Living in Germany
Survey 2009
on the social situation
of households

Household question form

This questionnaire booklet is directed towards the household as a whole and not towards individuals in the household. The questionnaire should be filled out by the same person in the household who did it last year, if possible.

Your cooperation is voluntary. The scientific meaningfulness of this investigation, however, depends on the cooperation of all persons in all households.

Therefore, we ask that:

– You allow our representative to carry out this interview; or
– You carefully fill out the questionnaire booklet yourself.

Before handing in please enter in accordance with the address log:

Household number

The questionnaire has been filled out by:

First name

Person number
How is it done?

Please fill in the questionnaire booklet by

- checking the box with an X
  
  Example:  Sex:  
  male .................. ☒
  female ................

- entering numbers in the larger lines
  (flush right)
  
  Example:  Date of Birth: ... 1945

- writing in the text boxes provided
  
  Example:  Other reason ...........................................

  Change of Job

A 'pointing finger' symbol means that there is a further explanation to the question.

Please answer each question in turn.
Skip questions only when expressly told to do so in the text.

Example:
Are there children in your household?

Yes ................. ☐  No ................. ☐ ➡️  Skip to Question . . . !

If you check off "yes" for this question then you should go to the next question.
If you check off "no" for this question, then proceed directly to the question indicated.
1. Did you live in this flat the last time we interviewed you about a year ago?
   - Yes .........................................................
   - No ...........................................................

2. What was the most important reason for moving into this flat?
   - Notice given from the previous landlord ...........................................................
   - Acquiring ownership of own home or flat ......................................................
   - Inheritance ........................................................................................................
   - Reasons related to work ...................................................................................
   - Reasons related to family:
     - Marriage ........................................................................................................
     - Separation / Divorce .....................................................................................
     - Moving away from parents' home ...............................................................
     - Other .............................................................................................................
   - Size and costs of the flat:
     - Previous flat too small ................................................................................
     - Previous flat too large ..................................................................................
     - Costs for previous flat (rent, interest, mortgage payments) too high ....
   - Other reasons related to the previous flat:
     - Previous flat was poorly designed, equipped, etc. ......................................
     - Previous flat was poorly located ..................................................................
     - Previous flat was not elderly/handicapped-accessible ..............................
     - Previous flat was in a bad neighborhood ...................................................
     - New home better for my personal living situation ....................................
     - Other reasons ..................................................................................................

3. And how does your new flat compare to your previous one?
   - Is the overall situation in your new flat better, about the same, or worse than in the previous flat?
   - Better  | About the same  | Worse
   - financial aspects (for example, rent) .............................................................
   - the size of the flat ...........................................................................................
   - how the flat is designed, equipped ...............................................................
   - the neighborhood ...........................................................................................
   - conditions around the flat (noise, exhaust fumes, pollution) ......................
   - access to public transportation .....................................................................
   - relations to neighbors? ..................................................................................
4. When did you move into this flat?
   Month [ ] Year [ ]

5. How would you describe your residential area?
   A residential area with mostly old houses .......................................................... [ ]
   A residential area with mostly newer houses .................................................... [ ]
   A residential and commercial area with flats, houses, shops and businesses ...... [ ]
   A commercial area (shops, banks, offices) with few flats ................................... [ ]
   An industrial area with few flats ........................................................................ [ ]

6. What kind of a house is it in which you live?
   Farm house ........................................................................................................... [ ]
   Free standing one or two family house ............................................................... [ ]
   One or two family house as row or double house .............................................. [ ]
   Building with 3 to 4 flats .................................................................................... [ ]
   Building with 5 to 8 flats .................................................................................... [ ]
   Building with 9 or more flats (but no more than 8 floors/stories) .................... [ ]
   High-rise (9 or more floors/stories) .................................................................... [ ]

7. Is it a rooming house, guesthouse, or a similar accommodation?
   No [ ] Yes: – Dormitory for school pupils or teenagers ........ [ ]
                  – Student dormitory ................................................................. [ ]
                  – Housing/Residence for employees ................................ [ ]
                  – Nursing home, nursing home for the elderly ...... [ ]
                  – Housing for the elderly ......................................................... [ ]
                  – Hotel / guesthouse ............................................................... [ ]
                  – Other ................................................................................. [ ]

8. When, approximately, was the house built in which your flat is located?
   Before 1919 ...... [ ]
   1919 to 1948 ...... [ ]
   1949 to 1971 ...... [ ]
   1972 to 1980 ...... [ ]
   1981 to 1990 ...... [ ]
   1991 to 2000 ...... [ ]
   2001 or later ...... [ ]

   Can you also provide the exact year in which the house was built?
   [ ] [ ] [ ]
9. Has the size of your apartment changed within the last year, e.g. due to reconstruction or different usage
   Yes ........... 
   No .......... 

10. How large is the total living space in this flat? ................................... m² 

11. How many rooms does the flat have?
   Include all rooms with 6 m² or more but exclude kitchen and bathroom. .. rooms 

12. What do you think about the total size of your flat?
   Is it for your household ...
   – much too small ......................... 
   – a bit too small ......................... 
   – just right ................................ 
   – a bit too large ......................... 
   – much too large ....................... 

13. How would you characterize the condition of the house in which you live?
   In good condition ..................... 
   Partly in need of renovation .......... 
   In need of complete renovation ..... 
   Ready for demolition .................. 

14. How is your flat equipped?
   Does your flat have –
   – a kitchen .......................................................... Yes No
   – a bath or shower in the flat ..................................
   – warm water, a boiler ............................................
   – central heating or central heating for the story/floor of the building ..............
   – floor heating (full or partial) ................................
   – balcony, terrace, porch ....................................
   – cellar, storage area ...........................................
   – own yard, garden, access to use of a yard or garden ........
   – alarm system ..................................................
   – air conditioner (controlled ventilation system) ...
   – solar collector, solar energy system ..................
   – other alternative energy source (e.g. geothermal heat pump) ..
   – elevator / lift inside building ..............................
15. Have you or your landlord done any of the following modernizations in the flat since beginning of 2008?

- Built in a kitchen .................................................................
- Built in a bathtub, shower, toilette ....................................
- Installed central heating or central heating for the story of the building ..................................................
- New windows ....................................................................
- Insulation (e.g. wall, roof, basement ceiling) ......................
- Modifications to provide barrier-free living for the elderly (e.g. elevator, ramp, stair lift, bath) ....................................
- Other ..................................................................................

No, none of these... ☐

16. Did you or your landlord pay the costs for these modernizations?

- Landlord .......................................................... ☐
- Myself .......................................................... ☐
- Both .............................................................

Skip to question 18!

17. Did you do the work yourself or did you hire someone (a tradesman or company) to do it?

- Myself ..........................................................
- Hired tradesman or company ................
- Both ..........................................................

18. Did this flat change hands within the last year?

- Yes .......... ☐
- No .......... ☐

Skip to question 20!

19. What type of change was this?

- I am / we are ...
  - now owner(s) ...................... ☐ by means of ...
    - the purchase of the flat ...... ☐
    - inheritance or gift............. ☐
  - no longer owner(s) .......... ☐ because –
    - we sold the flat ................. ☐
    - gift / inheritance / other ..... ☐
  - still tenants, but it is now owned by someone else ...... ☐

20. The next questions deal with the costs of living in your flat.
First the question: do you live in the flat as main tenant, subtenant, or owner?

- Main tenant ............................................. ☐
- Subtenant ............................................. ☐
- Owner ..................................................... ☐

Skip to question 21! Skip to question 29!
21. Is the flat offered to you from the owner at a reduced price, for example from your employer, from relatives, or because of work as manager of the building?
   Yes ................. ☐   No ................. ☐

22. Is this a flat subsidized by the government ("Sozialwohnung")?
   Yes, and the subsidy is still granted ................. ☐
   Yes, but the subsidy is no longer granted ....... ☐
   No .................................................................. ☐

23. How much is the monthly rent?
   ☐ ☐ ☐ euros   I don't pay rent .......... ☐ ➡️ Skip to question 38!

24. Are the costs for heating (and usually also warm water) included in the rent?
   Yes ................. ☐   No ................. ☐

25. How high are the heating costs per month?
   ☐ ☐ ☐ euros   Don't know .... ☐

   ⚠️ If you don't know the exact amount, please estimate!

26. Are other costs included in the rent, for example for water, garbage removal, etc.?
   Yes, included in full ..... ☐ ➡️ How much are they? ☐ ☐ ☐ euros per month   Don't know .. ☐
   Yes, included in part ...
   No ..........................................

27. How does your flat compare to similar flats with regards to rent? Is it –
   – very inexpensive ......................... ☐
   – inexpensive ................................. ☐
   – about average ............................... ☐
   – a bit too expensive ...................... ☐
   – much too expensive? ..................... ☐

28. Who is the owner of the flat?
   Municipal government ..................... ☐
   Professional organization or union .... ☐
   My company ................................. ☐
   Private owner ............................... ☐
   Don't know ................................. ☐

Skip now to question 38!
29. Do you still have financial obligations, for example loans or a mortgage, for this house or flat in which you live?

Yes ................ No ..................  

30. How high are the monthly loan or mortgage payments including interest for this loan or mortgage?

*If you don't know the exact amount, please estimate! Please do so also in the next questions.*

Loan or mortgage payments and interest ...................................... euros per month

31. How high were the maintenance costs for this flat / house in the last calendar year? .............................................................. euros per year

32. What were the costs for heating last year? .............................................. euros per year

33. And how high were the costs for water, garbage removal, street cleaning, etc. last year? .............................................................. euros per year

34. Do you pay fees for the management or maintenance of the building?

Yes ................................... euros per month

No.....................................

35. If you compare this with a rental flat, are those costs ...

– very inexpensive ........
– inexpensive ............
– about average .........
– a bit too expensive ....
– much too expensive?..

36. And if you lived in this flat or house as tenant: what do you estimate would be the monthly rent without heating costs?

About ...... euros

Don't know ..... 

37. Did you receive a financial support through the government homeowners' assistance program to build / buy a private home ("staatliche Eigenheimzulage") during the last calendar year?

How much financial support did you receive through this program in the year 2008?

Yes .................. euros in the year 2008

No....................
38. Did you or someone in your household receive income from letting or leasing land or house/flat last year?  
≡ Please state actual income, not the tax value for own use.  
Yes ....................  No .................... ▷ Skip to question 42!

39. About how high was the total income from renting out or leasing out last year? 
Please state the gross amount including funds put aside for future use/maintenance/renovations. .................................... euros in the year 2008

40. What costs did you have for the objects you rented out in the last calendar year? 
Please state separately:  
≡ Maintenance and repair costs  
≡ Loan, mortgage and interest payments.  
Maintenance costs ........................................ euros in the year 2008  
Loan, mortgage and interest payments ........ euros in the year 2008

41. Will you be able to deduct these costs incurred in the last year from your taxes or declare them as a loss? If so, how much?  
≡ If you don't know the exact amount, please estimate!  
Yes ................... euros in the year 2008  
No ....................

42. Aside from debts on loans for home and property ownership, are you currently paying back loans and interest on loans that you took out to make large purchases or other expenditures?  
≡ Please do not include loan, mortgage or interest payments which you have already stated in previous questions.  
Yes ..................  No .................... ▷ Sie springen auf Frage 45!

43. How high is the monthly rate that you pay on these loans?  
≡ If you don't know the exact amount, please estimate!  
Loan repayment (include interest payments) ........ euros per month

44. Does repaying these loans place a major burden on your household, a minor burden, or no burden at all? 
Major burden ........................................  
Minor burden ........................................  
No burden .........................................
45. Did you or another member of the household own any of the following savings or investment securities in the last year?

- Savings account ................................................
- Savings contract for building a home ....................
- Life insurance ..................................................
- Fixed interest securities (e.g. saving bonds, mortage bonds, federal savings bonds)............
- Other securities (e.g. stocks, funds, bonds, equity warrant) ........
- Company assets (for your own company, other companies, agricultural assets) ................

If you don't know the exact amount, please estimate!

46. How high was your total income from interest, dividends and profits from all investments in the last calendar year?

- Last year ......................................................... euros

If you don't know the exact amount, please estimate according to the following list:

- less than 250 euros ......
- 250 up to but less than 1,000 euros ......
- 1,000 up to but less than 2,500 euros ......
- 2,500 up to but less than 5,000 euros ......
- 5,000 up to but less than 10,000 euros ......
- 10,000 euros or more ........................................

47. Did you or another member of the household receive a large sum of money or other forms of wealth (car, house, etc.) as inheritance, gift, or lottery winnings last year? We refer to money or other forms of wealth worth more than 500 Euros.

- Yes ......................
- No ......................

As:
- Inheritance .................
- Gift ........................
- Lottery winnings ...........

If you don't know the exact amount, please estimate!

48. How much were these worth?

- euros
49. Did you or one of the members of your family receive any of the following benefits last year?

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<th>Benefit</th>
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50. What type of social assistance or basic protection for old age did you receive?

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<td>Support for special situations ..........................................</td>
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<td>One-time support for living expenses ...................................</td>
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51. And how is that today? Do you or another member of the household currently receive any of the following types of governmental (state) support?

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52. If you take a look at the total income from all members of the household: how high is the monthly household income today?

\[\text{Please state the net monthly income, which means after deductions for taxes and social security. Please include regular income such as pensions, housing allowance, child allowance, grants for higher education support payments, etc.}\]

\[\text{If you do not know the exact amount, please estimate the amount per month.} \quad \ldots \quad \text{euros per month}\]

53. Do you usually have an amount of money left over at the end of the month that you can save for larger purchases, emergency expenses or to acquire wealth? If yes, how much?

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We have a few more questions relating to the area in which you live:

54. How far is it from here to the centre of the nearest city?

- Residence is in the city centre
  - under 10 km
  - 10 to under 25 km
  - 25 to under 40 km
  - 40 to under 60 km
  - 60 km or more

55. How long does it take you on foot to reach the following facilities?

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<th>Facilities</th>
<th>Under 10 minutes</th>
<th>10-20 minutes</th>
<th>More than 20 minutes</th>
<th>Not available/cannot be reached on foot</th>
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<td>Bank</td>
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56. How strongly do you feel you are affected by the followed environmental influences on your residential area

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<th>Influence</th>
<th>Not at all</th>
<th>Slightly</th>
<th>Bearable</th>
<th>Strongly</th>
<th>Very strongly</th>
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57. How about the level of crime? How safe is your residential area?

- Very safe
- Fairly safe
- Unsafe
- Very unsafe

58. How well do the people in your neighbourhood know each other?

- The people barely know each other
- The people know each other to some extent
- The people know each other well
- It varies / I can't really tell

59. Are there any foreign families or families who have moved here from abroad living in this area?

- Yes, many
- Yes, a few
- No
- Don't know

60. How close is your contact with your neighbours here in the building or in this area in general?

- Very close
- Close
- Average
- Only fleeting
- No contact at all

61. Have you any neighbours with whom you get on so well that you visit each other?

- Yes
- No

How often do you normally visit each other?

- Nearly every day
- At least once a week
- At least once a month
- Less often
Does your household have ...?

62. Does someone in your household need care or assistance on a constant basis due to age, sickness or medical treatment?

Yes ..........  No ............  

Skip to question 67!

63. Who is that and by which of the following activities does he or she need assistance?

Please state the first name.

If there is more than one person in need of care in the household, please list the one which is most in need of care.

person in need of care

first name

Needs assistance with ...

- Errands outside of the house ..................................................  
- Running the household, preparing meals and drinks ............  
- Minor care, such as help with dressing himself, washing up, combing hair, shaving ........................................  
- Major care, such as getting in and out of bed, bowel movements .................................................................  

64. Does the person in need of care receive nursing care assistance ("Pflegeversicherung")?

Yes ............  No ............  

based on:  care level 1 ..........  

- care level 2 ..........  
- care level 3 ..........  

65. From whom does this person receive the necessary assistance?

From:  relatives in the household .................  
- public or church nurse, social worker ....  
- private care service ..................................  
- friends .............................................  
- neighbors .........................................  
- relatives not in the household ..............

Please give us the name of the person in the household who is the main provider.

Does this person receive a payment for this?

Yes ............  No ............  

66. Beside this person, are there other people in the household who are in need of help or care?

No ...........  Yes ......  

other person(s)

67. Do you regularly or occasionally employ household help?

Yes, regularly ........  
Yes, occasionally .  
No ............  

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68. Do children who were born in 1993 or later live in your household?
Yes .............. [ ] No .............. [ ] ▶ Skip to the end!

69. In what year were these children born?
Please state the birth year separately, starting with the oldest child which was born in 1993 or later and then according to age, the youngest last.

Please state: ▶ First name: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
Year of birth: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

70. What of the following institutions do these children currently attend?
Elementary school ("Grundschule inkl. Förderstufe")
General secondary school ("Hauptschule")
Intermediate school ("Realschule")
Upper secondary school ("Gymnasium")
Comprehensive school ("Gesamtschule")
Full-time professional school ("Berufsschule")
Other type of school
Does not attend any of these institutions

71. Does the child usually attend this school all day?
Yes .............. [ ] No .............. [ ]

72. Does the child currently attend one of the following childcare facilities?
Kinderkrippe, Kindergarten, Kindertageseinrichtung, Hort
And how long does the child usually attend this facility?
Actual hours per day
Does not attend any of this facilities

73. Are there any other people who regularly take care of the child (aside from members of the household)?
Yes, babysitter ("Tagesmutter") outside the home
Yes, paid caregiver ("Betreuungsperson") comes into the home
Yes, relatives
Yes, friends/acquaintances/neighbors
No

Thank you! Please don't forget to fill out the "Individual Question Form"
Durchführung des Interviews

A Wie wurde die Befragung durchgeführt?

Mündliches Interview .................................................................

Befragter hat den Fragebogen selbst ausgefüllt, und zwar:
– in Anwesenheit des Interviewers ........................................
– in Abwesenheit des Interviewers ........................................
Teils mündlich, teils selbst ausgefüllt ......................................

B Interviewdauer:

Das mündliche (Teil-)Interview dauerte .................. Minuten
Befragter brauchte zum Selbstausfüllen ................ Minutes

(bitte erfragen)

C Sonstige Hinweise:

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Ich bestätige die korrekte Durchführung des Interviews:

Listen-Nr. Lfd. Nr.

Tag Monat Abrechnungs-Nummer Unterschrift des Interviewers