NEPS National Educational Panel Study

Starting Cohort 1: Newborns (SC1)
Study Overview
Waves 1 to 5



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Surveys of Starting Cohort 1 – Early Childhood

The present study documentation gives an overview of the progress of the main surveys, which will contribute to the Scientific Use Files (SUFs). Figure 1 presents a general view on the field times of the target persons for waves 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

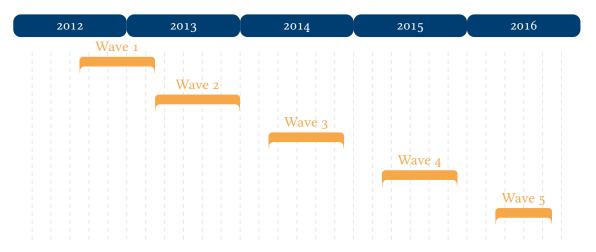


Figure 1: Survey progress of Starting Cohort 1 (waves 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)

In the wave-specific overviews starting from section 1 not only the questioned target and context persons are defined but the case numbers and field times, as well. This information is taken from the corresponding field and method reports and might differ slightly from the numbers in the data sets of the SUFs. In the section of the documentation of research data, the already mentioned field and method reports, which also provide detailed information for the survey progress, as well as further materials for the data of the Starting Cohort 1, can be found:

→ www.neps-data.de > Data and Documentation > Starting Cohort Newborns > Documentation

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1 Wave 1: Main Survey 2012/13

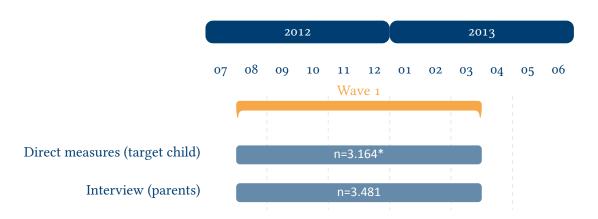


Figure 2: Field times and realized case number in wave 1

Target persons

Current wave 6-8 month-old infants

Initial sample 6-8 month-old infants (entering the panel in 2012/2013)

Mode of survey video-based survey of direct measures (parents-child-interaction, senso-motoric development and habituation)

- Context persons
 - Parents (esp. mothers)

Mode of survey computer-assisted interviews (CAPI)

Wave 2: Main Survey 2013

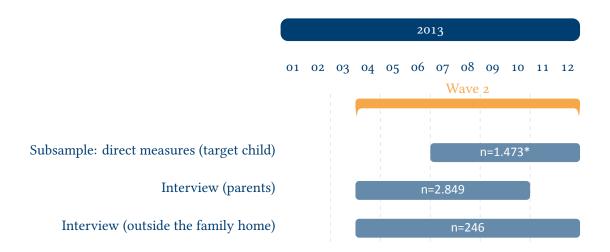


Figure 3: Field times and realized case number in wave 2

Target persons

Current wave Subsample of 12-17 month-old infants

Initial sample 6-8 month-old infants (entering the panel in 2012/2013)

Mode of survey video-based survey of direct measures (parents-child-interaction and habituation)

- Context persons
 - Parents (esp. mothers)

Mode of survey computer-assisted interviews (CAPI) for the parents within the subsample respectively computer-assisted telefphone interviews (CAPI) for the remaining parents

 Persons in charge outside the family home (group manager day nursery/kindergarten and home-based childminders)

Mode of survey the parents pass the written questionnaires (PAPI) to the external persons in charge

Wave 3: Main Survey 2014

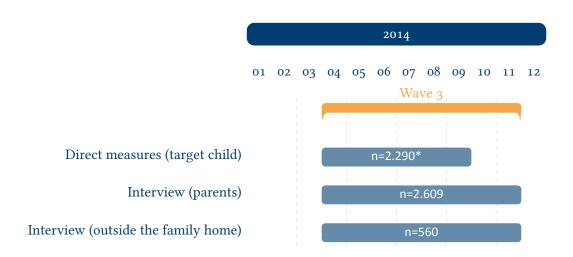


Figure 4: Field times and realized case number in wave 3

Target persons

Current wave 25-27 month-old infants

Initial sample 6-8 month-old infants (entering the panel in 2012/2013)

Mode of survey video-based survey of direct measures (parents-child-interaction)

- Context persons
 - Parents (esp. mothers)

Mode of survey computer-assisted interviews (CAPI) or computer-assisted telefphone interviews (CAPI) and questionnaire on the vocabulary of the child

 Persons in charge outside the family home (group manager day nursery/kindergarten and home-based childminders)

Mode of survey the parents pass the written questionnaires (PAPI) to the external persons in charge

Wave 4: Main Survey 2015

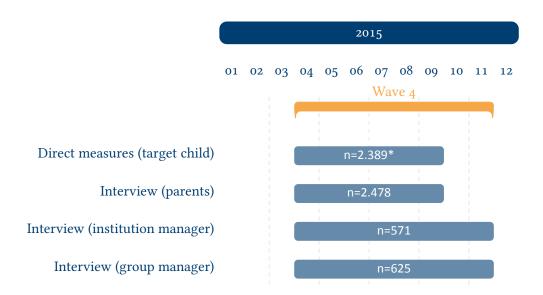


Figure 5: Field times and realized case number in wave 4

Target persons

Current wave 37-39 month-old infants

Initial sample 6-8 month-old infants (entering the panel in 2012/2013)

Mode of survey computer-based test (CBT) of direct measures (Vocabulary, Categorization, Delayed Gratification, Digit Span)

- Context persons
 - Parents (esp. mothers)

Mode of survey computer-assisted interviews parents (CAPI/CATI) and questionnaire on the vocabulary of the child

 Persons in charge outside the family home (institution manager and group manager day care center/kindergarten)

Mode of survey computer-assisted interviews parents (CAPI/CATI) and questionnaire on the behaviour of the child (PAPI)

 Persons in charge outside the family home (institution manager and group manager day care center/kindergarten)

Mode of survey paper-based interview persons in charge outside the family home (PAPI)

Wave 5: Main Survey 2016

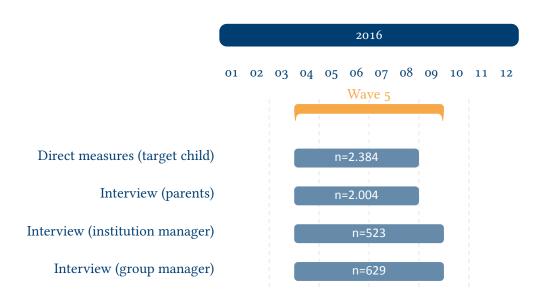


Figure 6: Field times and realized case number in wave 5

Target persons

Current wave approx. 48 month-old children

Initial sample 6-8 month-old infants (entering the panel in 2012/2013)

Mode of survey tablet-based test (CBT) of direct measures (recording of executive functions, tasks in the area of mathematics)

- Context persons
 - Parents (The parents of the children (target persons) included in the sample were again invited to participate.)

Mode of survey computer-assisted interviews parents (CAPI/CATI) and questionnaire on the behaviour of the child (PAPI)

 Persons in charge outside the family home (institution manager and group manager day care center/kindergarten)

Mode of survey paper-based interview persons in charge outside the family home (PAPI)