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1 Prequel

The National Educational Panel Study (NEPS) surveys an Early Childhood cohort sample (Starting Cohort 1, SC1) and follows them over their transition to Kindergarten and beyond. The data are released via corresponding Scientific Use Files (SUF). The current SUF version is available under DOI:10.5157/NEPS:SC1:5.0.0.¹

This report documents the weighting of Wave 5 and supplements the previous NEPS Technical Report on Weighting Wave 4 by Würbach (2017) as well as the NEPS Survey Paper by Würbach, Zinn, and Aßmann (2016), which gives detailed information on the applied sampling procedure, the derivation of design weights, their successive adjustments, and the derivation of panel weights for the previous Waves 1 to 3.

Table 1 summarizes the study numbers, the survey modes, the periods of the studies as well as the numbers of participants in each panel wave available in the current SUF.² In all waves, all parents of the panel cohort were asked to be interviewed (by CATI or CAPI³).

Wave	Study number	Survey mode	Time	Number of Participants
1	B04	CAPI	2012/13	3,481
2	B05	CATI/CAPI	2013	2,862
3	B91	CAPI	2014	2,609
4	B100	CAPI	2015	2,478
5	B101	CAPI	2016	2,381

Table 1: Survey overview for Starting Cohort 1.

CATI: Computer-assisted telephone interview, CAPI: Computer-assisted personal interview.

All panel participants were invited for direct measurements in Wave 1 and Wave 3 and for competence measurements in Wave 4. In Wave 2, only a subsample of children was asked participating in the direct measurements (Würbach et al., 2016, Section 2.2). The accordant numbers are given in Table 2. This table details the used gross sample size, the number of participants in the interviews and in the direct and competence measurements as well as the number of those who were actually weighted and available for analyses. The percentages given refer to the number of participants among the used gross sample.

¹For general information on the NEPS, see Blossfeld, Roßbach, and von Maurice (2011). More detailed information is available in the documentation section on the homepage.

²More details on the studies are given in the reports of the survey institute 'infas' *Institut für angewandte Sozial-wissenschaft GmbH* which conducted the corresponding interviews and tests; see Bauer, Bech, Gilberg, and Kleudgen (2013), Aust and Bauer (2014a, 2014b), and Bauer et al. (2015).

³CATI: Computer-assisted telephone interview, CAPI: Computer-assisted personal interview.

Table 2: Participation in direct measurements and competence measurements, respectively.

Wave	Study number	Used gross sample	Participants	Analyzable and weighted cases	%
1	B04	3,481	3,481	3,111	89.4
2	B05	1,893	1,510	1,407	93.2
3	B91	3,281	2,609	1,921	73.6
4	B100	3,143	2,478	2,324	93.8
5	B101	2,872	2,381	2,040	85.7

Note: "-" not applicable; "n.a." not (yet) available.

Across the distinct panel waves, for all participating units cross-sectional as well as longitudinal weights are provided. Furthermore, weights are given for individuals with additional information from direct and competence measurements, respectively.

The remainder of this supplement is structured as follows: Section 2 details the panel progress of the Starting Cohort 1 and the composition of the gross and net samples of the different waves is described. In Section 3 the nonresponse in Wave 5 as well as the response propensity for participating in all five waves is analyzed. Nonresponse models are estimated using logistic regressions. Finally, Section 4 concludes with a summary of the provided sampling weights and design information given in the corresponding weighting data set.

2 Panel progress

The following Table 3 completes the study summary of Starting Cohort 1 (Table 1) by detailing the composition of the distinct samples together with the numbers of nonrespondents and final dropouts. Final dropouts are separated into final dropouts due to refusal during the survey period and final dropouts between two consecutive waves.

Table 3: Panel progress of Starting Cohort 1 by wave.

		P	anel Coh	ort	Status	Status at the end of the wave		
Wave	Group	Total size	Not used	Used sample	Participants	Temporary dropout	Final dropout (in wave)	Final dropout (after wave)
1	All	_	_	8,483	3,481	0	5,002	50
2	AII CATI CAPI	3,431 3,431	0 0 1,538	3,431 3,431 1,893	2,862 2,849 1,510	468 480 340	101 102 43	49 48 21
3	All	3,281	0	3,281	2,609	539	133	5
4	All	3,143	0	3,143	2,478	541	124	^a 147
5	All	2,872	0	2,872	2,381	383	108	^a 99

Note: ^a 143 and 92 units are declared as final dropouts because of not having participated for a period of two years.

3 Weighting Adjustments for Wave Participation

Systematic refusals may arise and for this, the (non)response and attrition processes of the sampled individuals, has to be accounted for. Thus, for reasons of usability, commonly design weights are adjusted to account for nonresponse in the survey. For this purpose, the units' probabilities to participate in each survey wave are employed.⁴ The processing in the nonresponse analysis with a comparison of the gross sample and the realized sample of Wave 1 is detailed in Würbach et al. (2016, Chapter 4).

Logistic regression models are used to estimate the individual participation propensities. On the basis of the estimated (non)response models participation probabilities are predicted and used as adjustment factors to derive cross-sectional and longitudinal survey weights.

The participation in the direct measurements for Wave 3 as well as the participation in the competence measurements for Wave 4 is modeled meanwhile, and the accordant weights are provided together with the weights for Wave 5 participation in competence measurements.

3.1 Modeling Wave 5 Participation

Directly on the onset of Wave 5, the panel cohort comprised 2,872 parents and children pairs. That is, 559 panel members withdrew their participation consent either within Waves 2 to 5 or between two consecutive waves. The Tables 4, 5 and 6 give the corresponding variables and results for panel and wave participation. Please note that only the prediction models used to derive the adjustment factors are given in the participation models. That is, only the models with significant estimates are used, not the full model from Table 4.

Regarding panel willingness, as before in Wave 4, the gender, the educational attainment, the employment status, the migration background as well as the household composition show a significant effect on the participation probability, cp. Table 4. However, the effects are even higher in Wave 5 than in Wave 4. Male respondents are less likely to maintain participation in the panel. Compared to the model for panel participation before Wave 2, in the later models the effect of gender becomes significant. The effect is high in Wave 2 as well, but remains insignificant because the overall number of male respondents was still low at this point of time. The higher the educational attainment, the higher is the willingness for further participation. Being employed also increases the probability to stay in the panel, whereas having a migration background decreases panel willingness. The number of children in the household exhibits a positive effect, too. That is, parents having two children or more have a higher propensity to remain in the panel than parents having just one child in the household.

⁴In SC1 the target population are newborns but the respondents are their legal guardians. Hence, in this particular case it would be more appropriate to use the term realization probability instead of participation probability. Nevertheless, realization probability is not commonly used in the context of survey weighting, therefore it is waived.

Table 4: Models estimating the individual panel entrance propensities for respondents of the SC1 in Wave 2 up to Wave 5.

Value	Wave 2	Wave 3	Wave 4	Wave 5
/ntercept	5.795***	2.231***	0.923**	-0.438
	(0.980)	(0.417)	(0.301)	(0.249)
Birth month				
March	-0.254	0.332	0.070	-0.061
	(0.465)	(0.253)	(0.190)	(0.152)
April	-0.829	0.502	0.031	0.165
	(0.446)	(0.293)	(0.208)	(0.171)
May	-0.292	0.885**	0.595**	0.355*
	(0.476)	(0.308)	(0.216)	(0.165)
June/July	0.101	-0.369	-0.184	-0.054
	(0.541)	(0.235)	(0.196)	(0.162)
Gender of interviewed person				
Male	1.029	-1.498***	-0.802*	-0.859**
	(1.118)	(0.432)	(0.361)	(0.291)
Year of birth interviewed person				
Before 1975	0.229	-0.106	-0.180	-0.230
	(0.566)	(0.293)	(0.225)	(0.185)
1976-1980	-0.457	0.097	-0.185	-0.197
	(0.462)	(0.271)	(0.201)	(0.165)
1981-1985	$-0.275^{'}$	0.304	0.066	-0.110°
	(0.449)	(0.262)	(0.193)	(0.155)
Federal region				
West	-0.837	-0.011	0.225	0.178
	(0.544)	(0.236)	(0.175)	(0.137)
PIV catagories				
BIK categories 50,000 up to 500,000 inhabitants	-0.802	-0.064	-0.065	0.009
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500,000 or more inhabitants	-1.188	-0.363	0.040	0.075
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10, 28	(0.425)	(0.263)	(0.172	(0.164)
2c	2.245***	0.356	0.426*	0.531**
20	(0.455)	(0.273)	(0.198)	(0.165)
3ab	2.261***	0.441	0.852***	0.897**
345	(0.485)	(0.306)	(0.234)	(0.188)
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Employment status of interviewed person Employed	-0.020	2.248***	2.157***	2.304**
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	(0.320)	(0.273)	(0.103)	(0.133)
Migration background of interviewed person				
Yes	-0.541	-0.312	-0.507***	-0.537**
	(0.334)	(0.190)	(0.145)	(0.115)
Marital status of interviewed person				
Married	-1.188*	-0.143	-0.037	0.325*
	(0.498)	(0.227)	(0.169)	(0.132)
Divorced/widowed	-0.015	-0.186	-0.191	0.397
	(1.133)	(0.487)	(0.374)	(0.301)
Number of children in household				
2	0.580	0.458*	0.698***	0.974**
	(0.351)	(0.198)	(0.148)	(0.120)
3	0.511	0.132	0.669**	0.988 [*]
	(0.490)	(0.268)	(0.218)	(0.168)
4+	-0.069	0.358	0.784*	1.387**
	(0.600)	(0.456)	(0.339)	(0.287)
Number of cases	3481	3431	3431	3431
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Notes: IP — interviewed person. Reference categories are: Birth month (February), Gender IP (Female), Year of birth IP (1986 and later), Federal region (East Germany incl. Berlin), BIK categories (less than 50,000 inhabitants), CASMIN IP (1a,1b,2b), Employment status IP (Unemployed), Migration background IP (No), Marital status IP (Single), Number of children in household (1). ***, **, and * denote significance at the 0.1%, 1%, and 5% level, respectively. Standard errors are given in parentheses.

Table 5: Models estimating the individual participation propensities (CATI of parents) in Wave 2 up to Wave 5.

Value	Wave 2	Wave 3	Wave 4	Wave 5
/ntercept	0.410**	-0.729***	-0.541**	-0.504*
	(0.138)	(0.168)	(0.171)	(0.211)
Birth month				
March				-0.067
				(0.154)
April				0.348*
				(0.176)
May				0.012
,				(0.158)
June/July				0.226
Jan. 5, Jan. 4				(0.170)
Gender (<i>IP</i>)				
Male		-1.330***		
Water		(0.298)		
		(0.230)		
Year of birth (IP)	0 674***	0.640***	0.225	0.702**
Before 1975	0.671***	0.648***	0.325	0.783**
1075 1000	(0.161)	(0.183)	(0.173)	(0.190)
1976-1980	0.658***	0.138	0.148	0.418*
	(0.143)	(0.154)	(0.152)	(0.163)
1981-1985	0.415**	0.078	-0.045	0.341*
	(0.134)	(0.145)	(0.143)	(0.156)
CASMIN (IP)				
1c, 2a	0.656***	0.492**	0.376*	0.498**
	(0.143)	(0.159)	(0.161)	(0.181)
2c	0.950***	0.761***	0.648***	0.757**
	(0.146)	(0.162)	(0.163)	(0.180)
3ab	1.619***	0.858***	0.919***	1.145**
	(0.170)	(0.178)	(0.176)	(0.196)
Employment status (IP)				
Employed		2.447***	1.378***	0.874**
		(0.135)	(0.102)	(0.113)
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Notes: see Table 4.

Table 6: Models estimating the propensities for children participating in direct measurements (Wave 1 up to Wave 3) or competence measurements (Wave 4 and Wave 5).

Value	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 3	Wave 4	Wave 5
Intercept	1.707***	0.140	-0.672***	-0.570***	-0.713***
	(0.175)	(0.183)	(0.154)	(0.166)	(0.183)
Gender (IP)					
Male	-0.568		-1.031^{***}		
	(0.329)		(0.252)		
Year of birth (IP)					
Before 1975	0.391	0.592**		0.351^{*}	0.351^{*}
	(0.202)	(0.198)		(0.159)	(0.159)
1976-1980	0.429^{*}	0.500**		0.272	0.293*
	(0.180)	(0.177)		(0.142)	(0.146)
1981-1985	0.129	0.421*		0.114	0.209
	(0.167)	(0.174)		(0.135)	(0.142)
CASMIN (IP)					
1c, 2a	0.610***	0.627***	0.738***	0.297	0.632***
	(0.172)	(0.191)	(0.158)	(0.155)	(0.167)
2c	0.686***	0.845***	0.822***	0.552***	0.765***
	(0.173)	(0.189)	(0.158)	(0.156)	(0.166)
3ab	0.794***	1.053***	1.085***	0.774***	0.871***
	(0.193)	(0.198)	(0.159)	(0.166)	(0.172)
Employment status (IP)					
Employed			1.179***	1.096***	0.513***
			(0.084)	(0.092)	(0.094)
Migration background (IP)					
Yes	-0.721***	-0.738***	-1.416^{***}	-0.603***	-0.537***
	(0.119)	(0.117)	(0.088)	(0.094)	(0.093)
Marital status (IP)					
Married				0.325**	0.277*
				(0.107)	(0.111)
Divorced/widowed				$-0.075^{'}$	$-0.065^{'}$
				(0.262)	(0.236)
Number of children in household					
2	-0.128		0.181^*	0.502***	0.481***
	(0.128)		(0.087)	(0.098)	(0.101)
3	_0.299		0.124	0.477**	0.388**
	(0.188)		(0.141)	(0.154)	(0.147)
4+	-0.651^{*}		0.626 [*]	1.050***	0.335
	(0.262)		(0.244)	(0.268)	(0.239)

Notes: IP – interviewed person. Reference categories are: Gender IP (Female), Year of birth IP (1986 and later), CASMIN IP (1a,1b,2b), Employment status IP (Unemployed), Migration background IP (No), Marital status IP (Single), Number of children in household (1).

***, **, and * denote significance at the 0.1%, 1%, and 5% level, respectively. Standard errors are given in parentheses.

The probability of attending the CATI is significantly influenced by age, the educational attainment, the employment status, the migration background, and the number of children in the household, cp. Table 5. The older the respondent, the more likely is participation in CATI. This is the same with the educational level of the respondents: the higher the CASMIN, the higher is the participation propensity. Being employed or having two or more children also positively influences participation in the CATI. On the contrary, respondents with migration background are less likely to participate. As a side note, the employment status just became significant since Wave 3, which might be due to the fact that up to Wave 3 the overall rate of employed interviewed persons was quite low.

The propensity for participation in the direct and competence measurements is influenced in the same way as the participation in the parent CATI, cp. Table 6. Although, the effect sizes are less striking than in the model for CATI participation.

3.2 Modeling Participation in Consecutive Waves

In addition to the cross-sectional weights, also weights for participation in consecutive waves, i.e. longitudinal weights, are provided. These weights comprise the longitudinal weights for participating in the parent interview in all five waves on the one hand, and the longitudinal weight for participation in the direct and competence measurements in all five waves on the other hand. For this purpose, two logistic regression models have been estimated: one for attending all of the CATIs (in Wave 1 up to 5) and another one for participating in all direct and competence measurements (in Wave 1 up to Wave 5). Table 7 and Table 8 show the corresponding variables and results.

The coefficients of the longitudinal model for parent participation in the CATI confirm the picture that has emerged from previous modeling of longitudinal participation, cp. Table 7. Age, educational attainment, employment status, migration background, and number of children in the household significantly influence continued participation. The older the respondent or the higher the CASMIN, the higher is the propensity for repeated participation. Being employed, having no migration background, or having two or more children also positively influences repeated participation in the CATI.

For continued participation in direct measurements and competence measurements, respectively, only the educational attainment and the migration background are highly significant, cp. 8. Respondents with higher educational attainment have generally higher propensities for repeated participation than respondents with a low educational level. On the opposite, having a migration background considerably decreases propensity for repeated participation in the direct and competence measurements. The effects of age and employment status are remarkably smaller than in previous waves. However, employed and respondents born before 1975 are more likely to participate repeatedly.

Table 7: Models estimating the longitudinal individual participation propensities (CATI of parents) for Wave 3 up to Wave 5.

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Notes: IP – interviewed person. Reference categories are: Gender IP (Female), Year of birth IP (1986 and later), CASMIN IP (1a,1b,2b), Employment status IP (Unemployed), Migration background IP (No), Marital status IP (Single), Number of children in household (1). ***, **, and * denote significance at the 0.1%, 1%, and 5% level, respectively. Standard errors are given in parentheses.

Table 8: Models estimating the longitudinal propensities for children participating in direct measurements (Wave 1 up to 3) and competence measurements (Wave 4 and Wave 5).

Value	Waves 1 to 2	Waves 1 to 3	Waves 1 to 4	Waves 1 to 5
Intercept	-0.144	-1.187***	-1.600***	-1.759***
	(0.184)	(0.290)	(0.316)	(0.333)
Birth month				
March			-0.085	
			(0.156)	
April			-0.121	
			(0.171)	
May			-0.312	
			(0.163)	
June/July			-0.521**	
			(0.168)	
Gender of				
Male		-1.407**		
		(0.440)		
Year of birth (<i>IP</i>)				
Before 1975	0.643***	0.570**	0.573**	0.474*
	(0.195)	(0.208)	(0.210)	(0.220)
1976-1980	0.548**	0.093	0.283	0.362
	(0.175)	(0.188)	(0.195)	(0.206)
1981-1985	0.395 [*]	0.106	0.159	0.258
	(0.171)	(0.186)	(0.192)	(0.204)
BIK categories				
50,000 up to 500,000 inhabitants		-0.314		
		(0.185)		
500,000 or more inhabitants		-0.454^{**}		
		(0.174)		
CASMIN (IP)				
1c, 2a	0.846***	1.443***	1.623***	1.538***
	(0.191)	(0.267)	(0.305)	(0.337)
2c	0.997 [*] **	1.448 [*] **	1.707 [*] **	1.508 [*] **
	(0.188)	(0.267)	(0.304)	(0.334)
3ab	1.120***	1.559***	1.721***	1.559***
	(0.196)	(0.270)	(0.305)	(0.335)
Employment status (IP)				
Employed		0.997***	0.474***	0.236*
		(0.108)	(0.111)	(0.119)
Migration background (IP)				
Yes	-0.768***	-1.336***	-1.417***	-1.402***
	(0.115)	(0.123)	(0.125)	(0.133)
Number of cases	1893	1829	1752	1617

Notes: IP – interviewed person. Reference categories are: Birth month (February), Gender IP (Female), Year of birth IP (1986 and later), BIK categories (less than 50,000 inhabitants), CASMIN IP (1a,1b,2b), Employment status IP (Unemployed), Migration background IP (No), Marital status IP person (Single), Number of children in household (1). ***, **, and * denote significance at the 0.1%, 1%, and 5% level, respectively. Standard errors are given in parentheses.

4 Summary and Use of Weights

The NEPS provides various kinds of weights for the Early Childhood cohort together with design information. Table 9 lists the design information and the summarizes all types of weights and their accordant label provided by SUF release version DOI:10.5157/NEPS:SC1:5.0.0. To ease statistical analysis, all weights apart from the pure design weight (Wave 1) are provided in a trimmed and standardized form (Würbach et al., 2016, Chapter 6). Standardized weights have mean one and sum up to the number of participants in the corresponding wave. Summary statistics for all kind of weights provided are given in Table 10.

Please refer to Würbach et al. (2016, Chapter 6) for advices regarding the usage of weights.

Table 9: Variables included in the weighting data for SC1 version 5.0.0 of the SUF.

Variable	Applies to	Content
Identifier		
ID_t	all targets	Identifier for target person
Design informa	ıtion	
psu	all targets	Primary Sampling Unit (Point number)
stratum	all targets	Stratification variable according to sampling frame
px80101_R	all targets	Federal State according to sampling frame
Design weights	adjusted for i	nitial nonresponse
w_t1ext*	3,481 cases	Design weight for parents participating in Wave 1 (unstandardized)
w_t1	3,481 cases	Cross-sectional weight for parents participating in Wave 1
w_t1comp	3,111 cases	Cross-sectional weight for children participating in Wave 1 with direct measurements
w_t2	2,862 cases	Cross-sectional weight for parents participating in Wave 2
w_t12	2,862 cases	Longitudinal weight for parents participating in Wave 1 and 2
w_t2comp	1,407 cases	Cross-sectional weight for children participating in Wave 2 with direct measurements
w_t12comp	1,353 cases	Longitudinal weight for children participating in Wave 1 and 2 with direct measurements
w_t3	2,609 cases	Cross-sectional weight for parents participating in Wave 3
w_t123	2,427 cases	Longitudinal weight for parents participating in Wave 1, 2, and 3
w_t3comp	1,921 cases	Cross-sectional weight for children participating in Wave 3 with direct measurements
w_t123comp	970 cases	Longitudinal weight for children participating in Wave 1 up to Wave 3 with direct measurements
w_t4	2,478 cases	Cross-sectional weight for parents participating in Wave 4
w_t1234	2,171 cases	Longitudinal weight for parents participating in Wave 1 up to Wave 4
w_t4comp	2,324 cases	Cross-sectional weight for children participating in Wave 4 with competence measurements
w_t1234comp	861 cases	Longitudinal weight for children participating in Wave 1 up to Wave 4 with direct and competence measurements
w_t5	2,381 cases	Cross-sectional weight for parents participating in Wave 5
w_t12345	2,001 cases	Longitudinal weight for parents participating in Wave 1 up to Wave 5
w_t5comp	2,040 cases	Cross-sectional weight for children participating in Wave 5 with competence measurements
w_t12345comp	735 cases	Longitudinal weight for children participating in Wave 1 up to Wave 5 with direct and competence measurements

^{*}The superscript ext indicates that this weight can be used to extrapolate to the target population.

Table 10: Summary statistics for all weights provided.

Label of weight	Min.	Lower Quart.	Median	Mean	Upper Quart.	Max.
w_t1ext	26.346	40.683	49.752	93.062	67.924	656.658
w_t1	0.285	0.440	0.538	1.000	0.734	4.788
w_t1comp	0.268	0.432	0.544	1.000	0.765	4.777
w_t2	0.251	0.419	0.538	1.000	0.781	4.824
w_t2comp	0.306	0.471	0.592	1.000	0.816	4.801
w_t12comp	0.302	0.466	0.588	1.000	0.815	4.790
w_t3	0.231	0.390	0.534	1.000	0.849	4.811
w_t123	0.225	0.388	0.530	1.000	0.861	4.856
w_t3comp	0.199	0.350	0.504	1.000	1.027	4.809
w_t123comp	0.243	0.414	0.557	1.000	0.887	4.727
w_t4	0.236	0.404	0.530	1.000	0.793	4.837
w_t1234	0.224	0.395	0.521	1.000	0.821	4.842
w_t4comp	0.230	0.398	0.525	1.000	0.797	4.841
w_t1234comp	0.235	0.400	0.531	1.000	0.875	4.870
w_t5	0.243	0.410	0.527	1.000	0.769	4.919
w_t12345	0.224	0.394	0.520	1.000	0.801	4.864
w_t5comp	0.238	0.403	0.530	1.000	0.793	4.809
w_t12345comp	0.267	0.425	0.530	1.000	0.905	4.858

For further information on weighting please contact methoden@lifbi.de.

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