

DATA STRUCTURE

DATA ACCESS The GESIS Panel offers **two modes** of access:

1. ZA5664: GESIS Panel – Extended Edition
On-site access at the **Secure Data Center** at GESIS Mannheim or Cologne
2. ZA5665: GESIS Panel – Standard Edition
Off-site access via **download**

How-to get access:
[GESIS Panel Data Access](#)

How-to cite:
(Example)

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DATA PACKAGE The GESIS Panel Standard Edition contains:

1) DOCUMENTATION

- ZA5664-65_cdb.pdf → **Codebook** (Information on all variable names and labels)
- ZA5664-65_fb.pdf → **Questionnaires** (Screenshots/ scans (online and paper versions))
- ZA5664-65_r_*. → **Reports** (Wave specific reports; Method and technical reports)
- ZA5664-65_sd.pdf → **Study Descriptions** (Content of respective studies, e.g., authors, experiments)
- ZA5664-65_sd_data-manual.pdf → **Data Manual** (Information on data structure and design weights)
- ZA5664-65_sd_online-paradata.pdf

2) DATA SETS The GESIS Panel consists of **three cohorts: 2013, 2016 and 2018.**

COHORT SPECIFIC DATA SETS



The GESIS Panel provides **DATA SETS** for each cohort structured by **cohort** and the respective **waves** per year,

- 1) e.g., ZA5665_a1_da-df_v31-0-0.dta 2) e.g., ZA5665_d1_fa-ff_v31-0-0.dta

MISSING VALUE SCHEME

Value	Value label	Remark
-11	Not invited	Panel members who were not part of the panel at the time of the survey
-22	Not in panel	not willing to join the panel after recruitment interview or actively signing off
-33	Unit nonresponse	invited but not participating in corresponding wave
-44	Missing by m.o.p.	mode of participation (m.o.p.): online or offline
-55	Technical error	e.g. questionnaire programming error
-66	Missing by design	experimental variation
-77	Not reached	only in online mode: panelist has not seen the item due to break-off
-88	Missing by filter	filtered item
-99	Item nonresponse	due to nonresponse by the respondent
-111	Ambiguous answer	ambiguous answers in offline questionnaire

NAMING CONVENTIONS

VARIABLE NAMING Each variable is named according to:

Position	1	2	3+4	5-7	8
Characters	[a-y]	[a-z]	[aa-yz]	[001-999]	[a-z]
Meaning	[Year]	[Wave]	[Study]	[Variable Number]	[Modifications]

e. g., wave ed, study bo: **edbo123a**

NAMING OF WAVES Every two months, the GESIS Panel conducts one survey, which results in six **waves** per year:

Survey year	Character	Wave	Character
2013	a	1 February - April	a
2014	b	2 April - June	b
...	...	3 June - August	c
2017	e	4 August - October	d
2018	f	5 October - December	e
2019	g	6 December - February	f

NAMING OF STUDIES In each wave 15 minutes are reserved for external studies (max. 5 minutes per study):

External Studies	Character
1st study	aa
2nd study	ab
...	...
24th study	az
25th study	ba
26th study ...	bb ...

The naming of variable names, waves, and studies follows an **alphabetical** order

STUDIES

CORE STUDIES Core studies are collected once a year on a specific topic:

Wave	Core Study Topic	Study
a	Subjective Well-Being	zb
b	Political and Social Participation	zc
c	Environmental Attitudes and Behavior	zd
d	Personality and Personal Values	ze
e	Media Usage & Work and Leisure	zf, zg, (+zh)
f	Socio-Demographic Update	zh, zi
	Survey Mode Preferences / Survey	zi, zq
	Experience & Survey Participation Evaluation	

SUBMITTED STUDIES Selection of studies categorized by topics:

- Environmental Attitudes and Behavior: **aq, av, as, be, bk, bz, zy**
- Personality and Personal Values: **ac, ba, bb, bf, bh, bl, bq, bt, cb**
- Politics and Political Attitudes: **ab, ad, aj, ap, ax, ay, az, bi, bj, br, bo, bu, bv, by, ce, zy, zz**
- Well-Being: **an, at, aw, ba, bl**
- Migration and Ethnic Minorities: **bd, zj, zy**

OVERVIEW CHART of the three cohorts and the individual waves of the GESIS Panel

Note: "Regular waves within recruitment phase" = During this time the newly recruited panelists have gradually been incorporated into the GESIS Panel. / „Recruitment interview & profile survey“ = These data sets contain the data from the recruitment interview/ profile survey with the newly recruited panelists.

