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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.v35.

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 the following elements:

- 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:** Q72:lsta1=2
- grey bar: open or numeric answer:** (represented by a grey bar)

Below the question, the following variables are listed in green:

bio I0013 born in Germany

bio I0016 Country Of Birth

Legend for green text:

- dataset name
- variable name
- variable label

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 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].

0 Belated congratulations on the birth of your baby! For “Living in Germany” the next generation is especially important. This short questionnaire deals with children, who were born in 2013 or 2014. Our questions refer to your personal experiences and the child’s growth. Because the questionnaire is about the pregnancy too, the following survey is aimed for the mother. The participation is voluntarily. We cordially request you, to answer the questions for our Interviewer or to fill out the questionnaire by yourself accurately.

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

Household Number:

0:hnr bioagel hhnrakt Current wave HH number

Completed by father:

Mother’s first name

Please print

Person No.:

0:mpnr bioagel persnre Never changing personal ID mother

1 What’s your newborn child’s name?

Child’s first name

Please print in capital letters.

Person ID

1:apnr bioagel persnr Unchanging personal ID of child

2 Birth date and sex of your child

Day

Month

2:agebm bioagel birthm Child’s month of birth

...

2017

2018

2:agebj bioagel birthy Child’s year of birth

...

Male

Female

2:asex bioagel sex Child gender

3 Where was your baby delivered?

At home

At the hospital

Elsewhere

3:aent bioagel delivpl Place where birth took place

1@4

Was the baby delivered by caesarean section?

Yes

No

3:aent1 bioagel delivcs Delivery by caesarean section

3;aent=2,3

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

[Yes]: ... 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

3@11

9:astor=1,2

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 bioagel disord1 Disorder: Perception
- 10:astor2 bioagel disord2 Disorder: Motor skills
- 10:astor3 bioagel disord3 Disorder: Neurological disorder
- 10:astor4 bioagel disord4 Disorder: Language
- 10:astor5 bioagel disord5 Disorder: Regulation
- 10:astor6 bioagel disord6 Disorder: Chronic illness
- 10:astor7 bioagel disord7 Disorder: Physical handicap
- 10:astor8 bioagel disord8 Disorder: Mental handicap
- 10:astor9 bioagel disord9 Disorder: Other

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

He/she is my ... child

11:aanz 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

2@15

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?

	Very well	Well	Bad	Very bad
Physical State: In the last third of your pregnancy	1	2	3	4
Physical State: In the first three months after childbirth	1	2	3	4
Mental State: In the last third of your pregnancy	1	2	3	4
Mental State: In the first three months after childbirth	1	2	3	4

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

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 bioagel change1 Circumstances in life have greatly changed
 15:aver2 bioagel change2 Child provides happiness and joy
 15:aver3 bioagel change3 Often close to running out of strength
 15:aver4 bioagel change4 Very satisfied with the role of mother
 15:aver5 bioagel change5 Often unable to cope with tasks / responsibilities
 15:aver6 bioagel change6 Have made new contacts through the child
 15:aver7 bioagel change7 Suffering from being limited to the role of mother
 15:aver8 bioagel change8 Important to provide the child with much affection
 15:aver9 bioagel health Concerns about the child's health

16 Does the father live in the household?

- Yes 1
- No 2

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 bioagel supportn 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]

19:astd1 bioagel care1h Cared for by partner (in h / week)
 19:astd2 bioagel care3h Cared for by grandparents (in h / week)
 19:astd3 bioagel care4h Cared for by older siblings (in h / week)
 19:astd4 bioagel care5h Cared for by other relatives (in h / week)
 19:astd5 bioagel care6h Cared for in family day care (in h / week)

19:astd6 bioage1 care8h Cared for in creche / day nursery (in h / week)
 19:astd7 bioage1 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 bioage1 temp1	Child is generally happy and satisfied			
20:aakt2 bioage1 temp2	Child is easily irritated and often cries			
20:aakt3 bioage1 temp3	Child is hard to console			
20:aakt4 bioage1 temp4	Child is curious and active			
20:aakt5 bioage1 temp5	Child is more reserved			

A What date do we have today?

Day

Month

Hour

Minute

A:datm bioage1 age Age of child at time of survey

Int Interviewer:

List-number

Lfd ID

Account number: