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Reading Aid

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

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<th>interviewer instruction</th>
<th>answer options</th>
<th>in blue: identifier for filter</th>
<th>in blue: filter with condition</th>
<th>grey bar: open or numeric answer</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Q72</td>
<td>Now we would like to know something about you personally. Were you born in Germany?</td>
<td>Yes 1</td>
<td>No 2</td>
<td>No answer -1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Q72;lst1.bio</td>
<td>born in Germany</td>
<td>Q72;LSTA1=2</td>
<td>Q73;lst2.bio</td>
<td>Country Of Birth</td>
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</table>

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 informations 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].
Our scientific investigation is most of all about developments in the family situation and in professional occupational areas. Therefore it is important that some information are available for every year. This short additional questionnaire is for persons who did not participate in the survey last year. Please help us to fill the gaps. Thank you very much!

Please fill out prior hand over (according to address protocol)

Household number

Person ID

First Name

Please complete in block capitals!

Please remember once again 2014.
We have illustrated here a sort of calendar. On the left stand, what you could have been in 2014.
Please go through that list and state all months when you have been for example employed, unemployed etc.

Please mind that there has to be a statement for every month! For unemployment, even if it was shorter than a month, please mark the relevant month.

I was...
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>January</th>
<th>February</th>
<th>March</th>
<th>April</th>
<th>May</th>
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<th>July</th>
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<td>8</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
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<tr>
<td>employed part-time</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>working at a Mini-Job (up to 450€)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>10</td>
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<td>12</td>
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<tr>
<td>in first-time in-service training (betriebliche Erstausbildung) / apprenticeship (Lehre)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>in further training (Fortbildung) / retraining (Umschulung), further occupational training (berufliche Weiterbildung)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
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<tr>
<td>registered unemployed in retirement / early retirement (Vorruhestand)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>on maternity leave (Mutterschutz) / childcare leave (Erziehungsurlaub) / parental leave (Elternzeit)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>12</td>
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<td>12</td>
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<td>[military service, community service, voluntary social year, voluntary ecological year, federal volunteer service]</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
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</table>
voluntary military service (freiwilliger Wehrdienst) / reserve duty training (Wehrübung)

voluntary social / ecological year

Federal volunteer service (Bundesfreiwilligendienst)

1 Have you left a job since 2014?
This includes leaving a job due to leave of absence (Beurlaubung)/maternity leave (Mutterschutz)/parental leave (Elternzeit)!

Yes 1
No 2

2 In which month did you leave your job?

3 How long were you employed at that job?

... years...
... months...

4 How did that job end?
Please check only one!

My place of work or office closed 1
I resigned 2
I was dismissed by my employer 3
Mutual agreement with employer 4
I completed a temporary job or apprenticeship 5
I reached retirement age / retired 6
I took a leave of absence (Beurlaubung)/maternity leave (Mutterschutz)/parental leave (Elternzeit) 7
I gave up self-employment / closed my business 8
6 Have you got sometime in the course of 2014 one of the following social benefits or financial support? If so, how many months?

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Benefit</th>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>No</th>
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<tbody>
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<td>Unemployment benefit (also while attending further education / re-/training or while receiving a transitional allowance)</td>
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<td>Unemployment benefit II / social benefit</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unemployment Benefits</td>
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<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unemployment Benefits II, Social Subsidy, Social Subsidy, Months</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Student Grant, Month</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>BAföG grant / scholarship / vocational training allowance</td>
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</table>

7 Did you finish school, vocational training, or university / higher education 2014?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Did you complete this education / training with a degree, certificate, or diploma?</th>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>No</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Did you obtain this degree / certificate / diploma in Germany or in another country?</td>
<td>Germany</td>
<td>In another country</td>
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<tr>
<td>Degree:</td>
<td>General</td>
<td>University/ University of applied sciences (Fachhochschule)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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Is this degree / certificate / diploma recognized in Germany?
Yes, it is automatically recognized (e.g., Bachelor, Master, PhD) 1
Yes, it has been recognized after successful completion of a recognition procedure 2
No 3

10 What kind of educational achievement is it?
General-education school degree
Lower secondary school-leaving Certificate (“Hauptschulabschluss”) 1
Intermediate secondary school-leaving certificate (“Realschulabschluss”, “Mittlere Reife”) 2
Specialized upper secondary school-leaving certificate (“Fachoberschule”) 3
Upper secondary leaving certificate (“Abitur”) 4
Other Degree 5

Completed college/university education
Dual degree college / university of cooperative education 4
University of applied sciences 1
Other college / university (e.g. art or music college / university) 5
University / Technical university 2
Doctorate, PhD / postdoctoral dissertation 3

[college/university] type:
[college/university] filed of study:

Vocational training
Type of vocational training
Type of education, training
Apprenticeship 1
Full-time vocational school, commercial college 2
Health sector school 3
Technical college 4
Training for civil servants 5
In-service retraining 6
Other, for example, further training 7
11 What is your sex and year of birth?

- Male 1
- Female 2

Year of birth: 

11:ppgeb bfpluecke bfp1102 Year Of Birth
11:ppgeb plueckel birthy_v2 Geburtsjahr (ab 1998)

12 Has your family situation changed 2014? Please indicate if any of the following apply to you and if so, when this change occurred.

- Started a new relationship
- Moved in with my partner
- Got married / also same-sex partnership
- Became a father / mother (again)
- A child entered the household
- My son / daughter left the household
- I separated from my spouse / partner
- I got divorced / also same-sex partnership
- My spouse / partner died
- Father died
- Mother died
- Child died

Another person who lived in the household died

Other family changes
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<td>bfp1215 No changes</td>
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<td>gl0121 No changes</td>
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<td>plueckel</td>
<td>gl0083 Neuer Partner/-in Monat im Vorjahr</td>
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<td>12:pfs14</td>
<td>plueckel</td>
<td>gl0085 Mit Partner/-in zus.gezogen Monat im Vorjahr</td>
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<td>bfluecke</td>
<td>bfp120202 Heirat Monat 2015</td>
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<td>12:pfs01</td>
<td>plueckel</td>
<td>gl0090_v2 Heirat/gleichgeschlechtliche Partnerschaft Monat im Vorjahr (ab 2015)</td>
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<td>bfp120302 Kind geboren Monat 2015</td>
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<td>gl0093 Vater/Mutter geworden Monat im Vorjahr</td>
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<td>bfp120402 Child Moved In Month 2015</td>
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<td>gl0096 Kind kam in HH Monat im Vorjahr</td>
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<td>12:pfs04</td>
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<td>bfp120502 Kind hat HH verlassen Monat 2015</td>
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<td>gl0098 Kind HH verlassen Monat im Vorjahr</td>
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<td>bfp120602 Trennung von Partner Monat 2015</td>
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<td>gl0101 Von Ehe-/Lebenspartner getrennt Monat im Vorjahr</td>
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<td>bfp121002 Tod der Mutter Monat 2015</td>
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<td>bfp121102 Child Died Month 2015</td>
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<td>plueckel</td>
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<td>gl0118 Other Person Living in HH Died prev. year</td>
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B1 Realisation of the interview

A What’s the date today?
Day
Month
Hour
Minute

B How was the interview conducted?
Oral Interview
[Respondent completed the questionnaire him/herself] in the presence of the interviewer
[Respondent completed the questionnaire him/herself] in the absence of the interviewer
Partly as an oral interview, partly completed questionnaire him/herself

C Length in minutes interview
Length in minutes oral interview
Length in minutes written interview

D Other notes

IN Thank you for your cooperation!
List number
Consecutive number
I confirm the correct realisation of the interview.
Interviewer signature
Accounting number