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Reading Aid

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

The diagram illustrates the structure of questionnaire questions and their associated variables and filters. It shows two questions, Q72 and Q73, with their respective text, instructions, and answer options. Below each question, the variables and filters are listed, including dataset names, variable names, and variable labels. The diagram also shows a routing filter for Q73 based on the answer to Q72.

question number	question text	interviewer instruction	answer options	in blue: identifier for filter	in blue: filter with condition	grey bar: open or numeric answer
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 No No answer	1 2 -1	Q72:lsta1	bio I0013 born in Germany
Q73	What country were you born in?	Please enter the current name!			Q72:lsta1=2	Q73:lsta2 bio I0016 Country Of Birth

in green:
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].

Intro Our scientific investigation is most of all about developments in the family situation and in professional occupational areas. Therefore it is important that some information are available for every year. This short additional questionnaire is for persons who did not participate in the survey last year. Please help us to fill the gaps. Thank you very much!

0 Please fill out prior hand over (according to adress protocol)

Householdnumber

0:hnr bhpluecke bihnr Current Household Number (Household ID)

0:hnr bhpluecke hnrakt Current Household Number (Household ID)

0:hnr plueckel hid Current Wave HH Number (=HHNRAKT)

First name of interviewed person:

Please complete in block capitals!

Person ID

0:pnr bhpluecke bipnr Seq. person number

Year and month of birth, sex of the interviewed person:

Day

Month

Year

0:ppgebmo bhpluecke bipbirthm Month of birth

0:ppgebmo plueckel birthm Month Of Birth

0:ppgeb bhpluecke bipbirthy Year of birth

0:ppgeb plueckel birthy_v2

(Sex)

Male

Female

0:psex bhpluecke sex Sex

0:psex plueckel sex Gender

1 Please remember once again 2016.

We have illustrated here a sort of calendar. On the left stand, what you could have been in 2016.

Please go through that list and state all months when you have been for example employed, unemployed etc.

Please mind that there has to be a statement for every month! For unemployment, even if it was shorter than a month, please mark the relevant month.

I was...

	Jan- uary	Feb- ruary	March	April	May	June	July	Au- gust	Sep- tem- ber	Octo- ber	No- vem- ber	De- cem- ber
employed full-time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
employed part-time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
working at a Mini-Job (up to 450€)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
in first-time in-service training (betriebliche Erstausbildung) / apprenticeship (Lehre)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
in further training (Fortbildung) / retraining (Umschulung), further occupational training (berufliche Weiterbildung)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
registered unemployed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
in retirement / early retirement (Vorruhestand)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
on maternity leave (Mutterschutz) / childcare leave (Erziehungsurlaub) / parental leave (Elternzeit)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
attending school / university / or vocational school (Fachschule)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
[military service, community service, voluntary social year, voluntary ecological year, federal volunteer service]	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1:pkal01	bhpluecke	bhp_01_01	Employed full-time									
1:pkal02	bhpluecke	bhp_01_02	Employed parttime									
1:pkal12	bhpluecke	bhp_01_03	Mini-Job (Up To 450 EUR)									
1:pkal03	bhpluecke	bhp_01_04	Initial Occupational Training									
1:pkal04	bhpluecke	bhp_01_05	Further Training									
1:pkal05	bhpluecke	bhp_01_06										
1:pkal06	bhpluecke	bhp_01_07	pension/early retirement									
1:pkal07	bhpluecke	bhp_01_08	Maternity, Paternity Leave									
1:pkal08	bhpluecke	bhp_01_09	School/University/Vocational School									
1:pkal09	bhpluecke	bhp_01_11	Federal Voluntary Srvc									

- voluntary military service (freiwilliger Wehrdienst) / reserve duty training (Wehrübung) 1
- voluntary social / ecological year 3
- Federal volunteer service (Bundesfreiwilligendienst) 4
- 1:pkal09a bhpluecke bhp_01_10 Voluntary Service

	Jan- uary	Feb- ruary	March	April	May	June	July	Aug- ust	Sep- tem- ber	Octo- ber	No- vem- ber	De- cem- ber
Homemaker	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Other	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
other:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1:pkal10 bhpluecke bhp_01_12	Housewife,Househusband Apr Prev Yr											
1:pkal11 bhpluecke bhp_01_13												
1:pkalso bhpluecke bhp_01_14												

2 @ 6

2 Have you left a job since 2016?

This includes leaving a job due to leave of absence (Beurlaubung)/ maternity leave (Mutterschutz)/ parental leave (Elternzeit)!

- Yes 1
- No 2

2:pend1 bhpluecke bhp_02
2:pend1 plueckel gl0001

3 In which month did you left your job?

Month

3:pend2 bhpluecke bhp_03 Left Last Job Month 2016
3:pend2 plueckel gl0003

4 How long were you employed at that job?

... years
... months

4:pend4 bhpluecke bhp_04_01 How long employed years
4:pend4 plueckel gl0004 Years Employed
4:pend5 bhpluecke bhp_04_02 How long employed months
4:pend5 plueckel gl0005 Months Employed

5 How did that job end?

Please check only one!

- My place of work or office closed 1
- I resigned 2
- I was dismissed by my employer 3
- Mutual agreement with employer 4
- I completed a temporary job or apprenticeship 5
- I reached retirement age / retired 6
- I took a leave of absence (Beurlaubung) / maternity leave (Mutterschutz) / parental leave (Elternzeit) 7
- I gave up self-employment / closed my business 8

5:pend6 bhpluecke bhp_05 How Job Ended
5:pend6 plueckel gl0006_v15

6 Have you got sometime in the course of 2016 one of the following social benefits or financial support? If so, how many months?

	Yes	No
Unemployment benefit (also while attending further education / re-/training or while receiving a transitional allowance)	1	2
Unemployment benefit II / social benefit	1	2
BAföG grant / scholarship / vocational training allowance	1	2
6:pvek06 bhpluecke bhp_06_01 Unemployment Benefit 2016		
6:pvek06 plueckel gl0039_v2		
6:pvek07 bhpluecke bhp_06_03 Unemployment Subsidy II, Social Subsidy 2016		
6:pvek07 plueckel gl0041_v2		
6:pvek10 bhpluecke bhp_06_05		
6:pvek10 plueckel gl0045_v2		
Months in 2016		
Months in 2016		
Months in 2016		
6:pvek061 bhpluecke bhp_06_02 Unemployment Benefit Months Previous Yr.		
6:pvek061 plueckel gl0057 Unemployment Benefits, Month		
6:pvek071 bhpluecke bhp_06_04 Unemployment Subsidy II, Social Subsidy 2016, Months		
6:pvek071 plueckel gl0042 Unemployment Subsidy II, Social Subsidy, Months		
6:pvek101 bhpluecke bhp_06_06		
6:pvek101 plueckel gl0046 Student Grant, Month		

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7 Did you finish school, vocational training, or university / higher education 2016?

Yes	1
No	2

7:pab1 bhpluecke bhp_07_01	
7:pab1 plueckel gl0068 Education, Training Completed	
Which month?	
7:pab2 bhpluecke bhp_07_02 Finished Training/Education Month 2016	
7:pab2 plueckel gl0069 Finished Training/Education Month	

2 @ 11

8 Did you complete this education / training with a degree, certificate, or diploma?

Yes	1
No	2

8:pab4 bhpluecke bhp_08 Finished With Diploma/Certificate	
8:pab4 plueckel gl0071 Finished With Diploma/Certificate	

9 Did you obtain this degree / certificate / diploma in Germany or in another country?

Germany	1
In another country	2
9:pab4a bhpluecke bhp_09_01 Completed Education In Germany	
9:pab4a plueckel gl0072 Completed Education In Germany	
Is this degree / certificate / diploma recognized in Germany?	
Yes, it is automatically recognized (e.g., Bachelor, Master, PhD)	1
Yes, it has been recognized after successful completion of a recognition procedure	2
No	3
9:panerab bhpluecke bhp_09_02 Degree Recognized in Germany	
9:panerab plueckel gl0073 Degree Recognized in Germany	

10 What kind of educational achievement is it?

General-education school degree	
Lower secondary school-leaving Certificate (“Hauptschulabschluss”)	1
Intermediate secondary school-leaving certificate (“Realschulabschluss”, “Mittlere Reife”)	2
Specialized upper secondary school-leaving certificate (“Fachoberschule”)	3
Upper secondary leaving certificate (“Abitur”)	4
Other Degree	5
10:pab5 bhpluecke bhp_10_02 General-Education School Degree	
10:pab5 plueckel gl0075 General-Education Degree	
[other school degree]:	
Completed college/university education	
Dual degree college / university of cooperative education	4
University of applied sciences	1
Other college / university (e.g. art or music college / university)	5
University / Technical university	2
Doctorate, PhD / postdoctoral dissertation	3
10:pab6 bhpluecke bhp_10_04 College Degree	
10:pab6 plueckel gl0078_v3	
[college/university] type:	
[college/university] filed of study:	
Vocational training	
Type of vocational training	
Type of education,training	
Apprenticeship	1
Full-time vocational school, commercial college	2
Health sector school	3
Technical college	4
Training for civil servants	5
In-service retraining	6
Other, for example, further training	7
10:pab7 bhpluecke bhp_10_08 Completed Vocational Training/Nature of Training	
10:pab7 plueckel gl0081_v2	

11 Has your family situation changed 2016? Please indicate if any of the following apply to you and if so, when this change occurred.

Started a new relationship	1
Moved in with my partner	1
Got married / also same-sex partnership	1
Became a father / mother (again)	1
A child entered the household	1
My son / daughter left the household	1
I separated from my spouse / partner	1
I got divorced / also same-sex partnership	1
My spouse / partner died	1
Father died	1
Mother died	1
Child died	1
Another person who lived in the household died	1
Other family changes	1

11:pfs141	bhpluecke	bhp_11_01	New Relationship
11:pfs141	plueckel	gl0082	New Relationship
11:pfs021	bhpluecke	bhp_11_03	Moved In with Parter
11:pfs021	plueckel	gl0084	Moved In with Parter
11:pfs011	bhpluecke	bhp_11_05	Married
11:pfs011	plueckel	gl0087_v2	
11:pfs031	bhpluecke	bhp_11_07	Became Father/Mother
11:pfs031	plueckel	gl0092	Became Father/Mother
11:pfs111	bhpluecke	bhp_11_09	Child entered the HH
11:pfs111	plueckel	gl0095	Child Moved In
11:pfs041	bhpluecke	bhp_11_11	Child Moved Out
11:pfs041	plueckel	gl0097	Child Moved Out
11:pfs051	bhpluecke	bhp_11_13	Separated From Spouse/Partner
11:pfs051	plueckel	gl0100	Separated From Spouse/Partner
11:pfs061	bhpluecke	bhp_11_15	Divorced
11:pfs061	plueckel	gl0103_v2	
11:pfs071	bhpluecke	bhp_11_17	Spouse/Partner Died
11:pfs071	plueckel	gl0108	Spouse/Partner Died
11:pfs081	bhpluecke	bhp_11_19	Father Died
11:pfs081	plueckel	gl0111	Father Died
11:pfs091	bhpluecke	bhp_11_21	Mother Died
11:pfs091	plueckel	gl0113	Mother Died
11:pfs121	bhpluecke	bhp_11_23	Child Died
11:pfs121	plueckel	gl0115	Child Died
11:pfs131	bhpluecke	bhp_11_25	Other Person Living in HH Died
11:pfs131	plueckel	gl0117	Other Person Living in HH Died
11:pfs101	bhpluecke	bhp_11_27	Other family changes
11:pfs101	plueckel	gl0119	Other HH Comp Change

other:

No, none of these

11:pfsno	bhpluecke	bhp_11_30	No changes in my family
11:pfsno	plueckel	gl0121	No changes

2016, in the month
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11:pfs142	bhpluecke	bhp_11_02	New Partner 2016, Month
11:pfs142	plueckel	gl0083	
11:pfs022	bhpluecke	bhp_11_04	Moved In with Partner 2016, Month
11:pfs022	plueckel	gl0085	
11:pfs012	bhpluecke	bhp_11_06	Married Month 2016
11:pfs012	plueckel	gl0090_v2	
11:pfs032	bhpluecke	bhp_11_08	Became Father/Mother Month 2016
11:pfs032	plueckel	gl0093	
11:pfs112	bhpluecke	bhp_11_10	Month Child Moved In 2016
11:pfs112	plueckel	gl0096	
11:pfs042	bhpluecke	bhp_11_12	Child Moved Out Month 2016
11:pfs042	plueckel	gl0098	
11:pfs052	bhpluecke	bhp_11_14	Separated From Spouse/Partner Month 2016
11:pfs052	plueckel	gl0101	
11:pfs062	bhpluecke	bhp_11_16	Divorced Month 2016
11:pfs062	plueckel	gl0105_v2	
11:pfs072	bhpluecke	bhp_11_18	Spouse/Partner Died Month 2016
11:pfs072	plueckel	gl0109	
11:pfs082	bhpluecke	bhp_11_20	Father Died Month 2016
11:pfs082	plueckel	gl0112	
11:pfs092	bhpluecke	bhp_11_22	Mother Died Month 2016
11:pfs092	plueckel	gl0114	
11:pfs122	bhpluecke	bhp_11_24	Death of Child, Month 2016
11:pfs122	plueckel	gl0116	
11:pfs132	bhpluecke	bhp_11_26	Death of Other Person in HH, Month 2016
11:pfs132	plueckel	gl0118	Other Person Living in HH Died prev. year
11:pfs102	bhpluecke	bhp_11_28	
11:pfs102	plueckel	gl0120	

B1 Realisation of the interview

A Whats' the date today?

Day

Month

Hour

Minute

A:pdatt bhpluecke biptagin Day of interview
 A:pdatt plueckel tagin day of interview
 A:pdatm bhpluecke bipmonin
 A:pdatm plueckel pdatm month of interview
 A:pdatst bhpluecke bipstin
 A:pdatst plueckel pdatst End of Interview (Hour)
 A:pdatmi bhpluecke bipminin
 A:pdatmi plueckel pdatmi End of Interview (Minutes)

B How was the interiew conducted?

Oral Interview 1

[Respondent completed the questionnaire him/herself] in the presence of the interviewer 2

[Respondent completed the questionnaire him/herself] in the absence of the interviewer 3

Partly as an oral interview, partly completed questionnaire him/herself 4

B:pform bhpluecke bipinta Oral form of questioning
 B:pform plueckel pform Survey Instrument

C Lenght in minutes interview

Length in minutes oral interview

Length in minutes written interview

C:pdauer1 bhpluecke bipdauer1
 C:pdauer1 plueckel pdauer1 Length In Minutes Oral Interview
 C:pdauer2 bhpluecke bipdauer2 Written interview lenght
 C:pdauer2 plueckel pdauer2 Length In Minutes Written Interview

D Other notes

IN Thank you for your cooperation!

List number

Consecutive number

I confirm the correct realisation of the interview.

Interviewer signature

Accounting number