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Reading Aid

This representation of the questionnaire contains the same informations 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 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].
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: [blank]
Completed by father: 1
Mother’s first name: [blank]
Please print
Person No.: [blank]
Completed by father: 1
Mother’s first name: [blank]
Please print

What’s your newborn child’s name?
Child’s first name: [blank]
Please print in capital letters.
Person ID: [blank]
Unchanging personal ID child

Birth date and sex of your child
Day: [blank]
Month: [blank]
Child’s month of birth
... 2017 1 2018 2
Child’s year of birth
... Male 1 Female 2
Child gender

Where was your baby delivered?
At home 1
At the hospital 2
Elsewhere 3
Place where birth took place
Was the baby delivered by caesarean section?
Yes 1 No 2
Delivery by caesarean section
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:ago  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  Breastfeeding baby
I breastfed for a longer period: ... months
6:astil2  bioagel  breastfm  Breastfeeding 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
Has your child been diagnosed with any of the following developmental delays, disorders, or disabilities?

*Please mark all that apply.*

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

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

He/she is my ... child

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Is the newborn your biological child?

Yes

No

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Was your pregnancy more unplanned or more planned?

More unplanned

More planned

Medically assisted pregnancy (hormone treatment, IVF)
14 How were you feeling physically and mentally during the last third of your pregnancy and during the first three months after giving birth?

Physical State: In the last third of your pregnancy

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Physical State: In the first three months after childbirth

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Mental State: In the last third of your pregnancy

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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?

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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>I often do not feel up to the new tasks and demands of being a mother</td>
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<td>I am meeting new people and making new contacts through my child</td>
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<td>I am suffering from being restricted to 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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<td>I’m worried about my child’s health</td>
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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?

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16:avat  bioagel  fathinhh  Father lives in household

**17** How much do you feel your partner helps you in looking after the child?

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<td>Quite a bit</td>
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<td>Not much</td>
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<td>Not applicable, no partner</td>
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17:aunt2  bioagel  suppartn  Supported by partner

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

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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?

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<td>Other relatives</td>
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<td>Paid caregiver (outside the home)</td>
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<td>Nursery school (child care center)</td>
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<td>Other (e.g., babysitter, neighbor)</td>
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<td>No, nobody</td>
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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

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20. 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 curious and active</td>
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What date do we have today?

Day
Month
Hour
Minute

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

Child is generally happy and satisfied
Child is easily irritated and often cries
Child is hard to console
Child is curious and active
Child is more reserved

Interviewer:
List-number
LfID
Account number: