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1. Introduction

Starting in issue 1 of volume 236 (2016), the *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik / Journal of Economics and Statistics* publish a special section entitled *Data Observer*. Contributions to this series describe data that can be used in empirical research in economics, and in the social sciences in general. While most of these data sets are micro data at the level of individuals, households, or firms (including linked employer-employee data sets), cross section and time series data at an aggregate level are covered as well. The purpose of the contributions to this section is to describe the information that is available in the data sets, to give examples of topics investigated with the data, and to inform readers how to access these data for their own research. The contributions are written by experts who often were in charge of collecting or building the data sets. Furthermore, papers in the series portray the research data centers and data service centers of data producing institutions that allow academic researchers to work with (mostly confidential) micro data for individuals and firms.

This note gives a short overview of the first 50 contributions to the Data Observer series that were published between 2016 and 2022. 21 papers deal with data on individuals or household, 12 with data on establishments or enterprises, 2 with linked employer-employee data, 9 cover aggregate data for regions or countries, 3 look at other data, and 3 papers introduce research data centers or data service centers that provide data. Table 1 lists all contributions by the broad categories.

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1 This section continues the *European Data Watch* series that was published in *Schiomlers Jahrbuch / Journal of Applied Social Science Studies* from 2000 to 2015. For a survey of the 111 contributions to this series see Wagner (2015).

2 For an overview (in German) of the contributions published during the first five years see Wagner (2020b).

Those who are interested in contributing to this series are encouraged to contact the editor-in-charge, Joachim Wagner, by sending a mail to wagner@leuphana.de.

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