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Reading Aid

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

question number
interviewer instruction
answer options
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dataset name
variable name
variable label
in blue:
identifier for filter
filter with condition
grey bar:
open or numeric answer
in green:
dataset name
variable name
variable label

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.
Yes 1
No 2
No answer -1
Q72:sta1 bio l0013 born in Germany
Q72:sta1=2
Q73 What country were you born in?
Please enter the current name!
Q73:sta2 bio l0016 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 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].
Intro 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.

0 Before handing in the questionnaire, please enter in accordance with the address log:
Household number
0:hnr bih bihhnr Current Household Number (Household ID)
0:hnr bih hhnakt Current Household Number (Household ID)
0:hnr hl hid Current Wave HH Number (=HHNRAKT)
The questionnaire has been completed by:
First name
Person number
0:pnr bih bipnr Seq. person number
0:pnr hl h_pnr ID number of person interviewed (PNR)

1 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:] but 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?

1:hwsit bih bih_01 Changes in the household situation
1:hwsit hl hlf0523 Change In Residential Situation
1. 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

2. 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. 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. 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
Can you provide the exact year in which the building was built?
Please state:

Is it a boarding house or similar accommodation?

No
[Yes] School dormitory / residence for teenagers
[Yes] College dormitory
[Yes] Residence for workers
[Yes] Retirement home, nursing home
[Yes]: Retirement home / old people's home
[Yes:] Hotel / guesthouse
[Yes:] Other home / residence
[boarding house / similar accommodation]:

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

Yes
No

How large is the total living space in this flat?

How many rooms does the dwelling have?

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

11 What do you think about the total size of your dwelling? For the size of your household, is it ...
  much too small
  a bit too small
  just right
  a bit too large
  much too large?

12 On which floor is your dwelling?
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

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 again
... Floor

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

Yes
No

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: hwohn15 bih bih_14_03 balcony / terrace
14: hwohn15 hl hlfo030 dwelling with balcony, terrace
14: hwohn17 bih bih_14_04 Garden / Garden Usage
14: hwohn17 hl hlfo032 dwelling with garden
14: hwohn18 bih bih_14_05 alarm system
14: hwohn18 hl hlfo033 dwelling with alarm device
14: hwohn19 bih bih_14_06 air condition
14: hwohn19 hl hlfo034 dwelling with air conditioner
14: hwohn20 bih bih_14_07 solar collector, solar energy system
14: hwohn20 hl hlfo035 dwelling with solar energy
14: hwohn22 bih bih_14_08 Other Alternative Energy Source
14: hwohn22 hl hlfo036 dwelling with other alternative energy
14: hwohn26 bih bih_14_09 Windows Double Glazing
14: hwohn26 hl hlfo0529 Windows Double Glazing
14: hwohn27 bih bih_14_10 thermal insulation (e.g., on the facade, roof, basement ceiling)
14: hwohn27 hl hlfo0530 Thermal Insulation
14: hwohn23 bih bih_14_11 Elevator
14: hwohn23 hl hlfo037 dwelling with elevator
14: hwohn16 bih bih_14_12 cellar / storage areas
14: hwohn16 hl hlfo031 dwelling with basement, storage place
14: hwohn28 bih bih_14_13 Garage/Parking Space
14: hwohn28 hl hlfo031 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 hlfo006 change in ownership last year

21
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 hlfo0015 type of change in ownership
[now owner(s)] because I / we ... .
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 hlfo0007_v4
[now 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 hlfo0009 Type Of Ownership Transfer
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

Do you still owe money, for example, on loans or a mortgage, for the dwelling / building you live in?

Yes 1
No 2

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

Loan or mortgage payments and interest ... euros per month

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

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

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

no property tax 1
23 What was the heating costs (including hot water) in the last calendar year?

eyros 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

24 What were your electricity costs in the last calendar year?

eyros per year

24:he16  bih  bih_24_01  Amount of electricity costs
24:he16  hl  hlf0084  electricity costs precious year
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?

eyros per year

25:he05  bih  bih_25_01  Amount for other additional costs
25:he05  hl  hlf0091_v3
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

26:htzb bel  bih  bih_26  Evaluation of financial burden through housing expenses (Amortization / interest payments and additional costs)
26:htzb bel  hl  hlf0632  Evaluation of financial burden through housing expenses (Amortization / interest payments and additional costs)
For tenants only:

27. Is this dwelling government-subsidized housing (Sozialwohnung)?
   - Yes [ ]
   - No [x]
   27:hm03_bih_bih_27 Government Subsidized Housing

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 [ ]
   - No [x]
   28:hm02_bih_bih_28 Dwelling Rent Reduced By Landlord

29. Who is the owner of the dwelling?
   - Private owner [x]
   - Private company [ ]
   - Professional organization or union [ ]
   - Non-profit organization (church, foundations, etc.) [ ]
   - Municipal government [ ]
   - My employer [ ]
   29:hm13_bih_bih_29 Private owner

30. What is your monthly rent?
   - Euros [ ]
   30:hm04_bih_bih_30_01 Amount of rent per month
   30:hm04_hlf_hlf0074_v2
   - Do not pay rent but do pay utilities [ ]
   30:hm05_bih_bih_30_02 Do not pay rent
   30:hm05_hlf_hlf0075_v2
   - Do not pay either rent or utilities [x]

31. Are the monthly costs for heat included in your rent?
   - Yes [x]
   - No [ ]
   31:hheizink_bih_bih_31 Heating Costs in Rent
   31:hheizink_hlf_hlf0607
32. What are your average monthly heating costs (including hot water)?
euros per month
32:hm07 bih bih_32_01 Amount of heating costs (including hot water) per month
32:hm07 hl hlf0069_v5
No heating costs 1
32:hm08 bih bih_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:hm10 bih bih_33 Electricity Costs included in Rent
33:hm10 hl hlf0080 Electricity Costs included in Rent

34. What are your average monthly electricity costs?
euros per month
34:hm14 bih bih_34_01 Amount of electricity costs per month
34:hm14 hl hlf0078 Cost Of Electricity Per Month
No electricity costs 1
34:hm15 bih bih_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:hm16 bih bih_35 Shared Costs included in rent
35:hm16 hl hlf0081 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 bih bih_36_01 Amount of additional costs per month
36:hm10 hl hlf0081_v2
No further cost allocation 1
36:hm11 bih bih_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?

- No problem 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- A high financial burden 10

A high financial burden 10

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)

Intro 2 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.*

- Euros in the year 2014

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

40:hverm3a  hl  hlc0176
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
42:hverm4a  hl  hlc0177

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

46:1  bih  bih_46  Loan Payoff in Germany
46:1  hl  hlc0113_v2
47. How much do you pay per month on these loans? If you don't know the exact amount, please estimate!

Loan repayment in Germany (include interest payments) ... euros per month
Loan repayment abroad (include 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
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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

51:hw2 bih bih_51 Large sum of money or other assets - gift
51:hw2 hl hlc0180

52. What was the sum monetary value of the gift(s)?

Euros for the year 2016

52:hw2a bih bih_52 Sum monetary value of the gift(s) in 2017
52:hw2a 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:hw3 bih bih_53 Large sum of money or other assets - lottery win
53:hw3 hl hlc0182

54. What was the sum monetary value of the lottery winning(s)?

Euros for the year 2016

54:hw3a bih bih_54 Sum monetary value of the lottery winning(s) in 2017
54:hw3a hl hlc0183

55. Did you or another member of the household own any of the following savings or investment securities last year?

Germany

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

55:2 bih bih_55_02_q115 Savings account / 2017 Yes, abroad
55:2 hl hlc0131 Saving Account 2015 Abroad
55:3 bih bih_55_03_q115 Savings plan to build a home in Germany in 2017
55:3 hl hlc0132 Building Loan Contract 2015 in Germany
55:4 bih bih_55_05_q115 Life insurance in Germany in 2017
55:4 hl hlc0134 Life Insurance 2015 in Germany
55:5 bih bih_55_07_q115 Fixed-interest securities (e.g., saving bonds, mortgage bonds, federal savings bonds) in Germany in 2017
55:5 hl hlc0136 Fixed Interest Securities 2015 in Germany
55:6 bih bih_55_09_q115 Other securities (e.g., stocks, funds, bonds, equity options) in Germany in 2017
55:6 hl hlc0138 Other Securities 2015 in Germany
55:7 bih bih_55_11_q115 Company assets (in your own company, other companies) in Germany in 2017
55:7 hl hlc0140 Operating Assets 2015 in Germany
Can you deduct losses on these investments from your taxes for the last year in? How much?

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

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56.1 Yes: ... euros

56.2 No: ... euros
56a What was your company assets?
If you don’t know the exact amount, please estimate!
[Yes] ... euros

57 What was your total income from interest, dividends and profits from all investments in the last calendar year?
What was your total income from interest, dividends and profits from all investments in the last calendar year?
In the last year in Germany...euro
[Germany] Last year euros

57:2 bih bih_56_01_q115 Income (assets) in Germany in 2017
57:2 hl hlc0150 Income (Securities) 2015 in Germany
[In the last year in Germany] Don’t know

57:3 bih bih_56_02_q115 Income (assets) in Germany in 2017 / Do not know
57:3 hl hlc0185

58 Please estimate the amount from this list.
[Germany] If you don’t know the exact amount, please Last year euros estimate according to the following list:
Less than 250 euro
From 250 to less than 1,000 euros
From 1,000 to less than 2,500 euros
From 2,500 to less than 5,000 euros
From 5,000 to less than 10,000 euros
10,000 euros and more

58:1 bih bih_58_01_q115 Estimated income (assets) in Germany in 2017
58:1 hl hlc0152 Estimated Income (Securities) 2015 in Germany

59 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
No

59:hlkg1 bih bih_59_01 Child benefit in 2017
59:hlkg1 hl hlc0039_v3
Number of months
Average amount per month

59:hlkg2 bih bih_59_02 Number of months received child benefit in 2017
59:hlkg2 hl hlc0041 Child Allowance In 2005, Months
59:hlkg3 bih bih_59_03 Average amount of child benefit in 2017 per month
59:hlkg3 hl hlc0042_v2

Supplementary child benefit (Kinderzuschlag, which is paid to low-income earners in addition to the child benefit, Kindergeld)
In 2017
### Supplementary child benefit in 2017

| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

- **59:hlkz1** bih bih_59_04 Supplementary child benefit in 2017
- **59:hlkz1** hl hlc0049_v2

**Number of months**

| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

- **59:hlkz2** bih bih_59_05 Number of months received supplementary child benefit in 2017
- **59:hlkz2** hl hlc0050_v2
- **59:hlkz3** bih bih_59_06 Average amount of supplementary child benefit in 2017 per month
- **59:hlkz3** hl hlc0051_v2

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

In 2017

| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

- **59:hlbp1** bih bih_59_07 Benefits from the educational package in 2017
- **59:hlbp1** hl hlc0188 Educational Package 2016

**Number of months**

| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

- **59:hlbp2** bih bih_59_08 Number of months received benefits from the educational package in 2017
- **59:hlbp2** hl hlc0189 Educational Package 2016, Number of Months
- **59:hlbp3** bih bih_59_09 Average amount of benefits from the educational package in 2017 per month
- **59:hlbp3** hl hlc0190 Amount Educational Package 2016/Month

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

In 2017

| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

- **59:hlag1** bih bih_59_10 Unemployment benefit 2017
- **59:hlag1** hl hlc0052 Unemployment Subsidy II, Social Subsidy prev year

**Number of months**

| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

- **59:hlag2** bih bih_59_11 Number of months received unemployment benefit II (Hartz IV), including social benefit and accomodation expenses in 2017
- **59:hlag2** hl hlc0053 Unemployment Subsidy II, Social Subsidy prev year, Months
- **59:hlag3** bih bih_59_12 Average amount of unemployment benefit II (Hartz IV), including social benefit and accommodation expenses in 2017 per month
- **59:hlag3** hl hlc0054 Unemployment Subsidy II, Social Subsidy prev year, Amt./Months

### Long-term care insurance benefits

In 2017

| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

- **59:hlpg1** bih bih_59_13 Long-term care insurance benefits in 2017
- **59:hlpg1** hl hlc0077 Ill Family Members Support In 2005

**Number of months**

| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |
Number of months received Long-term care insurance benefits in 2017

Compulsory Long Term Care Insurance, prev. year, Months

Average amount of long-term care insurance benefits in 2017 per month

Monthly subsistence allowance / Assistance in special circumstances

In 2017

Yes

No

Number of months average amount per month

Number of months received monthly subsistence allowance / Assistance in special circumstances in 2017

Subsistence Support prev year, Months

Average amount of monthly subsistence allowance / Assistance in special circumstances in 2017 per month

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

In 2017

Yes

No

Number of months average amount per month

Number of months received basic income support for the elderly / those with reduced earning capacity in 2017

basic financial security in old age prev year, months

Average amount of basic income support for the elderly / those with reduced earning capacity in 2017 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

No

Number of months average amount per month

Number of months received housing benefit (for rental and owner-occupied housing) in 2017

Housing Assistance prev year, Months

Average amount of housing benefit (for rental and owner-occupied housing) in 2017 per month
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
Currently
Yes 1
No 2

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

Childcare supplement (compensation for families whose children are not in childcare)
Currently
Yes 1
No 2

Unemployment benefit II (Hartz IV), including social benefit and accommodation expenses
Currently
Yes 1
No 2

Long-term care insurance benefits
Currently
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

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

Housing allowance (Rent and Expenses benefit)
If not included in accommodation expenses under unemployment benefit II / monthly subsistence...
/ basic income support for the elderly
Currently

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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 allowance, child allowance, grants for higher education support payments, etc. If you do not know the exact amount, please estimate the amount per month.

Euros per month

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

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—which is easier for you to answer.

... euros for groceries in a normal week

... euros for groceries in a normal month
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  hl0261  Cleaning Lady, Household Help

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

Euros per month

65:hputz2  bih  bih_65  Household help costs per month
65:hputz2  hl  hl0262

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

In each case, please state your net household incom.

What would you consider a ...

... a very bad income? (... EURO a month)
... a very bad income? (... EURO a month)
... still an insufficient income? (... EURO a month)
... just enough income? (... EURO a month)
... a good income? (... EURO a month)
... a very good income? (... EURO a month)

66:3  bih  bih_66_01  a very bad monthly income
66:3  hl  hl0018_v2
66:4  bih  bih_66_02  a bad monthly income
66:4  hl  hl0019_v2
66:5  bih  bih_66_03  a somewhat inadequate monthly income
66:5  hl  hl0020_v2
66:6  bih  bih_66_04  a barely adequate monthly income
66:6  hl  hl0021_v2
66:7  bih  bih_66_05  a good monthly income
66:7  hl  hl0022_v2
66:8  bih  bih_66_06  a very good monthly income
66:8  hl  hl0023_v2

67. Which of the following apply to your household?

There is an Internet connection in the household

Yes
No

67:hh1  bih  bih_67_01  Household: Internet
67:hh1  hl  hl0178_v1

If no: is this for financial or other reasons?

Financial reasons
Other reasons

67:hh1a  bih  bih_67_02  No internet: Reasons
67:hh1a  hl  hl0179

There are one or more cars in the household

If “yes” please state how many

Yes
No
Household: Car

If no: is this for financial or other reasons?

Financial reasons

Other reasons

Car in HH

I/we have money set aside for emergencies

If “yes” please state how many are in use

Yes

No

Money set aside for emergencies

I/we go away on vacation at least one week a year

Yes

No

Vacation at least one week a year

I/we have friends over for dinner at least once a month

Yes

No

Invite Friends for Dinner 1/Month

I/we eat a hot meal with meat, fish, or poultry at least every other day

Yes

No

Meat, fish or poultry at least every other day
We go out at least once a month for leisure activities like movies, concerts, sporting events, etc.

Yes 1
No 2

67:hh14  bih  bih_67_13  Monthly: Leisure activities
67:hh14  hl  hlf0613

If no: is this for financial or other reasons?

Financial reasons 1
Other reasons 2

67:hh14a  bih  bih_67_14  No monthly leisure activities: Reasons
52:hh14=2
67:hh14a  hl  hlf0614

I/we replace furniture that is worn out but still usable with new furniture.

Yes 1
No 2

67:hh04  bih  bih_67_15  Replacing furniture that is worn out
67:hh04  hl  hlf0194

If no: is this for financial or other reasons?

Financial reasons 1
Other reasons 2

67:hh04a  bih  bih_67_16  No new furnitures: Reasons
52:hh04=2
67:hh04a  hl  hlf0195

Worn-out clothes are replaced with new ones.

Yes 1
No 2

67:hh15  bih  bih_67_17  Replacing worn-out clothes
67:hh15  hl  hlf0615

If no: is this for financial or other reasons?

Financial reasons 1
Other reasons 2

67:hh15a  bih  bih_67_18  No new clothes: Reasons
52:hh15=2
67:hh15a  hl  hlf0616

I/we keep our home comfortably warm in the colder months.

Yes 1
No 2

67:hh16  bih  bih_67_19  Dwelling can be heated
67:hh16  hl  hlf0617

If no: is this for financial or other reasons?

Financial reasons 1
Other reasons 2

67:hh16a  bih  bih_67_20  Not heated: Reasons
52:hh16=2
67:hh16a  hl  hlf0618

Everyone in the household has a small amount of weekly spending money for his or her own personal use.

Yes 1
No 2

67:hh17  bih  bih_67_21  Small amount of weekly spending money for his or her own personal use
67:hh17  hl  hlf0619

If no: is this for financial or other reasons?
Financial reasons | Other reasons
67:hh17a bih  bih_67_22  No amount for his or her personal use: Reasons 52:hh17=2
67:hh17a hl  hlf0620 52:hh17=2
Everyone in the household has at least two pairs of outdoor shoes that fit properly (all-weather shoes included)
Yes 1
No 2
67:hh18  bih  bih_67_23  Two pairs of outdoor shoes
67:hh18 hl  hlf0621
If no: is this for financial or other reasons?
Financial reasons 1
Other reasons 2
67:hh18a  bih  bih_67_24  Less than two pairs of outdoor shoes: Reasons 52:hh18=2
67:hh18a 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_69  Number of high-maintenance persons in household 2 @ 69
68:hpflanz hl  hlf0631

69 How many people in need of care are there in your household?
person(s) in need of care
69:hpflanz  bih  bih_69  Number of high-maintenance persons in household 2 @ 69
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.

person in need of care first name
Needs assistance 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
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
Does the person in need of care receive long-term care insurance benefits (Pflegeversicherung)?

- Yes
- No

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

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

- Yes
- No

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

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

[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?

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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.

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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, ...)?

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77:hpfleg4a bih bih_77_01 Regular expenses for people requiring assistance or care who do not live in your household

Yes ... euros per month 

77:hpfleg5a bih bih_77_02 Regular expenses for people requiring assistance or care who do not live in your household per month

77:hpfleg5a 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?

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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
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<th>Does your child attend school?</th>
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<th>What school does your child currently attend?</th>
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<th>Is it a school with a special teaching concept such as a ...</th>
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<td>Waldorf school, Montessori school, etc &lt; 1</td>
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<td>No, I received none of these &lt; 3</td>
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<th>Does the child usually stay at school all day?</th>
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<th>Does this child attend a day care group or similar care facility at school?</th>
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84. Does your child currently participate in any of the following activities?
Children not yet attending school:

- Sports club
- Music club
- Art club
- Theater club
- Other clubs
- No, none of the above

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
**86** Does the child currently attend nursery school, daycare, pre-school, creche, etc.?

No, none of these  

**86:2** bikind bik_86_01  
**86:2** kidlong ks_pre_v7  

Yes, approximately ... hours per day

**86:3** bikind bik_86_02  
**86:3** kidlong kd_hrs_v1

**87** Does your child currently participate in any of the following activities?

Children’s gymnastics, sports, swimming

**87:2** bikind bik_87_01  
**87:2** kidlong ka06_spo

Early childhood music lessons

**87:3** bikind bik_87_02  
**87:3** kidlong ka06_mus

Artistic activities (painting for children, children theater, etc.)

**87:4** bikind bik_87_03  
**87:4** kidlong ka06_art

Other parent-child groups

**87:5** bikind bik_87_04  
**87:5** kidlong ka06_oth

No, none of the above

**87:6** bikind bik_87_05  
**87:6** kidlong ka06_non

**88** Are there any other people who regularly take care of the child (aside from members of the household)?

Yes, childcare provider outside the home (Tagesmutter)

**88:2** bikind bik_88_01  
**88:2** kidlong kc_mindr_v2

Yes, paid in-home childcare provider (Betreuungsperson)

**88:3** bikind bik_88_02  
**88:3** kidlong kc_care_v4

Yes, relatives

**88:4** bikind bik_88_03  
**88:4** kidlong kc_care_v2

Yes, friends/acquaintances/neighbors

**88:5** bikind bik_88_04  
**88:5** kidlong kc_care_v3

No

**88:6** bikind bik_88_05  
**88:6** kidlong kc_care_v5
89 How much do you pay for the school or facility?
Average monthly cost in euros
Nothing

intro4 Realisation of the interview

A What date is today and at which time did you finish the survey?
Day
Month
Hour
Minute
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Day of interview
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End of Interview (Hour)
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End of Interview (Minutes)

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
Duration of the interview:

C in the presence of the interviewer ... minutes
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bih
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hl
hlk0057
Interview length oral
in the absence of the interviewer ... minutes

D Other notes:
Listen-Nr.
Lfd-Nr
Abrechnungs-Nummer