

# PASS – Panel Study ‘Labour Market and Social Security’

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# Background

- Reforms of assistance schemes for long-term unemployment in Germany (2005) laid down in Social Code II ('Hartz-IV')
- Welfare and unemployment benefits were integrated into a new benefit scheme (Unemployment Benefit II)
- The IAB has the legal mandate to assess the effects
- The panel study 'Labour Market and Social Security (PASS)' was established in 2006 by the IAB
- PASS is a central data source for analyses of the labour market and poverty situation in Germany

# Goals

- Which individual and contextual factors influence dynamics in benefit receipt?
- What options exist to regain independence from UB II?
- In which way does the social and economic situation of a household change or develop over time when it receives benefits?
- How do attitudes and behaviour develop?
- How do persons concerned cope with their situation?
- What are the institutional arrangements and which effects do these arrangements have on different aspects of life

# Study design I

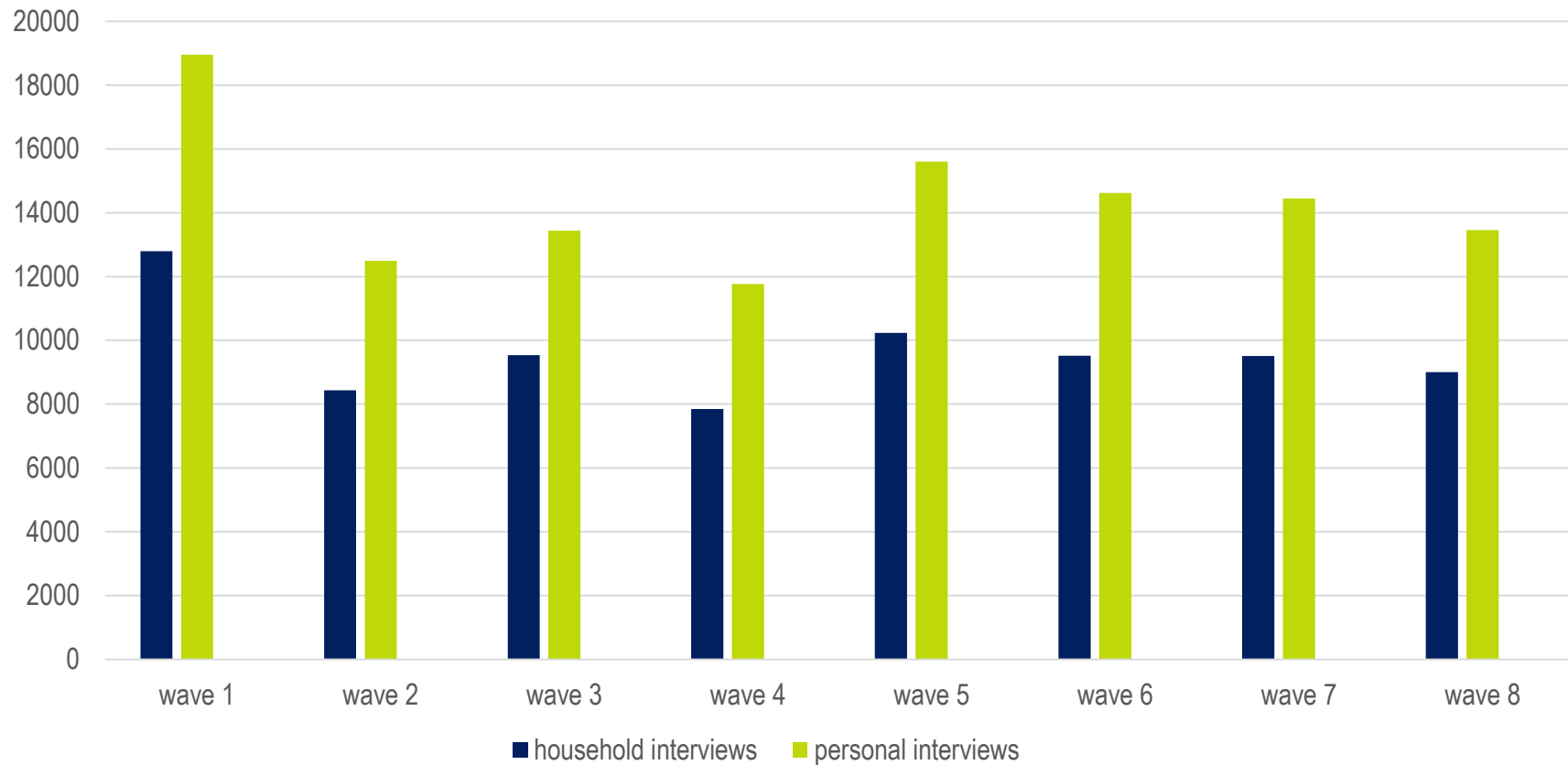
- PASS is a yearly household panel survey since 2007 (wave 9 at the end of 2016, wave 10 in the field)
  - Household interviews with the head of the household
  - Personal interviews with each person aged 15 years or older and living in the same household
- The focus is not limited to recipients of UB II; reference group: parallel sample of residential population
- Mixed Mode design: CAPI / CATI
- Languages: German, Russian, Turkish (until 2015), Arabic (since 2016)
- Record linkage with administrative data from the Federal Employment Agency

# Study design II

- The survey design is a two-stage random sample including 300 postal code areas
- Sample 1: Sample of households with at least one person of the household receiving UB II on a reference date
  - Yearly refreshment by the inclusion of new entries into UB II
- Sample 2: Random household sample of residential population
  - Self-refreshing due to dynamic panel concept

# Number of cases

## Interviewed households and persons each wave



# Survey topics: Household level

- Socio-demographics: size, composition, number of children, childcare
- Economic situation: net income, savings, debts, equipment
- Social situation: housing situation, cost, educational aspiration, inclusion of children



# Survey topics: Personal level

- Socio-demographics: year of birth, sex, marital status, education, vocational training, migration, social background
- Economic situation: employment history, income, quality of employment, pensions, retirement provision, financial literacy, working hours, job search
- Social situation: health, care, social networks, social inclusion, sports
- Attitudes: satisfaction, employment orientation, job-seeking behaviour, gender roles, fears, problems, subjective social position

# Survey topics: Unemployment Benefit

- Unemployment Benefit I: start and end dates, information on periods, amount of benefit, reason for end
- Unemployment Benefit II: start and end dates, reasons, amount of benefits, benefit cuts, number and type of contacts with UB II institutions, contents of discussion, offers, integration

# Data access I

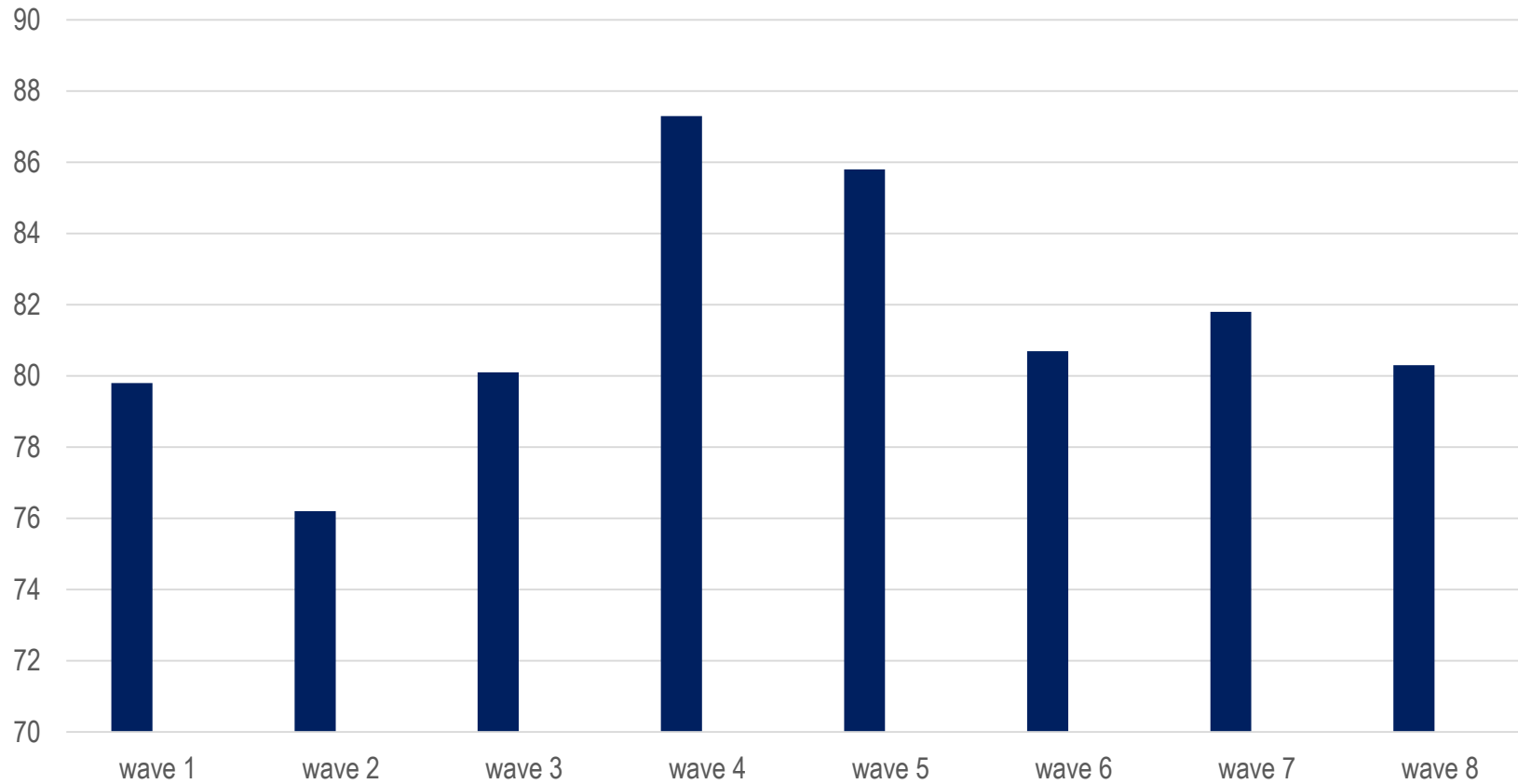
- PASS-SUF: The survey data are available as Scientific Use File (SUF) for users of non-commercial research institutions
  - Factually anonymized
  - Available up to wave 8
  - Wave 9 will be available at the end of 2016

# Data access II

- PASS-ADIAB: The survey data linked with administrative data from the Federal Employment Agency are available via on-site use in the Research Data Centre and subsequent remote data access
  - Administrative data actually comprise a period from 1975 to 2014
  - Additional information about employment histories, establishment information and benefit receipt
  - Available up to wave 8

# Data access III

Linkage consent (percentage)



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- Detailed information about PASS:  
[http://fdz.iab.de/de/FDZ\\_Individual\\_Data/PASS.aspx](http://fdz.iab.de/de/FDZ_Individual_Data/PASS.aspx)
- Data access via the Research Data Centre (FDZ):  
[http://fdz.iab.de/de/FDZ\\_Individual\\_Data/PASS/Data\\_Access.aspx](http://fdz.iab.de/de/FDZ_Individual_Data/PASS/Data_Access.aspx)
- Documentation and working tools:  
[http://fdz.iab.de/de/FDZ\\_Individual\\_Data/PASS/Working\\_Tools.aspx](http://fdz.iab.de/de/FDZ_Individual_Data/PASS/Working_Tools.aspx)

# Opportunities to participate

- Call For Questionnaire Modules
  - Since 2009 regular tender of focal modules with reference to labour market and poverty research
  - Reserachers can apply with research sketch
  - Actually application phase (for information contact Mark Trappmann: [Mark.Trappmann@iab.de](mailto:Mark.Trappmann@iab.de))
  - joint pretest / field preparation 2017
  - Data collection in 2018
  - Data availability via FDZ at the end of 2019

# Content-related research

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Thank you very much for your attention!

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