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Introduction

The Social Assistance and Minimum Income Protection Interim Data-Set (SaMip) is an ongoing research project at the Swedish Institute for Social Research (Stockholm University). The data-set is free to use by scholars interested in the development of means-tested benefits over the last decades. The current version of the data-set (2.6) includes 34 countries and sixteen cross-sections capturing the evolution of means-tested benefits in contemporary industrialized democracies 1990-2013.

The user of the SaMip should carefully consult the documentation of the data before conducting any empirical analyses. Researchers involved in the establishment of the Social assistance and Minimum income protection Interim Data-Set shall not be liable for any loss suffered through the use of any of this information.

Citations to the data can be made by giving reference to any of the following papers:

Nelson, K. 2007. 'Universalism versus Targeting: The Vulnerability of Social Insurance and Means-Tested Minimum income protection in 18 countries 1990-2002', *International Social Security Review* 60(1).

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Abbreviations

N.A. = Not applicable

M.D. = Missing Data

Variables

The following variables are included in the dataset.

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Original Name</i>	<i>Information</i>
X1	Country	Value Labels: 1=Australia 2=Austria 3=Belgium 4=Canada 5=Denmark 6=Finland 7=France 8=Germany 9=Ireland 10=Italy 11=Japan 12=Netherlands 13=New Zealand 14=Norway 15=Sweden 16=Switzerland 17=United Kingdom 18=United States 19=Spain 20=Portugal 21=Greece 22=Slovakia 23=Hungary 24=Estonia 25=Slovenia 26=Poland 27=Czech Republic 28=Bulgaria 29=Cyprus 30=Lithuania 31=Luxembourg 32=Latvia 33=Malta 34=Romania
X2	Year	1990-2009
X3	SAsi	Social assistance standard rates for a single adult person below retirement age and without children. Average monthly

		amounts. Excluding housing costs, special needs benefits and occasional payments. See documentation for details.
X4	SAlp	Same as SAsi but for a lone parent type-case with two children. See documentation for details.
X5	SAfa	Same as SAsi but for a two-parent family with two children. See documentation for details.
X6	SAsiy	Same as SAsi but yearly amounts.
X7	SAlpy	Same as SAlp but yearly amounts.
X8	SAfay	Same as SAfa but yearly amounts.
X9	SAavey	The average of SAsiy, SAlpy, and SAfay.
X10	CSUPPlp	Child supplement for the lone parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X11	CSUPPfa	Child supplement for the two parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X12	HSUPPsi	Housing supplement for the single person without children. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X13	HSUPPlp	Housing supplement for the lone parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X14	HSUPPfa	Housing supplement for the two parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X15	TCREDsi	Refundable tax credits for the single person without children. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.

X16	TCREDlp	Refundable tax credits for the lone parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X17	TCREDfa	Refundable tax credits for the two parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X18	OTHsi	Other benefits beside those above for the single person household without children. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X19	OTHlp	Other benefits beside those above for the lone parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X20	OTHfa	Other benefits beside those above for the two-parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X21	CSUPPlpy	Same as CSUPPlp but yearly amounts.
X22	CSUPPfafy	Same as CSUPPfa but yearly amounts.
X23	HSUPPsiy	Same as HSUPPsi but yearly amounts.
X24	HSUPPlpy	Same as HSUPPlp but yearly amounts.
X25	HSUPPfafy	Same as HSUPPfa but yearly amounts.
X26	TCREDsiy	Same as TCREDsi but yearly amounts.
X27	TCREDlpy	Same as TCREDlp but yearly amounts.
X28	TCREDfafy	Same as TCREDfa but yearly amounts.

X29	OTHsiy	Same as OTHsi but yearly amounts.
X30	OTHlpy	Same as OTHlp but yearly amounts.
X31	OTHfay	Same as OTHfa but yearly amounts.
X32	MIPsi	Minimum income protection for the single person household without children. Average monthly amounts. The sum of SAsi, HSUPPsi, TCREDsi, and OTHsi.
X33	MIPlp	Minimum income protection for the lone parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. The sum of SAlp, CSUPPlp, HSUPPlp, TCREDlp, and OTHlp.
X34	MIPfa	Minimum income protection for the two-parent family type-case. Average monthly amounts. The sum of SAfa, CSUPPfa, HSUPPfa, TCREDfa, and OTHfa.
X35	MIPsiy	Same as MIPsi but yearly amounts.
X36	MIPlpy	Same as MIPlp but yearly amounts.
X37	MIPfay	Same as MIPfa but yearly amounts.
X38	MIPavey	The average of MIPsiy, MIPlpy, and MIPfay.
X39	FAlp	Family Assistance for the lone parent type-case. Same as Minimum income protection but less housing supplements (MIPlp-HSUPPlp). Average monthly amounts.
X40	FAfa	Family Assistance for the two-parent family type-case. Same as Minimum income protection but less housing supplements (MIPlp-HSUPPlp). Average monthly amounts.
X41	FAlpy	Same as FAlp but yearly amounts.
X42	FAfay	Same as FAfa but yearly amounts.

