

## **German Time Use Survey 2012/13**

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The third national Time Use Survey of the Federal Statistical Office since 2001/2002 and 1991/1992 is held in 2012/2013. This survey describes the time use structures of population groups and household types – in particular for topics related to policy on families, gender aspects and education. Also, the data collected have made it possible to construct a satellite system of household production in parallel to the National Accounts. The Time Use Survey 2012/2013 will provide information in particular about the time spent on employment, household activities, child care, education and cultural activities, voluntary work, social engagement, the time use of children and shared time in housework and child care. According to the recommendations of the Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi report additional questions of the subjective feelings of time use, like lack of time and wishes to spend time were included in the survey. The data are collected using household and individual questionnaires and a time use diary. Each person of over 10 years of age fills in a diary for three days, i.e. two weekdays and one Saturday or Sunday. The sample consists of 5,000 households including 12,000 individuals. The total sample size is evenly distributed over 12 months. The field work started in August 2012 and will be finished at the end of July 2013. The design of the new survey is comparable with the design of 1991/92. At the same time, the methodological requirements set by Eurostat for European Time Use Surveys (HETUS) are included in order to facilitate comparison with other states. The time use survey is much desired by many users of the data at home and abroad, such as the German ministries, academia and researchers as well as other organizations and associations who require up-to-date results.

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