

Living in Germany

Survey 2011
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

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The questionnaire has been filled out by:

First name

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Person
number

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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: ...**

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- **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 


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| <i>Skip to Question . . . !</i> |
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*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.*

Expenses for house or flat

1. Did you live in this flat the last time we interviewed you about a year ago?

Yes  Skip to question 9!

No 

2. What was the most important reason for moving into this flat?

 Please check **up to three** reasons!

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?

 Please check **only one** per row!

| How is that with respect to ... | Better | About the same | Worse |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| – financial aspects (for example, rent) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| – the size of the flat | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| – how the flat is designed, equipped | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| – the neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| – conditions around the flat (noise, exhaust fumes, pollution) ... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| – access to public transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| – relations to neighbors? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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 –

Yes No

– a kitchen

– 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 2010?

- 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...

Skip to question 18!

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

- Landlord **Skip to question 18!**
- Myself
- Both

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

17a. How much did this work cost your household?

euros

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 **Skip to question 21!**
- Subtenant
- Owner **Skip to question 29!**

Only for tenants:

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 28!

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?

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

euros

Don't know

25a How high are your monthly heating costs?

euros

Don't know

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!

Only for homeowners:

29. Do you still have financial obligations, for example loans or a mortgage, for this house or flat in which you live?

Yes 

No 

Skip to question **31!**

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 calendar year? euros per year

32a How high were your heating costs in the last calendar 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 2010?

Yes  euros in the year 2010

No

Wieder an alle:

38. Do you or someone in your household have another home in which you yourself reside or spend your vacation?

Yes
↓

No ➔

Skip to question 38a!

Is this house / flat ...

in West Germany in East Germany ... in another country?

Which house / flat is your primary domicile?

This one The other one They're approximately equal ..

38a 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 2010

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 2010

Loan, mortgage and interest payments euros in the year 2010

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 2010

No

42. Are you or someone in your household 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 ➔

Skip to question 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, mortgage bonds, federal savings bonds)
- Other securities (e.g. stocks, funds, bonds, equity warrant)
- Company assets (for your own company, other companies, agricultural assets)

No, none of these

Skip to question 47!

Can you declare the money spent on loan repayment as losses for the last year?

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

Yes ... ➔ euros

No

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 ➔

Skip to question 49!

As:

- Inheritance
- Gift
- Lottery winnings

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?


| | | Number of months received in 2010 | Average amount per month | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Child allowance ("Kindergeld") | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | (no benefit) euros |
| | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Supplementary child benefit ("Kinderzuschlag" which is paid to low-income earners in addition to the child allowance, "Kindergeld") | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | euros |
| | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Unemployment benefit II including social benefit and costs of housing ("Arbeitslosengeld II einschließlich Sozialgeld und Unterkunftskosten") | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | euros |
| | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Support for care of sick family members ("Leistungen der Pflegeversicherung") | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | euros |
| | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Regular support for living costs / Support for special situations ("Laufende Hilfe zum Lebensunterhalt / Hilfe in besonderen Lebenslagen") | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | euros |
| | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Basic protection for old age / reduced capacity to work ("Grundsicherung im Alter und bei Erwerbsminderung") | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | euros |
| | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Housing allowance ("Wohngeld oder Lastenzuschuss") if not included in ALG II / social assistance | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | euros |
| | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |

50. And how is that today? Do you or another member of the household currently receive any of the following types of governmental (state) support?

| | | Amount per month | |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Child allowance ("Kindergeld") | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ | <input type="text"/> | no benefit euros for <input type="text"/> children |
| | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Supplementary child benefit ("Kinderzuschlag" which is paid to low-income earners in addition to the child allowance, "Kindergeld") | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ | <input type="text"/> | euros |
| | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Unemployment benefit II including social benefit and costs of housing ("Arbeitslosengeld II einschließlich Sozialgeld und Unterkunftskosten") | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ | <input type="text"/> | euros |
| | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Support for care of sick family members ("Leistungen der Pflegeversicherung") | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ | <input type="text"/> | euros |
| | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Regular support for living costs / Support for special situations ("Laufende Hilfe zum Lebensunterhalt / Hilfe in besonderen Lebenslagen") | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ | <input type="text"/> | euros |
| | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Basic protection for old age / reduced capacity to work ("Grundsicherung im Alter und bei Erwerbsminderung") | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ | <input type="text"/> | euros |
| | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Housing allowance ("Wohngeld oder Lastenzuschuss") if not included in ALG II / social assistance | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ | <input type="text"/> | euros |
| | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

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

 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.

 If you do not know the exact amount, please estimate the amount per month. euros per month

52. 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?

Yes euros per month

No

53. Are you able to pay the rent or mortgage/interest payments without any difficulty?

Yes

No

Does not apply, do not pay rent or mortgage/interest payments

54. What do you plan for grocery expenses per week or month for you and your household?












 Please state the amount for an average week or month, whichever is easier for you to estimate.

euros for groceries in an average week

euros for groceries in an average month


55. Which of the following applies to you?

If "No": please indicate whether this is for financial or other reasons.

| | Yes | No | Financial reasons | Other reasons |
|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| The household has a color television | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The household has a telephone | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The household has an internet access | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The household has a car | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The flat is located in a building which is in good condition | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The building is located in a good neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I have put some money aside for emergencies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I take a vacation away from home for at least one week every year | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I invite friends over for dinner at least once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Il eat a hot meal with meat, fish, or poultry at least every other day | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Furniture which is worn out but can still be used is replaced by new furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Does your household have ...?


56. 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 62!

57. 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

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

Yes based on: care level 1 care level 2 care level 3
No

59. 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


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

No Yes  other person(s)

61. Does the assistance or care create regular costs?

Yes  euros per month
No

62. Do you regularly or occasionally employ household help?

Yes, regularly  **How much do school, care, and the activities described above cost you?** euros per month
Yes, occasionally
No


63. Do children who were born in 1995 or later live in your household?

Yes

No ➔

Skip to question 73!

64. In what year were these children born?

 Please state the birth year separately, starting with the oldest child which was born in 1995 or later and then each according to age, the youngest last.

Please state: ➔

First name:

| | | | |
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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
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Year of birth:

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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65. What school does your child currently attend?

Does not attend school ➔ Q.68 ➔ Q.68 ➔ Q.68 ➔ Q.68

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

66. Does the child usually attend this school all day?

Yes

No

67. Who operates this school?

Public school, e.g., state-run

Religious school

School run by a non-profit organization, including free and alternative schools

Commercial private school

68. Does the child currently attend nursery or daycare, preschool, etc.?

No, he/she does not attend any of these ➔ Q.71 ➔ Q.71 ➔ Q.71 ➔ Q.71

Yes, approximately hours per day:

69. Who pays for this institution? Is it ...

a public institution, e.g. city-run kindergarten

church or other common use facility or school

a private non-profit making parent initiative

a company-run facility, e.g. company kindergarten

or a private-commercial facility, such as a private kindergarten

Please transmit
name of children:



| | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| | | | |
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70. If you want, does the facility provide the child with lunch? Yes
No

71. 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

72. Is the child care provided by these individuals for free or do you pay something?

The child care costs euros per month: ...

No, it doesn't cost anything

73. And finally, something entirely different: Do you or does any other person in your household have a pet/pets? If so, what kind(s)?

Yes, dog

cat

bird

fish

horse

other animal

No

74. About how many books do you have in your household?

Please do not count newspapers, magazines or schoolbooks.

A helpful hint: one meter of a bookshelf holds about 50 books.

Less than 10 books

10 to 50 books

50 to 100 books

100 to 200 books

200 to 500 books

500 to 1.000 books

1.000 books or more

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 Minuten

(bitte erfragen)

C Sonstige Hinweise:

Listen-Nr.

Lfd. Nr.

Ich bestätige die korrekte Durchführung
des Interviews:

Tag

Monat

Abrechnungs-Nummer

Unterschrift des Interviewers