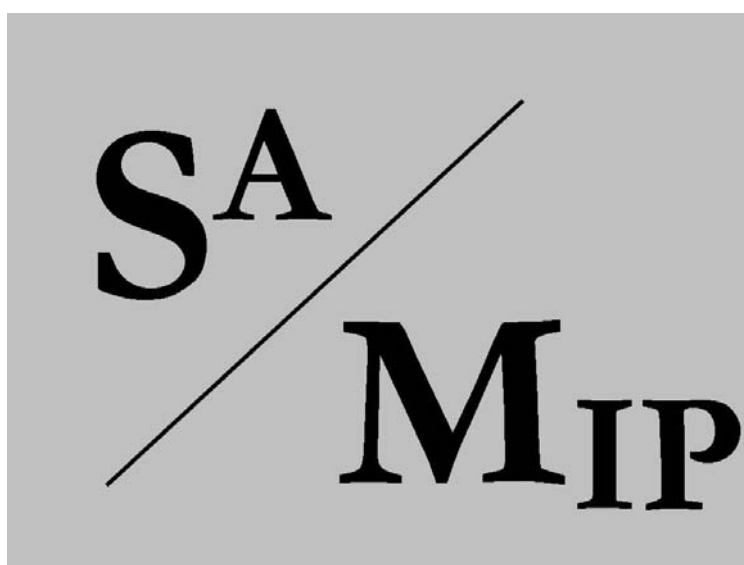




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## Variable and Code Book



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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 (2.5) includes 34 countries and sixteen cross-sections capturing the evolution of means-tested benefits in contemporary industrialized democracies 1990-2009.

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 the documentation of the data-set:

Nelson, K. 2007. *Introducing SaMip: The Social Assistance and Minimum Income Protection Interim Dataset*. S-WoPEc No. 11/2007. Swedish Institute for Social Research.

and preferably also to some of following articles:

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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	<b>Country</b>	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	<b>Year</b>	1990-2009

X3	<b>SAsi</b>	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	<b>SAlp</b>	Same as SAsi but for a lone parent type-case with two children. See documentation for details.
X5	<b>SAfa</b>	Same as SAsi but for a two-parent family with two children. See documentation for details.
X6	<b>SAsiy</b>	Same as SAsi but yearly amounts.
X7	<b>SAlpy</b>	Same as SAlp but yearly amounts.
X8	<b>SAfay</b>	Same as SAfa but yearly amounts.
X9	<b>SAavey</b>	The average of SAsiy, SAlpy, and SAfay.
X10	<b>CSUPPlp</b>	Child supplement for the lone parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X11	<b>CSUPPfa</b>	Child supplement for the two parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X12	<b>HSUPPsi</b>	Housing supplement for the single person without children. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X13	<b>HSUPPlp</b>	Housing supplement for the lone parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X14	<b>HSUPPfa</b>	Housing supplement for the two parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.

X15	<b>TCREDsi</b>	Refundable tax credits for the single person without children. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X16	<b>TCREDlp</b>	Refundable tax credits for the lone parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X17	<b>TCREDfa</b>	Refundable tax credits for the two parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X18	<b>OTHsi</b>	Other benefits beside those above for the single person household without children. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X19	<b>OTHlp</b>	Other benefits beside those above for the lone parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X20	<b>OTHfa</b>	Other benefits beside those above for the two-parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. See documentation for details.
X21	<b>CSUPPlpy</b>	Same as CSUPPlp but yearly amounts.
X22	<b>CSUPPfay</b>	Same as CSUPPfap but yearly amounts.
X23	<b>HSUPPsiy</b>	Same as HSUPPsi but yearly amounts.
X24	<b>HSUPPlpy</b>	Same as HSUPPlp but yearly amounts.
X25	<b>HSUPPfay</b>	Same as HSUPPfap but yearly amounts.
X26	<b>TCREDsiy</b>	Same as TCREDsi but yearly amounts.
X27	<b>TCREDlpy</b>	Same as TCREDlp but yearly amounts.

X28	<b>TCREDfay</b>	Same as TCREDfa but yearly amounts.
X29	<b>OTHsiy</b>	Same as OTHsi but yearly amounts.
X30	<b>OTHlpy</b>	Same as OTHlp but yearly amounts.
X31	<b>OTHfay</b>	Same as OTHfa but yearly amounts.
X32	<b>MIPsi</b>	Minimum income protection for the single person household without children. Average monthly amounts. The sum of SAsi, HSUPPsi, TCREDsi, and OTHsi.
X33	<b>MIPlp</b>	Minimum income protection for the lone parent type-case. Average monthly amounts. The sum of SAlp, CSUPPlp, HSUPPlp, TCREDlp, and OTHlp.
X34	<b>MIPfa</b>	Minimum income protection for the two-parent family type-case. Average monthly amounts. The sum of SAfa, CSUPPfa, HSUPPfa, TCREDfa, and OTHfa.
X35	<b>MIPsiy</b>	Same as MIPsi but yearly amounts.
X36	<b>MIPlpy</b>	Same as MIPlp but yearly amounts.
X37	<b>MIPfay</b>	Same as MIPfa but yearly amounts.
X38	<b>MIPavey</b>	The average of MIPsiy, MIPlpy, and MIPfay.
X39	<b>FAlp</b>	Family Assistance for the lone parent type-case. Same as Minimum income protection but less housing supplements (MIPlp-HSUPPlp). Average monthly amounts.
X40	<b>FAfa</b>	Family Assistance for the two-parent family type-case. Same as Minimum income protection but less housing supplements (MIPlp-HSUPPlp). Average monthly amounts.

X41	<b>FAlpy</b>	Same as FAlp but yearly amounts.
X42	<b>FAfay</b>	Same as FAfa but yearly amounts.
X43	<b>FAavey</b>	The average of FAlpy and FAfay.

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