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

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<td>Now we would like to know something about you personally. Were you born in Germany?</td>
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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].
The questions contained in this questionnaire deal with the household as a whole and not with the individuals in the household. The questionnaire should be completed by the same person in the household who did it last year if possible. Your participation is voluntary, but the scientific relevance of this study depends crucially on the participation of every household. We therefore cordially request that you either:
- allow our staff member to interview you
- or carefully fill out this questionnaire yourself.

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

Household number

Current Household Number (Household ID)

Current Household Number (Household ID)

Current Wave HH Number (=HHNRAKT)

The questionnaire has been completed by:

First name

Person number

Seq. person number

ID number of person interviewed (PNR)

Before completing this questionnaire for Living in Germany, it is important to first find out whether anything has changed in your household situation since the last survey or if everything has remained the same. The first question deals with household composition—in other words, whether the same people are living in the same dwelling. Which of the following applies to your household?

[Surveyed in the same home or apartment at the same address:] with no other change, with the same person / same people

[Surveyed in the same home or apartment at the same address:] with at least one person has joined or has left the household

[Surveyed for the first time in this home or apartment at this address:] after a household from Living in Germany moved, after a new Living in Germany household was founded because one or more participants in Living in Germany joined the household

When did this change occur—in other words, when did you move into this new dwelling after a move / after moving out of an existing household?

Month

Year

In Dwelling Since, Month

In Dwelling Since, Year

Change in Residential Situation
3 How would you describe your neighborhood?
A residential area with mostly old buildings
A residential area with mostly newer buildings
A residential and commercial area with flats, houses, shops and businesses
A commercial area (shops, banks, offices) with few residential dwellings
An industrial area with few residential dwellings
3:hwohn08  bih  bih_03  Neighborhood Of Household
3:hwohn08  hl  hlf0153_v3

4 What kind of building do you live in?
Farm house
Detached house containing 1 or 2 dwellings (one above the other)
Row house or duplex (with one dwelling next to the other)
Residential building containing 3 or 4 dwellings
Residential building containing 5 to 8 dwellings
Residential building containing 9 or more dwellings (up to 8 stories)
High-rise building (9 or more stories)
4:hhtyp  bih  bih_04  Type Of Residence
4:hhtyp  hl  hlf0154_v3

5 When, approximately, was the building in which your dwelling is located built?
Before 1919
1919 to 1948
1949 to 1971
1972 to 1980
1981 to 1990
1991 to 2000
2001 to 2010
2011 and later
5

6 Can you provide the exact year in which the building was built?
Please state:
6:howhn09a  bih  bih_06_02  Date of Construction
6:howhn09a  hl  hlf0017  Date
6:hbauj  bih  bih_06_01  Mention Date of Construction
6:hbauj  hl  hlf0596
7 Is it a boarding house or similar accommodation?

No 1

[Yes] School dormitory / residence for teenagers 2
[Yes] College dormitory 3
[Yes] Residence for workers 4
[Yes] Retirement home, nursing home 5
[Yes] Retirement home / old people’s home 6
[Yes] Hotel / guesthouse 7
[Yes] Other home / residence 8

7:hheim bih bih_07_01 Private Household, Institution
7:hheim hl hlf0155_v1

[boarding house / similar accommodation]:

8 Has the size of your dwelling changed within the last year, e.g., due to remodeling or changes in usage?

Yes 1

No 2

8:humb bih bih_08 Changes in the size of your dwelling
8:humb hl hlf0018 Size of dwelling unchanged

9 How large is the total living space in this flat?

sqm

9:hqm bih bih_09 Square meters of total living area
9:hqm hl hlf0019_v1

10 How many rooms does the dwelling have?

Include all rooms of 6m² or more but exclude kitchen and bathroom

rooms

10:hraum bih bih_10 Amount of rooms in the dwelling
10:hraum hl hlf0021_v1

11 What do you think about the total size of your dwelling? For the size of your household, is it ...

much too small 1

a bit too small 2

just right 3

a bit too large 4

much too large? 5

11:hgr bih bih_11 Total size of dwelling
11:hgr hl hlf0071_v1
12. **What floor of the building is your apartment or dwelling on?**

*In the case of multi-floor dwellings, please state the top floor.*

- Basement
- 1st floor / ground floor
- Mezzanine / raised ground floor
- 1st floor
- 2nd floor
- 3rd floor
- 4th floor
- 5th floor
- 6th floor or above

12:hetage1  bih  bih_12  Apartement or dwelling on floor

12:hetage1  hl  hlf0660  Apartement or dwelling on floor

13. **What floor of the building is your apartment or dwelling on exactly?**

*In the case of multi-floor dwellings, please state the top floor.*

13:hetage2  bih  bih_13  Mention: 6th floor or above

13:hetage2  hl  hlf0661  Mention: 6th floor or above

14. **What amenities does your dwelling have? Does it have -**

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- a kitchen
- floor heating (full or partial)
- balcony, terrace, porch
- own yard, garden, access to yard or garden
- alarm system
- air conditioner (ventilation system)
- solar collector, solar energy system
- other alternative energy source (e.g., geothermal heat pump)
- windows with at least double glazing
- thermal insulation (e.g., on the façade, roof, basement ceiling)
- elevator / lift inside building
- cellar, storage areas
- garage / parking space

14:hwohn24  bih  bih_14_01  Barrier Free Livin

14:hwohn24  hl  hlf0438  Barrier Free Livin

14:hwohn21  bih  bih_14_02  floor heating (full or partial)

14:hwohn21  hl  hlf0029  dwelling with floor heating (completely/partly)

14:hwohn15  bih  bih_14_03  balcony / terrace

14:hwohn15  hl  hlf0030  dwelling with balcony, terrace

14:hwohn17  bih  bih_14_04  Garden / Garden Usage

14:hwohn17  hl  hlf0032  dwelling with garden

14:hwohn18  bih  bih_14_05  alarm system

14:hwohn18  hl  hlf0033  dwelling with alarm device

14:hwohn19  bih  bih_14_06  air condition

14:hwohn19  hl  hlf0034  dwelling with air conditioner

14:hwohn20  bih  bih_14_07  solar collector, solar energy system

14:hwohn20  hl  hlf0035  dwelling with solar energy

14:hwohn22  bih  bih_14_08  Other Alternative Energy Source
14:hwohn22 hl hlf0036 dwelling with other alternative energy
14:hwohn26 bih bih_14_09 Windows Double Glazing
14:hwohn26 hl hlf0529 Windows Double Glazing
14:hwohn27 bih bih_14_10 thermal insulation (e.g., on the facade, roof, basement ceiling)
14:hwohn27 hl hlf0530 Thermal Insulation
14:hwohn23 bih bih_14_11 Elevator
14:hwohn23 hl hlf0037 dwelling with elevator
14:hwohn16 bih bih_14_12 cellar / storage areas
14:hwohn16 hl hlf0031 dwelling with basement, storage place
14:hwohn28 bih bih_14_13 Garage/Parking Space
14:hwohn28 hl hlf0531 Garage/Parking Space

15 Did this dwelling change ownership within the last year?
Yes 1
No 2

15:hew1 bih bih_15 Change of ownership
15:hew1 hl hlf0006 change in ownership last year

16 What kind of change in ownership occurred? I am / we are ...

now owner(s) 1
no longer owner(s) 2
still tenants, but it is now owned by someone else 3

16:hew2 bih bih_16_01 Type Of Change In Ownership
16:hew2 hl hlf0015 type of change in ownership

[purchased the dwelling] 1
[inherited or was/were given the dwelling] 2

16:hew3 bih bih_16_02 Type Of Change In Ownership 1
16:hew3 hl hlf0007_v4 type of change in ownership

[no longer owner(s)] because ...

I / we sold the dwelling 1
gave / bequeathed it / other 2

16:hew4 bih bih_16_03 Type Of Change In Ownership 2
16:hew4 hl hlf0009 Type Of Ownership Transfer

17 The next questions deal with the costs of living in your dwelling. First the question: Are you the main tenant, subletter, or owner?

Main tenant 1
Subletter 2
Owner 3
Nursing Home / Retirement Community 4

17:hm01 bih bih_17 Rent or Property 1,2 @ 27
17:hm01 hl hlf0001_v3 1,2 @ 27
18 Do you still owe money, for example, on loans or a mortgage, for the dwelling / building you live in?

Yes 1
No 2

18:he01 bih bih_18 Financial Burden Interest and Repayment 1 @ 19
18:he01 hl hlf0087_v2 1 @ 19

19 What are your monthly payments including interest on this or these loan or mortgage? If you don't know the exact amount, please estimate!

... euros per month

19:he02 bih bih_19 Amount of amortization and interest payments per month
19:he02 hl hlf0088_v2

20 Did you have to pay for maintenance or modernization of this dwelling / building where you live in the last calendar year?

Yes 1
No 2

20:he17 bih bih_20 Costs for Amount, Maintenance and Modernization 2 @ 21
20:he17 hl hlf0599 Costs for Amount, Maintenance and Modernization 2 @ 21

21 What were your maintenance or modernization costs for this dwelling / building where you live in the last calendar year?

... euros in the last calendar year

21:he18 bih bih_21 Amount of maintenance or modernization costs in 2017
21:he18 hl hlf0600

22 How much was the property tax for this dwelling / building where you live in the last calendar year?

... euros per year

22:hegs bih bih_22_01 Amount of property tax in 2017
22:hegs hl hlf0601

No property tax 1

22:hegsno bih bih_22_02 No property tax
22:hegsno hl hlf0602

23 What was the heating costs (including hot water) in the last calendar year?

... euros per year

23:he04 bih bih_23_01 Amount of heating costs (including hot water) in 2017
23:he04 hl hlf0090_v2

No heating costs 1

23:he04no bih bih_23_02 No Cost Of Heating
23:he04no hl hlf0603
24 What were your electricity costs in the last calendar year?

- **Amount of electricity costs**: 
  - **24:he16 bih bih_24_01**
  - **electricity costs precious year**: 
    - **24:he16 hl hlf0084**
  - **No electricity costs**: 
    - **1**

25 And how much did you pay in the last calendar year for water, garbage removal, street cleaning, and other additional costs not mentioned above?

- **Amount for other additional costs**: 
  - **25:he05 bih bih_25_01**
  - **No other additional costs**: 
    - **1**

26 Are your housing expenses, that is, loan or mortgage payments and interest and all additional costs, a high financial burden for your household, a low burden, or no problem? Are the housing costs, ie repayment / interest and additional costs for your household a high financial burden, a small burden or no problem?

- **no problem**: 
  - **0**
    - **1**
    - **2**
    - **3**
    - **4**
    - **5**
    - **6**
    - **7**
    - **8**
    - **9**
    - **10**

- **A high financial burden**: 
  - **10**
    - **11**

Intro1 For tenants only:
27 Is this dwelling government-subsidized housing (Sozialwohnung)?
Yes 1
No 2
27:hm03     bih     bih_27     Government Subsidized Housing
27:hm03     hl      hlf0011_v5

28 Is the dwelling being provided to you at reduced rent by the owner, for example, your employer or a relative, or in exchange for building maintenance / janitorial work
Also include right of abode and usufruct.
Yes 1
No 2
28:hm02     bih     bih_28     Dwelling Rent Reduced By Landlord
28:hm02     hl      hlf0073     Rent Reduced By Landlord

29 Who is the owner of the dwelling?
Private owner 1
Private company 2
Professional organization or union 3
Non-profit organization (church, foundations, etc.) 4
Municipal government 5
My employer 6
29:hm13     bih     bih_29     Private owner
29:hm13     hl      hlf0013_v3

30 What is your monthly rent?
Euros
30:hm04     bih     bih_30_01     Amount of rent per month
30:hm04     hl      hlf0074_v2
Do not pay rent but do pay utilities
Do not pay either rent or utilities 1
30:hm05     bih     bih_30_02     Do not pay rent @ 38
30:hm05     hl      hlf0075_v2 @ 38

31 Are the monthly costs for heat included in your rent?
Yes 1
No 2
31:hheizink  bih     bih_31     Heating Costs included in Rent
31:hheizink  hl      hlf0607
32. What are your average monthly heating costs (including hot water)?
euros per month

32:hm07 bihbih_32_01 Amount of heating costs (including hot water) per month
32:hm07 hl hlf0069_v5

No heating costs 1

32:hm08 bihbih_32_02 No Cost Of Heating
32:hm08 hl hlf0077_v2

33. Is electricity included in the rent stated above?
Yes 1
No 2

33:hstrink bihbih_33 Electricity Costs included in Rent
33:hstrink hl hlf0608 Electricity Costs included in Rent

34. What are your average monthly electricity costs?
euros per month

34:hm14 bihbih_34_01 Amount of electricity costs per month
34:hm14 hl hlf0078 Cost Of Electricity Per Month

No electricity costs 1

34:hm15 bihbih_34_02 No electricity costs
34:hm15 hl hlf0079 costs of electricity per month, do not know

35. Are other additional expenses not previously mentioned such as water, garbage removal, etc. included in the rent stated above?
Yes 1
No 2

35:hnebink bihbih_35 Shared Costs included in rent
35:hnebink hl hlf0610 Shared Costs included in rent

36. How much do you spend for incidentals like water, garbage disposal and all not yet mentioned cost allocation monthly on average?
Euros per month

36:hm10 bihbih_36_01 Amount of additional costs per month
36:hm10 hl hlf0081_v2

No further cost allocation 1

36:hm11 bihbih_36_02 No Shared Costs
36:hm11 hl hlf0082
37. Are your housing expenses, that is, rent and all additional costs, a high financial burden for your household, a low burden, or no problem?

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37:hwkbel bih bih_37 Evaluation of financial burden through housing expenses (rent and all additional costs)
37:hwkbel hl hlf0633 Evaluation of financial burden through housing expenses (rent and all additional costs)

Intro2 Now some more questions for everyone:

38. Did you or someone in your household receive income from letting or leasing property (land/dwelling) last year?

*Please state actual income, not the value of tax subsidies for owner-occupied housing.*

| Yes | 1 |
| No  | 2 |

38:hverm1 bih bih_38 Income from letting or leasing property in 2017
38:hverm1 hl hlc0007 Income From Rent Previous Year

39. About what was your total income from letting and leasing last year?

*Please state the gross amount including savings for future maintenance / renovation.*

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39:hverm2 bih bih_39 Income from letting or leasing property in 2017
39:hverm2 hl hlc0008_v2

40. Did you have any expenses for maintenance or modernization of the properties you let or leased in the last calendar year?

| Yes | 1 |
| No  | 2 |

40:hverm3a bih bih_40 Expenses for maintenance or modernization in 2017 1 @ 41
40:hverm3a hl hlc0176 1 @ 41
41. What were your expenses for maintenance or modernization of the properties you let or leased in the last calendar year?

**euros for the year 2016**

41: hverm3  bih  bih_41  Operating and maintenance costs in 2017
41: hverm3  hl  hlc0111_v2

42. Were there any loan, mortgage, or interest payments for these properties you let or leased in the last calendar year?

Yes 1
No 2

42: hverm4a  bih  bih_42  Principal and Interest Payments  1 @ 43
42: hverm4a  hl  hlc0177  1 @ 43

43. What were the loan, mortgage, and interest payments for these properties you let or leased in the last calendar year?

**euros for the year 2016**

43: hverm4  bih  bih_43  Amortization / Interest payments in 2017
43: hverm4  hl  hlc0112_v2

44. Will you be able to deduct these expenses from the last year from your taxes or declare them as losses?

Yes 1
No 2

44: hverm5  bih  bih_44  tax-deductible
44: hverm5  hl  hlc0009  tax deductions Previous Year

45. How much of these expenses in the last calendar year can you claim as deductions or losses on your tax return?

**euros for the year 2016**

45: hverm6  bih  bih_45  Loss compensation in 2017
45: hverm6  hl  hlc0010  tax deductions, Amount Previous Year

46. Are you or is someone in your household currently paying back loans and interest on loans that you took out for large purchases or other expenditures?

*Please do not include loan, mortgage, or interest payments stated in answer to previous questions.*

Yes 1
No 2

46: hkred1  bih  bih_46  Loan Payoff in Germany  2 @ 49
46: hkred1  hl  hlc0113_v2  2 @ 49
47. How much do you pay per month on these loans?
   *If you don’t know the exact amount, please estimate!*
   Loan repayment (including interest payments) ... euros per month

48. Does repaying these loans place a major burden on your household, a minor burden, or no burden at all?
   no problem 0
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
   A high financial burden 10

49. Did you or another member of the household receive a large sum of money or other assets (house, car, etc.) as an inheritance in the last calendar year?
   Yes 1
   No 2

50. What was the sum monetary value of the inheritance(s)?
   euros for the year 2016

51. Did you or another member of the household receive a large sum of money or other assets (house, car, etc.) as a gift in the last calendar year?
   Yes 1
   No 2
52 What was the sum monetary value of the gift(s)?
euros for the year 2016
52:hvw2a bih bih_52 Sum monetary value of the gift(s) in 2017
52:hvw2a hl hlc0181

53 Did you or another member of the household receive a large sum of money or other assets (house, car, etc.) as lottery winnings in the last calendar year?
Yes 1
No 2
53:hvw3 bih bih_53 Large sum of money or other assets - lottery win
53:hvw3 hl hlc0182

54 What was the sum monetary value of the lottery winning(s)?
euros for the year 2016
54:hvw3a bih bih_54 Sum monetary value of the lottery winning(s) in 2017
54:hvw3a hl hlc0183

55 Did you or another member of the household own any of the following savings or investment securities last year?
Savings account (Sparbuch / Spargirokonto /Tagesgeldkonto) 1
Savings plan to build a home (Bausparvertrag) 1
Life insurance 1
Fixed-interest securities (e.g., saving bonds, mortgage bonds, federal savings bonds) 1
Other securities (e.g., stocks, funds, bonds, equity options) 1
Company assets (in your own company, other companies) 1
No, none of these 1
55:hwa1 bih bih_55_01 Savings account in 2017
55:hwa1 hl hlc0098 Savings Account Previous Yr
55:hwa2 bih bih_55_02 Savings plan to build a home in 2017
55:hwa2 hl hlc0105 Savings: Building Society Previous Yr
55:hwa3 bih bih_55_03 Life insurance in 2017
55:hwa3 hl hlc0106 Life Insurance Previous Yr
55:hwa4 bih bih_55_04 Fixed-interest securities (e.g., saving bonds, mortgage bonds, federal savings bonds) in 2017
55:hwa4 hl hlc0107 Fixed Interest Securities Previous Yr
55:hwa5 bih bih_55_05 Other securities (e.g., stocks, funds, bonds, equity options) in 2017
55:hwa5 hl hlc0108 Other Securities
55:hwa6 bih bih_55_06 Company assets (in your own company, other companies) in 2017
55:hwa6 hl hlc0104 Operating Assets Previous Yr
55:hwa7 bih bih_55_07 No, none of these in 2017 / No answer for all possibilities
55:hwa7 hl hlc0093 No Securities Previous Yr
Can you deduct loan repayments from your taxes for the last year? How much?

If you don't know the exact amount, please estimate!

Yes 1
No 2

How much did the company assets or share of company assets amount to?

If you don't know the exact amount, please estimate!

... euros

How much did the company assets or share of company assets amount to?

... euros

What was your total income from interest, dividends and profits from all investments in the last calendar year?

In the last calendar year ... euro

Please estimate the amount from this list.

Less than 250 euro 1
From 250 to less than 1,000 euros 2
From 1,000 to less than 2,500 euros 3
From 2,500 to less than 5,000 euros 4
From 5,000 to less than 10,000 euros 5
10,000 euros and more 6

Did you or one of the members of your family receive any of the following benefits during the last calendar year? And how is that today: Do you or one of the members of your family receive any of the following benefits now?

Please answer for each benefit for the year 2014 and for now.

Child benefit

In 2017
Yes 1
No 2
Supplementary child benefit (Kinderzuschlag, which is paid to low-income earners in addition to the child benefit, Kindergeld)

*We are not referring here to benefits that are part of the educational package.*

In 2017

| Yes | 1 |
| No  | 2 |

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Childcare supplement (compensation for families whose children are not in childcare)

In 2017

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Unemployment benefit II (Hartz IV), including social benefit and accommodation expenses

In 2017

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| No  | 2 |

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Long-term care insurance benefits

In 2017

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In 2017

- Yes 1
- No 2

| 59:hlsh1 bih bih\_59\_16 | Monthly subsistence allowance / Assistance in special circumstances in 2017 |
| 59:hlsh1 hl hlc0055\_v1 | Number of months |
| Average amount per month |

| 59:hlsh2 bih bih\_59\_17 | Number of months received monthly subsistence allowance / Assistance in special circumstances in 2017 |
| 59:hlsh2 hl hlc0057 | Subsistence Support prev year, Months |
| 59:hlsh3 bih bih\_59\_18 | Average amount of monthly subsistence allowance / Assistance in special circumstances in 2017 per month |
| 59:hlsh3 hl hlc0059\_v2 | Basic income support for the elderly / those with reduced earning capacity |

In 2017

- Yes 1
- No 2

| 59:hlgs1 bih bih\_59\_19 | Basic income support for the elderly / those with reduced earning capacity in 2017 |
| 59:hlgs1 hl hlc0061\_v2 | Number of months |
| Average amount per month |

| 59:hlgs2 bih bih\_59\_20 | Number of months received basic income support for the elderly / those with reduced earning capacity in 2017 |
| 59:hlgs2 hl hlc0062 | Basic financial security in old age prev year, months |
| 59:hlgs3 bih bih\_59\_21 | Average amount of basic income support for the elderly / those with reduced earning capacity in 2017 per month |
| 59:hlgs3 hl hlc0063 | Basic financial security in old age prev year, per month |

Housing allowance (Rent and Expenses benefit)

If not included in accommodation expenses under unemployment benefit II / monthly subsistence... / basic income support for the elderly

In 2017

- Yes 1
- No 2

| 59:hlwg1 bih bih\_59\_22 | Housing benefit (for rental and owner-occupied housing) in 2017 |
| 59:hlwg1 hl hlc0080\_v1 | Number of months |
| Average amount per month |

| 59:hlwg2 bih bih\_59\_23 | Number of months received housing benefit (for rental and owner-occupied housing) in 2017 |
| 59:hlwg2 hl hlc0081 | Housing Assistance prev year, Months |
And what is the situation now? Are you or is another member of your household currently receiving any of the following types of government benefits?

**Child benefit**

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**Supplementary child benefit (Kinderzuschlag, which is paid to low-income earners in addition to the child benefit, Kindergeld)**

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**Average amount of housing benefit (for rental and owner-occupied housing) in 2017 per month**

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|           |  

**Intro2a**
Compulsory Long Term Care Insurance, Current

Amount per month

Long-term care insurance benefits currently per month

Monthly subsistence allowance / Assistance in special circumstances

Currently

Ongoing Assistance today

Amount per month

If applicable, incl. accommodation expenses

Monthly subsistence allowance / Assistance in special circumstances currently per month

Basic income support for the elderly / those with reduced earning capacity

Currently

Basic Security Today

Amount per month

If applicable, incl. accommodation expenses

Basic income support for the elderly / those with reduced earning capacity currently per month

Old-Age Basic Income Support, Amount Today

Housing allowance (Rent and Expenses benefit)

If not included in accommodation expenses under unemployment benefit II / monthly subsistence...

If basic income support for the elderly

Currently

Receiving Housing Benefit Today

Amount per month

Housing benefit (for rental and owner-occupied housing) currently per month
61. If you look at the total income of all of the members of your household: what is your monthly household income today?

*Please state the net monthly income, which means after deductions for taxes and social security. Please include regular income such as pensions, housing allowances, child benefits, grants for higher education, maintenance payments, etc. If you do not know the exact amount, please estimate the amount per month.*

... euros per month

61:hnetto bih bih_61_01 Monthly net household income
61:hnetto hl hlc0005_v2

62. Do you usually have money left over at the end of the month that you can put aside for larger purchases, emergencies, or to build savings? If so, how much?

Yes, savings for asset accumulation

Yes ... euros per month

62:hspar1a bih bih_62_01 Saving: Asset accumulation
62:hspar1a hl hlc0172 Saving: Wealth Creation

62:hspar2a bih bih_62_02 Savings for asset accumulation: Saved amount per month
62:hspar2a hl hlc0173 Monthly Savings

Yes, precautionary savings

Yes ... euros per month

62:hspar1b bih bih_62_03 Saving: Provision
62:hspar1b hl hlc0174 Saving: Provision

62:hspar2b bih bih_62_04 Precautionary savings: Saved amount per month
62:hspar2b hl hlc0175 Monthly Savings

No

62:hspar1 bih bih_62_05 Not Saving
62:hspar1 hl hlc0119_v2

63. How much money do you allow for groceries each week or month to feed yourself and your family in the household?

*Please state the average amount either for a normal week or a normal month—whichever is easier for you to answer.*

... euros for groceries in a normal week

... euros for groceries in a normal month

63:hlmk1 bih bih_63_01 Amount of money for groceries in a normal week
63:hlmk1 hl hlf0435_v2
63:hlmk2 bih bih_63_02 Amount of money for groceries in a normal month
63:hlmk2 hl hlf0436_v2
64. Do you regularly or occasionally pay someone to provide household help?

Yes, regularly  
Yes, occasionally  
No

64: hputz  bih  bih_64  Cleaner Domestic Help  
64: hputz  hl  hlf0261  Cleaning Lady, Household Help

65. How much do you pay per month on average?

Euros per month

65:2  bih  bih_65  Household help costs per month
65:2  hl  hlf0262

66. The next question is about what you would consider a good or bad income in relation to your own personal circumstances and needs. What would you consider...

In each case, please state your net household income.

... a very bad income? (... EURO a month)
... a bad income? (... EURO a month)
... a somewhat inadequate income? (... EURO a month)
... a barely adequate income? (... EURO a month)
... a good income? (... EURO a month)
... a very good income? (... EURO a month)

66:2  bih  bih_66_01  a very bad monthly income  
66:2  hl  hlc0018_v2  
66:3  bih  bih_66_02  a bad monthly income  
66:3  hl  hlc0019_v2  
66:4  bih  bih_66_03  a somewhat inadequate monthly income  
66:4  hl  hlc0020_v2  
66:5  bih  bih_66_04  a barely adequate monthly income  
66:5  hl  hlc0021_v2  
66:6  bih  bih_66_05  a good monthly income  
66:6  hl  hlc0022_v2  
66:7  bih  bih_66_06  a very good monthly income  
66:7  hl  hlc0023_v2

67. Which of the following apply to your household?

There is an Internet connection in the household

Yes  
No

67:2  bih  bih_67_01  Household: Internet  
67:2  hl  hlf0178_v1

If no: is this for financial or other reasons?

Financial reasons  
Other reasons

67:3  bih  bih_67_02  No internet: Reasons  
67:3  hl  hlf0179

There are one or more cars in the household.

Yes  
No

67:4  bih  bih_67_03  Household: Car  
67:4  hl  hlf0180

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If not: is this for financial or other reasons?

67:5  

The household has financial reserves for emergencies.

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67:6  

Money set aside for emergencies

67:7  

If no: is this for financial or other reasons?

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Vacation at least one week a year

67:9  

Friends are invited for a meal at least once per month.

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Meat, fish or poultry is eaten at least every two days.

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At least once per month a leisure activity is pursued, such as going to the cinema, a concert, sporting event or similar.

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If no: is this for financial or other reasons?
Financial reasons  1
Other reasons  2

67:15  bih  bih_67_14  No monthly leisure activities: Reasons
67:15  hl  hlf0614

Worn-out furniture is renewed, even if it is still functional.
Yes  1
No  2

67:16  bih  bih_67_15  Replacing furniture that is worn out
67:16  hl  hlf0194  Replace Old Furniture
If no: is this for financial or other reasons?
Financial reasons  1
Other reasons  2

67:17  bih  bih_67_16  No new furnitures: Reasons
67:17  hl  hlf0195  No New Furniture

Worn-out clothing is replaced with new clothing.
Yes  1
No  2

67:18  bih  bih_67_17  Replacing worn-out clothes
67:18  hl  hlf0615  Replacing worn-out clothes
If no: is this for financial or other reasons?
Financial reasons  1
Other reasons  2

67:19  bih  bih_67_18  No new clothes: Reasons
67:19  hl  hlf0616

During the cold months the apartment is always warmly heated.
Yes  1
No  2

67:20  bih  bih_67_19  Dwelling can be heated
67:20  hl  hlf0617  Dwelling can be heated
If no: is this for financial or other reasons?
Financial reasons  1
Other reasons  2

67:21  bih  bih_67_20  Not heated: Reasons
67:21  hl  hlf0618

Everyone in the household has a small sum available for personal use each week.
Yes  1
No  2

67:22  bih  bih_67_21  Small amount of weekly spending money for his or her own personal use
67:22  hl  hlf0619
If no: is this for financial or other reasons?
Financial reasons  1
Other reasons  2

67:23  bih  bih_67_22  No amount for his or her personal use: Reasons
67:23  hl  hlf0620

Everyone in the household owns at least two pairs of outdoor shoes in the right size (including an all-weather pair)
Yes  1
No  2
67:24  bih  bih_67_23  Two pairs of outdoor shoes
67:24  hl   hlf0621
If no: is this for financial or other reasons?
Financial reasons  1
Other reasons  2
67:25  bih  bih_67_24  Less than two pairs of outdoor shoes: Reasons
67:25  hl   hlf0622

Intro3 Does your household have ...?

68  Does someone in your household need care or assistance on a constant basis due to age, sickness, or medical treatment?
Yes  1
No   2
68:hpflanz  bih  bih_68  Number of high-maintenance persons in household
68:hpflanz  hl   hlf0631

69  How many people in need of care are there in your household?

69:hpflanz  bih  bih_69  Number of high-maintenance persons in household
69:hpflanz  hl   hlf0631

70  Who is it, and which of the following activities does he or she need assistance in?
Please state the person's first name. If there is more than one person in need of care in the household, please state the person most in need of care.

70:hhil1  bih  bih_70_03  Errands outside the home
70:hhil1  hl   hlf0300  Help On Tasks Outside HH, 1. Person
70:hhil2  bih  bih_70_04  Running the household, preparing meals and drinks
70:hhil2  hl   hlf0301  Help On Housework, 1. Person
70:hhil3  bih  bih_70_05  Minor care, such as help with getting dressed, washing, combing hair, shaving
70:hhil3  hl   hlf0302  Minor Care, 1. Person
70:hhil4  bih  bih_70_06  Major care, such as getting in and out of bed, bowel movements
70:hhil4  hl   hlf0303  Major Care, 1. Person
71. Does the person in need of care receive long-term care insurance benefits (Pflegeversicherung)?

Yes 1
No 2

71.hpl bih bih_71 Long-term care insurance benefits 2 @ 73
71.hpl hl hlf0369 Person Receives Nursing Assistance Care 2 @ 73

72. What is the level of care for that person as it is approved by the nursing care insurance?

Level of care 1
Level of care 2
Level of care 3
Level of care 4
Level of care 5

73. Was this person officially assessed and certified as having a limited ability to carry out everyday activities?

Yes 1
No 2

73.hpallko bih bih_73 Report: Everyday Expertise
73.hpallko hl hlf0595 Report: Everyday Expertise

74. Who provides this person with the assistance he / she needs?

Relatives in the household 1
Charitable organizations (Caritas, Diakonie, ASB, DRK, AWO, etc.) 1
Private care service 1
Friends 1
Relatives outside the household 1
Other regular care providers 1

74.hhvon1 bih bih_74_01 Relatives in the household
74.hhvon1 hl hlf0317_v3
74.hhvon7 bih bih_74_04 Charitable organizations (Caritas, Diakonie, ASB, DRK, AWO, etc.)
74.hhvon7 hl hlf0446 Help from Welfare Organisations
74.hhvon3 bih bih_74_05 Private care service
74.hhvon3 hl hlf0320 Help From Private Care
74.hhvon9 bih bih_74_06 Friends / acquaintances / neighbors
74.hhvon9 hl hlf0447 Help From Friends Neighbours
74.hhvon6 bih bih_74_07 Relatives outside the household
74.hhvon6 hl hlf0315_v3
74.hhvon8 bih bih_74_08 Other Care Assistance
74.hhvon8 hl hlf0448 Other Help

[relatives in the household] Please give us the name of the person in the household who is the main caregiver.
75 Does this person / do these people receive financial support for that?
Yes 1
No 2
75:hhbez bih bih_75 Payment of Care-Taking Person
75:hhbez hl hlf0322 Person Receives Payment

76 Are there regular expenses for assistance or care?
If there is more than one person requiring assistance / care in the household, please state the total sum for all persons requiring assistance / care in the household.
Yes 1
No 2
76:hpfleg4 bih bih_76_01 Regular expenses for care
76:hpfleg4 hl hlf0331 regularly costs for care
Yes ... euros per month
76:hpfleg5 bih bih_76_02 Regular expenses for care per month
76:hpfleg5 hl hlf0332 costs for care per month

77 Does the household have regular expenses for the person requiring assistance or care that are not covered by health or long-term care insurance (e.g., transportation, medications, technical aids, care provider, ...)?
Yes 1
No 2
77:1 bih bih_77_01 Regular expenses for people requiring assistance or care who do not live in your household
77:1 hl hle0015 Costs for Care of Persons outside of HH
Yes ... euros per month
77:2 bih bih_77_02 Regular expenses for people requiring assistance or care who do not live in your household per month
77:2 hl hle0016 Amount Costs/Month for Care of Persons outside of HH

78 Are there children born in 1999 or later living in your household?
Yes 1
No 2
78:hkind bih bih_78 Children born in 2002 or later living in your household
78:hkind hl hlk0044 Children Under 16 Yr In Household

79 What year were these children born?
Please state the years of birth separately, starting with the oldest child born in 1999 or later and then each subsequent child by age, ending with the youngest.
First name:
Year of birth:
79:hkgeba bikind bik_79_03 Year of birth
79:hkgeba kidlong k_birthy_v2
### 80. What school does your child currently attend?

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Elementary school (Grundschule, including Förderstufe/schulformunabhängige Orientierungstufe, the transition grades prior to entering secondary school)

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No, I received none of these

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### 82. Does the child usually stay at school all day?

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### 83. Does this child attend a day care group or similar care facility at school?

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### 84. Does your child currently participate in any of the following activities?

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Please write the names of your children again from the previous page:

85 Activities outside school:
Sports, dance, gymnastics, ballet  
Music or singing lessons  
Drawing or painting lessons  
Youth fire department, Red Cross, or similar aid organizations  
Youth groups (e.g., Pathfinders, church youth groups, environmental groups)  
Regular visits to youth centers or youth houses  
No, none of the above
85:hakt11a bikind bik_85_01
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85:hakt16a bikind bik_85_06
85:hakt16a kidlong ka16_ctr regularly in youth centres
85:hakt17a bikind bik_85_07 @88
85:hakt17a kidlong ka16_non @88

86 Does the child currently attend nursery school, daycare, pre-school, creche, etc.?
No, none of these  
86:hein1a bikind bik_86_01
86:hein1a kidlong ks_pre_v7
Yes, approximately ... hours per day
86:hein1sa bikind bik_86_02
86:hein1sa kidlong kd_hrs_v1

87 Does your child currently participate in any of the following activities?
Children’s gymnastics, sports, swimming  
Early childhood music lessons  
Artistic activities (painting for children, children theater, etc.)  
Other parent-child groups  
No, none of the above
87:hakt01a bikind bik_87_01
87:hakt01a kidlong ka06_spo
87:hakt02a bikind bik_87_02
87:hakt02a kidlong ka06_mus
87:hakt03a bikind bik_87_03
87:hakt03a kidlong ka06_art
87:hakt04a bikind bik_87_04
87:hakt04a kidlong ka06_oth
87:hakt05a bikind bik_87_05
Are there any other people who regularly take care of the child (aside from members of the household)?

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What are your expenses for school, childcare, daycare, and the activities described above?

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What date is today and at which time did you finish the survey?

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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 him/herself

B:form  bih  bihinta  form of questionning
B:form  hl  hlk0056  Survey instrument

C. Duration of the interview:

in the presence of the interviewer ... minutes

in the absence of the interviewer ... minutes

C:hdauer1  bih  bihdauer1
C:hdauer1  hl  hlk0057  Interview length oral
C:hdauer2  bih  bihdauer2  Written interview length
C:hdauer2  hl  hlk0058  Interview length written

D. Other notes:


E. Thank you! Please don't forget to complete the Individual Questionnaire!

F.  

Listen-Nr.

Lfd. Nr.

Ich bestätige die korrekte Durchführung des Interviews:

Abrechnungs-Nummer