Readme "A county-level database on expellees in West Germany, 1939–1961"

Between 1944–1950, almost eight million expellees arrived in West Germany. We introduce a rich county-level database on the expellees' socio-economic situation in post-war Germany. The database contains regionally disaggregated information on the number, origin, age, gender, religious denomination and labour force status of expellees. It also records corresponding information on the West German population as a whole, on the pre-war economic and religious structure of host and origin regions, and on war destructions in West Germany. The main data sources are the West German censuses of 1939, 1946, 1950 and 1961.

Altogether, the database consists of 18 data tables (in xsls format). We have digitized the data as printed in the statistical sources, adding only an English translation of the table head (along with the original table head in German). Each data table has two tabs: The first tab (named "source") lists the reference(s) of the printed source, the second ("data") contains the actual data. The following table gives an overview of each data table's content. Please consult the paper for additional information. We kindly ask all users of the database to reference the paper as a source.

A. Population and occupation census of 17 May 1939

Tab1_Bz_1939_Work force by sector gender and occupational status.xlsx	Employment by sector, gender, and occupational status
Tab2_Vz_1939_Population by religious denomination.xlsx	Population by religious denomination

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B. Population and occupation census of 29 October 1946

Tab3_Vz_1946_Expellee population by gender and place of residence on September 1 1939 Vereinigtes Wirtschaftsgebiet.xlsx	Population by gender and place of residence on September 1, 1939, Vereinigtes Wirtschaftsgebiet
Tab4_Vz_1946_Expellee population by place of residence on September 1 1939 Rheinland Pfalz.xlsx	Population by gender and place of residence on September 1, 1939, Rhineland Palatinate
Tab5_Vz_1946 Expellee population by gender and place of residence on September 1 1939 Württemberg Hohenzollern.xlsx	Population by gender and place of residence on September 1, 1939, Württemberg-Hohenzollern

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C. Population, occupation, and workplace census of 13 September 1950

Tab6_Vz_1950_Population expellees.xlsx	Total number of expellees
Tab7_Vz_1950_Population by place of residence on September 1 1939.xlsx	Population by place of residence on September 1, 1939
Tab8_Vz_1950_Population by religious denomination and expellee status.xlsx	Population by religious denomination and expellees status
Tab9_Vz_1950_Population by age (groups) sex and expellee status (where available).xlsx	Population by age, sex, and expellee status
Tab10_Vz_1950_Population 1939 1946 1950 by sex.xlsx	Population by sex; land area
Tab11_Bz_1950_Work force by sector and occupational status and total expellee work force.xlsx	Population by labour force status and expellee status; population by labour force status and one-digit sector

Tab12_Az_1950_Work places.xlsx	Number of non-agricultural workplaces by one-digit sector; employment level of non-agricultural workplaces by one- digit sector and expellee status

D. Population census of 6 June 1961

Tab13_Vz_1961_Expellees by sex and type.xlsx	Number of expellees, refugees from the Soviet Occupation Zone, and other Germans from the Soviet Occupation Zone by sex
Tab14_Vz_1961_Population 1939 1950 1961 by sex and migration surplus 1950-1961.xlsx	Population by sex; land area

E. Housing statistics of 25 September 1956

Tab15_Wz_1956_Population by sex and expellee status.xlsx	Population by sex and expellee status; land area

F. War damages

Tab16_Gz_1950_War destructions.xlsx	Total and damaged residential dwellings (*Normalwohnungen*); dwellings by construction year
Tab17_IfR_1955_War destructions.xlsx	Loss in housing space

G. County identifiers 1939, 1950, 1961

Tab18_County IDs 1939 1961.xlsx	Tracks *county IDs* in 1939, 1950 and 1961 and lists county mergers during this period

H. Do Files

RegTab2_Determinants expellee share.do	Reads in data tables and processes them in Stata to produce the county-level regression results in Table 2 of the paper