

Methodological Background to the Constance Home Office Study

The Constance Home Office Study has been conducted since the beginning of the Corona pandemic in March 2020. Prof. Dr. Florian Kunze and his research team at the University of Konstanz are supported by the Cluster of Excellence "The Politics of Inequality". The long-term empirical study uses an online sample that is representative for the German workforce in terms of age and gender. At the beginning of the survey, however, the sample was selected in such a way that only employees who potentially work in occupations in which mobile work is possible can participate. Therefore, this sample is only representative of the German workforce group that can work mobile.

The survey is conducted using the online access panel of the provider Bilendi/Respondi. The same 699 respondents from the T0 survey were invited again for all survey waves. In addition to follow-up recruitment in November 2021 (T13) and March 2023 (T16), 1,023 participants were surveyed in the 17th survey wave in April 2024, 476 of whom had management responsibilities and were specifically recruited in this survey wave.

Across the different survey time points, there were the following response rates:

- T0 (March 2020, presurvey): 699 respondents.
- T1-T8 (April 2020, daily survey over 8 days): 430 respondents on average
- T9 (May 2020): 554 respondents
- T10 (October 2020): 377 respondents
- T11 (February 2021): 437 respondents
- T12 (June 2021): 347 respondents
- T13 (November 2021) 688 respondents (post-recruitment)
- T14 (March 2022): 443 respondents
- T15 (March 2023): 645 respondents (post-recruitment)
- T16 (April 2024): 1.023 respondents (post-recruitment with employees with management responsibilities)

All further information and current results of the study are available online at:

<https://www.polver.uni-konstanz.de/kunze/konstanzer-homeoffice-studie/>