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Overview of Data Package "National Academics Panel Study (Nacaps) 2018"

Study Series	National Academics Panel Study (Nacaps)			
Institutions	German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies (DZHW)			
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Data Curation	Anne Weber, Henrike Steins, Tina Oestreich, Ute Hoffstätter, Andreas Daniel, Robert Birkelbach			
Topics	Higher Education Research, Doctoral supervision, Job success, Country of birth, Social background, Gender, Doctorate conditions, Work-life balance, Career goals, Political participation, Dropout from doctoral studies, Employment, Scientific activities, Personality traits, International mobility, Motivation for a doctorate, Doctoral funding, Age, Further education, Earning a doctorate, Science communication, Parenthood, Health, Employment conditions, Citizenship, Employment situation, Doctoral grade, Science Studies, Higher and further education, Employment history, Returns on education, Partnership, Conflicts during the doctoral phase, Educational biography			
Survey Design	Panel			
Survey Data Type	Quantitative Data			
Surveys	Survey 1: Nacaps 2018 - wave 1 Survey 2: Nacaps 2018 - wave 2 Survey 3: Nacaps 2018 - wave 3 Survey 4: Nacaps 2018 - wave 4 Survey 5: Nacaps 2018 - wave 5 Survey 6: Nacaps 2018 - wave 6			
Population	Survey 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6: Persons who were registered for a PhD/doctorate at a German university on the cut-off date 1 December 2018			

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Sampling Procedure	Survey 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6: Total universe/Complete Enumeration			
Survey Method	Survey 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6: Standardised online survey			
Field Period	Survey 1: 18th February to 1st May 2019 Survey 2: 18th March to 1st July 2020 Survey 3: 20th April to 22nd June 2021 Survey 4: 12th April to 1st June 2022 Survey 5: 15th May to 8th July 2023 Survey 6: 17th April to 7th June 2024			
Net Sample Size	Survey 1: n = 28,324 Survey 2: n = 9,507 Survey 3: n = 7,513 Survey 4: n = 7,292 Survey 5: n = 5,702 Survey 6: n = 5,255			
Data Products and Access Ways	CUF: Download SUF: Download, Remote-Desktop, On-Site			
Data Set Structure	Individual Data in wide-format CUF: Download (n = 7,080) SUF: Download (n = 28,324), Remote-Desktop (n = 28,324), On-Site (n = 28,324)			
DOI	10.21249/DZHW:nac2018:3.0.0			
Release Notes	The release notes for this version of the data package can be found here under "Documents related to this Data Package".			
Data Package Publications	Publications related to this data package can be looked up here under "Related Objects".			
Additional Links	Nacaps-Website Citation Guideline for Data Packages, Data and Methods Reports and Questionnaires/Questions Information on data use (German) Information on data use (English)			

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