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Reading Aid

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

The diagram illustrates the structure of a questionnaire question. It shows two questions, Q72 and Q73, with their respective text, instructions, and answer options. The diagram is annotated with labels on the left and right sides, pointing to specific elements in the questionnaire text.

Labels on the left:

- question number
- interviewer instruction
- answer options
- in blue: identifier for filter
- in blue: filter with condition
- grey bar: open or numeric answer

Labels on the right:

- question text
- in green: dataset name, variable name, variable label

Question 72: **Q72** Now we would like to know something about you personally. Were you born in Germany?
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)

Filter information (in blue): Q72;lsta1 bio I0013 born in Germany

Filter with condition (in blue): Q72;LSTA1=2

Question 73: **Q73** What country were you born in?
Please enter the current name!

Filter information (in blue): 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].

0 Congratulation on your newborn child! The next generation is particularly important for “Living in Germany”. This short questionnaire is about children, they were born in 2016 or 2017. 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 ID

0:hnr bhmuki hhnrakt

0:hnr bhmuki bhhhnr

0:hnr bioagel hhnrakt current wave hh number

Completed by father:

0:avati bhmuki bhavati

Mother's first name

Please complete in block capitals

No. person

0:mpnr bhmuki bhmpnr

1 What's your newborn child's name?

Child's first name

Please print in capital letters.

Person ID

1:apnr bhmuki bhapnr

2 Birth date and sex of your child

Day

Month

2:agebm bhmuki bhm1_02_02

2:agebm bioagel birthy childs year of birth

...

2016

2017

2:agebj bhmuki bhm1_02_03

2:agebj bioagel birthm Child month of birth

...

Male

Female

2:asex bhmuki sex

2:asex bioagel sex Child gender

3 Where was your baby delivered?At home 1At the hospital 2Elsewhere 3

3:aent bhmuki bhm1_03_01

3:aent bioagel delivpl place where birth took place

Was the baby delivered by caesarean section?

Yes 1No 2

3:aent1 bhmuki bhm1_03_02

3:aent1 bioagel delivcs delivery by caesarean section

4 In what week of pregnancy was your baby born?In the ... week

4:awoch bhmuki bhm1_04

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 bhmuki bhm1_05_01

5:agew bioagel weightb weight of child at birth in grams

5:agro bhmuki bhm1_05_02

5:agro bioagel heightb Height of child at birth in cm

5:akop bhmuki bhm1_05_03

5:akop bioagel circum head circumference of the child in cm

6 Did you breastfeed your baby?Still breastfeeding 1Breastfed only the first four weeks 2No, did not breastfeed 3

6:astil1 bhmuki bhm1_06_01

6:astil1 bioagel breastf breast-feeding baby

I breastfed for a longer period: ... months

6:astil2 bhmuki bhm1_06_02

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 1No 2

7:ages1 bhmuki bhm1_07_01

7:ages1 bioagel hospital3mb length of hospital stay in the first 3 months after birth in days

7:ages2 bhmuki bhm1_07_02

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 bhmuki bhm1_08_01
8:aunt bioagel lstmedex last medical examination
- None of these check-ups where conducted 1
- 8:auntno bhmuki bhm1_08_02
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 1
- Yes, at another check-up 2
- No 3

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

- 10:astor1 bhmuki bhm1_10_01
- 10:astor1 bioagel disord1 Disorder: Perception
- 10:astor2 bhmuki bhm1_10_02
- 10:astor2 bioagel disord2 Disorder: Motor Skills
- 10:astor3 bhmuki bhm1_10_03
- 10:astor3 bioagel disord3 Disorder: Nuerological Disorder
- 10:astor4 bhmuki bhm1_10_04
- 10:astor4 bioagel disord4 Disorder: Language
- 10:astor5 bhmuki bhm1_10_05
- 10:astor5 bioagel disord5 Disorder: Regulation
- 10:astor6 bhmuki bhm1_10_06
- 10:astor6 bioagel disord6 Disorder: Chronic Illness
- 10:astor7 bhmuki bhm1_10_07
- 10:astor7 bioagel disord7 Disorder: Physical Handicap
- 10:astor8 bhmuki bhm1_10_08
- 10:astor8 bioagel disord8 Disorder: Mental Handicap
- 10:astor9 bhmuki bhm1_10_09
- 10:astor9 bioagel disord9 Diorder: Other

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

He/she is my ... child

11:aanz bhmuki bhm1_11

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

12 Is the newborn your biological child?

Yes

No

12:aleib bhmuki bhm1_12

12:aleib bioagel biochild biological child

13 Was your pregnancy more unplanned or more planned?

More unplanned

More planned

Medically assisted pregnancy (hormone treatment, IVF)

13:aplan bhmuki bhm1_13

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?

	Very well	Well	Bad	Very bad
Physical State: In the last third of your pregnancy	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Physical State: In the first three months after childbirth	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Mental State: In the last third of your pregnancy	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Mental State: In the first three months after childbirth	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>

14:abef1 bhmuki bhm1_14_01

14:abef1 bioagel feeling1 physical condition in the final third of the pregnancy

14:abef2 bhmuki bhm1_14_02

14:abef2 bioagel feeling2 physical condition in the first 3 months after birth

14:abef3 bhmuki bhm1_14_03

14:abef3 bioagel feeling3 mental state in the final third of the pregnancy

14:abef4 bhmuki bhm1_14_04

14:abef4 bioagel feeling4 mental state in the first 3 months after birth

15 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?

	Agree completely	Agree	Disagree	Disagree completely
My life has changed significantly	1	2	3	4
It gives me pleasure and happiness to raise my child	1	2	3	4
I often feel like I'm running out of energy	1	2	3	4
I am satisfied with my role as a mother	1	2	3	4
I often do not feel up to the new tasks and demands of being a mother	1	2	3	4
I am meeting new people and making new contacts through my child	1	2	3	4
I am suffering from being restricted to my role as a mother	1	2	3	4
It's important to me to show my child plenty of affection	1	2	3	4
I'm worried about my child's health	1	2	3	4

15:aver1	bhmuki	bhm1_15_01	
15:aver1	bioagel	change1	circumstances in life have greatly changed
15:aver2	bhmuki	bhm1_15_02	
15:aver2	bioagel	change2	child provides happiness and joy
15:aver3	bhmuki	bhm1_15_03	
15:aver3	bioagel	change3	often close to running out of strength
15:aver4	bhmuki	bhm1_15_04	
15:aver4	bioagel	change4	very satisfied with the role of mother
15:aver5	bhmuki	bhm1_15_05	
15:aver5	bioagel	change5	often unable to cope with tasks/responsibilities
15:aver6	bhmuki	bhm1_15_06	
15:aver6	bioagel	change6	have made new contacts through the child
15:aver7	bhmuki	bhm1_15_07	
15:aver7	bioagel	change7	suffering from being limited to the role of mother
15:aver8	bhmuki	bhm1_15_08	
15:aver8	bioagel	change8	important to provide the child with much affection
15:aver9	bhmuki	bhm1_15_09	
15:aver9	bioagel	health	concerns about the child's health

16 Does the father live in the household?

Yes 1
No 2

16:avat bhmuki bhm1_16
16:avat bioagel fathinhh father lives in household

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 bhmuki bhm1_17
17:aunt2 bioagel supportn supported by partner

18 Are you the child's main caregiver?

Yes 1
No 2

18:abet1 bhmuki bhm1_18
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 bhmuki bhm1_19_01
19:asit1 bioagel care1h cared for by partner (in h/week)
19:asit2 bhmuki bhm1_19_03
19:asit2 bioagel care3h cared for by grandparents (in h/week)
19:asit3 bhmuki bhm1_19_05
19:asit3 bioagel care4h cared for by older siblings (in h/week)
19:asit4 bhmuki bhm1_19_07
19:asit4 bioagel care5h cared for by other relatives (in h/week)
19:asit5 bhmuki bhm1_19_09
19:asit5 bioagel care6h cared for in family day care (in h/week)
19:asit6 bhmuki bhm1_19_11
19:asit6 bioagel care8h cared for in creche/day nursery (in h/week)
19:asit7 bhmuki bhm1_19_13
19:asit7 bioagel care12h cared for by others (in h/week)
19:asitno bhmuki bhm1_19_15
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]			
19:astd1	bhmuki	bhm1_19_02	
19:astd1	bioagel	care1h	cared for by partner (in h/week)
19:astd2	bhmuki	bhm1_19_04	
19:astd2	bioagel	care3h	cared for by grandparents (in h/week)
19:astd3	bhmuki	bhm1_19_06	
19:astd3	bioagel	care4h	cared for by older siblings (in h/week)
19:astd4	bhmuki	bhm1_19_08	
19:astd4	bioagel	care5h	cared for by other relatives (in h/week)
19:astd5	bhmuki	bhm1_19_10	
19:astd5	bioagel	care6h	cared for in family day care (in h/week)
19:astd6	bhmuki	bhm1_19_12	
19:astd6	bioagel	care8h	cared for in creche/day nursery (in h/week)
19:astd7	bhmuki	bhm1_19_14	
19:astd7	bioagel	care12h	cared for by others (in h/week)

20 What's your current impression of your child? To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	Agree completely	Agree	Disagree	Disagree completely
My child is generally cheerful and happy	1	2	3	4
My child is easily irritated and cries a lot	1	2	3	4
My child is difficult to comfort when upset	1	2	3	4
My child is curious and active	1	2	3	4
My child tends to be shy	1	2	3	4
20:aakt1	bhmuki	bhm1_20_01		
20:aakt1	bioagel	temp1	child is generally happy and satisfied	
20:aakt2	bhmuki	bhm1_20_02		
20:aakt2	bioagel	temp2	child is easily irritated and often cries	
20:aakt3	bhmuki	bhm1_20_03		
20:aakt3	bioagel	temp3	child is hard to console	
20:aakt4	bhmuki	bhm1_20_04		
20:aakt4	bioagel	temp4	child is curious and active	
20:aakt5	bhmuki	bhm1_20_05		
20:aakt5	bioagel	temp5	child more reserved	

A What date do we have today?

Day

Month

Hour

Minute

Interview form

A:datt bhmuki bhm1tagin
 A:datm bhmuki bhm1monin
 A:datm bioagel age Age Of Child At Time Of Survey
 A:datst bhmuki bhm1stin
 A:datmi bhmuki bhm1minin
 A:form bhmuki bhm1inta
 A:form bioagel mode form of questioning

Int Interviewer:

List-number

Lfd ID

Account number: