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1. Introduction

Starting in issue 1 of volume 236 (2016), the *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik / Journal of Economics and Statistics* publish a special section entitled *Data Observer*.¹ Contributions to this series describe data that can be used in empirical research in economics, and in the social sciences in general. While most of these data sets are micro data at the level of individuals, households, or firms (including linked employer-employee data sets), cross section and time series data at an aggregate level are covered as well. The purpose of the contributions to this section is to describe the information that is available in the data sets, to give examples of topics investigated with the data, and to inform readers how to access these data for their own research. The contributions are written by experts who often were in charge of collecting or building the data sets. Furthermore, papers in the series portray the research data centers and data service centers of data producing institutions that allow academic researchers to work with (mostly confidential) micro data for individuals and firms.

This note gives a short overview of the first 50 contributions to the *Data Observer* series that were published between 2016 and 2022.² 21 papers deal with data on individuals or household, 12 with data on establishments or enterprises, 2 with linked employer-employee data, 9 cover aggregate data for regions or countries, 3 look at other data, and 3 papers introduce research data centers or data service centers that provide data. Table 1 lists all contributions by the broad categories.

1 This section continues the *European Data Watch* series that was published in *Schmollers Jahrbuch / Journal of Applied Social Science Studies* from 2000 to 2015. For a survey of the 111 contributions to this series see Wagner (2015).

2 For an overview (in German) of the contributions published during the first five years see Wagner (2020b).

Table 1: Contributions to the Data Observer Series in the Journal of Economics and Statistics

RESEARCH DATA CENTERS AND DATA SERVICE CENTERS	
The Research Data Center PIAAC at GESIS	Perry und Ramstedt (2016)
The Research Data Centre of the Halle Institute for Economic Research (FDZ-IWH)	Lang und Kuttig (2017)
German Record Linkage Center (GRLC)	Antoni und Schnell (2019)
DATA ON INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS	
National Education Panel Study (NEPS)	Fuß et al. (2016)
Register Data on Voluntary Unemployment Insurance	Hofmann et al. (2016)
German Doctoral Candidates and Doctoral Holders Study (ProFile)	Lange et al. (2017)
Panel Data on Training Activities – Voucher Recipients and Eligible Employees of the Program Bildungsprämie	Görlitz und Tamm (2017)
Financial Incentives on Weight Loss (RWI-Obesity)	Eilers und Pilny (2018)
The Administrative Wage and Labor Market Flow Panel	Stüber und Seth (2019)
The German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)	Goebel et al. (2019)
PASS-ADIAB – Linked Survey and Administrative Data for Research on Unemployment and Poverty	Antoni und Bethmann (2019)
Early Childhood Education and Care Quality in the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) – the K ² ID-SOEP Study	Börsch-Supan et al. (2020)
SHARE-RV: Linked Data to Study Aging in Germany	Börsch-Supan et al. (2020)
Statutory Pension Insurance Accounts and Divorce: A New Scientific Use File	Keck et al. (2020)
The German Twin Family Panel (TwinLife)	Lang et al. (2020)
HILDA: Australian Household Panel Data	Watson and Wooden (2021)
BAuA Working Time Survey	Wöhrmann et al. (2021)
Green-SÖP: The Socio-ecological Panel Survey: 2012-2016	Klick et al. (2021)
Data for Migration Research from the German Socio-Economic Panel	Jacobsen et al. (2021)
SOEP-RV: Linking German SOEP Data to Pension Records	Lüthen et al. (2022)

The Swiss Household Panel (SHP)	Tillmann et al. (aop)
The Social Sustainability Barometer 2027 – 2019	Matjeko and Sommer (aop)
Data on Digital Transformation in the German SOEP	Fedorets et al. (aop)
The DeZIM panel on migrants in Germany	Dollmann et al. (aop)
DATA ON FIRMS (ESTABLISHMENTS AND ENTERPRISES)	
The Establishment History Panel	Eberle und Schmucker (2017)
The ZEW ICT Survey	Bertschek (2018)
The German Management and Organizational Practices (GMOP) Survey	Laible und Görg (2019)
The Micro Data Linking-Panel: A Combined Firm Dataset	Leppert (2020)
Transaction Data for Germany's Exports and Imports of Goods	Wagner (2020a)
Marmonization of the ifo Business Survey's Micro Data	Link (2020)
Data for <i>Mittelstand</i> Companies in Germany at the IfM Bonn	Schlömer-Laufen und Schneck (2020)
The Top 100 Companies Panel Database	Buchwald et al. (2021)
A Dataset for Blockholders in US-Listed Firms	Harries (aop)
Combined Business Tax Statistics for Germany	Buchner et al. (aop)
Establishments in the COVID-19 crisis in Germany	Bellmann et al. (aop)
Supplementary questions in the ifo Business Survey	Demmelhuber et al. (aop)
LINKED EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE DATA	
The Linked Employer-Employee Study of the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP-LEE)	Weinhardt et al. (2017)
The Linked Personnel Panel (LPP)	Ruf et al. (2020)
DATA FOR REGIONS UND COUNTRIES	
The German Time Series Dataset, 1934 – 2012	Rahlf (2016)
Exporter and Importer Dynamics Database for Germany	Wagner (2016)
RWI-GEO-GRID: Socio-economic data on grid level	Breidenbach und Eilers (2018)
Ifo World Economic Survey (WES)	Boumans und Garnitz (2017)

Population Projection for Germany 2015 – 2050 on Grid Level (RWI-GEO-GRID-POP-Forecast)	Breidenbach et al. (2019)
The KOF Globalisation Index	Haelg (2020)
Regional Real Estate Price Indices for Germany, 2008 – 2019: RWI-GEO-REDEX	Klick und Schaffner (2021)
Business Concentration Data for Germany	Heidorn und Weche (2021)
IOER Monitor: Data on Settlement and Open Space in Germany	Meinel et al. (2022)
OTHER DATA	
Survey Data in the Role of Universities in the German Regional Innovation System	Warnecke (2018)
Industry Conversion Tables for German Firm-Level Data	Dierks et al. (2020)
Tracking the Rise of Robots: The IFR Database	Jurkat, Klump and Schneider (aop)

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<https://www.degruyter.com/journal/key/jbnst/html?lang=en> (aop) refers to contributions that are available “ahead of print” before inclusion in a printed issue.

All contributions to the *Data Observer* section are available free of charge from the website of the *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik / Journal of Economics and Statistics*: <https://www.degruyter.com/journal/key/jbnst/html?lang=en>.

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