

MODE EXPERIMENT IN THE IAB ESTABLISHMENT PANEL

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DIFFERENT MODES IN COMPANY SURVEYS

Mixed modes approach

- Sinking response rates (Bronner/Kuijlen, 2007; Schnell, 2012)
- Strategy especially for household surveys: Mixed-Mode approaches (de Leeuw, 2005)
- Different modes have advantages and disadvantages
 - Web Pro interactive use, low-cost, Con low response
 - Face-to-face Pro high response, complicated content,
 Pro expensive, socially desired answers
 - ...
- combining modes may lead to better data results (e.g. response rates)
- BUT: only little experience with mode effects in company surveys

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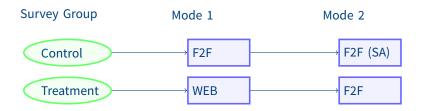
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Does a preceding push to WEB mode influence response rates in IAB Establishment Panel?

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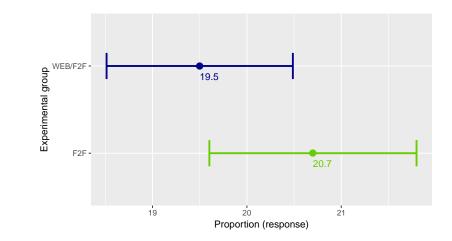


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Response Rates by experimental group

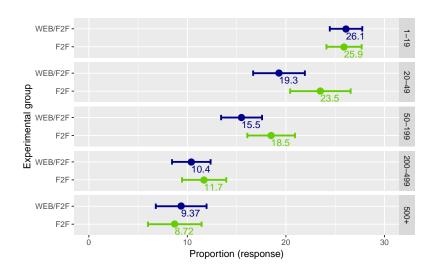


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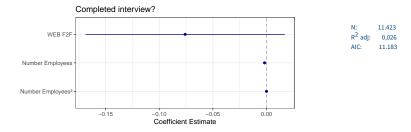
Different modes used by companies

Group	Response		Non-Response	Total
	F2F	F2F (self-completion)		
	799	283	4.152	5.234
Control	15,3%	5,4%	79,8%	100,0%
	WEB	F2F		
	346	858	5.331	6.189
Treatment	5,6%	13,9%	80,5%	100,0%
Total				11.423

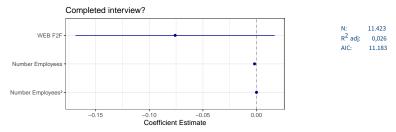
Response Rates by experimental group and number of employees



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- Dependent variable: response
- Treatment (Web,F2F) in comparison to control (F2F) has no significant influence
- Response is dropping with growing number of employees

Conclusion

- Introducing WEB followed by F2F did neither enhance nor reduce response rates
- About 29% of respondents in the treatment group answered online and avoided an interviewer visit (cost savings)
- Next steps: data quality checks, item non response, time spent answering questions

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CAPI/CAWI Software (gess)

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