Living in Germany
Survey 2008
on the social situation
of households

Individual question form

This questionnaire booklet is directed towards the individual persons in the household.

Your cooperation is voluntary. However, the scientific meaningfulness of this investigation 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:

First name:

Please print
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: ... 1 9 4 5

- writing in the text boxes provided

  Example:  
  Other reason ..........................................  

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 .................  

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. How satisfied are you today with the following areas of your life?

Please answer by using the following scale:
0 means "totally unhappy",
10 means "totally happy".

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<th>How satisfied are you with ...</th>
<th>totally unhappy</th>
<th>totally happy</th>
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<td>– your health?</td>
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<td>– your sleep?</td>
<td>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</td>
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<td>(if employed) – your job?</td>
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<td>(if working in household) – your housework?</td>
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<td>– your household income?</td>
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<td>– your personal income?</td>
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<td>– your schooling and professional education?</td>
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<td>– your place of dwelling?</td>
<td>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</td>
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<td>– your free time?</td>
<td>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</td>
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<td>– your family life?</td>
<td>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</td>
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<td>(if you have small children) – the child care available?</td>
<td>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</td>
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2. I will now read to you a number of feelings. Please indicate for each feeling how often or rarely you experienced this feeling in the last four weeks.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>How often have you felt ...</th>
<th>Very rarely</th>
<th>Rarely</th>
<th>Occasionally</th>
<th>Often</th>
<th>Very often</th>
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<td>– angry? .......................</td>
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<td>– worried? ....................</td>
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<td>– happy? ......................</td>
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<td>– sad? ........................</td>
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3. What is your opinion on the following three statements?

*Please tick one of the boxes for each statement.*

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Totally agree</th>
<th>Agree slightly</th>
<th>Disagree slightly</th>
<th>Totally disagree</th>
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<tr>
<td>On the whole one can trust people ..............................................</td>
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<td>Nowadays one can't rely on anyone ............................................</td>
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<tr>
<td>If one is dealing with strangers, it is better to be careful before one can trust them ........................................................</td>
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4. Do you believe that most people ...

– would exploit you if they had the opportunity ...........................  
– or would attempt to be fair towards you? .................................

5. Would you say that for most of the time, people ...

– attempt to be helpful? ............................................................  
– or only act in their own interests? ...........................................

6. What would you say: How many close friends do you have?

   close friends

7. How often does it occur that, ...

*Please enter one answer in every row!*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Very often</th>
<th>Often</th>
<th>Sometimes</th>
<th>Seldom</th>
<th>Never</th>
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<td>– that you lend your friends your personal belongings (i.e. CDs, books, car, bicycle)? .........................</td>
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<td>– that you lend your friends money? .................................</td>
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<td>– that you leave the door to your apartment unlocked? ....</td>
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8. How ever have you profited from the generosity of a person, who you had not previously met?

Yes ..................  
No ...............
9. **How would you describe yourself:**
Are you generally an impatient person, or someone who always shows great patience?

Please tick a box on the scale, where the value 0 means: "very impatient"
and the value 10 means: "very patient".
You can use the values in between to make your estimate.

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<th>Very impatient</th>
<th>Very patient</th>
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<td>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</td>
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10. **How would you describe yourself:**
Are you generally willing to take risks, or do you try to avoid risks?

Please tick a box on the scale, where the value 0 means: "risk averse"
and the value 10 means: "fully prepared to take risks".
You can use the values in between to make your estimate.

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<tr>
<th>Risk averse</th>
<th>Fully prepared to take risks</th>
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<td>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</td>
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11. **How would you describe yourself:**
Do you generally think things over for a long time before acting – in other words, are you not impulsive at all? Or do you generally act without thinking things over for long time – in other words, are you very impulsive?

Please tick a box on the scale, where the value 0 means: "not at all impulsive"
and the value 10 means: "very impulsive".
You can use the values in between to make your estimate.

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<th>Not at all impulsive</th>
<th>Very impulsive</th>
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<td>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</td>
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12. **What does a typical weekday look like for you?**
How many hours per day do you spend on the following activities?

Please give only whole hours.
Use zero if the activity does not apply!

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<th>Number of hours</th>
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<td>Job, apprenticeship, second job (including travel time to and from work) ............................................................</td>
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<td>Errands (shopping, trips to government agencies, etc.) .......................................</td>
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<td>Housework (washing, cooking, cleaning) ..........................................................</td>
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<td>Child care ........................................................................................................</td>
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<td>Care and support for persons in need of care ..................................................</td>
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<td>Education or further training (also school, university) .......................................</td>
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<td>Repairs on and around the house, car repairs, garden work ................................</td>
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<td>Hobbies and other free-time activities ..................................................................</td>
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13. Have you been engaged in paid work during the last 7 days, even if this work was only for an hour or just a few hours?

Please answer yes also if you normally would have worked in the last seven days, but because of holidays, sickness, bad weather, or other reasons did not do so.

Yes ..................  [ ]  No ..................  [ ]

14. Are you currently under maternity protection or in the legally regulated "Elternzeit"?

Yes, maternity leave ........... [ ]
Yes, Elternzeit .................. [ ]  No ..................  [ ]

15. Are you officially registered as unemployed at the Employment Office ("Arbeitsamt")?

Yes ..................  [ ]  No ..................  [ ]

16. Are you currently in some sort of education? In other words, do you attend a school or institution of higher education, are you engaged in an apprenticeship or are you participating in further education or training?

Yes ..................  [ ]  No ..................  [ ]  Skip to question 18!

17. What type of education or continuing training is that?

General school:
Secondary general school ("Hauptschule") ... [ ]
Intermediate School ("Realschule") ............. [ ]
Upper Secondary School ("Gymnasium")....... [ ]
Comprehensive School ("Gesamtschule")..... [ ]
Evening Intermediate School ("Abendrealschule") ........................................................................ [ ]
"Fachoberschule" ........................................ [ ]

Vocational education:
Primary vocational training year, vocational preparatory year ("Berufsgrundbildungsjahr, Berufsvorbereitungsjahr") ............................................... [ ]
Vocational school without apprenticeship .. [ ]
Apprenticeship ............................................. [ ]
Full-time vocational school ("Berufsfachschule, Handelsschule") ............................................... [ ]
School for health care professions .......... [ ]
Trade and technical school ("Fachschule", for example, "Meister-, Technikerschule") ........ .......... [ ]
Education as public employee ................... [ ]
Other: ........................................................................ [ ]

Higher Education:
"Fachhochschule" ........................................... [ ]
University, other higher education institution ........................................................................... [ ]

Are you receiving a scholarship for these studies?

No .................................................................. [ ]
Yes, BAföG .................................................. [ ]
Yes, other .................................................... [ ]

Further education ("Weiterbildung") / occupational retraining ("Umschulung"): 

Professional or vocational retraining ("Umschulung") ................................................................. [ ]
Further education in your profession ........... [ ]
Professional rehabilitation .......................... [ ]
Further education in politics or general ...... [ ]

Other: ........................................................................ [ ]
18. **Now some questions about your free-time.**
   Please indicate how often you take part in each activity:
   daily, at least once a week, at least once a month, seldom or never?

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<th>Activity</th>
<th>Daily</th>
<th>At least once a week</th>
<th>At least once a month</th>
<th>Seldom</th>
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<td>Go out for a drink or for a meal (café, bar pub, restaurant)</td>
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<td>Social intercourse with friends, relatives or neighbors</td>
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<td>Visits to and from family members and relatives</td>
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<td>Contact to friends or relatives abroad</td>
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<td>Go on a trip or short holidays</td>
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<td>Participation in public initiatives, in political parties, local government</td>
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<td>Honorary office participation in clubs, associations or social services</td>
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<td>Church-going, visits to religious events</td>
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<td>Artistic and musical activities (painting, photography, theatre, dance)</td>
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<td>Handicrafts / domestic repairs / gardening</td>
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<td>Take part in active sport</td>
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<td>Visit sporting events</td>
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<td>Cinema visits, visits to pop concerts, dance events, clubs</td>
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<td>Visits to cultural events etc. (concerts, theatre, exhibitions)</td>
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19. Are you currently engaged in paid employment? 
Which of the following applies best to your status?

- Full-time employed ........................................
- Part-time employed ......................................
- In occupational / professional education or retraining ...................................
- Marginally ("geringfügig") or irregularly employed ...................................
- Approaching retirement part-time employment with zero working hours ...........
- Doing your compulsory military service ................................
- Doing community service as substitute for compulsory military service ("Zivildienst") / Voluntary social year ...........................
- Not employed .............................................

20. Do you intend to engage in paid employment (again) in the future?

- No, definitely not ........................................
- Probably not ...........................................
- Probably ................................................
- Yes, definitely ...........................................

21. When, approximately, would you like to start with paid employment?

- As soon as possible ........................................
- Next year ...................................................
- In the next two to five years ..........................
- In the distant future, in more than five years ..........................

22. Are you interested in full-time or part-time employment, or would both suit you?

- Full-time ...................................................
- Part-time ...................................................
- Either ....................................................... I'm not sure yet ...........

23. If you were currently looking for a new job: 
Is it or would it be easy, difficult or almost impossible to find an appropriate position?

- Easy .........................................................
- Difficult ...................................................
- Almost impossible ....................................
24. How high would your net income or salary have to be for you to take a position offered to you?

- [ ] __________ euros per month
- [ ] Can't say, it depends

Skip to question 26!

25. In your opinion how many hours a week would you have to work to earn this net income?

- [ ] ________ hours per week

26. If someone offered you an appropriate position right now, could you start working within the next two weeks?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

27. Have you actively looked for work within the last four weeks?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Skip to question 71!

28. Have you received a voucher „Vermittlungsgutschein“, and if so what was the value?

- [ ] Yes
  - [ ] value: ________ euros
- [ ] No

Skip to question 71!

Your current employment

29. Did you change your job or start a new one after December 31, 2006?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Skip to question 42!

30. When did you start your current position?

- [ ] 2007, in the month
- [ ] 2008, in the month
31. Now a few questions about your new position. 
What type of an employment change was that? 
- In the case that you have changed positions several times, please pick the appropriate reason for the most recent change. 
  - I have entered employment for the first time in my life ....  
  - I have started up with paid employment again after not having been employed for a while .................  
  - I have started a new position with a different employer (for temporary workers this includes working in an temporary workplace) ............................................  
  - I have been taken on by the company in which I did my apprenticeship / worked as part of a state employment program / was employed on a free-lance basis ..................  
  - I have changed positions within the same company ........  
  - I have become self-employed ........................................

32. Were you actively looking for a job when you received your current position, or did it just come up? 
- Actively looking for job .......  
- Just came up ........

33. How did you find out about this job? 
- Please check just one! 
  - Through the federal employment office ("Arbeitsamt", "Agentur für Arbeit") ...........................................  
  - Through a Job-Center / ARGE / "Sozialamt" ................  
  - Through a personnel service agency ("PSA") .............  
  - Through a private recruitment agency ......................  
  - An advertisement in the newspaper ..........................  
  - An advertisement in the internet .............................  
  - Through friends or relatives .................................  
  - I have returned to a former employer .....................  
  - Other or none of the above .....................................

34. Was the Employment Office involved in finding the job? 
- Yes, directly ...............................................................  
- Yes, provided a voucher ("Vermittlungsgutschein") for a private recruitment agency ........................................  
- No ..............................................................................

35. Did you receive funds from any government programs to start your own business? 
- Yes, as an one-person company ("Ich-AG") ..........................  
- Yes, from other public programs ....  
- No ..............................................................................

36. How did you find out about this job? 
- Please check just one! 
  - Through the federal employment office ("Arbeitsamt", "Agentur für Arbeit") ...........................................  
  - Through a Job-Center / ARGE / "Sozialamt" ................  
  - Through a personnel service agency ("PSA") .............  
  - Through a private recruitment agency ......................  
  - An advertisement in the newspaper ..........................  
  - An advertisement in the internet .............................  
  - Through friends or relatives .................................  
  - I have returned to a former employer .....................  
  - Other or none of the above .....................................

37. Was the Employment Office involved in finding the job? 
- Yes, directly ...............................................................  
- Yes, provided a voucher ("Vermittlungsgutschein") for a private recruitment agency ........................................  
- No ..............................................................................
35. **What is your current position/occupation?**

Please give the exact title. For example, do not write "clerk", but "shipping clerk"; not "blue-collar worker", but "machine metalworker". If you are engaged in public employment, please give your official title, for example, "police chief" or "Studienrat". If you are an apprentice or in vocational training, please state the profession associated with your training.

*Please write the German term only!*

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36. **Is this position the same as the profession for which you were educated or trained?**

- Yes .......  
  - Currently in education or training.................................
- No ........  
  - I have not been trained or educated for a particular profession ......

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37. **What type of education or training is usually necessary for this type of work?**

- No completed vocational training/apprenticeship required .....................................
- Completed vocational training/apprenticeship required ...........................................
- "Fachhochschule" degree required ..........................................................................
- Completed education at a university or other institution of higher education ...........

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38. **What type of introduction or introductory training is usually necessary for this type of work?**

- Only a short introduction on the job ............
- A longer training period in the company ........
- Participation in special training or courses ....

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39. **Does the company in which you are employed belong to the public sector?**

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

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40. **In which branch of business or industry is your company or institution active for the most part?**

Please state the branch as exactly as possible, for example, not "industry", but "electronics industry"; not "trade", but "retail trade"; not "public service", but "hospital".

*Please write the German term only!*

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41. **Approximately how many people does the company employ as a whole?**

- less than 5 people ... 
- from 5 up to 10 people ...
- from 11 up to, but less than 20 people ...
- from 20 up to, but less than 100 people ...
- from 100 up to, but less than 200 people ...
- from 200 up to, but less than 2,000 people ...
- 2,000 or more people .................................  
  - Not applicable, because I am self-employed without further employees ......
42. Since when have you been working for your current employer?
   If you are self-employed, please indicate when you started your current work.
   
   Since
   month
   year

43. Is this work temporary or on a contractual basis?
   Yes ......... No ...........

44. Is your contract of employment for an unlimited or limited period?
   Unlimited period ........................................... ☐
   Limited period ........................................... ☐
   Not applicable, do not have an employment contract ........... ☐

45. Is it an "ABM" Job (created through the government employment program) or a "1 Euro Job" (for non-profit work)?
   Yes, an ABM job (government employment program) .... ☐
   Yes, a 1 Euro job (non-profit work) .................................... ☐
   No................................................................................... ☐

46. What is your current occupational status?
   If you are employed in more than one position, please answer the following questions for your main position only.

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<tr>
<th>Blue-collar worker:</th>
<th>White-collar worker:</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Untrained worker ........................................... ☐</td>
<td>Industry and works foreman in a salaried position .......... ☐</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trained worker (&quot;angelernt&quot;) ................................</td>
<td>Employee with simple duties, without training/education certificate ...... ☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trained and employed as skilled worker .................... ☐</td>
<td>Employee with simple duties, with training/education certificate ...... ☐</td>
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<tr>
<td>Foreman (&quot;Vorarbeiter&quot;) ................................... ☐</td>
<td>Employee with qualified duties (e.g. executive officer, bookkeeper, technical draftsman) ................... ☐</td>
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<tr>
<td>Master craftsman (&quot;Meister&quot;) ................................</td>
<td>Employee with highly qualified duties or managerial function (e.g. scientist, attorney, head of department) ................... ☐</td>
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<td>Self-employed (including family members working for the self-employed)</td>
<td>Employee with extensive managerial duties (e.g. managing director, manager, head of a large firm or concern) ................... ☐</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of employees</td>
<td>Civil servant (including judges and professional soldiers)</td>
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<td>None 1 – 9 10 and more</td>
<td>Lower level ........................................................... ☐</td>
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<tr>
<td>Self-employed farmer ......................................... ☐</td>
<td>Middle level .................................................................. ☐</td>
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<td>Free-lance professional, independent scholar ............. ☐</td>
<td>Upper level .................................................................... ☐</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other self-employed ........................................... ☐</td>
<td>Executive level ................................................................ ☐</td>
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<td>Family member working for self-employed relative .......... ☐</td>
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47. Is your own performance regularly assessed by a superior as part of an agreed procedure?
   Yes ☐ No ☐ ▶ Skip to question 49!

48. Does this performance assessment influence ...
   Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐
   - your monthly gross salary? ☐ ☐ ☐
   - a yearly bonus? ☐ ☐ ☐
   - future salary increases? ☐ ☐ ☐
   - potential promotion? ☐ ☐ ☐

49. How was it in the previous twelve months in your occupational area:
   Has the labor force increased, decreased, or remained the same?
   Increased ☐
   Decreased ☐
   No change ☐ Don't know ☐

50. If you lost your job today, would it be easy, difficult, or almost impossible for you to find a new position which is at least as good as your current one?
   Easy ☐
   Difficult ☐
   Almost impossible ☐

51. Income earned varies in Germany. Therefore we would like to ask you where your place of work lies: Is it ...
   - in one of the old federal states ☐
   - in one of the new federal states ☐
   - in the west of Berlin ☐
   - in the east of Berlin ☐
   - or abroad? ☐

52. Is your current job in the city where you live?
   Yes ☐ ▶ Skip to question 54!
   No ☐

53. How often do you commute from your apartment to your place of work?
   Every day ☐
   Once a week ☐
   Less often ☐

54. How far (in kilometers) is your job from your place of residence?
   Km ☐ Difficult to say, location of workplace varies ☐
   Workplace and home are in the same building ☐
55. If you could choose your own number of working hours, taking into account that your income would change according to the number of hours: How many hours would you want to work?

☐ , ☐ hours per week

56. How many days do you usually work per week?

☐ days

Not applicable, because ...
- the number of days is not fixed
- the number of days changes from week to week

57. And how many hours do you work on a typical workday?

☐ , ☐ hours

Varying, irregular

58. At what time do you generally start work?

Hour ☐  Minute ☐

Varying

59. How many hours are stipulated in your contract (excluding overtime)?

☐ , ☐ hours per week

No set hours

60. And how many hours do your actual working-hours consist of including possible over-time?

☐ , ☐ hours per week

If less than 30 hours: ☐ If 30 hours or more: ☐  Skip to question 63!

61. Is it a marginal job in accordance with the 400/800 Euros Rule (mini-/midi-job)?

Yes, mini-Job (up to 400 Euros) ☐
Yes, midi-Job (400 to 800 Euros) ☐
No ☐

62. Is this part-time occupation in accordance with the latest law concerning parental part-time (Federal Child Benefit Law)?

Yes ☐
No ☐

63. Are you currently observing the legal regulation concerning part-time work while approaching retirement?

Yes ☐ Reduced working-hours ☐
No ☐ Reduced salary for temporarily unchanged working-hours (in saving phase) ☐
64. Do you work overtime?
Yes ................ No .................. Not applicable, because I am self-employed ..............

65. Can you also collect this over-time in a so-called working-hours account, which allows you time off to be taken within a year or longer?
Yes ................ No ............... with the collected hours to be used . . .
• by the end of the year ................
• within a shorter period of time ...........
• within a longer period of time ............

66. If you do work overtime, is the work paid, compensated with time-off, or not compensated at all?
Compensated with time-off .. Partly paid, partly compensated with time-off ..... Paid ................................ Not compensated at all ................................

67. How was your situation with regards to overtime last month?
Did you work overtime? If yes, how many hours?
Yes ................ No ..................

68. How high was your income from employment last month?
If you received extra income such as vacation pay or back pay, please do not include this. Please do include overtime pay.
If you are self-employed: Please estimate your monthly income before and after tax.

Please fill in both:
• gross income, which means wages or salary before deduction of taxes and social security
• net income, which means the sum after deduction of taxes, social security, and unemployment and health insurance.

My income was:
gross [ ] euros
net [ ] euros

69. Have you received the following types of special payments or bonuses during the last month?
Please check all that apply!
Shift premium/late work bonus/weekend work bonus ..... Overtime pay ........................................
Bonus for work under difficult conditions ...................
Additional regular payment due to the tasks / responsibilities of the position, or personal bonus ...........
Tips ................................................................
Other special payments / bonuses ......................... please state:

None of the above ........................................
70. Do you receive other benefits from your employer besides your pay?

Please check all that apply!

- Discounted lunch in the company lunchroom or a meal stipend
- Company vehicle for private use
- Cellular phone for personal use, or reimbursement of telephone costs
- Expense payments covering more than minimum costs
- Personal computer or laptop for use at home
- Other forms of additional benefits
- None of the above

Now questions which apply to everyone!

71. It is possible to work in addition to regular employment, household work, education and also as pensioner. Do you engage in any of the following activities?

Your main employment activity described in the previous sections should not be included!

- Work in family business
- Regularly paid secondary employment
- Occasional paid work

- No, none of these

Skip to question 77!

72. Which occupation is that? Please be as specific as possible.

*Please write the German term only!*

73. How many days a month do you engage in this additional employment?

__ days a month

74. How many hours on average on these days?

__ hours a day

75. How many months a year do you engage in this additional employment?

__ months a year

76. How much was your gross income for this job for last month?

__ euros
77. From which of the following income sources do you personally receive money at this time? Please check all that apply!

For all the applicable sources of income, please indicate how large an amount is each month. If you are unable to state the exact amount, please estimate.

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(*) The gross amount means before any deductions for taxes, social security, etc. This is only of relevance to pensioners and potentially to those on company pensions.
81. There are different opportunities available if one wants to educate himself further. Think back on the last three years. Have you in that time period done any of the following to further your professional education?

- Regularly read scientific or professional publications
- Attended professional conventions or congresses
- Participated in professionally oriented courses, including those which are still in progress

82. How many courses for further professional education have you attended in the last three years?

Number:

*Include also those courses which were completed within the last three years, even if they began before that time. Further information in question 83.*
83. We would now like to know more about the courses you attended. If you have attended several courses in the last three years, please give information for the last three only.

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<th>Most recent (or current) course</th>
<th>The course before that</th>
<th>The course before that</th>
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a) In what year and what month did the course start?
   - Year: 
   - Month: 

b) How long did (does) the course last?
   - Days: 
   - Weeks: 
   - Months: 

c) About how many hours of instructions took place each week?
   - Number of hours: 
   - It was a correspondence course: 
     - Yes: 
     - No: 

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| Yes, during working hours: 
| Partly: 
| No, outside of working hours: 
| Not applicable, because I was unemployed or not in gainful employment at the time: |

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<th>How high were the costs that you had to pay yourself?</th>
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| Amount Euros: 
| I didn’t have to pay anything myself: |
Continuation question 82

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<td><strong>g) Who held the course?</strong></td>
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| **h) Did you receive financial support from your employer, from the Employment Office ("Arbeitsamt"), or from another source for this instruction?** |                      |                          |                          |
| Yes, from my employer |                      |                          |                          |
| Yes, from the Employment Office ("Arbeitsamt") |                      |                          |                          |
| Yes, from the social welfare office |                      |                          |                          |
| Yes, from another source |                      |                          |                          |
| No |                      |                          |                          |

| **j) Did you receive a participation certificate which you would include in job applications in the future?** |                      |                          |                          |
| Yes |                      |                          |                          |
| No |                      |                          |                          |

| **k) Looking back, was this further education worth it for you professionally?** |                      |                          |                          |
| Very much so |                      |                          |                          |
| Somewhat |                      |                          |                          |
| Not at all |                      |                          |                          |
| I don't know, can't tell yet |                      |                          |                          |

| **l) To what extent could you use the newly acquired skills if you got a new job in a different company?** |                      |                          |                          |
| Not at all |                      |                          |                          |
| Only to a limited extent |                      |                          |                          |
| For the most part |                      |                          |                          |
| Completely |                      |                          |                          |
84. Did you end school, vocational training, or university education after December 31, 2006?

Yes ...................  
No ..................  
Skip to question 88!

When?

2007, in the month

2008, in the month

85. Did you conclude this education with a degree, certificate or diploma?

Yes ...................  
No ..................  
Skip to question 88!

86. Did you complete this degree / certificate / diplome in Germany or in another country?

In Germany ..................................................  
In another country ......................................  

87. What kind of a degree was that?

**General school certificate:**
Secondary general school leaving certificate ("Hauptschulabschluss") .................
Intermediate school leaving certificate ("Mittlere Reife", "Realschulabschluss") ...........
Leaving certificate from a Fachoberschule ("Fachhochschulreife" – qualification for studies at a Fachhochschule) ................................
Upper secondary leaving certificate ("Abitur") .......................................................  
Other school leaving certificate .................................................................
Please specify:

**Higher Education Degree**
Fachhochschule ........................................  
University, technical university, other higher education institution .................
Please also state the degree and subject:

**Vocational Degree**

*Name of the vocation:*

*Type of education or training:*
Apprenticeship ...................................................
Full-time vocational school ("Berufsfachschule, Handelsschule") .....................
School for health care professions ...................................
Trade and technical school for vocational education ("Meister-, Technikerschule" etc.) ................
Training for public employees ........................................
Company retraining ................................................
Other, for example further training ................................
88. Did you leave a job after December 31, 2006 (one which you also had before this date)?

Yes .................... □

No ..................... □ → Skip to question 94!

89. When did you leave the last job?

2007, in the month □□

2008, in the month □□

90. How long were you employed in that position?

□□ years □□ months

91. How was this job terminated?

Please check only one!

Because your place of work or office has closed ......................................................................... □

My resignation ......................................................................................................................... □

Dismissal .................................................................................................................................. □

Mutual agreement ..................................................................................................................... □

A temporary job or apprenticeship had been completed ......................................................... □

Reaching retirement age / pension .......................................................................................... □

Suspension ................................................................................................................................. □

Purpose of your self-employment / business .......................................................................... □

92. Did you receive any sort of compensation or severance package from the company?

Yes ..................... □ → How much in total? □□□□□□□□ euros

No ...................... □

93. Did you have a new contract or a prospective job before you left your last position?

Yes, a prospective job ......................... □

Yes, a new contract ......................... □

No, I didn't have anything lined up ....... □

I didn't look for a new job .................... □
94. And now think back on all of 2007.

We've drawn up a type of calendar below. Listed on the left are various employment characteristics that may have applied to you last year.

Please go through the various months and check all the months in which you were employed, unemployed, etc.

Please note that at least one must be checked for each month!
Even if you were unemployed for less than one month, please check off that month.

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<td>I held a Mini-Job (up to 400 €)</td>
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### Income in 2007

95. We have already asked for your current income. In addition, please state what sources of income you received in the past calendar year 2007, independent of whether the income was received all year or only in certain months. Look over the list of income sources and check all that apply.

For all sources that apply please indicate how many months you received this income in 2007 and how much this was on average per month. (Please state the gross amount which means not including deductions for taxes or social security).

Please answer all the questions on this page and if necessary, the additional questions.

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I received no income from the sources named in 2007 .................................... ☐  

Skip to question 99!
**Additional questions for employed persons**

96. Did you receive any of the following additional payments from your employer last year (2007)?
If yes, please state the gross amount.

- 13th month salary ..................................................  [ ] in total _______________________________ euros
- 14th month salary ..................................................  [ ] in total _______________________________ euros
- Additional Christmas bonus ..................................  [ ] in total _______________________________ euros
- Vacation pay ..........................................................  [ ] in total _______________________________ euros
- Profit-sharing, premiums, bonuses.......................  [ ] in total _______________________________ euros
- Other ....................................................................  [ ] in total _______________________________ euros

No, I received none of these ..................................  [ ]

97. Last year (2007), did you receive money to cover traveling expenses or an allowance for use of local public transit (e.g. "Jobticket")?
If so, please indicate the value thereof:

Yes ................ [ ]  => please state: _______________________________ euros

No................. [ ]

**Additional question for retirees, pensioners**

98. Who pays your pension and how high were the monthly payments in 2007?

"Please state the gross amount, *excluding* taxes. If you receive more than one pension, please check each that applies. If you do not know the exact amount, please estimate.*

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99. How would you describe your current health?
   - Very good □
   - Good □
   - Satisfactory □
   - Poor □
   - Bad □

100. When you ascend stairs, i.e. go up several floors on foot:
     Does your state of health affect you greatly, slightly or not at all?
     - Greatly □
     - Slightly □
     - Not at all □

101. And what about having to cope with other tiring everyday tasks,
     i.e. when one has to lift something heavy or when one requires agility:
     Does your state of health affect you greatly, slightly or not at all?
     - Greatly □
     - Slightly □
     - Not at all □

102. Please think about the last four weeks. Always Often Some-
     times Almost Never
     How often did it occur within this period of time, ...

     - that you felt rushed or pressed for time? ........................................
     - that you felt run-down and melancholy? ........................................
     - that you felt relaxed and well-balanced? ........................................
     - that you used up a lot of energy? ....................................................
     - that you had strong physical pains? ..................................................
     - that due to physical health problems
       - you achieved less than you wanted to at work or in everyday tasks? ..........
       - you were limited in some form at work or in everyday tasks? ..................
     - that due to mental health or emotional problems
       - you achieved less than you wanted to at work or in everyday tasks? ..........
       - you carried out your work or everyday tasks less thoroughly than usual? ..........
     - that due to physical or mental health problems you
       were limited socially, i.e. in contact with friends, acquaintances or relatives? ........................................
103. How many hours of sleep do you average on a normal day during the working week? How many hours on a normal weekend day?

Please give only whole hours.

Normal working day ....... [ ] hours
Normal weekend day ...... [ ] hours

104. To what extent do you follow a health-conscious diet?

Very much .................... [ ]
Much ............................ [ ]
Not so much.................. [ ]
Not at all ........................ [ ]

105. How often do you drink the following alcoholic beverages?

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106. Do you currently smoke, be it cigarettes, a pipe or cigars?

No ....................... [ ]
Yes ...................... [ ]

How many cigarettes, pipes or cigars do you smoke per day?

Please give the daily average of the previous week.

Cigarettes ............... [ ] per day
Pipes ........................ [ ] per day
Cigars/Cigarillos ....... [ ] per day

107. How tall are you?

If you don’t know, please estimate.

[ ] cm

108. How many kilograms do you currently weigh?

If you don’t know, please estimate.

[ ] kg
109. Are you legally classified as handicapped or capable of gainful employment only to a reduced extent due to medical reasons?

Yes ................. ☐

What is the extent of this capability reduction or handicap according to the most recent diagnosis? .... ☐ ☐ %

No ................. ☐

What type of handicap is that?

110. Have you gone to a doctor within the last three months?

If yes, please state how often.

Number of trips to the doctor’s in the last three months .......... ☐ ☐

I haven’t gone to the doctor’s in the last three months .......... ☐

111. And how was that with regards to stays in the hospital?

Were you ever admitted to a hospital for at least one night in 2007?

Yes ................. ☐

No ................. ☐ ➔ Skip to question 113!

112. How many nights altogether did you spend in the hospital last year?

☐ ☐ ☐ nights

And how often were you admitted to a hospital in the year 2007?

☐ times

113. If you were employed in 2007:

Were you sick from work for more than six weeks at one time last year?

Yes, once ................. ☐

Yes, several times ....... ☐

No ......................... ☐ ➔ Skip to question 115!

I was not employed in 2007 ...... ☐

114. How many days were you not able to work in 2007 because of illness?

Please state all the days, not just those for which you had an official note from your doctor.

None .................... ☐

A total of ............. ☐ ☐ ☐ days
115. Now some questions about your health insurance. First the question:

Do you qualify for additional allowances (such as "Beihilfe" or "Heilvorsorge") for public employees?

Yes □ No □

116. Have you changed to a different health insurance provider after December 31, 2006?

Yes □ No □

117. How are you insured for sickness:

Do you have state health insurance or are you almost exclusively privately insured?

Please answer also if you do not pay for the insurance yourself, but are covered by another family member. Compulsory health insurance providers are listed in Question 118.

In compulsory health insurance □ Almost exclusively privately insured □

118. Which of the following is your health insurance provider?

- AOK □
- TKK □
- GEK □
- Barmer □
- IKK □
- Knappschaft □
- DAK □
- KKH □
- LKK □
- Company health insurance □
- Other □ please state:

119. Are you personally in this health insurance ... 

- a mandatory paying member □
- a voluntary paying member □
- covered by the insurance of a family member □
- insured as pensioner, unemployed, student, or draft soldier or through your community service work ("Zivildienst")? □

120. The state health insurance system offers you the choice of a number of different rate options in addition to the normal rate. Are you personally insured at the normal rate or under a different rate option?

The normal rate □

A different rate option (please specify) □

Bonus program / premium reimbursement rate (in the case that health care services were not utilized) □

Personal deductible rate □

Cost reimbursement rate □

Family practitioner rate □

Rate for special health care forms (integrated care) □

Chronic illness program □

Medication rate □

Other rate □
121. Do you have additional private health insurance?
Yes ................................................ No ................................................ 

122. What do you pay for private insurance per month?
[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] euros per month  Don't know .... [ ]

123. Which of the following are covered by your additional health insurance?
Please check all that apply!

- Hospital stay ................................ ........ [ ]
- Dentures ........................................ [ ]
- Corrective devices (glasses, for example) ........ [ ]
- Coverage abroad ............................ [ ]
- Other ........................................ [ ]  Don't know .... [ ]

124. In whose name is your private health insurance:
another family member's or your own?

Other family member ................. [ ] 
Your own ................................ [ ]

125. What do you pay per month for health insurance?
[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] euros per month  Don't know .... [ ]

126. Is that amount just for you or are other people covered?
Just for me ................................. [ ]
In additional to myself .......... persons are covered

127. Is it health insurance with a deductible or co-payment?
Yes ................................................ No ................................................

128. What type of deductible or co-payment do you have?
Co-payment of .............................................................. [ ] [ ] %
General deductible in the amount of ................. [ ] [ ] euro
Attitude and opinions

129. Generally speaking, how much are you interested in politics?

- Very much .......................................................... □
- Much .................................................................. □
- Not so much ......................................................... □
- Not at all .............................................................. □

130. Many people in Germany lean towards one party in the long term, even if they occasionally vote for another party.
Do you lean towards a particular party?

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

131. Toward which party do you lean?

- SPD ................................................................. □
- CDU ................................................................. □
- CSU ................................................................. □
- FDP .................................................................. □
- Bündnis 90 / Die Grünen .................................. □
- Die Linke/ PDS / WASG ................................. □
- DVU/Republikaner/NPD ................................. □
- Other ............................................................... □

And to what extent?

- Very strongly .................................................. □
- Rather strongly ............................................... □
- Somewhat ....................................................... □
- Weakly .......................................................... □
- Very weakly ................................................... □

132. What is your attitude towards the following areas – are you concerned about them?

- General economic development .................................................. □
- Your own economic situation .................................................. □
- Your health .................................................................. □
- Environmental protection .................................................. □
- Maintaining peace ......................................................... □
- Global terrorism .......................................................... □
- Crime in Germany ......................................................... □
- Consequences of the expanding the EU to the east ................ □
- Immigration to Germany .................................................. □
- Hostility towards foreigners or minorities in Germany .......... □

If you are employed:
- Your job security ......................................................... □

Or what else are you concerned about?

Please state:
Family situation and background

133. Now some questions on your native language, the language spoken by the family you grew up in. Is German the native language of you and both of your parents?

No .................. □ Yes .................. □ ➳ **Skip to question 136!**

134. How is it for you personally: How well do you speak and write German?

How well do you speak and write the language of your country of origin, or the language of your parents?

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135. What language do you speak here ...

– mostly German ................................................................. □
– mostly the language of my native country ............................... □
– German half of the time and my native language half of the time ....... □

136. Were you born in Germany?

Yes .................. □ No .................. □

137. Is your nationality German?

Yes .................. □ No .................. □ ➳ **Skip to question 140!**

138. Do you have a second citizenship in additional to your German?

Yes .................. □ ➳ please state:  

No .................. □

139. Have you had German nationality since birth or did you acquire it at a later date?

Since birth ................ □ ➳ **Skip to question 148!**

At a later date ......... □ ➳ **Skip to question 142!**
140. What is your citizenship?  please state: 

141. Do you intend to apply for Germany citizenship in the next two years?

Yes, definitely ........... 
Yes, probably ........... 
Probably not ............. 
Definitely not ........... 

142. How often have you experienced disadvantages in the last two years because of your origins?

Often ....................
Seldom ..................
Never ....................

143. When you read the newspaper: do you read ... 

– only newspapers from your country of origin? ................... 
– mostly newspapers from your country of origin? ............... 
– both German newspapers and newspapers from your country of origin about equally? .........................................
– mostly German newspapers? .........................................
– only German newspapers? ...........................................

Doesn't apply, I don't read newspapers .........................

144. Do you want to stay in Germany forever? 

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

Skip to question 146!

145. How long do you want to remain in Germany?

A year at the most ........... 
A few years more ...........

How many years? \[\text{years}\]  Don't know 

146. Since you have come to Germany to live, have you ever gone back to your country of origin?

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

Skip to question 148!

147. How long were you there in the last two years?

Not at all ......................
Up to three weeks .......... 
One to three months ...... 
Four to six months ....... 
Longer ......................
148. Your sex and year of birth:
   male ..............  
   female ............
   Year of birth:   19

149. What is your marital status?
   Married, living together with my spouse .........................................................
   Married, living (permanently) separated from my spouse ...  
   Single ............................................................................................................
   Divorced .......................................................................................................  
   Widowed ......................................................................................................
   Skip to question 151!

150. Are you in a serious/permanent relationship?
   Yes ................  
   No ..................
   Skip to question 153!

   Does your partner live in the same household?
   Yes ................  
   No .................

151. How do you and your partner (or spouse) decide what to do with the income that either you or they or both of you receive?
   Everyone looks after their own money ...........................................................
   I look after the money and provide my partner with a share of it ....................
   My partner looks after the money and provides me with a share of it..................
   We put the money together and both of us take what we need ........................
   We put a share of the money in together, and both of us keep a share of it for ourselves ....

152. Who has the last word in your relationship / marriage when making important financial decisions?
   Me ..............................................
   My partner .................................
   Both of us equally ..................

153. Have you personally given payments or support during the last year (2007) to relatives or other persons outside of your household?
   Please check all appropriate answers!
   How much in the year as a whole? Where does the recipient live?

   To parents / step parents .................................................................  
   To my children (also step children) .................................................
   To spouse or ex-spouse .................................................................
   To other relatives ........................................................................
   To other persons not related to me ...............................................
   No, I have not given any payment or support ..................
Has your family situation changed after December 31, 2006?

Please indicate if any of the following apply to you and if so, when this change occurred.

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There have been no changes in my family ......................

155. In conclusion, we would like to ask you about your satisfaction with your life in general.

Please answer according to the following scale:

0 means "completely dissatisfied", 10 means "completely satisfied".

How satisfied are you with your life, all things considered?

And how do you think you will feel in one year?

And how do you think you will feel in five years?

Thank you for your cooperation!
**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 Selbstauffüllen ..................... Minuten
(*bitte erfragen*)

**C Sonstige Hinweise:**


**Listen-Nr.**

**Lfd. Nr.**

Ich bestätige die korrekte Durchführung des Interviews:

Tag  Monat  Abrechnungs-Nummer  Unterschrift des Interviewers