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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 are stored in more than one data set.

The routing by filters is depicted in blue. Each variable is preceded by an identifier (which generally contains the question number, marked here with a yellow dotted line), which is given, if the variable is used in filters in a subsequent question. Such filters are usually shown (as gatekeepers) at the beginning of the question.

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 the variable results in value of 2.

Phrases that are not already translated in English are displayed in German and preceded by [de].
Congratulations on your newborn child! The next generation is particularly important for “Living in Germany”. This short questionnaire is about children, they were born in 2015 or 2016. The questions refer to your personal experiences and the development of your newborn child. The questionnaires are only for mothers, because the questions are about pregnancy. Your participation is entirely voluntary. We therefore cordially request that - you allow our staff member to interview you - or you fill out the questionnaire independently.

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

Household Number: [ ]
Completed by father: [ ]
Mother’s first name: [ ]

Please print in capital letters.

Person ID: [ ]

What’s your newborn child’s name?
Child’s first name: [ ]

Please print in capital letters.

Person ID: [ ]

In which year and month was your child born?
2015 [ ]
2016 [ ]

Month: [ ]

Where was your baby delivered?
At home [ ]
At the hospital [ ]
Elsewhere [ ]

Was the baby delivered by caesarean section?
Yes [ ]
No [ ]
4 In what week of pregnancy was your baby born?
In the ... week
4:awoch  bioagel  birthpw  pregnancy week of birth

5 What did your baby weigh/measure at birth?
Birth weight in grams
Height in centimeters
Head circumference in centimeters
5:agew  bioagel  weightb  weight of child at birth in grams
5:agro  bioagel  heightb  Height of child at birth in cm
5:akop  bioagel  circum  head circumference of the child in cm

6 Did you breastfeed your baby?
Still breastfeeding
Breastfed only the first four weeks
No, did not breastfeed
6:astil1  bioagel  breastf  breast-feeding baby
I breastfed for a longer period: ... months
6:astil2  bioagel  breastfm  breast-feeding time in months

7 During the first three months after your baby’s birth, did your child experience health problems that necessitated a hospital stay?
Yes
No
7:ages1  bioagel  hospital3mb  length of hospital stay in the first 3 months after birth in days
7:ages2  bioagel  hospital3mb  length of hospital stay in the first 3 months after birth in days

8 After giving birth, the mother receives a “child health record” for medical check-ups (referred to as “U2” for the second check-up, “U3” for the third, etc.). Which was your child’s last check-up?
“U”
8:aunt  bioagel  lstmedex  last medical examination
None of these check-ups where conducted
8:auntno  bioagel  lstmedex  last medical examination

9 Has your child been diagnosed with any delays, disorders, or disabilities?
Yes, at the “U” check-up
Yes, at another check-up
No
9:astor  bioagel  disord  child has confirmed disorders
10. Has your child been diagnosed with any of the following developmental delays, disorders, or disabilities? Please mark all that apply.

- sensory (sight, hearing) 1
- motor functions (grasping, crawling, walking) 1
- neurological disorders (including cramps) 1
- speech (pronunciation, speech acquisition disorders) 1
- regulatory system (inconsolable crying, ongoing sleeping or eating disorders) 1
- chronic illness 1
- physical disability 1
- mental disability 1
- other 1

11. Is the newborn your first, second, third, etc. child? (Please state)

He/she is my ... child

11:anzz  bioagel  nchild  newborn is 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. child

12. Is the newborn your biological child?

- Yes 1
- No 2

12:aleib  bioagel  biochild  biological child

13. Was your pregnancy more unplanned or more planned?

- More unplanned 1
- More planned 2
- Medically assisted pregnancy (hormone treatment, IVF) 3

13:aplan  bioagel  pregplan  pregnancy planned/unplanned

14. How were you feeling physically and mentally during the last third of your pregnancy and during the first three months after giving birth?

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14:abef1  bioagel  feeling1  physical condition in the final third of the pregnancy
14:abef2  bioagel  feeling2  physical condition in the first 3 months after birth
14:abef3  bioagel  feeling3  mental state in the final third of the pregnancy
14:abef4  bioagel  feeling4  mental state in the first 3 months after birth
Life changes after the birth of a child. You experience new things and start to have new expectations for the future. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

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<td>My life has changed significantly</td>
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<td>It gives me pleasure and happiness to raise my child</td>
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<td>I often feel like I’m running out of energy</td>
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<td>I am satisfied with my role as a mother</td>
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<td>It’s important to me to show my child plenty of affection</td>
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Does the father live in the household?

- Yes 1
- No 2
17. **How much do you feel your partner helps you in looking after the child?**

- Very much: 1
- Quite a bit: 2
- Not much: 3
- Not at all: 4
- Not applicable, no partner: 5

17:aunt2  bioagel  suppartn  supported by partner

18. **Are you the child's main caregiver?**

- Yes: 1
- No: 2

18:abet1  bioagel  maincare  mother is main caregiver

19. **If you think about a normal week, is there anybody else who regularly spends time looking after your child? If so, who is it and how many hours a week do they spend looking after the child?**

- Spouse / partner: 1
- Grandparents of the child: 1
- Older siblings: 1
- Other relatives: 1
- Paid caregiver (outside the home): 1
- Nursery school (child care center): 1
- Other (e.g., babysitter, neighbor): 1
- No, nobody: 1

19:asit1  bioagel  care1h  cared for by partner (in h/week)
19:asit2  bioagel  care3h  cared for by grandparents (in h/week)
19:asit3  bioagel  care4h  cared for by older siblings (in h/week)
19:asit4  bioagel  care5h  cared for by other relatives (in h/week)
19:asit5  bioagel  care6h  cared for in family day care (in h/week)
19:asit6  bioagel  care8h  cared for in creche/day nursery (in h/week)
19:asit7  bioagel  care12h  cared for by others (in h/week)
19:asitno  bioagel  care19  no others cared for, only mother

Hours [spouse / partner]
Hours [grandparents]
Hours [siblings]
Hours [other relatives]
Hours [family daycare provider]
Hours [nursery school]
Hours [other]

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19:astd5  bioagel  care6h  cared for in family day care (in h/week)
19:astd6  bioagel  care8h  cared for in creche/day nursery (in h/week)
19:astd7  bioagel  care12h  cared for by others (in h/week)
**What's your current impression of your child? To what extent do you agree with the following statements?**

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<td>My child is easily irritated and cries a lot</td>
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20:aakt1 bioagel temp1 child is generally happy and satisfied
20:aakt2 bioagel temp2 child is easily irritated and often cries
20:aakt3 bioagel temp3 child is hard to console
20:aakt4 bioagel temp4 child is curious and active
20:aakt5 bioagel temp5 child more reserved

A What date do we have today?

Day
Month
Hour
Minute
Interview form

Int Interviewer:
List-number
Lfd ID
Account number: