

European Values Study Longitudinaldata File 1981-2008 (EVS LdF 1981-2008)

This survey is offered in two different versions:

- ZA4804: Scientific-Use File <https://dbk.gesis.org/dbksearch/sdesc2.asp?no=4804&db=e>
- ZA5174: Restricted-Use File <https://dbk.gesis.org/dbksearch/sdesc2.asp?no=5174&db=e>

The Scientific-Use File (ZA4804) is factually anonymised, i.e. sensitive information is aggregated into coarse categories to prevent single respondents' identification. The Restricted-Use File (ZA5174) contains complete information, i.e., data that could not be included in the SUF because of data protection concerns.

The structure of both data file versions is identical. Only the level of detail of information for sensitive variables related to the interview region, town size, and occupation for the EVS 2008 surveys differs between the both. A detailed list of the concerned variables and the differences between the files is provided in the [Variable Report](#), Table 3.

The **ZA4804: Scientific-Use File** can be downloaded free of charge from the GESIS Data Catalogue at <https://dbk.gesis.org/dbksearch/sdesc2.asp?no=4804&db=e> (registration necessary)

To work with the **ZA5174: Restricted-Use File**, a contract for off-site access needs to be signed:

http://www.gesis.org/fileadmin/upload/dienstleistung/daten/secure_data_center/GESIS_Data_Use_Agreement_Off-Site.pdf

Please send the completed and signed contract by post, fax or e-mail (attached as digital signed PDF) to:

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