

Germany
ISSP 2008 – Religion III
Study Description

ISSP Study Description Form

<i>Study title:</i>	ISSP 2008 "Religion"
<i>Fieldwork dates:</i>	Start: 2008-03-01; End: 2008-08-23
<i>Principal investigators:</i>	name and institution Prof. Dr. Peter Ph. Mohler, GESIS
<i>Sample type:</i>	description of the sampling procedure Two stage random sample. Names and addresses from registers of inhabitants kept by municipalities. Adults of 18 and older living in private accommodation.
<i>Fieldwork institute:</i>	TNS Infratest Sozialforschung (Germany)
<i>Fieldwork methods:</i>	Self-completion questionnaire (CASI), interviewer in attendance. Background variables were asked face-to-face (CAPI).
<i>N. of respondents:</i>	number of respondents in the final ISSP file: 1706

<i>Details about issued sample:</i> Please follow the standards laid down in AAPOR/WAPOR, Standard Definitions: http://www.aapor.org/uploads/standarddefs4.pdf . The numbers in the parentheses are those used in Tables 2 and 3 of Standard Definitions.	1. Total number of starting or issued names/addresses (gross sample size) *	N=4887 East=1516 West=3371
	2. Interviews (1.0)	N=1706 East=524 West=1182
	3. Eligible, Non-Interview	N=2111
	A. Refusal/Break-off (2.10)	East=681 West=1430
	B. Non-Contact (2.20)	N=261 East=96 West=165
	C. Other	
	i. Language Problems (2.33)	N=69 East=9 West=60
	ii. Miscellaneous Other (2.31, 2.32, 2.35)	N=128 East=38 West=90
	4. Unknown Eligibility, Non-Interview (3.0)	N=45 East=17 West=28
	5. Not Eligible	N=41
	A. Not a Residence (4.50)	East=11 West=30
	B. Vacant Residence (4.60)	N=526 East=140 West=386
	C. No Eligible Respondent (4.70)	
	D. Other (4.10,4.90)	
* When new sample units are added during the field period via a new dwelling units list or other standard updating procedure, these additional issued units are added to the starting number of units to make up the total gross sample size. Also, when substitution is used, the total must include the originally drawn cases plus all substitute cases. See AAPOR/WAPOR Standard Definitions, pp. 9-10 for further clarification.		

<i>Language(s):</i>	language or languages of the field instrument German
<i>Weight present:</i>	yes or no, whether a weighting factor exists in the data-set Not weighted
<i>Weighting procedure:</i>	exact description of the weighting procedure / algorithm Sample for eastern Germany deliberately over-samples the five eastern federal states. If all of Germany is taken as the unit of analysis (rather than the eastern and western states) weighting is necessary. Weighting factor for Western Germany: 1,17759009**; weighting factor for Eastern Germany: 0,59940556**;

	<p>recoding of the country variable is necessary</p> <p>** Own calculation based on data of Microcensus 2007; figures provided by the German Federal Statistical Office.</p>
<i>Known systematic properties of sample:</i>	<p>description of biases or other deviations of the sample</p> <p>none</p>
<i>Deviations from ISSP questionnaire:</i>	<p>esp. questions omitted, or added, or asked in a different format than the Basic Questionnaire prescribes</p> <p>none</p>
<i>Publications:</i>	<p>list of publications using the present data set</p> <p>ISSP 2008 Methods Report on the German Study (forthcoming)</p> <p>For further information see ISSP bibliography on the ISSP homepage (http://www.issp.org/biblio.htm)</p>