

Workshop Overview

The Survey Growing up in Germany (German title “Aufwachsen in Deutschland: Alltagswelten” [AID:A]) gathers multi-actor data on the development and experiences of children, adolescents, and young adults, as well as on living conditions and the well-being of their families in Germany. Launched in 2009, the survey aims to describe factors that influence the early life course from birth to young adulthood. Key topics include subjective well-being, family structure and social disparities, coming-of-age, educational and work trajectories, civic engagement, leisure and media use, and the quality of social relationships with one’s siblings, friends, and families. In 2019, the new cohort of 0-32 year-old target persons consisted of approximately 6,000 households, 12,900 interviews with/about target persons, and 6,600 interviews with the parents of minors. The study design involves longitudinal data collections approximately every two years. To date, more than 9,700 observations from 3,700 households are available from two waves (i.e., in 2019 and 2021).

This workshop covers a broad introduction to the analytical possibilities of the AID:A data. Along with hands-on sessions covering different research topics, and the respective data preparation routines overall, the workshop provides participants with a foundation for conducting independent research using the AID:A data. The workshop also offers opportunities to network with AID:A users and discuss research ideas.

The workshop is organized by the AID:A team at the German Youth Institute (DJI) in Munich and welcomes researchers at all career stages and across all disciplines. Participation requires a basic understanding of data management and multivariate analyses, as well as experience with a statistical software package (e.g., R, Stata, or SPSS). Examples and exercises in the workshop are based on Stata; however, R code will also be provided.