

## 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-administered retrospective questionnaire in 2001-2002
- For the first wave of the SHP\_III (n=6090) respondents completed a life calendar in 2013

### Additional data

- Fieldwork data
- Imputed income and tax simulations
- Cross-sectional and longitudinal weights

### Related studies

- The **LIVES-FORS Cohort** survey comprises an overrepresentation of second generation immigrants
- The **SHP LIVES-Vaud** study comprises an overrepresentation of financially disadvantaged individuals

### International comparability

The SHP is part of the Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF), which contains harmonized data from a consortium of panel studies, including the US Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID), the German Socio-Economic Panel (GSOEP), the British Household Panel Study (BHPS), the Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA), the Canadian Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID) and recently the Korean Labor and Income Panel Study (KLIPS).

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## Acquiring the data

The SHP data are available to the scientific community **free of charge** on FORSbase in three different statistical softwares: **SPSS**, **STATA** and **SAS**.



**Step 1:** Create an account on FORSbase

**Step 2:** Fill out the contract on FORSbase

**Step 3:** Download the SHP data

### Methodological support

- Annual events are organized: alternatingly an international conference and a methodological workshop.
- The conference allows panel users to meet and present their ongoing work.
- The workshop's aim is to familiarise users with longitudinal analysis methods.
- In addition, a comprehensive documentation of the SHP and syntaxes are available on our website and on FORSbase.



## Practical information

The data collection is funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation and is run by FORS, the Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences, located at the University of Lausanne.

### Further links, contacts & info



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## The Swiss Household Panel (SHP)

A unique longitudinal database  
in Switzerland



Schweizer Haushalt-Panel  
Panel suisse de ménages  
Swiss Household Panel

## Objective and characteristics

The SHP is an ongoing, unique, large-scale, nationally representative, registered based 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.

### Reference Population

Private households whose members represent the non-institutional resident population in Switzerland.

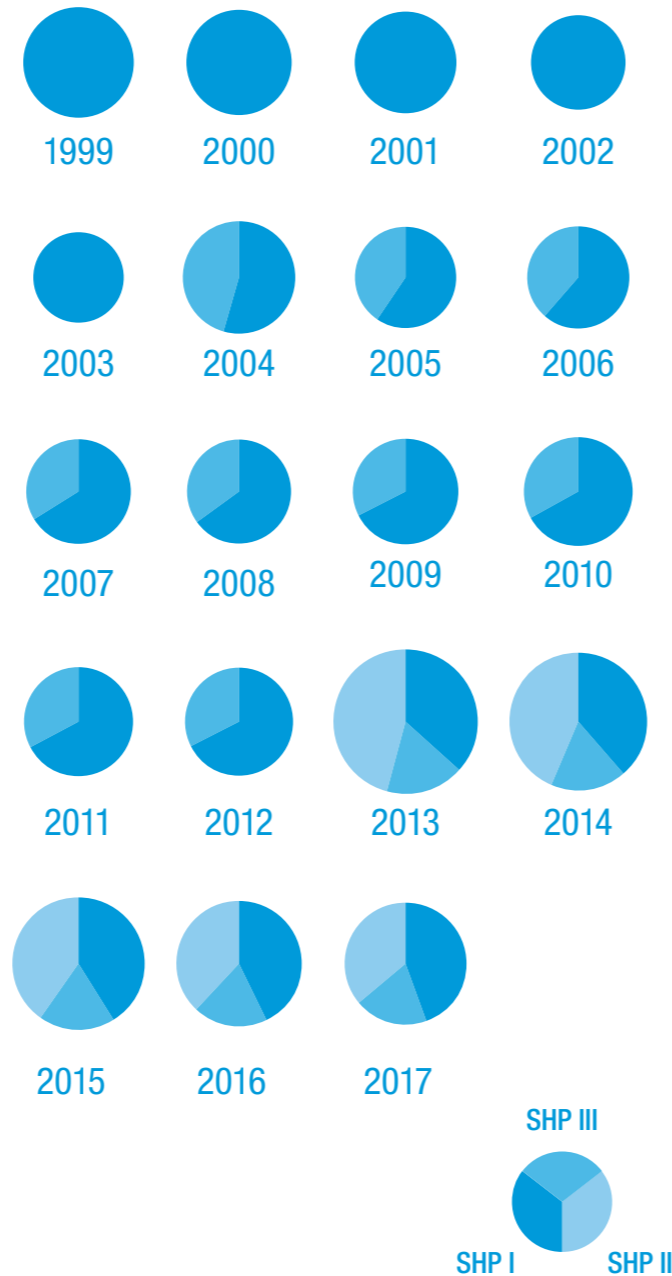
In 2019 the SHP follows three representative samples of households in Switzerland on an annual basis. A fourth sample will be launched in 2020.

|             | SHP_I<br>(1999) | SHP_II<br>(2004) | SHP_III<br>(2013) |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Households  | 5074            | 2537             | 3989              |
| Individuals | 7799            | 3654             | 6090              |

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.

## Participating individuals



## Characteristics of the survey

Response rates have remained relatively high in all three samples. Attrition in the SHP is similar to the one of panel surveys in other countries and is not particularly selective with respect to important socio-demographic or – economic variables.

### The SHP collects data on various levels using different questionnaires:

- **Household** (15 minutes): completed by the household reference person.
- **Individual** (35 minutes): completed by all household members aged 14 and over
- **Proxy questionnaire:** information on household members unable to respond personally and on children under the age of 14

### Types of questions:

1. Unique: asked only once
2. Core: asked annually
3. Rotating: asked every three years

The SHP allows a wide variety of analyses on the individual level, the household level and on the interplay between household members, and on the regional level. The data offer the possibility to study the integration of individuals within their families, their professional lives and in society as a whole.

## Themes

