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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.v34.

Reading Aid

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

The diagram shows a questionnaire entry with the following components and annotations:

- question number:** Q72
- question text:** Now we would like to know something about you personally. Were you born in Germany?
- interviewer instruction:** This refers to Germany or the Federal Republic of Germany or the German Democratic Republic in the national borders at the time of your birth.
- answer options:**
 - Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - No answer (-1)
- in blue: identifier for filter:** Q72;lsta1
- in blue: filter with condition:** LSTA1=2
- in green: dataset name, variable name, variable label:** bio I0013 born in Germany
- grey bar: open or numeric answer:** Q73;lsta2 bio I0016 Country Of Birth

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].

Intro First of all we, the team of “Living in Germany”, want to express our deepest regret for the loss of your family member.

For many people it is very hard to talk to strangers about dying and death. Nevertheless because of the inadequate knowledge in the scientific community about this topic we would like to ask a couple of questions.

We would like to know more about the last phase of your relatives live. Therefore we ask you kindly

- to answer our representative the following questions
- or carefully fill out this questionnaire by yourself.

0 Please enter according to address protocol.

Household number

First name

Please print

Person number

0:pnr bgvp bgpnr Serial Person Number

1 Please state the first name, sex, and year of birth of the deceased person:

First name of the deceased person

Please print

1:vname bgvp bgvpnr lfd. nr. verstorbene person

Sex and year of birth:

Male

Female

1:vsex bgvp bgvp0101 sex person died

1:vsex vpl dl001 Gender

Year of birth:

1:vgebj bgvp bgvp0102 year of birth person died

1:vgebj vpl dl002 Geburtsjahr verstorbene Person

2 What was your family relationship with the person passed away? He / She was ...

my mother / my father

my spouse / life partner

my daughter / my son

other person

Other person:

3 How old was your relative when he/she passed away?Years

3:valt bgvp bgvp03 age of person died

3:valt vpl dl005 age of person died

4 Did the deceased person live in this household?No Yes

4:vinhh bgvp bgvp04 person died lived in local hh?

4:vinhh vpl dl006 Im Haushalt gelebt

5 Do you know whether he/she ever participated the study "Living in Germany"?Yes, participated No, did not participate Do not know

5:vlid bgvp bgvp05 person died was SOEP attendant

5:vlid vpl dl007 person died was SOEP attendant

6 What was the main home environment the person who died lived in the last years?Allone in own household Together with spouse / partner in private household Together with other family members in private household Accommodation geared to the needs of senior citizens (e.g. assisted living) Retirement home / Nursing home Clinic, hospital Other environment Other: **7 Where did he/she live?**Here in house In the neighborhood In a close distance (to reach on food within 1 hour) In a further distance in Germany In a foreign country

7:vlb03 bgvp bgvp07 focus of deceased person's life

7:vlb03 vpl dl009 focus of deceased person's life

8 Within the last 12 month of his/her life: How often did you have personal contact to the deceased person? (personally, by telephone, by writing)Every day At least once a week At least once a month Rarer Never

8:vkont bgvp bgvp08 personal contact to deceased in last year

8:vkont vpl dl010 Kontakt letzte 12 Mon.

9 Where did he/she decease?

At home	1
In another private household	2
In a hospital	3
In a retirement home / nursing home	4
In a hospice	5
Another place	6
Do not now	7
Another place:	

10 Can you tell me what the cause of death was?

Multiple responses possible!

Heart attack	1
Cardiovascular disease	1
Cancer	1
Stroke	1
Severe infectious disease (such as pneumonia, flu)	1
Gastrointestinal disease	1
Respiratory illness	1
Accident	1
Other	1
Do not know	1

10:vurs01	bgvp	bgvp1001	cause of death: heart attack
10:vurs01	vpl	dl012	cause of death: heart attack
10:vurs02	bgvp	bgvp1002	cause of death: cardiovascular disease
10:vurs02	vpl	dl013	cause of death: cardiovascular disease
10:vurs03	bgvp	bgvp1003	cause of death: cancer
10:vurs03	vpl	dl014	cause of death: cancer
10:vurs04	bgvp	bgvp1004	cause of death: epileptic stroke
10:vurs04	vpl	dl015	cause of death: epileptic stroke
10:vurs05	bgvp	bgvp1005	cause of death: sever infectious disease
10:vurs05	vpl	dl016	cause of death: sever infectious disease
10:vurs06	bgvp	bgvp1006	cause of death: gastrointestinal tract disease
10:vurs06	vpl	dl017	cause of death: gastrointestinal tract disease
10:vurs07	bgvp	bgvp1007	cause of death: respiratory disease
10:vurs07	vpl	dl018	cause of death: respiratory disease
10:vurs08	bgvp	bgvp1008	cause of death: accident
10:vurs08	vpl	dl019	cause of death: accident
10:vurs09	bgvp	bgvp1009	cause of death: other
10:vurs09	vpl	dl020	cause of death: other

Other reason:

10:vurs10	bgvp	bgvp1010	cause of death unknown
10:vurs10	vpl	dl021	cause of death unknown

11 Had the person who passed away deposited one or some of the following documents?

	Yes	No	Don't know
A testament	1	2	3
A living will (with instruction on medical care)?	1	2	3
A power of attorney (in case of loss of capacity for consent)	1	2	3
A living will with instructions on use of death-delaying procedures	1	2	3
11:vdok01 bgvp bgvp1101 left last will			
11:vdok01 vpl dl022 left last will			
11:vdok02 bgvp bgvp1102 left living will			
11:vdok02 vpl dl023 left living will			
11:vdok03 bgvp bgvp1103 left provisional power or attorney			
11:vdok03 vpl dl024 left provisional power or attorney			
11:vdok04 bgvp bgvp1104 left living will with instructions on use of death-delaying procedures			
11:vdok04 vpl dl025 left living will with instructions on use of death-delaying procedures			

12 Did the person who died had a reduced mental capacity?

Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	3
12:vleist bgvp bgvp12 limited mental capacity	
12:vleist vpl dl026 Geistige Einschraenkung	

13 How was the state of health of the person who passed away three month before death?

Very good	1
Good	2
Satisfactory	3
Poor	4
Bad	5
13:vges01 bgvp bgvp13 Gesundheitszustand 3 Monate vor Tod	
13:vges01 vpl dl027 Gesundheitszustand 3 Monate vor Tod	

14 Was the deceased in need of assistance or care three months before he/she died?

Yes	1
No	2
14:vpfleg bgvp bgvp14 Pflegebeduerftigkeit 3 Monate vor Tod	
14:vpfleg vpl dl028 Pflegebeduerftigkeit 3 Monate vor Tod	

15 For which of the following activities did the deceased Person needed assistance in? The person needed help with:

Errands outside the home				1
Running the household, preparing meals and drinks				1
Minor care, such as help with getting dressed, washing up, combing hair, shaving				1
Major care, such as getting in and out of bed, bowel movements				1
15:vhil1	bgvp	bgvp1501	help with errands	
15:vhil1	vpl	dl029	Hilfe bei Besorgungen	
15:vhil2	bgvp	bgvp1502	help in household with eating/drinking	
15:vhil2	vpl	dl030	Help On Housework, 1. Person	
15:vhil3	bgvp	bgvp1503	help with simple personal care: dressing, bathing...	
15:vhil3	vpl	dl031	help with simple personal care: dressing, bathing...	
15:vhil4	bgvp	bgvp1504	help in getting in and out of bed, using toilet	
15:vhil4	vpl	dl032	help in getting in and out of bed, using toilet	

16 Think about the period of time before your relative passed away. How satisfied do you think he/she was with his/her life overall?

Please answer on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means completely dissatisfied and 10 means completely satisfied.

	Com-pletely dissat-ified											Com-pletely satis-ified	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
One year before his/her death	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
About three months before his/her death	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
16:vzule1	bgvp	bgvp1601	Zufriedenheit 1 Jahr vor Tod										
16:vzule1	vpl	dl034	Zufriedenheit 1 Jahr vor Tod										
16:vzule2	bgvp	bgvp1602	Zufriedenheit 3 Monate vor Tod										
16:vzule2	vpl	dl035	Zufriedenheit 3 Monate vor Tod										

17 Finally a personal question to you: To which extend did the death of your relative changed your life?

I have to restructure my life completely	1		
Some things will change	2		
My life does not change	3		
17:ver	bgvp	bgvp17	change in personal life since death
17:ver	vpl	dl036	change in personal life since death

A What is the date today and at what time did you finish filling out the questionnaire?

Day

Month

Hour

Minute

A:vdatt bgvp bgvptagin day of interview
 A:vdatt vpl intday day of interview
 A:vdattm bgvp bgvpmonin month of interview
 A:vdattm vpl intmonth month of interview
 A:vdattst bgvp bgvdatst End of Interview (Hour)
 A:vdattst vpl inthour End of Interview (Hour)
 A:vdattmi bgvp bgvpvdatmi End of Interview (Minutes)
 A:vdattmi vpl intmin End of Interview (Minutes)

Interviewer

List No.

Consecutive no.

Accounting no.