Complex Sampling Designs - Exercise 3

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Exercise 3.A

- 1. Download the dataset for Germany of the 5th ESS-Round (SDDF File and Sampling Data)
- 2. Create a svydesign object to estimate the mean of the variable agea
- 3. To acknowledge that the sample has been collected by a multi stage design, estimate the design effect of your estimate above using the PSU-Indicator variable (Use the model based approach described on slide 20 of today's lecture)

Advice: the variable PSU has to be a factor

4. Calculate the effective sample size

Obtaining MSB, MSW and b^*

Ger\$PSU <- as.factor(Ger\$PSU)</pre>

L <- length(unique(Ger\$PSU))</pre>

n <- nrow(Ger)

Exercise 3.B

• Execute the following R-Script to generate a Multistage- and a Cluster- Sample for the belgianmunicipalities dataset

url <- "http://raw.githubusercontent.com/BernStZi/SamplingAndEstimation/short/tutorial/Samples_for_EX3b
source(url)</pre>

- Your workspace now contains the objects: true_income, Data.be and Data.be2. true_income resembles the mean of the income variable for the population of the belgianmunicipalities dataset. Data.be is a multistage sample with 80 PSUs and 300 individual datapoints whithin each PSU. Data.be2 is a clustersample of 10 communes
- Estimate the mean income from both samples using the survey package and compare the results to the population mean

• In Exercise 1 we had a single-stage sample, therefore the argument id has been set to 0 or 1

In case of a multistage sampling approach, every sampling stage has to be defined

PSU: Commune; SSU: id

 This also applies for the fpc-argument prob1 reflects the porbability of inclusion for each PSU in the sample and prob2 the probability of inclusion for each SSU

Note: altough prob1 * prob2 = n/N in this sample, it cannot be treated like a SRS

• pps should be used to define the design information; usually the second order probability of inclusion If the second order probability of inclusion are unknown (or too complex to calculate), a brewer approximation can be applied to estimate the joint inclusion probabilities