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- Documentation of the available data sets, i.e. a description of their central characteristics, main issues and variables, data collection, anonymisation, weighting and recoding
- Advisory service on data choice, access and handling of the data, as well as on research potential, the scope and validity of the data
- Supply of a range of data tools such as standard measures and classifications in the fields of education, occupations, industries and regions (if possible also including cross-national fields), formally anonymous data for Remote Data Access, or references to publications with the data
- Assistance and support for visiting researchers at BIBB-FDZ in Bonn

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Data Access

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Scientific-Use-Files

Factually anonymous versions of the data sets are available for Off-site Use as Scientific-Use Files (SUF). All these data sets can be ordered from BIBB-FDZ or from GESIS – Leibnitz Institute for Social Sciences.

Remote Data Access

More sensitive and less anonymous versions of the data as well as all kind of firm-level data can be analyzed via Remote Data Access and/or via On-site Use.

On-site Use at BIBB-FDZ in Bonn, Germany

For data access via On-site Use, BIBB-FDZ provides separate safe workplaces for guest researchers at BIBB in Bonn.

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Selected microdata available at BIBB-FDZ

For a complete overview of all available BIBB-FDZ data sets you may want to check our BIBB-FDZ metadata portal http://metadaten.bibb.de/ (in German language only).

Please find below a list of our data sets with full data documentation in English language. We provide for all of our data sets citing proposals for scientific purposes including doi numbers.

Employment Survey 2012

The Employment Survey 2012 is a representative sample of 20,036 employees aged 15 or older working at least 10 hours per week. The survey contains information on employees’ qualification, career history, job tasks, job skill requirements, further training, working conditions, health, and social background.

The 2012 Employment Survey is fairly comparable with the Employment Survey 2006. The questionnaire program is very similar to 2006 and also the data collection mode remained the same.


Supplemental Task Survey 2012

The study is a supplemental survey of the Employment Survey 2012. The study population are employees aged 15 or older working at least 10 hours per week who were willing to take part in supplemental surveys. Excluded are individuals with an advanced further training certificate.

The Supplemental Task Survey 2012 is divided in two parts. The first part covers 4,362 individuals and provides information on occupational mobility and “generic tasks” approximately one year after the main interview of the Employment Survey 2012. The second part covers about 2,300 individuals who were willing to report the share of time they spent on individual occupational tasks and the corresponding level of difficulty. The time reference is a day of respondents’ choice.


Employment Surveys 1979 to 2006

The BIBB/IAB and BIBB/BAuA employment surveys are representative labour force cross-sections on qualification and working conditions in Germany each covering between 20,000 - 35,000 individuals. All waves include measures of employees’ qualification, career history, job skill requirements, job tasks, further training and working conditions.

Due to changes in the study population, data collection methods, and the questionnaires over the years the longitudinal potential of these data sets has to be carefully evaluated. The English data documentation describing differences and similarities of the respective five waves is available at http://www.bibb.de/en/64975.htm.

Data Documentation

BIBB-FDZ services for microdata

Our English website contains download links to data-related documents and products:

- BIBB-FDZ Data and Methodological Reports (the publication series provides details about data collection methods, variables, data preparation etc.)
- Standardized application forms for data sets
- Questionnaires
- Citation proposals
- International classifications (e.g. labels for ISCO and NACE codes).

BIBB-FDZ metadata portal

The metadata portal structures data-related information and provides researchers with search tools. The metadata portal gives information on how to apply national and international classifications to our research data sets. These classifications cover occupations, branches, socio-demographic variables, and regions.

Complementary services of the metadata portal are:

- Overview and documentation of all available BIBB-FDZ datasets
- Test data (for Remote Data Access)
- Publications referring to BIBB data
- National and international classifications

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