

Family background and educational attainment - Are there birth order effects in Germany?

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Database

The database has been drawn from the “German Life History Study”.

If you wish to replicate the results of the paper, you will need the following datasets:

Survey LV 1: GESCHWIS, KINDER, rec1, SCHOOL, TRENNVA, WOHNUNG

Survey LV 2A: PA, HG, HM, HV

Survey LV 2T: PA, HG, HM, HV

Survey LV 3: PA, HG, HM, HV

Survey LV 64-71: rec1, rec2, rec2sm, rec2sv, rec3sp, rec5sp

Data access

The data can be ordered via GESIS <http://www.gesis.org/unsere-angebote/researchieren/datenbestandskatalog/>. According to the GESIS website, “Data and documents are only released for academic research and teaching after the data depositor’s written authorization. For this purpose the Data Archive obtains a written permission with specification of the user and the analysis intention.”

Programs

Please create 5 folders on your computer: LV 1, LV 2A, LV 2T, LV 3 and LV 64-71 and save the datasets of the 5 surveys into the corresponding folder.

Please open the the eight do-files (dataset1.do, dataset2.do, dataset3.do, dataset4.do, dataset5.do, editing.do, analysis.do) and change the working directory in the header into the directory, where you created the five folders.

In order to create the dataset used in the analysis (“bolv_ed.dta”), please run the following two do-files:

appending.do (which runs dataset1.do, dataset2.do, dataset3.do, dataset4.do, dataset5.do)
editing.do

In order to replicate the results of the analysis please run:

analysis.do