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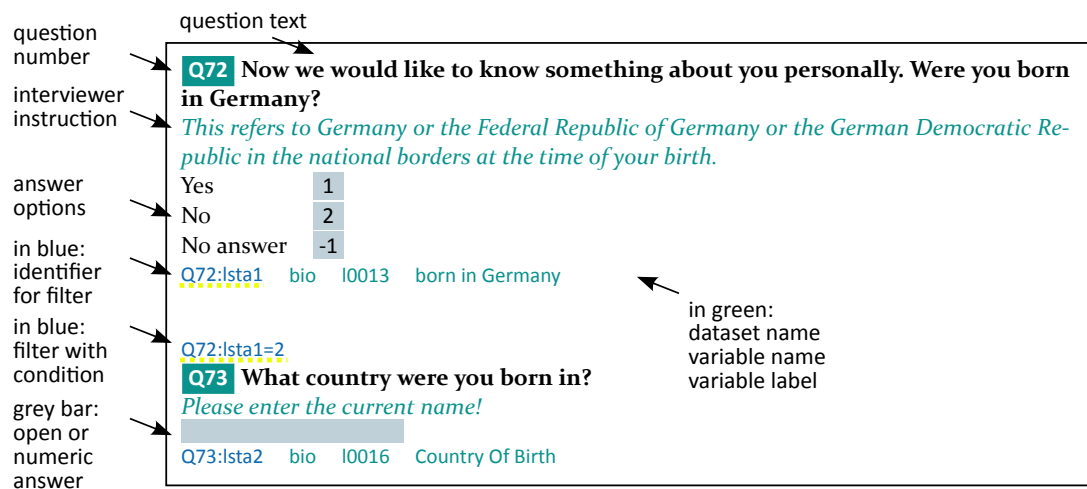
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The variable names mentioned in this document belong to a collection of datasets, which is released with doi:10.5684/soep.core.v41o.

Reading Aid

This representation of the questionnaire contains the same information as the portal `paneldata.org`.



Here, in addition to the *question number*, *question text*, *interviewer instructions*, and *answer options*, you find printed in green the *file name* and the *variable name* with the *variable label*, which contains information from the question. If you see rows of green lines below the answer option, the questionnaire defines several variables or information is stored in more than one dataset.

The *routing by filters* is depicted in blue.

Each variable is preceded by an identifier, which usually contains the question number and which is used when the variable is used in filters in subsequent questions. Such filters are usually placed as input filters (gatekeepers) at the beginning of a question. An identifier that is referred to in the input filter of a subsequent question is marked yellow as an example.

This reading aid does not cover a few exceptional cases: If the filter (as gatekeeper) only affects one of several variables for a question, the filter is printed in blue behind the variable. There you will also find a "go to" command in the form 2 @ Q73. Here, the questionnaire skips to question 73 if answer 2 was given.

Phrases that are not already translated in English are displayed in German and preceded by [de].

PL1 Preload birth year

2024	2024
2023	2023
2022	2022
2021	2021
2020	2020
2019	2019
2018	2018
2017	2017
2016	2016
2015	2015
2014	2014
2013	2013
2012	2012
2011	2011
2010	2010
(96 rows omitted)	...
1913	1913
1912	1912
1911	1911
1910	1910
1909	1909
1908	1908
1907	1907
1906	1906
1905	1905
1904	1904
1903	1903
1902	1902
1901	1901
1900	1900
Can't / don't want to answer	-1

PL1:gebjahr instrumentation2024 bogebjahr [de] Preload Geburtsjahr

PL2 Questions are only for the following sub-studies

Core	1
REF	2

PL2:coreref instrumentation2024 bosubstudy [de] Fragen richten sich nur an folgende Teilstudien

PL3 Preload sample

A German HH Head, West, 1984	1
B1 Turkish HH Head, 1984	2
B2 Yugoslav HH Head, 1984	3
B3 Greek HH Head, 1984	4
B4 Italian HH Head, 1984	5
B5 Spanish HH Head, 1984	6
C German HH Head, East, 1990	7
D1 Immigrant W. Germany (1984-1994), 1994/95	8
D2 Immigrant W. Germany (1984-1994), 1994/95	9
E1 Refreshment (PAPI), 1998	10
E2 Refreshment (CAPI), 1998	11
F1 Refreshment, 2000	12
F2 Refreshment, Additional Foreigner Addresses, 2000	13
G2 High Income, 2002	15
H Refreshment, 2006	16
(23 rows omitted)	...
M9 Persons in Need of Protection (Ukraine), 2022	44
M8c Refreshment non-EU countries, 2023	45
Refreshment SOEP-IS 2023 (CAWI)	46
M9 Persons in Need of Protection (other countries), 2023	47
M9 Persons in Need of Protection (Ukraine), 2023	48
[de] Aufstockung 2024/Stichprobe S	49
M8d Refreshment non-EU countries, 2024	50
M10 Mirgration	51
L2/3 FiD Screening, Low Income, 2010/11	60
L2/3 FiD Screening, Single Parent, 2010/11	61
L2/3 FiD Screening, Families with Several Children, 2010/11	62
L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2007, 2010/11	63
L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2008, 2010/11	64
L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2009, 2010/11	65
L1 FiD Birth Cohort 2010, 2010/11	66

PL4 Preload mode

CAPI	1
CATI	2
CAWI	3
CASI	4

PL4:Mode instrumentation mode Survey mode
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PL5 Preload age of youth person

PL0-17	1
PL0-16	2
PL0-15	3
PL0-14	4
PL0-13	5
PL0-12	6

PL5:code_jugendalter instrumentation2024 boyouth [de] Preload Alter des Jugendlichen

Z1 [Mode = 3,4] Was anyone else present while you were filling out the questionnaire?

[Mode =1,2] Int: Waren beim Ausfüllen des Fragebogens weitere Personen anwesend? Please select all that apply.

Yes, spouse / partner	1
Yes, father or mother	1
Yes, someone who lives here in this household	1
Yes, someone who does not live here in this household	1
No	1
Can't / don't want to answer	1

Z1:present1	instrumentation	present1	Presence during completion: Spouse/Partner	gebjahr<=2006
Z1:present1	instrumentation2024	bopresent1	Presence during completion: Spouse/Partner	gebjahr<=2006
Z1:present5	instrumentation	present5	Presence during completion: Father/Mother	[if (PL5; code_jugendalter=1:6)]
Z1:present5	instrumentation2024	bopresent5	Presence during completion: Father/Mother	[if (PL5; code_jugendalter=1:6)]
Z1:present2	instrumentation	present2	Presence during completion: other household member	
Z1:present2	instrumentation2024	bopresent2	Presence during completion: other household member	
Z1:present3	instrumentation	present3	Presence during completion: other non-household person	
Z1:present3	instrumentation2024	bopresent3	Presence during completion: other non-household person	
Z1:present4	instrumentation	present4	Presence during completion: Nobody	
Z1:present4	instrumentation2024	bopresent4	Presence during completion: Nobody	

(Z1;present1=1)|(Z1;present2=1)|(Z1;present3=1)|(Z1;present5=1)

Z2 [Mode = 3,4] Did any of the aforementioned people bother you while you were filling out the questionnaire?

[Mode =1,2] Int: Hat eine der oben genannten Personen beim Ausfüllen des Fragebogens gestört?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Can't / don't want to answer -1

Z2:distract instrumentation distract Survey distractions
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PL4;Mode=3

Z3 What types of devices did you use to participate in our survey?

Please select all that apply.

- Desktop computer / PC 1
- Laptop / notebook 1
- Tablet 1
- Smartphone 1
- Other 1

Z3:device_01 instrumentation device_01 Device: stationary computer
 Z3:device_01 instrumentation2024 bodevice_01 Device: stationary computer
 Z3:device_02 instrumentation device_02 Device: Laptop/Notebook
 Z3:device_02 instrumentation2024 bodevice_02 Device: Laptop/Notebook
 Z3:device_03 instrumentation device_03 Device: Tablet
 Z3:device_03 instrumentation2024 bodevice_03 Device: Tablet
 Z3:device_04 instrumentation device_04 Device: Smartphone
 Z3:device_04 instrumentation2024 bodevice_04 Device: Smartphone
 Z3:device_05 instrumentation device_05 Device: Other
 Z3:device_05 instrumentation2024 bodevice_05 Device: Other

[Other] please specify:

Z3:device_05_open instrumentation device_05_open Distriction of the other device used Z3:device_05==1
 Z3:device_05_open instrumentation2024 bodevice_05_open Distriction of the other device used Z3:device_05==1

PL4;Mode=3

Z4 We are also interested in how you took part in our online survey.

Where were you when you were answering the majority of the questions?

- at home 1
- out and about (for example, on the train or subway) 2
- at work / at the library / in a computer pool 3
- at the cafeteria / at a restaurant / at a cafe 4
- Other 5
- Can't / don't want to answer -1

Z4:location instrumentation location Location of survey administration
 Z4:location instrumentation2024 bolocation Location of survey administration

[Other] please specify:

Z4:location_open	instrumentation	location_open	Description of the location of survey administration	Z4;location==5
Z4:location_open	instrumentation2024	bolocation_open	Description of the location of survey administration	Z4;location==5

Z5 Finally, we are interested in your opinion about the questionnaire. For example, if something was missing or you had problems answering questions, you can explain this below. Also, if you would like to add anything or give us any comments or critique, please let us know here.

Z5:feedback	instrumentation	feedback	Feedback on the questionnaire
Z5:feedback	instrumentation2024	bofeedback	Feedback on the questionnaire