

## DATA STRUCTURE

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

1. ZA5664: GESIS Panel – Extended Edition
2. ZA5665: GESIS Panel – Standard Edition

On-site access at the **Secure Data Center** at GESIS Mannheim or Cologne

Off-site access via **download**

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

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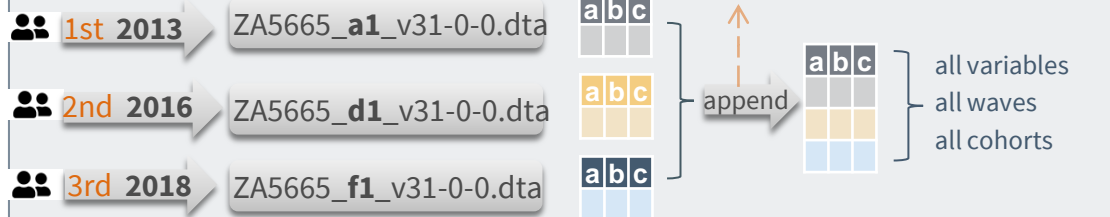
**DATA PACKAGE** The GESIS Panel Standard Edition contains:

### 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
- ZA5664-65\_mb\_\*. → **Recruitment for the Panel**

**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

cohort 2016 wave fa to ff (year 2018)

### 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 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-d/f]	[aa-zz]	[001-999]	[a-z]
Meaning	[Year]	[Wave]	[Study]	[Variable Number]	[Modifications]

e. g., wave ed, study bo:

edbo123a

**NAMING OF WAVES** Every two/three months (2013-2020/since 2021), the GESIS Panel conducts one survey, which results in six/four waves per year:

Survey year	Character	Character	Wave until	Wave since
2013	a		2020	2021
2014	b	1 a	Feb.-March	Feb.-Apr.
...	...	2 b	Apr.-May	May-July
2019	g	3 c	June-July	Aug.-Oct.
2020	h	4 d	Aug.-Sept.	Nov.-Jan.
2021	i	5 e	Oct.-Nov.	-
2022	j	6 f	Dec.-Jan	-

**OVERVIEW CHART** of the four cohorts and the individual waves of the GESIS Panel



## STUDIES

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

Wave (2013-2020)	Wave (since 2021)	Core Study Topic	Study
a	a	Subjective Well-Being	zb
b	a	Political and Social Participation	zc
c	b	Environmental Attitudes and Behavior	zd
d	b	Personality and Personal Values	ze
e	c	Media Usage	zf
e	c	Work and Leisure	zg
f	d	Socio-Demographic Update	zh
f	d	Panel survey participation evaluation, survey mode preferences	zi
c	c	Attitude towards refugees scale	zj
d	d	Religion	zt