

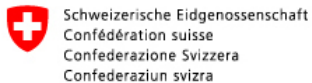


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# Similar but different

## Surveys on the social situation of students in Germany and Austria

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# Germany

- 82 Mio inhabitants
- 2,4 Mio students
- ≈ 390 HE institutions  
among them 111 universities
- Federal system:  
16 states = 16 different HE-systems





## Germany: student survey

- Since 1951 (60 years), every 3 years (20<sup>th</sup> round on-going)
- Commissioned by Federal Ministry and German National Association for Student Affairs
- Random sample:  
Every 27<sup>th</sup> German student, every 18<sup>th</sup> foreign student
- Paper survey (20% online as an experiment)
- HEI send out questionnaires + 1 reminder (privacy)



## Germany: student survey

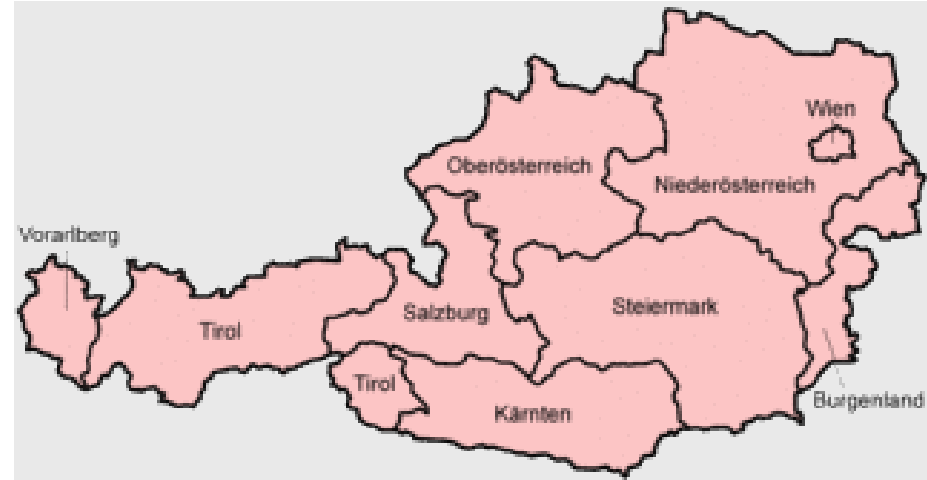
- 51.000 questionnaires posted
- Comprehensive data cleaning and plausibility testing
- Weighting by HEI, state, gender, field of study
- 16.370 questionnaires for analysis

Die wirtschaftliche und soziale Lage  
der Studierenden in der  
Bundesrepublik Deutschland 2009

19. Sozialerhebung des Deutschen Studentenwerks  
durchgeführt durch HIS Hochschul-Informations-System



## Austria



- 8,4 Mio inhabitants
- 0,3 Mio students
- 69 HE institutions  
among them 21 public universities
- Federal system:  
9 states, but coherent HE-system



## Austria: student survey

- Since the 1970ies, every 2-5 years, recently in 2011
- Commissioned by Federal Ministry
- Board with representatives from HEI and students
- Online survey (since 2006)
- Sampling:  
An E-mail is send to every student, 2 reminders





## Austria: student survey

- Unknown how many E-mails reached the students (many stuck in spam filters)
- Comprehensive data cleaning and plausibility testing
- Weighting by HEI, gender, field of study, age group, nationality
- $\approx$  44.000 questionnaires for analysis





# Content

➤ 48 questions for national students  
+ several for foreign students

➤ Content:

➤ Current study and access to it

➤ Financial situation                      Student support (grant, loans)

➤ Time budget                                Employment

➤ Accommodation                          Need for counselling

➤ Students w. kids                          students w. migration background

➤ Mobility                                        Socio-demographic characteristics





# Content

➤ ≈ 200 questions, dynamic questionnaire,  
many filters, ∅ 35min

➤ **Content:**

- Current study and access to it
- **Financial** situation, **difficulties**
- Time budget
- Accommodation
- Students w. kids
- Mobility
- **Sports**
- **Satisfaction, progress, reasons for not performing, plans after graduation**

**Motivation to study**

Student support (grant, loans)

Employment, **internships**

**situation of beginners**



International and w. migration background

Socio-demographic characteristics



**Students w. special needs**



# Output

 <b>Germany</b>	 <b>Austria</b>
<p>Main report published by Ministry</p>	<p>Summary published by Ministry</p>
	<p>3 volumes (beginners, students, data tables) published by IHS/ online</p>
<p>Special reports on: Internationalisation and Bachelor students</p>	<p>Special reports on: Students w. special needs, w. kids, internat. students, PhD students, outgoing mobility, sports, study situation , female students</p>
	<p>Further special reports on request by any stakeholder (e.g. student union, HEI)</p>
<p>EUROSTUDENT</p>	

## Different approaches

 <b>Germany</b>	 <b>Austria</b>
Many other surveys in the country	Nearly no other surveys
<b>Continue long time series !!!</b>	<b>Detailed info about small groups !!!</b>
→ keep questionnaire and survey method	→ Several changes of questionnaire and methods
	Reports contain also special analysis of administrative data
<b>MONITOR CHANGES OVER TIME (REFORMS)</b>	<b>DESCRIBE CURRENT SITUATION AS DETAILED AS POSSIBLE</b>

## ... similar but different ...

### Both countries

- follow different approaches
- are founding members of EUROSTUDENT
- survey the same core questionnaire
- deliver internationally comparable data
- use their data for different purposes on national level

## Further information

- [www.eurostudent.eu](http://www.eurostudent.eu)
- [www.sozialerhebung.de](http://www.sozialerhebung.de) [Germany]
- [www.sozialerhebung.at](http://www.sozialerhebung.at) [Austria]

THANK YOU VERY MUCH !