

The Swiss Household Panel (SHP)



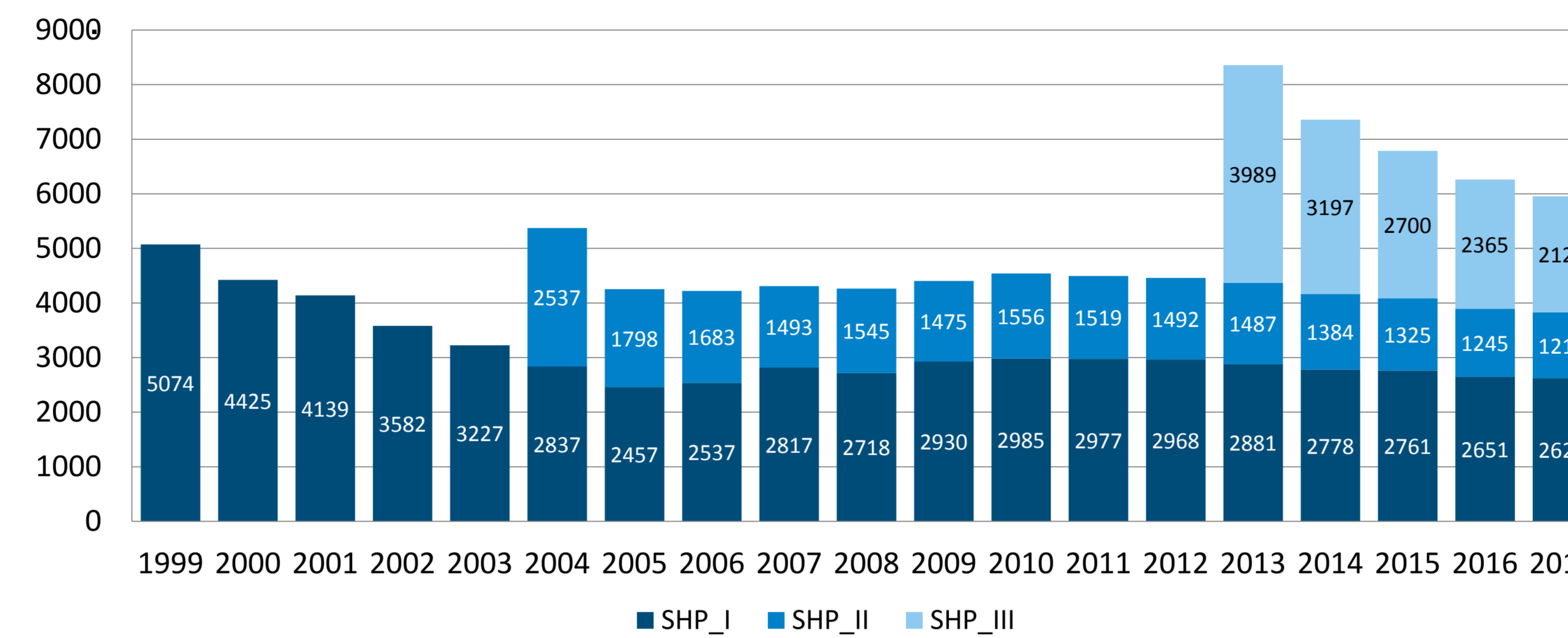
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Swiss Household Panel

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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.

PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS



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



REFERENCE POPULATION

- All **private households** whose members represent the non-institutional resident population in Switzerland.
- The main mode of interviewing is **computer assisted telephone interviewing** (CATI).
- Interviews are conducted in **(Swiss) German, French, and Italian** by the institute M.I.S. Trend.

	SHP_I (1999)	SHP_II (2004)	SHP_III (2013)
Households	5074	2537	3989
Individuals	7799	3654	6090

QUESTIONNAIRES

Household (15 minutes): completed by the household reference person.

Individual (35 minutes): completed by all household members aged 14 and over.

Types of questions:

- Unique:** asked only once.
- Core:** asked annually.
- Rotating:** asked every three years.

QUESTIONNAIRE CONTENT

Household level

Household composition	Accommodation and relocation	Standard of living	Household goods	Household activities
Household finances	Proxy questionnaire	Division of housework	Childcare and housework	Household decision making

Individual level

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

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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