The Swiss Household Panel (SHP)

www.swisspanel.ch

OBJECTIVE AND CHARACTERISTICS

- The SHP is an ongoing, unique, large-scale, nationally representative, longitudinal study in Switzerland, collecting data on households and individuals since 1999.
- The SHP aims to shed light on processes, causes and effects of social change.
- In 2019 the SHP follows three representative samples of households in Switzerland on an annual basis.
- Response rates have remained relatively high in all three samples.
- The survey covers a broad range of topics and approaches in the social sciences.

REFERENCES


PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS

Questionnaire Content

Household level

- Household composition
- Accommodation and relocation
- Standard of living
- Household goods
- Household activities

Individual level

- Social origin
- Health
- Division of household work
- Quality of life
- Life events
- Education
- Employment
- Income
- Social networks
- Social participation
- Fertility
- Politics
- Religion
- Leisure and media use
- Psychological dimensions

DATA ACCESS

The data from the SHP is freely accessible to the scientific community on FORSbase.

https://forsbase.unil.ch

Step 1: Create an account on FORSbase
Step 2: Fill out the contract on FORSbase
Step 3: Download the SHP data

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

Retrospective biographical data on respondents’ education, work, residential or family trajectories:

- A subsample of the SHP_I (n=5560) filled out a self-completion retrospective questionnaire in 2001-2002.
- For the first wave of the SHP_III (n=6090) respondents completed a life calendar in 2013.

International comparability:

- The SHP is included in the Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF), which provides harmonized data from eight household panel studies worldwide.

Additional data:

- Related studies also available through FORSbase
  - The LIVES Cohort Study comprises an over-representation of second generation immigrants
  - The SHP-Vaud comprises an over representation of financially disadvantaged people
- Fieldwork data
- Imputed income and tax simulations

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