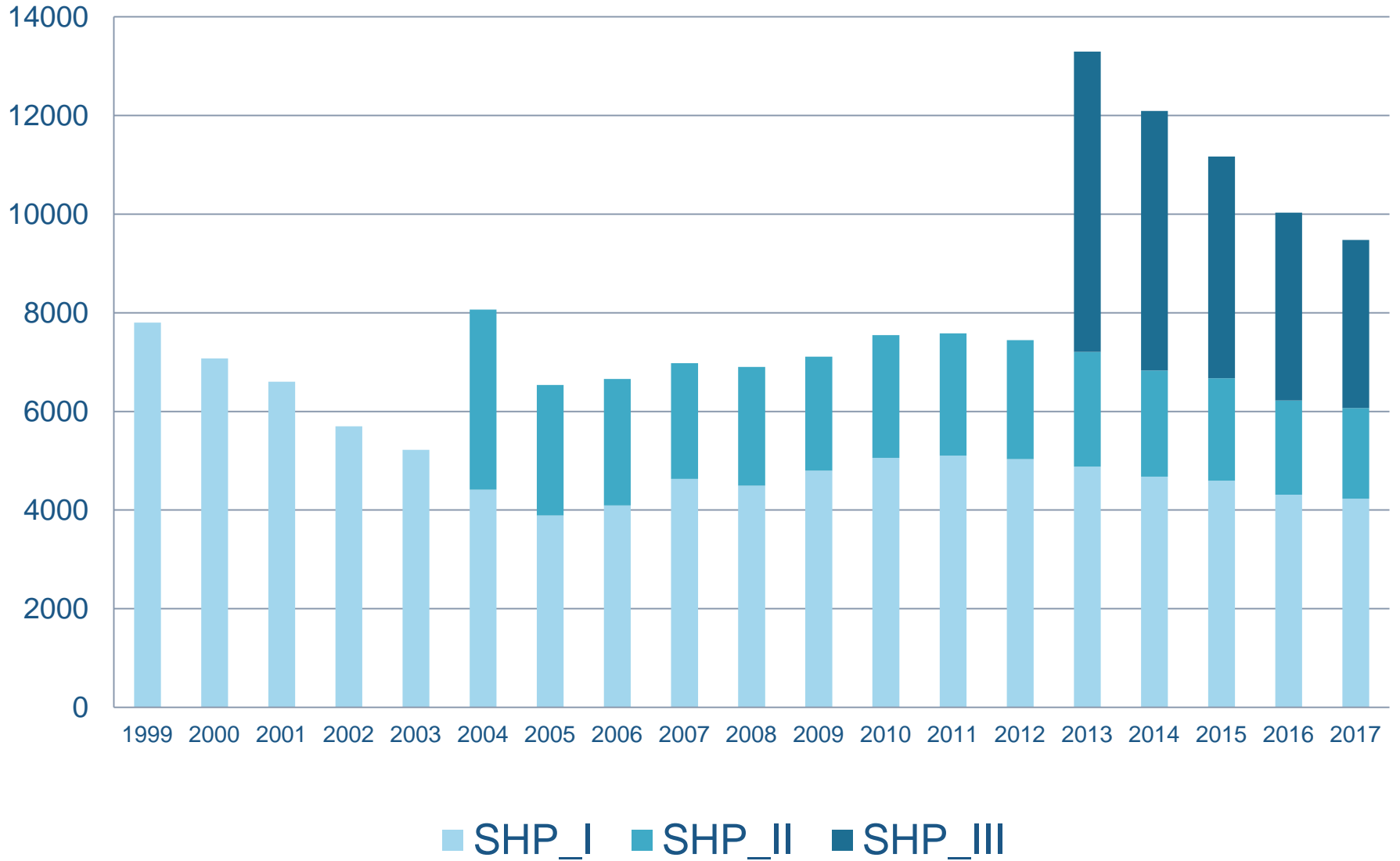
The life calendar (also available for the Cohort and the SHP Vaud) covers mainly residential trajectory, living arrangements, partner relationships, family events, professional activities, and health during the entire life course

Data collection (1)

Survey mode and interview length



Data collection (2): Participating individuals



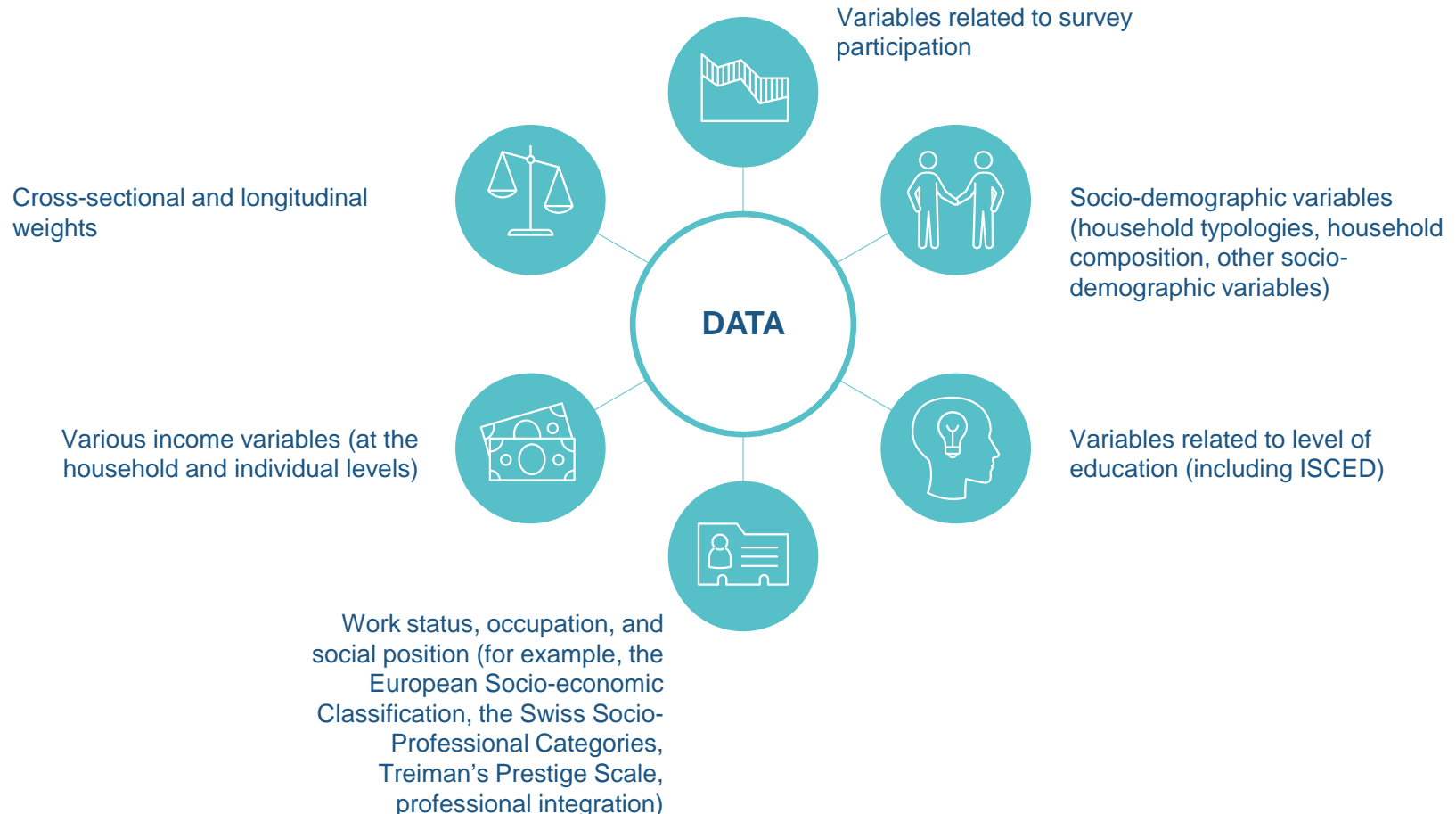
Data collection (3)

Fieldwork and measures to increase response



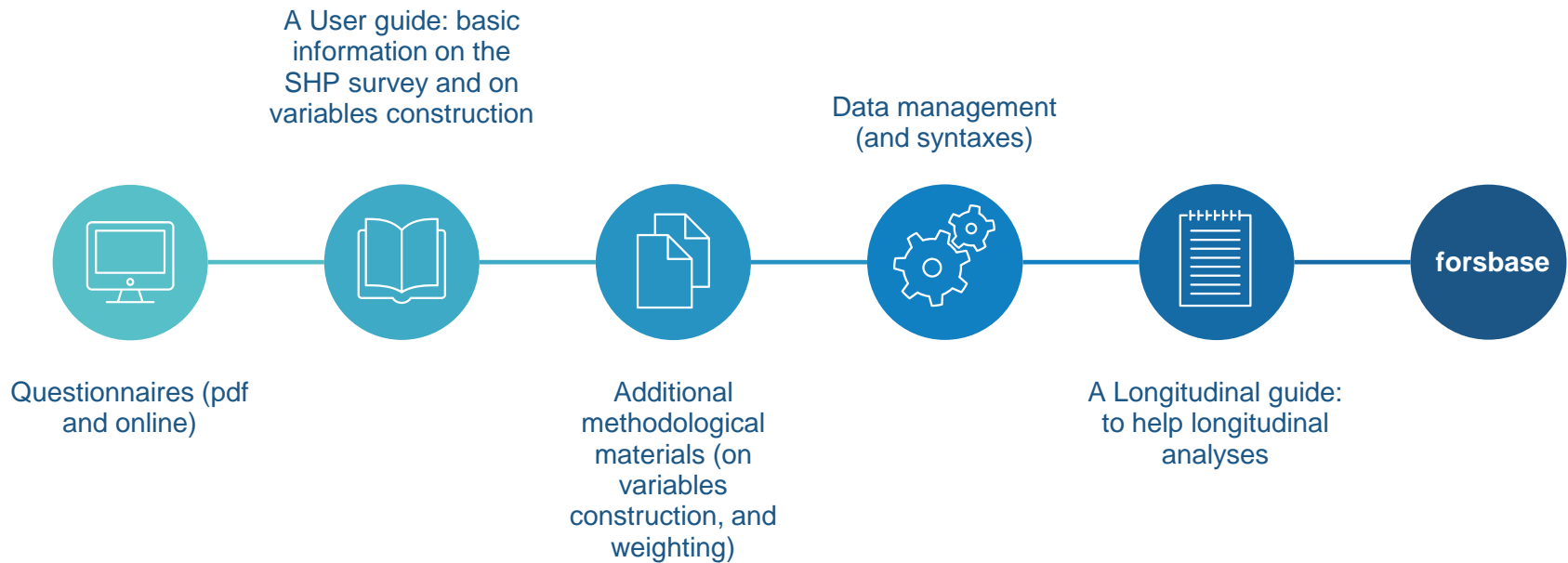
Data preparation, diffusion, and use (1)

The disseminated data (user files) contain a lot of constructed variables:

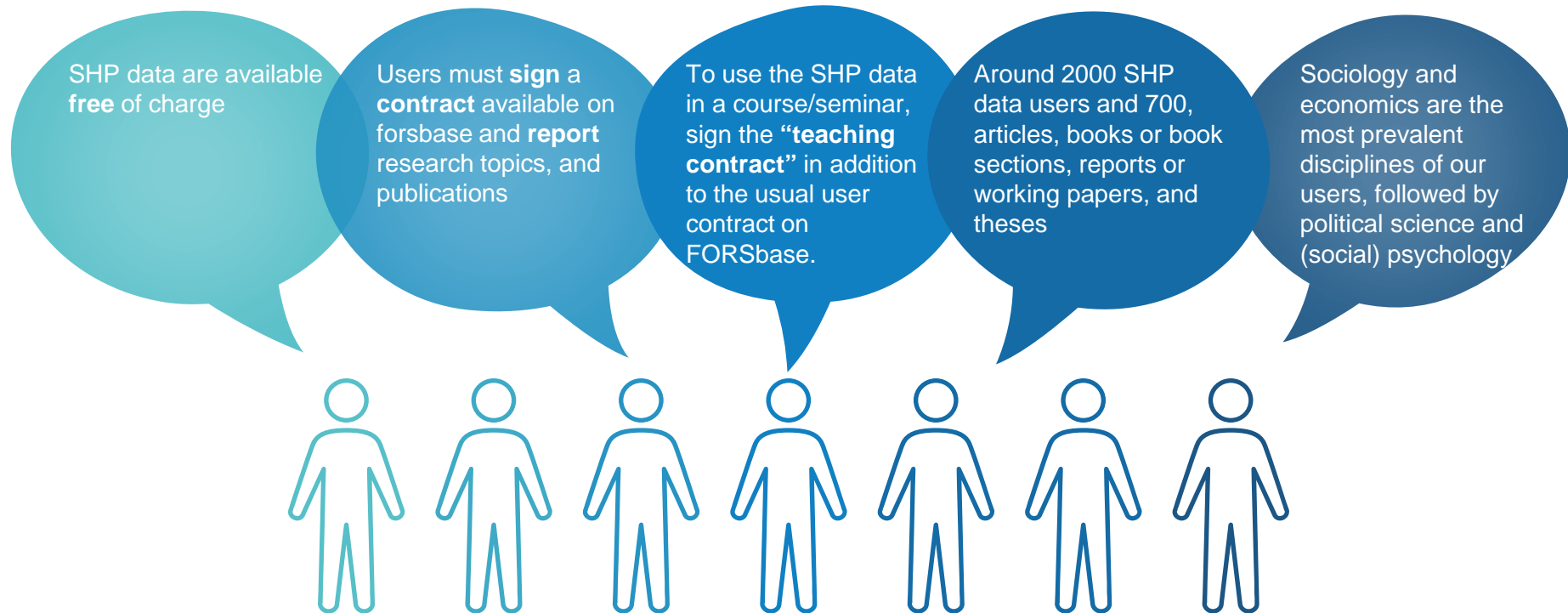


Data preparation, diffusion, and use (2)

Different documents are also available:



Data preparation, diffusion, and use (3)



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