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Financial Stability in Spite of Crisis

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Old Age Provision in the New Legislative Period

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The Number of Persons Eligible for Government Subsidies for Riester-Pension-Plans - An Approach

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Riester-Pension-Plans (government subsidized retirement accounts) have been implemented in 2002, already. However, the number of persons entitled to the respective government subsidies is still unknown. Thus, a relevant factor concerning the statutory promotion of old age provision is, to a certain extent, discussed, but ignored and eluded. For the evaluation of the effectiveness and acceptance of Riester-Pensions, reference numbers are required. Precise data regarding the number of closed Riester-contracts and Riester-savers has been

published in various forms for a considerable time. The constantly growing volume of government subsidies provokes questions regarding the total number of persons that are entitled to the respective government subsidies. The authors show ways to estimate the total potential, indicate methodical difficulties, and determine the total volume under consideration of the existing restrictions.

The Registration Alterations of Data Regarding Education, Profession, and Type of Employment in the Registration Procedure of Social Security

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For more than 30 years, the German social security system has collected the same data regarding the actual job, the occupational status, and the education of employees. As of December 1, 2001, a new codification of occupations will substitute the current out-dated ciphering system. The article describes the reasons behind the changes and informs about the composition of new codes. Furthermore, the author comments on the consequences of the new codification system for the statistical reporting of the statutory pension scheme.

Increasing Perpetuity and Sustainability of Old-Age Provision by Including Uninsured Freelance Workers into the Statutory Pension Scheme

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Based on the Study „Old Age Provision in Germany 2005“ (“Altersvorsorge in Deutschland 2005 – AVID 2005”), the authors research into the potential inclusion of further groups of self-employed persons into the statutory pension scheme. The research is limited to self-employed that are not integrated into a compulsory system of old-age provision and that are, therefore, in need of protection. On the basis of personalized model calculations the authors illustrate that an extension of the protection guaranteed by the statutory pension scheme to phases of self-employment can improve the pension entitlements of the relevant group of persons. It appears that a considerable improvement can only be achieved if the contributions amount to half of the regular contribution.