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Reading Aid

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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].
This questionnaire complements information of the green personal questionnaire. Attention: Youth, born 1999 need to complete the red youth questionnaire. Your participation is voluntary but the scientific relevance of this study depends crucially on the participation of every member of every household. Therefore we ask that: You allow our representative to carry out this interview, or you carefully fill out the questionnaire yourself.

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

No. of household: 
Person No.: 
Current Wave HH Number (=HHNRAKT)
Serial Person Number
Prenounce:

Please use block capitals

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

Day
Month
Year
Month Of Birth
(Sex)
Male
Female

B1 Citizenship and Origin

Where were you born?
Please write the name of the town in the left blank and any additional information in the right blank. For example, write "Düsseldorf," "Frankfurt an der Oder," "Frankfurt am Main," in the left blank and in the case of "Roßdorf bei Schmalkalden," write "Roßdorf" in the left and "bei Schmalkalden" in the right blank. Please do the same for birthplaces outside Germany.

Place:
additional entry:

Where is your birthplace located today?

In Germany
Outside of Germany

Outside of germany:
Please give the current (if relevant, German) name!

Out of Germany:
3 Did you come due to flight or expulsion after the second world war until 1950 on the today’s territory of Germany?
No 2
Yes 1
3:lflucht   biol   lb0850   Flight / Expulsion until 1950 1 @ 20

4 When did you move to Germany?
If you repeatedly moved to Germany, please refer to the last influx! The same applies to the following questions 6-13!
Year
4:lzug01   biol   lb0019_v4

5 There are different judicial principles for moving in to Germany. Which of the following immigrant categories did you belong to when you moved to Germany?
Person of German descent from Eastern Europe 1
German, who was born and raised in a foreign country 2
Citizen of an EU country 3
Asylum-seeker or refugee 4
Family reunification, such as the spouse or child of a resident 6
Student or trainee 7
With a tourist visa 8
None of the above 9
5:lzug02   biol   lb0020_v3

6 Have you had a job commitment, so a contract of employment or a contract for self-employment in Germany before your immigration to Germany?
Yes 1
No 2
6:lzugarb   biol   lb1244   Job promise before entry to Germany

7 What is your current residence status?
Right of permanent residence for EU citizens or citizens of the European economic area 1
EU blue card 2
temporary residence permit 3
Toleration 4
Tourist visa 5
None of the above 6
7:lstat   biol   lb1240_v1
8 Which of the following would best describe your living situation immediately after moving to Germany?
I moved into an existing household
I started a new household
I initially lived in transitional housing for immigrants

9 Which of the following reasons was the main reason for you to come to Germany?
Family reason / partnership
Economic reasons
Political reasons (discrimination, distress, persecution, war)
Other reasons

10 At your arrival, did you have any support of relatives or acquaintances who already lived in Germany?
Multiple answers possible!
Yes, by relatives
Yes, by acquaintances
No

11 The next question is about your knowledge of the German language.
[Speak] How well could you speak German before you moved to Germany?
[Write] How well is your German now??
[Read] How well is your German now??
12. Did you attend German language courses?  
*Multiple answers possible!*

Yes, in the country of origin  1
Yes, in Germany  1
No  1

12:lspkurs1  biol  lb1228  Participation German Language Course Country of Origin
12:lspkurs2  biol  lb1229  No Participation in German Language Course

13. If you compare once: in which professional position were you working at your last job before your moved to Germany? And which professional position at your first job in Germany?

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<td>Self-employed (including judges and professional soldiers)</td>
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Last post before moving to Germany

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13:l1erw1  biol  lb1016  Last job before move to Germany
13:l1erw2  biol  lb1017  First Job in Germany

14. Do you have the german citizenship today?

Yes  1
No  2

14:lsta3  biol  lb0014  German Nationality

15. Do you have a second citizenship in addition to your German?

Yes  1
No  2

15:lsta4  biol  lb0880  Second nationality

Yes: Please enter

15:lsta4x  biol  lb0881  Code other Nationalities

15:lsta4=1
16. Have you had German citizenship since birth or did you acquire it at a later date?
   Since birth 1
   At a later date 2

17. What citizenship did you have before?
   Please enter!

18. And in what year did you acquire German citizenship?
   In year

19. What is your citizenship?

20. Where did you live before German reunification, i.e. before 1989?
   In East Germany (the GDR, including East Berlin) 1
   in West Germany (including West Berlin) 2
   in another country 3
   Does not apply, was born in or after 1989 4

21. To change the subject, how long have you lived in your current home?
   Since...
   (Enter year)

22. Except this apartment, so the apartment in which the survey budget lives, do you have another apartment, where you even live or spend your vacation in?
   Multiple answers possible!
   In Germany 1
   Yes, abroad 1
   No

Where do you reside most of the time?
   In this home
   In the other home 2
   In both approximately the same 3
# B2 Childhood and Parental Home

23. Where did you spend the majority of your childhood up to the age of 15? Was it...

- in a large city 1
- in a medium-sized city 2
- in a small town 3
- in a rural area 4

23:kh01  biol  lb0058  Main Residence During Childhood

24. Do you still live in the same city or area today?

- Yes, I still do 1
- Yes, I have moved back 2
- No 3

24:kh02  biol  lb0059  Change of Residence Since Childhood

25. How many years of your childhood (up to the age of 15) did you live with the following persons?

*Please round off to the nearest full year! (Note: adoptive parents count as biological parents)*

- With both of your (biological) parents ... years
- With your mother without a (new) companion ... years
- With your mother and her (new) companion ... years
- With your father without a (new) companion ... years
- With your father and her (new) companion ... years
- With other relatives ... years
- With foster parents ... years
- In an orphanage ... years

25:kh03  biol  lb0066  No. Of Years Living With Bio. Parents
25:kh04  biol  lb0067  No. Of Years Living With Single Mother
25:kh05  biol  lb0068  No. Of Years Living With Mother And Partner
25:kh06  biol  lb0069  No. Of Years Living With Single Father
25:kh07  biol  lb0070  No. Of Years Living With Single Father And Partner
25:kh08  biol  lb0071  No. Of Years Living With Other Relatives
25:kh09  biol  lb0072  No. Of Years Living With Foster Parents
25:kh10  biol  lb0073  No. Of Years Living In Home

Sum total of all years (please check!)

26. Does your mother and father live in this household?

*The father / mother only* Answer the following questions 27-35 only for the parent not living in the household. *[No, both not]* Please answer the following questions separately 27-35 for father and mother!

- Yes, both 1
- Only my father 2
- Only my mother 3
- No, neither 4

26:vm  biol  lb0077  Mother and Father live in HH
27. Does your father / mother still live? If so, where does he / she live? If not, when did he / she die?
   Father, if not living in the household
   Lives in this city / town
   Lives elsewhere in the former West Germany
   Lives elsewhere in the former East Germany
   Lives elsewhere in another country, not in Germany

27:lv01     biol     lb0078_v2
[father] Is deceased: died in the year

27:lv02     biol     lb0080_v1
Mother, if not living in the household
   Lives in this city / town
   Lives elsewhere in the former West Germany
   Lives elsewhere in the former East Germany
   Lives elsewhere in another country, not in Germany

27:lm01     biol     lb0079_v2
[mother] Is deceased: died in the year

27:lm02     biol     lb0081_v1

28. When was your father / mother born (year)?
   Father, if not living in the household
   Mother, if not living in the household

28:lv03     biol     lb0082_v1
28:lm03     biol     lb0083_v1

29. Was your father / mother born in Germany?
   Father, if not living in the household
   Yes

29:lv03a    biol     lb0084_v2
[father] please state country of birth

29:lv03b    biol     lb0086    Country Of Birth Father
Mother, if not living in the household
   Yes

29:lm03a    biol     lb0085_v2
[mother] please state country of birth

29:lm03b    biol     lb0087    Country Of Birth Mother
30 Does or did your father / mother have German citizenship?

Father, if not living in the household
Mother, if not living in the household

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31 What type of school-leaving certificate did your father / mother attain?

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<td>Abitur / Hochschulreife / EOS</td>
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32 Did your father / mother complete vocational training or a university degree?

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<th>No, he did not complete training or a university degree</th>
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33 If applicable: What was your father’s / mother’s occupation when you were 15 years old? Please specify exact job title.

Father
Mother

34 Which of the following categories describes your father’s / mother’s occupational status when you were 15 years old?

Father, if not living in the household

[Father] Blue-collar worker (Arbeiter) (also in agriculture)
Unskilled worker
Semi-skilled worker
Trained worker or skilled worker
Foreman / forewoman
Master craftsperson

[Father] White-collar worker (Angestellte)
Industry or factory foreman / forewoman in a salaried position
1
Salaried employee engaged in unskilled activities without completed
training/education
2
Salaried employee engaged in unskilled activities with completed
training/education
3
Salaried employee engaged in skilled activities (e.g., executive officer,
bookkeeper, technical draftsman)
4
Salaried employee engaged in highly skilled activities or managerial function
(e.g., scientist, engineer, department head)
5
Salaried employee with extensive managerial duties (e.g., managing director,
business manager, head of a large firm or concern).
6
34:lv09  biol  lb0116  Father: Type Of White-Collar Worker
26:lv=3 4
[Father] Civil servant or public administration employee (including judges and professional
soldiers)

Lower level
1
Middle level
2
Upper level
3
Executive level
4
34:lv10  biol  lb0118  Father: Type Of Civil Servant
26:lv=3 4
[Father] Self-employed (including family members working for the self-employed)

Self-employed farmer without employees
1
Self-employed farmer with employees
2
Freelance professional, self-employed academic (selbständiger Akademiker)
without employees
3
Freelance professional, self-employed academic (selbständiger Akademiker)
with employees
4
Other self-employed without employees
5
Other self-employed with employees
6
Family member working for self-employed relative
7
34:lv11  biol  lb0120_v2 26:lv=3 4
Was not economically active
1
Was deceased
2
34:lv12  biol  lb0122  Father: Not Employed
26:lv=3 4
Mother, if not living in the household

[Mother] Blue-collar worker (Arbeiter) (also in agriculture)
Unskilled worker
1
Semi-skilled worker
2
Trained worker or skilled worker
3
Foreman / forewoman
4
Master craftsperson
5
34:lm08  biol  lb0115  Mother: Type Of Blue-Collar Worker
26:lv=2 4
[Mother] White-collar worker (Angestellte)
Industry or factory foreman / forewoman in a salaried position
Salaried employee engaged in unskilled activities without completed training/education
Salaried employee engaged in unskilled activities with completed training/education
Salaried employee engaged in skilled activities (e.g., executive officer, bookkeeper, technical draftsman)
Salaried employee engaged in highly skilled activities or managerial function (e.g., scientist, engineer, department head)
Salaried employee with extensive managerial duties (e.g., managing director, business manager, head of a large firm or concern).

[34:lm09] biol lb0117 Mother: Type Of White-Collar Worker

1. Lower level
2. Middle level
3. Upper level
4. Executive level

[34:lm10] biol lb0119 Mother: Type Of Civil Servant

1. Self-employed farmer without employees
2. Self-employed farmer with employees
3. Freelance professional, self-employed academic (selbständiger Akademiker) without employees
4. Freelance professional, self-employed academic (selbständiger Akademiker) with employees
5. Other self-employed without employees
6. Other self-employed with employees
7. Family member working for self-employed relative

[34:lm11] biol lb0121_v2 Was not economically active

1. Yes, member of the Catholic church
2. Yes, member of the Protestant church
3. Yes, member of another Christian religious group
4. Yes, member of an Islamic religious group
5. Yes, member of another religious group
6. No, no religious affiliation

[35] Does / did your father / mother belong to a church or religious group?

Father, if not living in the household
1. Yes, member of the Catholic church
2. Yes, member of the Protestant church
3. Yes, member of another Christian religious group
4. Yes, member of an Islamic religious group
5. Yes, member of another religious group
6. No, no religious affiliation

Mother, if not living in the household
1. Yes, member of the Catholic church
2. Yes, member of the Protestant church
3. Yes, member of another Christian religious group
4. Yes, member of an Islamic religious group
5. Yes, member of another religious group
6. No, no religious affiliation
B3 If you think back ...

36. Have you regularly attended a kindergarten, a children's day center or a similar institution?  
*This does not refer to the place of school!*

Yes 1  
No 2

36:lkein biol lb1135 Attendance Kindergarten or similar

37. At what age did you start with the regular visit of this institution?  
By the age of ...

37:lkeinj biol lb1136 Age Kindergarden or similar  
I can not remember 1

37:lkeinka biol lb1137 Age Kindergarden: No Memory

38. How interested and involved were your parents in your grades and progress at school?  
very much 1  
Fairly 2  
Not very much 3  
Not at all 4

38:lleist biol lb0142 Parents Show Interest In Performance

39. Can you remember your last report card from school? What were your grades in the following three subjects?

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39:lsch1 biol lb0143_v2  
39:lsch2 biol lb0144_v2  
39:lsch3 biol lb0145_v2

40. How often did you argue or fight with your parents when you were 15 years old?  
*Please make one X per row!*

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<th>Often</th>
<th>Sometimes</th>
<th>Seldom</th>
<th>Never</th>
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40:lstrv biol lb0155 Argue Or Fight With Father  
40:lstrm biol lb0156 Argue Or Fight With Mother
Were you actively involved in musical activities growing up? For example, did you sing or play a musical instrument?
- Yes
- No

Were you involved in extracurricular sports in your youth?
- Yes
- No

Which sports you played was most important to you?

Did you play this sport competitively?
- Yes
- No

We would like to ask you now for some information about your personal history starting at age of 15. Please fill out the table below as follows:
- Please state what has happened in your life since you were 15—from when to when you were in school, in vocational training, employed, etc. It is important that you give some answer for every year of your life up to the present or up to the age of 65. If more than one answer applies in a particular year, please give more than one answer.
At the age of ... I was:

- attending school / university / evening school
- completing an apprenticeship / vocational training / further education / retraining
- in (voluntary) military/community service / voluntary social / ecological year / federal volunteer service / at war / in captivity
- employed full-time (including regular / professional soldiers)
- employed part-time or marginally employed
- unemployed
- homemaker
- Retired / in early retirement
- other

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**B5 Your education**

We now ask for details on some issues of your life history, which have to do with the training and the profession. First to the school:

What was the last year you attended school?

**Year**

- **I am still attending school**

**Last Year Attended School**

1

**No Certificate**

I am still attending school 1 @ 52
47 Where did you last attend school? Was it...
in one of the Bundesländer (federal states) of the Federal Republic of Germany? 1
in the former East Germany? 2
in another country? 3
47:lsab3 biol lb0186 Country Last Attended School 1 @ 50, 2 @ 51

48 How many years did you attend school?.
Years
48:lsab4 biol lb0187 Duration Schooling (Years)

49 What type of school-leaving certificate did you attain?
Left school without graduating 1
Graduated from mandatory schooling with school-leaving certificate 2
Graduated from higher-level secondary school with school-leaving certificate 3
49:lsab5 biol lb0188 School-Leaving Degree ALL @ 53

50 In which German federal state (Bundesland) did you last attend school?
(Please enter!)

51 What type of school-leaving certificate did you attain?
Left school without graduating 1
Lower track (Volksschule / Hauptschule / 8th grade GDR) 2
Intermediate track (Realschule / Mittlere Reife / 10th grade GDR) 3
Vocational school (Fachoberschule) 4
Upper track (Abitur / Hochschulreife) 5
Other school-leaving certificate 6
51:lsab7 biol lb0191 School-Leaving Degree Please state: last school type attended
Please state: type of school-leaving certificate attained

52 If you think back to the last grade of school you attended: How many of your fellow
students or their parents were not from Germany?
All 1
Most 2
Approximately half 3
Approximately one-fourth 4
Fewer than one-fourth 5
None 6
52:lsab10 biol lb0194_v2
53. Do you intend to attain a school-leaving certificate in the future?
   - Yes, maybe 1
   - Yes, definitely 2
   - No 3

54. What is the highest degree you plan to attain?
   - Lower track (Volksschule / Hauptschule) 1
   - Intermediate track (Realschule / Mittlere Reife) 2
   - Vocational school (Fachoberschule) 3
   - Upper track (Abitur / Hochschulreife) 4

55. Have you completed vocational training or university studies in Germany?
   - Yes 1
   - No 2
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<td>[Apprenticeship / Vocational degree as skilled worker] Please state the occupation:</td>
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57 Have you completed vocational training or university studies in another country than Germany?

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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>No</td>
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58 What kind of education or training was it?

*Multiple answers possible, the questions 59-61 refer to the highest degree.*

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<td>I attended a university or higher educational institution</td>
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58:lab11 Abroad: In-House Training Company                                   |       |
58:lab12 Abroad: Long Term Vocational Training in Company                   |       |
58:lab13 Abroad: Vocational School                                           |       |
58:lab14 Type Of Education, Training: University, College                   |       |
58:lab15 Abroad: Other                                                      |       |
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<td><strong>59. When did you complete this education or training?</strong></td>
<td>Year</td>
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<td><strong>60. Did you receive a transcript or certificate documenting the successful completion of this training or education?</strong></td>
<td>Yes: 1, No: 2</td>
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<td><strong>61. Did you apply for a recognition of your degree in Germany?</strong></td>
<td>Yes: 1, No: 2</td>
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<td>Has this degree or certificate been recognized in Germany?</td>
<td>The application process is still underway: 1, partly: 2, equivalent: 3, not recognized: 4</td>
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<td><strong>62. Do you intend to complete vocational/occupational training or attain a university degree in the future?</strong></td>
<td>Yes, maybe: 1, Yes, definitely: 2, No: 3</td>
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<td>Which of the following degrees do you plan to attain?</td>
<td>Multiple answers possible!</td>
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### Apprenticeship

- Full-time vocational school (Berufsfachschule) or health sector school (Schule des Gesundheitswesens)  
  - 1
- Higher-level trade or technical school (Meisterschule, Technikerschule)  
  - 1
- Training for civil servants (Beamtenausbildung)  
  - 1
- Dual course of study / college of advanced vocational studies  
  - 1
- Technical or professional college (Fachhochschule)  
  - 1
- University  
  - 1

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<td>Full-Time Vocation School</td>
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<td>62:lab26</td>
<td>University</td>
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### B6 Employment

**63** If you already were employed: How old were you when you first started working?

*We are not referring to vocational training but to your first job after you completed your training!*

... years old

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<td>Age When Went To Work</td>
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Have not yet held a job / have not yet completed in-service training  

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**64** Are you still doing the same job?

- Yes  
  - 1
- No   
  - 2

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**65** Are you still in the same working position when you first startet?

- Yes  
  - 1
- No   
  - 2

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66. Are you still working for the same employer?

If you are self-employed. Do you still have the same company / the same self-employment as then?

| Yes | 1 |
| No  | 2 |

67. What occupational status did you have at that time (in your first job)?

- Blue-collar worker (Arbeiter) (also in agriculture)
  - Unskilled worker (ungelernt)  
  - Semi-skilled worker (angelernt)
  - Trained worker (gelernter Arbeiter) or skilled worker (Facharbeiter)

- Self-employed (including family members working for the self-employed)
  - Self-employed farmer
  - Freelance professional, self-employed academic (selbständiger Akademiker)
  - Other self-employed

- Family member working for self-employed relative

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Type Of Blue-Collar Worker

Type Of Civil Servant
What was your job title at that time (in your first job)?

Please state the specific job title. For example, do not write "clerk" but rather "shipping clerk", not "blue-collar worker" but rather "machine metalworker".

What kind of training is usually required for this kind of work?

- No completed vocational training is required
- Completed vocational training
- Degree from a specialized college of higher education
- Degree from a university or other institution of higher education

Was the company you worked for at that time part of the public sector or public administration?

- Yes
- No

What sector of business or industry was your company or institution active in for the most part?

Please state the correct job title e.g. not "industry" but "electronic industry", not "trade" but "retail trade", not "public service", but "hospital". Please write in block letters.

Have you changed your occupation one or more times since then, such that the type of work you do has changed significantly?

- Yes, once
- Yes, several times
- No

When did you change to your current occupation or to the occupation that you worked in at your last job?

Are you gainfully employed at the present time?

- Yes
- No
74 When was the last year in which you were gainfully employed?
Year

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75 Were you last employed full-time, part-time, or marginally in your last job?

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<th>3</th>
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<td>Part-time (20 to 34 hours per week)</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Marginally or irregularly</td>
<td>3</td>
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75:lstd biol lb0267 Employment Status

76 Was the company where you held your last job part of the public sector or public administration?

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76:loed biol lb0269 Last Occupation: Civil Service

77 What sector of business or industry was your company or institution active in for the most part?

*Please state the correct job title e.g. not "Industry" but "electronic Industry", not "trade" but "retail trade", not "public service", but "hospital". Please write in block letters.*

78 What was your occupational status in your last job?

*If you had more than a professional activity, answer the following questions only for your time main occupation!*

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<th>10 or more employees</th>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>Volunteer, intern, etc.</td>
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78:larb biol lb0270
78:larb biol lb1272 Occupational Position (Last Job)
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**79 Have you performed any of the following voluntary services?**
- Voluntary social/ecological year (freiwilliges soziales/ökologisches Jahr)... | 1 |
- Federal volunteer service (Bundesfreiwilligendienst) | 1 |
- Voluntary military service (Freiwilligen Wehrdienst) | 1 |
- Performed none of these voluntary services | 1 |

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<th>[Voluntary military service] How long?</th>
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**80 Did you do compulsory military service or community service in place of military service?**
- Yes, ... |
| Compulsory military service for the legally stipulated period of time | 1 |
| Compulsory military service for an extended period of time as a professional soldier | 2 |
| Community service | 3 |
| Similar work in an emergency service agency | 4 |
| No, ... |
exempted from military service for medical or health reasons 2
exempted from military service assigned to military reserve force 3
exempted from military service for other reasons 4

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81 Do you have or had any siblings?
We are referring here to biological siblings, half-siblings, step-siblings, and adoptive siblings. Please provide the following information for each of your siblings (maximum of 10), from oldest to youngest. Please also state whether you lived with each sibling for your entire childhood, that is, up to the age of 15.

Yes ... siblings
81:lbsanz  biol  lb1060  Number Of Siblings Not In Germany
No 1

81:lbsno  biol  lb1091  No Siblings

Birthyear

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Sex

| Brother | 1 |
| Sister | 2 |

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Type of sibling
Did you live together throughout your entire childhood?

Yes 1

No, only ... years

Do you have or had children? If so, how much?

We mean you own children or adopted children (not stepchildren or fosterchildren)

Yes ... children

No, I never had any kids 1

Year of birth

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82:lkgeb1  biol  lb0305_v2
82:lkgeb1  biol  lb0308_v2

Gender
Son  1
Daughter  2

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82:lksex1  biol  lb0291  Sex Child 2
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82:lksex1  biol  lb0300  Sex Child 5
82:lksex1  biol  lb0303  Sex Child 6
82:lksex1  biol  lb0306  Sex Child 7
82:lksex1  biol  lb0309  Sex Child 8

Where does the child live today?
Here in this household  1
Here in this town  2
Elsewhere in West Germany  3
Elsewhere in East Germany  4
Abroad  5
Deceased  6

83: The following is about partnership and marriage. The questions are always asked in terms of the relationship, regardless of whether you got married in this relationship or not. Whether you have been married in the particular relationship or not will be clarified in subsequent questions. The questions are about both, the current relationship, as well as former relationships. We begin with the current relationship and then ask you retrospectively about the steady relationships you had before. Concerning the previous relations, we speak of a steady relationship if it lasted six months or longer.

If we are talking about matrimony or marriage, it is always meant registered same-sex partnership!

Go through the columns sequentially from top to bottom - so first A from 1 to 6, then B from 1 to 6, etc. If you can skip something, this will be shown by an arrow and the place where you please keep go on. For example, B5, means continue with column B, 5th issue!

A Do you currently have a fixed relationship?
Yes  1
No  2

83:lp1a  biol  lb0788  Currently Stable Relationship
[A] 1. The relationship...
[A] 1. Began in the year
83:lpja  biol  lb1209  Relationship Since
[A] 3. Do or did you live together?
3. No

3. Yes, moved together in the year

4. Do you still live together?

4. Yes

5. Are / were you married in this relationship?

5. No

5. Yes, we have married in the year

6. Does this marriage still exist?

6. No, the marriage ended in the year

B Have you had a stable relationship before?

Yes

No

1. The relationship...

1. Began in the year

1. Ended in the year

2. And ended by separation

2. And ended by death

3. Do or did you live together?

3. No

3. Yes, moved together in the year

4. Do you still live together?

4. Yes

4. No, end of living together in the year
5. Are / were you married in this relationship?
[B] 5. No

5. Yes, we married in the year

6. Does this marriage still exist?
Yes
[No] Divorce
Deceased

Did you have a stable relationship before?
Yes
No

1. The relationship...
2. The relationship
3. Do or did you live together?

3. No

4. Yes

5. Are / were you married in this relationship?
6. No, the marriage ended in the year

Did you have a relationship before?
Yes
No

1. The relationship began in the year
2. The relationship ended in the year
And ended by separation
death

3. Do or did you live together?
No

3. Yes, moved together in the year

4. Do you still live together?
No

4. Yes

5. Are / were you married in this relationship?
No

5. Yes, we married in the year

6. Does this marriage still exist?
Yes
Divorce
Deceased

6. No, the marriage ended in the year
B7 Realisation of the interview

A What date do we have today and at which time have you finished your survey?
Day
Month
Hour
Minute
A:ldatt biol iday day of interview
A:ldatm biol imonth month of interview
A:ldatst biol ihour End Of Interview, Hour
A:ldatmi biol iminute End Of Interview, Minute

B How was the interview 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 him/herself 4
B:lform biol binta survey instrument

C Duration of the interview:
The oral (complete or partial) interview lasted ... minutes
Length in minutes written interview
C:ldauer1 biol bintc01 Length In Minutes Oral Interview (Minutes)
C:ldauer2 biol bintc02 Length In Minutes Written Interview

D Other notes:

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