

ALLBUS – Allgemeine Bevölkerungsumfrage der Sozialwissenschaften / German General Social Survey

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

There is an oversample in ALLBUS for Eastern Germany (neue Bundesländer) since 1991. If it is not intended to analyse East and West Germany separately, these data have to be weighted. Weights for this purpose are offered in ALLBUS since 1996. Because of this oversample the overall frequencies shown in the codebooks for 1991–2002 are not simply representative. However, column percentages in the codebooks are computed separately for East and West. These percentages may be interpreted without weighting. The newer Variable Reports and data handbooks already show weighted frequencies for the whole of Germany in the variable descriptions. An additional overview of unweighted marginal distributions is provided as a separate supplement.

For more details about the surveys, samples, and weighting see the methodological reports, introductions to the data handbooks or:

Siegfried Gabler 1994:

ALLBUS-Baseline-Studie 1991 und ALLBUS 1992, Ost-West-Gewichtungen, in: ZUMA-Nachrichten 35: 77–81.

Arno Bens 2006:

Zur Auswertung haushaltsbezogener Merkmale mit dem ALLBUS 2004, in: ZA-Information 59: 143–156.

Michael Terwey 2007:

Generelle Hinweise zur Auswertung der ALLBUS-Daten: Stichprobentypen und Gewichtungen, in: Michael Terwey, Arno Bens, Horst Baumann und Stefan Baltzer, Elektronisches Datenhandbuch ALLBUS 2006, ZA-Study-No. 4500, Cologne: GESIS: 12–18.

Michael Terwey 2010:

Basic Sample Design and Weighting in Various Years, in: Michael Terwey and Horst Baumann, German General Social Survey. ALLBUS / GGSS Cumulation 1980–2008, ZA-Study-No 4572, Electronic Data Handbook, Cologne: GESIS: x–xv.

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