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Dear participant,

This biographical questionnaire provides supplementary information to the green individual questionnaire. It contains information on the individual that is collected only once.

Your participation is entirely voluntary.

The scientific validity of this survey depends, however, on the participation of every member.

We therefore cordially request that you either

– allow our staff member to interview you
– or carefully fill out this questionnaire yourself.

This questionnaire is to be filled out by

(may also be filled out by Interviewer):

First name:

<Vorname>
We also offer an online questionnaire as an alternative to the paper version.
To complete the questionnaire online, please enter the following address into your Internet browser:

`<LinkCAWI>`

Your personal access code is:

`<PWD-CAWI>`

If you completed the questionnaire online, you don’t need to return this printed questionnaire.

—if an interviewer is present, please enter:

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Interviewernummer
Make an X in the box next to the answer option that you think comes the closest. If you make a mistake, clearly cross out the wrong answer and make an X in the correct box.

*Example:*

Yes  
No

If you change your mind and decide that you want to select the answer that you just crossed out, you will need to clearly cross out the second mistake and then make a circle around the box you had crossed out first.

*Example:*

Yes  
No

When filling out the questionnaire, please pay attention to the instructions for each question:

*Example:*

Please select one answer only.

If there is a blank for you to write your answer in, please print your answer in the blank:

*Example:*

Country: 

Sometimes you are asked to give numerical answers. Please enter your answer by aligning numbers to the right in the spaces provided:

*Example:*

Number: 

If you should skip certain questions, there will be specific instructions:

*Example:*

Yes  
 Continue with question 11

Please make sure:

- that you fill out the questionnaire in black pen only.
- that your answers are clearly legible.
- and that your answers are inside the boxes.

This makes our work much easier. Thank you very much!

Further information

If you have any questions about filling out the questionnaire or about your participation in the study, you are welcome to contact us at infas.

You can call us during normal business hours at our toll-free number, 0800–6677876, or send us an e-mail at LiD@infas.de. We will respond to e-mails as quickly as possible. For more information on the study, please see the infas homepage at: www.leben-in-deutschland.de
## Citizenship and Country of Origin

### 1. Where were you born?
- In Germany, within its pre-war (1937) borders
- On German territory between 1938 and 1949
- In the Federal Republic of Germany (including West Berlin)
- In the German Democratic Republic (including East Berlin)
- In Saarland between 1947 and 1956
- In Germany since 1990
- In another country

Continue with question 2

### 2. Where were you born? If there are other towns or cities with the same name, or if the town is very small, please state the nearest city.
- Please write the name of the town in the upper blank and any additional information in the lower blank.
- For example, write “Düsseldorf”, “Frankfurt an der Oder”, or “Frankfurt am Main” in the upper blank, and in the case of “Roßdorf bei Schmalkalden”, write “Roßdorf” in the upper blank and “bei Schmalkalden” in the lower blank.
- Please give the current and / or German name!

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### 3. What federal state is your birthplace located in today?
- Baden-Wuerttemberg
- Bavaria
- Berlin
- Brandenburg
- Bremen
- Hamburg
- Hesse
- Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
- Lower Saxony
- North Rhine-Westphalia
- Rhineland-Palatinate
- Saarland
- Saxony
- Saxony-Anhalt
- Schleswig-Holstein
- Thuringia
- Birthplace no longer part of Germany

Continue with question 79, page 18

Continue with question 5, page 4
Where were you born? If there are other towns or cities with the same name, or if the town is very small, please state the nearest city.

Please write the name of the town in the upper blank and any additional information in the lower blank. For example, write “Düsseldorf”, “Frankfurt an der Oder”, or “Frankfurt am Main” in the upper blank, and in the case of “Roßdorf bei Schmalkalden”, write “Roßdorf” in the upper blank and “bei Schmalkalden” in the lower blank. Please follow the same procedure for birthplaces that are outside Germany.

Please give the current and / or German name!

Town: 

Additional information: 

What country is your birthplace located in today? If there have been political changes over time, please state the country’s present-day name (if possible in German).

Country / State: 

When did you first move to Germany?

Please select one answer only.

Before 1945
Between 1945 and 1949 due to forced displacement or fleeing war
Between 1945 and 1949 for other reasons
Between 1950 and 1979
Between 1980 and 1999
Between 2000 and 2003
Between 2004 and 2009
2010 or later

How You Came To Germany

The following questions are about when you left the country where you were born and about the different places you have stayed for more than three months since then. If you have spent three months or longer living in more than one foreign country, please answer these questions referring to up to three of these stays and, if applicable, your most recent move to Germany.

When did you first move abroad from the country where you were born?

If you don’t remember exactly, please estimate.

Month Year

What country did you move to at that time?

To Germany
To another country
When you moved to Germany, which group did you belong to?

**Please select one answer only.**

- Ethnic Germans (Aussiedler), in other words, people of German descent from an Eastern European country (1)
- German, born and raised abroad (2) ➔ Continue with question 11
- Citizens of EU or EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) (3) ➔ Continue with question 10
- Citizens of other countries (5)

There are different legal frameworks for immigrating to Germany. What about you: What was your immigration status at the time of your arrival in Germany?

**Please select one answer only.**

- Employed (1)
- Job seeker (2)
- Student or trainee (3)
- Family reunification (for example, as the spouse or child of someone with a residence permit) (4) ➔ Continue with question 12
- Asylum-seeker or refugee (8)
- Tourist (5)
- None of the above (6) ➔ Continue with question 12

Did you have a job before moving to Germany? In other words, did you have an employment contract or a contract for freelance work in Germany?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Did you move away from Germany again after that?

- No, I have remained in Germany since then (1) ➔ Continue with question 50, page 12
- Yes, to another country (3) ➔ Continue with question 16, page 6
- Yes, back to the country where I was born (2) ➔ Continue with question 13

When did you return to the country where you were born?

If you don’t remember exactly, please estimate.

[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
Month Year

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On what legal basis did you return to the country where you were born?

- As an employed person who already had a job offer
- As a spouse, child, or other family member
- As an asylum-seeker or refugee
- As a student or vocational trainee
- As a job-seeker
- On a different legal basis

Please state:

Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

- Moved to another country: Continue with question 16
- Moved to Germany: Continue with question 20

When did you move to that country?

If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

Please state:

What country did you move to then?

We are only referring to stays lasting three months or longer.
Please give the country's present-day German name.

On what legal basis did you move to that country?

- As an employed person who already had a job offer
- As a spouse, child, or other family member
- As an asylum-seeker or refugee
- As a student or vocational trainee
- As a job-seeker
- On a different legal basis

Please state:

Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

To Germany: Continue with question 20
To another country: Continue with question 28, page 8
20. When did you move to Germany?
   ✅ If you don’t remember exactly, please estimate.
   
   Month  Year

21. When you moved to Germany, which group did you belong to?
   Please select one answer only.
   
   Ethnic Germans (Aussiedler), in other words, people of German descent from an Eastern European country
   ✖
   
   German, born and raised abroad
   ✖
   
   Citizens of EU or EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland)
   ✖
   
   Citizens of other countries
   ✖
   
   ✅ Continue with question 23

22. There are different legal frameworks for immigrating to Germany. What about you: What was your immigration status at the time of your arrival in Germany?
   Please select one answer only.
   
   ✅ Au-pairs and interns are considered employed.
   
   Employed
   ✖
   
   Job seeker
   ✖
   
   Student or trainee
   ✖
   
   Family reunification (for example, as the spouse or child of someone with a residence permit)
   ✖
   
   Asylum-seeker or refugee
   ✖
   
   Tourist
   ✖
   
   None of the above
   ✖
   
   ✅ Continue with question 24

23. Did you have a job before moving to Germany? In other words, did you have an employment contract or a contract for freelance work in Germany?
   
   Yes
   ✖
   
   No
   ✖

24. Did you move away from Germany again after that?
   We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.
   
   No, I have remained in Germany since then
   ✖
   
   Yes, to another country
   ✖
   
   Yes, back to the country where I was born
   ✖
   
   ✅ Continue with question 50, page 12

25. When did you return to the country where you were born?
   If you don’t remember exactly, please estimate.
   
   Month  Year
26 On what legal basis did you return to the country where you were born?

Please select one answer only.

- As an employed person who already had a job offer 1
- As a spouse, child, or other family member 4
- As an asylum-seeker or refugee 8
- As a student or vocational trainee 3
- As a job-seeker 2
- On a different legal basis 6

Please state:

27 Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

Moved to another country: ☐ → Continue with question 28
Moved to Germany: ☐ → Continue with question 32

28 When did you move to that country?

If you don’t remember exactly, please estimate.

Month Year

29 What country did you move to then?

We are only referring to stays lasting three months or longer.
Please give the country’s present-day German name.

Country:

30 On what legal basis did you move to that country?

Please select one answer only.

- As an employed person who already had a job offer 1
- As a spouse, child, or other family member 4
- As an asylum-seeker or refugee 8
- As a student or vocational trainee 3
- As a job-seeker 2
- On a different legal basis 6

Please state:

31 Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

To Germany: ☐ → Continue with question 32
To another country: ☐ → Continue with question 40
32 When did you move to Germany?

If you don’t remember exactly, please estimate.

Month  Year

33 When you moved to Germany, which group did you belong to?

Please select one answer only.

Ethnic Germans (Aussiedler), in other words, people of German descent from an Eastern European country

German, born and raised abroad

Citizens of EU or EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland)

Citizens of other countries

Continue with question 35

Continue with question 34

34 There are different legal frameworks for immigrating to Germany. What about you: What was your immigration status at the time of your arrival in Germany?

Please select one answer only.

Employed

Job seeker

Student or trainee

Family reunification (for example, as the spouse or child of someone with a residence permit)

Asylum-seeker or refugee

Tourist

None of the above

Continue with question 36

35 Did you have a job before moving to Germany? In other words, did you have an employment contract or a contract for freelance work in Germany?

Yes

No

36 Did you move away from Germany again after that?

We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

No, I have remained in Germany since then

Yes, to another country

Yes, back to the country where I was born

Continue with question 50, page 12

Continue with question 40, page 10

Continue with question 37

37 When did you return to the country where you were born?

If you don’t remember exactly, please estimate.

Month  Year
On what legal basis did you return to the country where you were born?

Please select one answer only.

- As an employed person who already had a job offer
- As a spouse, child, or other family member
- As an asylum-seeker or refugee
- As a student or vocational trainee
- As a job-seeker
- On a different legal basis

Please state:

Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

Moved to another country → Continue with question 40
Moved to Germany → Continue with question 44

When did you move to that country?

If you don’t remember exactly, please estimate.

Month Year

What country did you move to then?

We are only referring to stays lasting three months or longer.
Please give the country’s present-day German name.

Country:

On what legal basis did you move to that country?

Please select one answer only.

- As an employed person who already had a job offer
- As a spouse, child, or other family member
- As an asylum-seeker or refugee
- As a student or vocational trainee
- As a job-seeker
- On a different legal basis

Please state:

Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

To Germany
To another country

When did you most recently move to Germany?

If you don’t remember exactly, please estimate.

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When you moved to Germany, which group did you belong to?

Please select one answer only.

- Ethnic Germans (Aussiedler), in other words, people of German descent from an Eastern European country
- German, born and raised abroad
- Citizens of EU or EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland)
- Citizens of other countries

Continue with question 47
Continue with question 46

There are different legal frameworks for immigrating to Germany. What about you: What was your immigration status at the time of your arrival in Germany?

Please select one answer only.

- Employed
- Job seeker
- Student or trainee
- Family reunification (for example, as the spouse or child of someone with a residence permit)
- Asylum-seeker or refugee
- Tourist
- None of the above

Continue with question 48

Did you have a job before moving to Germany? In other words, did you have an employment contract or a contract for freelance work in Germany?

Yes
No

How many times have you spent more than three months living in a different country than the one where you were born?

We are referring to continuous stays of more than three months outside the country where you were born. This includes stays in Germany. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

Number of longer-term stays:

How much time in total did you spend on all of these longer stays outside the country where you were born?

Please include your current stay in Germany.

If not applicable, please enter “0” (for instance, 3 years 0 months, or 0 years 5 months)

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50 What best describes your living situation immediately after moving to Germany?

- I moved into an existing household [1]
- I started a new household [2]
- I initially lived in transitional housing for immigrants [3]

51 What town in Germany did you move to?
Please give the name of the closest city if there is more than one town in Germany with the same name.

- Town: [ ]
- Closest City: [ ]

52 What federal state is that town or city located in today?

- Baden-Württemberg [8]
- Bavaria [9]
- Berlin [11]
- Brandenburg [12]
- Bremen [4]
- Hamburg [2]
- Hesse [6]
- Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania [13]
- Lower Saxony [3]
- North Rhine-Westphalia [5]
- Rhineland-Palatinate [7]
- Saarland [10]
- Saxony [14]
- Saxony-Anhalt [15]
- Schleswig-Holstein [1]
- Thuringia [16]
What was your main reason for choosing this town as your first home in Germany?

If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.

Because family members lived there 1
Because friends / acquaintances lived there 2
Placed there by a government agency (for example, as a refugee, asylum seeker, ethnic German immigrant) 3
Because of the low rent 4
Job-related reasons 8
Because of the convenient location (close to work, campus, etc.) 6
Other reasons 7

How long in total did you live in that first place?

If you don’t remember exactly, please estimate.
If not applicable, please enter “0” (for instance, 3 years 0 months, or 0 years 5 months)

[ ] Years  [ ] Months

Which of the following was your main reason for moving to Germany?

If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.

Family reasons / partnership 1
Economic reasons 2
Political reasons (discrimination, distress, persecution, war) 3
Other reasons 4

↓ Please state:

When you moved to Germany, did you have the help of any relatives or friends who already lived in Germany?

If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.

Please select all that apply!

Yes, from relatives
Yes, from acquaintances in Germany
Yes, from acquaintances in the country I am from
Yes, from acquaintances from another country
No
57 How well did you know German before moving to Germany...

If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.

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... speaking?

... writing?

... reading?

58 Have you ever taken German language classes, either before moving to Germany or in Germany?

Please select all that apply!

- Yes, before moving to Germany
- Yes, in Germany
- No, I have never taken German classes

Relationship at the Time of Your Move to Germany

59 A relationship, whether marriage or otherwise, can affect our decisions, sometimes to a greater and sometimes to a lesser extent. We therefore ask you to think back to before you moved to Germany – before you made the decision to move here.

Were you in a serious relationship before moving to Germany?

Yes 1  No 2  → Continue with question 65

60 Did this relationship continue after you moved to Germany?

Yes 1  No 2  → Continue with question 65

61 Who played the decisive role in your decision to move here – who was the driving force in that decision?

- My partner 1
- I was 2
- Both to an equal extent 3
Are you still in this relationship today?
No 2  Yes 1  → Continue with question 65

What was the situation when you moved to Germany:
Which of you moved to Germany first, or did you move to Germany together?
My (former) partner did not move to Germany 5  → Continue with question 65
We moved to Germany at the same time 4
My partner already lived in Germany before we met 3
I moved to Germany before my partner 2  → Continue with question 64
My partner moved to Germany before me 1

When did your partner move to Germany?

Work Before Moving to Germany

Were you employed before moving to Germany?
Yes 1  No 2  → Continue with question 73, page 16

What country were you last employed in before your (most recent) move to Germany?

What was your occupation before moving to Germany?

What was your occupational status before moving to Germany?

Blue-collar (including agricultural) worker without management responsibilities 1
Blue-collar (including agricultural) worker with management responsibilities 2
Self-employed or working for self-employed relative 3
White-collar employee without management responsibilities 4
White-collar employee with management responsibilities 5
Civil servant / public administrator, including judges and professional military without management responsibilities 6
Civil servant / public administrator, including judges and professional military with management responsibilities 7
What sector of business or industry was your company or institution active in for the most part?

Please state the specific term for the branch / sector, for example, not “industry” but rather “electronics industry”; not “trade” but rather “retail trade”; not “health care” but rather “hospital.”

What was your net income in that occupation before moving to Germany?

Please state the local currency that you were paid in, and the net amount of your last monthly paycheck in the local currency.

Local currency: 

Net income: 

How many hours did you work per week on average in that job?

Please state the number of hours, rounding fractions to the first decimal place.

Hours per week: 

What was the last year and month that you were employed at that job?

Month Year

First Job in Germany

Have you ever been employed in Germany?

Yes 1 □ No 2 □ Continue with question 122, page 26

When did you start your first paid job in Germany?

If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.

If you don’t remember exactly, please estimate.

Month Year
What about after moving to Germany: How did you find out about your first job?

If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.

Through the federal employment office (Bundesagentur für Arbeit / the Jobcenter)

Through an employment office / agency in my home country

Through an employment agency for foreigners

Through a private job agency

Through a job advertisement in the newspaper

An advertisement on the Internet

Through friends or acquaintances

Through family members

Through business relationships in Germany

Was self-employed in my first job

Other

Where is this person from?

From Germany

From your country of origin

From another country

What was your last net monthly income in that job?

Please try to remember the amount in euros or, if applicable, in deutschmarks or east german marks.

Net amount: in euros

in deutschmarks

in east german marks

How many hours did you work per week on average in that job?

Please state the number of hours, rounding fractions to the first decimal place.

Hours per week:
Many people live in different countries over the course of their lives. What about you? Have you always lived in Germany, or have you lived in another country besides Germany for more than three months?

We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

Yes, I have always lived in Germany 1 → Continue with question 104, page 22
No, I have also lived in another country 2

The following questions are about other countries where you have lived for longer than three months. If you have lived in more than one other country for longer than three months, please answer for up to three, and if applicable, for the last one as well.

What country did you move to first?

We are only referring to countries where you have lived for three months or longer. Please give the country’s present-day German name.

When did you move to that country?

If you can’t remember exactly, please estimate.

Month Year

Why did you move to that country?

Please select one answer only.

As an employed person who already had a job offer 1
As a spouse, child, or other family member 4
As a student or vocational trainee 3
As a job-seeker 2
For a different reason 6

Please state:

Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

To another country :  
Directly to Germany :  

When did you move to Germany?

If you can’t remember exactly, please estimate.

Month Year
85 What about after you had lived in Germany for a while: Did you move away again?

We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

No, I have stayed in Germany ever since 2  \(\rightarrow\) Continue with question 104, page 22

Yes, to another country 1  \(\rightarrow\) Continue with question 86

86 What country did you move to second?

We are only referring to stays lasting three months or longer.

Please give the country’s present-day German name.

87 When did you move to that country?

If you can’t remember exactly, please estimate.

Month Year

88 Why did you move to that country?

Please select one answer only.

As an employed person who already had a job offer 1
As a spouse, child, or other family member 4
As a student or vocational trainee 3
As a job-seeker 2
For a different reason 6

↓ Please state:

89 Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

To another country 1  \(\rightarrow\) Continue with question 92, page 20

Directly to Germany 2  \(\rightarrow\) Continue with question 90

90 When did you move to Germany?

If you can’t remember exactly, please estimate.

Month Year
What about after you had lived in Germany for a while: Did you move away again?

We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

No, I have stayed in Germany ever since

Yes, to another country

We are referring here to stays lasting three months or longer. Please give the country’s present-day German name.

When did you move to that country?

If you can’t remember exactly, please estimate.

Month Year

Why did you move to that country?

Please select one answer only.

As an employed person who already had a job offer

As a spouse, child, or other family member

As a student or vocational trainee

As a job-seeker

For a different reason

Please state:

Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

To another country

Directly to Germany

When did you move to Germany?

If you can’t remember exactly, please estimate.

Month Year
What about after you had lived in Germany for a while: Did you move away again?

We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

No, I have stayed in Germany ever since 2  →  Continue with question 104, page 22
Yes, to another country 1  →  Continue with question 98

Now we are just interested in your last stay abroad:
What country did you move to last?

We are only referring to stays lasting three months or longer.
Please give the country’s present-day German name.

When did you move to that country?

If you can’t remember exactly, please estimate.

Month Year

Why did you move to that country?

Please select one answer only.

As an employed person who already had a job offer 1
As a spouse, child, or other family member 4
As a student or vocational trainee 3
As a job-seeker 2
For a different reason 6

Please state:

When did you move back to Germany after your last stay abroad?

If you can’t remember exactly, please estimate.

Month Year

How many times have you spent more than three months living abroad?

We are referring to stays abroad lasting more than three months, including the four mentioned above.

Number of stays abroad lasting more than three months:
How much time in total did you spend on all of these longer stays abroad?

- We are referring to stays abroad lasting more than three months, including the four mentioned above. Accordingly, please add up all your stays abroad that have lasted longer than 3 months.
- If not applicable, please enter “0” (for instance, 3 years 0 months, or 0 years 5 months).

Enter years and months:

Years  Months

Employment

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!

Age: 

Continue with question 105

Have not yet held a job / have not yet completed in-service training

Continue with question 122, page 26

Are you still doing the same type of work today?

Yes  No

Continue with question 108

Do you still have the same occupational status today as you did in your first job?

Yes  No

Continue with question 108

Are you still working for the same employer as in your first job?

No  Yes

Continue with question 122, page 26

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

Please select one answer only.

Occupational status

Blue-collar worker (also in agriculture)  
Self-employed or working for self-employed family member  
White-collar worker  
Civil servant or public administration employee (including judges and professional soldiers)  

Continue with question 108a

Continue with question 108b

Continue with question 108d

Continue with question 108e

What type of blue-collar worker were you exactly?

Blue-collar worker

Unskilled worker  
Semi-skilled worker  
Skilled / specialist worker

Continue with question 109
What type of self-employment was that exactly?

Self-employment

- Self-employed farmer
- Freelance professional, self-employed academic
- Other self-employed worker / entrepreneur
- Family member working for self-employed relative

Continue with question 108c

How many employees did you have?

- None
- 1-9 employees
- 10 or more employees

Continue with question 109

What type of white-collar worker were you exactly?

White-collar worker

- 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, Industry or factory foreman / forewoman)

Continue with question 109

What type of civil servant were you exactly?

Civil servant

- Lower level
- Middle level
- Upper level
- Executive level

What type of work did you do 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 type of education or training is usually required for this type of work?

- No completed vocational training is required
- Completed vocational training
- Degree from a technical college (Fachhochschule)
- 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 specific term for the branch/sector, for example, not “industry” but rather “electronics industry”; not “trade” but rather “retail trade”; not “health care” but rather “hospital”.

Have you changed occupations one or more times since then, such that the type of work you do has changed significantly?
Yes, once [ ]
Yes, several times [ ] → Continue with question 114
No [ ] → Continue with question 115

What year did you switch to your current or last occupation?

Are you currently employed?
No [ ]
Yes [ ] → Continue with question 122, page 26

What was the last year you were employed?

What was your last occupation?

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

Were you last employed full-time, part-time, or marginally in your last job?
Full-time (at least 35 hours per week) [ ]
Part-time (20 to 34 hours per week) [ ]
Marginally or irregularly [ ]

Was the company where you held your last job part of the public sector or public administration?
Yes [ ]
No [ ]
**120** What sector of business or industry was your company or institution active in for the most part?

*Please state the specific term for the branch/sector, for example, not “industry” but rather “electronics industry”; not “trade” but rather “retail trade”; not “health care” but rather “hospital”.*

**121** What was your occupational status in your last job?

*If you had more than one job at that time, please answer the following for your main job only!*

### Occupational status

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**121a** What type of blue-collar worker were you exactly?

### Blue-collar worker

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<td>Skilled / specialist worker</td>
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<td>Foreman, group leader</td>
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<td>Master tradesman / craftsman, site foreman</td>
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**121b** What type of self-employment was that exactly?

### Self-employment

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**121c** How many employees did you have?

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**121d** What type of apprentice / trainee / intern were you exactly?

### Apprentice / trainee / intern

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<td>Volunteer, intern, etc.</td>
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**What type of white-collar worker were you exactly?**

**White-collar worker**

- 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 in managerial function (e.g., scientist, engineer, department head, Industry or factory foreman / forewoman) [ ]
- Salaried employee in senior management role (e.g., managing director, business manager, head of a large firm or concern) [ ]
- Managing partner or similar white-collar employee in self-owned business / company [ ]

*Continue with question 122*

**What type of civil servant were you exactly?**

**Civil servant**

- Lower level [ ]
- Middle level [ ]
- Upper level [ ]
- Executive level [ ]

**Have you performed volunteer service in any of the following programs?**

*Please select all that apply.*

- Voluntary social / ecological year [ ]
- Federal volunteer service [ ] → How long? Number of months:
- Voluntary military service [ ] → How long? Number of months:
- Have not performed volunteer service in any of these programs [ ]

**Only for men born in 1992 or before:**

**Have you served in the military or in the Alternative Civilian Service?**

Yes, ...

- ... compulsory military service for the legally stipulated period of time [ ]
- ... compulsory military service for an extended period of time as a professional soldier [ ]
- ... community service [ ]
- ... similar work in an emergency service agency [ ]

No, ...

- ... exempted from military service for medical or health reasons [ ]
- ... exempted from military service and assigned to military reserve force [ ]
- ... exempted from military service for other reasons [ ]
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<td>Do you have German citizenship?</td>
<td>Yes 1 No 2</td>
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<td>125</td>
<td>Have you had German citizenship since birth or did you acquire it at a later date?</td>
<td>Since birth 1 At a later date 2</td>
<td>→ Continue with question 130 Continue with question 126</td>
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<td>What citizenship did you have before?</td>
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<td>And in what year did you acquire German citizenship?</td>
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<td>What is your country of citizenship?</td>
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<td>129</td>
<td>Do you have citizenship in another country besides the one mentioned above?</td>
<td>No 2 Yes 1</td>
<td>→ please state:</td>
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<td>130</td>
<td>Where did you live before German reunification, that is, before 1989?</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>131</td>
<td>Since when have you personally been living in this house or apartment?</td>
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<td>If you can’t remember exactly, please estimate.</td>
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<td>132</td>
<td>Do you have another dwelling besides this one (the one where we are conducting this interview) where you personally live or spend your vacation?</td>
<td>No 1 Yes, in Germany 2 Yes, outside Germany 3</td>
<td>→ Continue with question 134, page 28 →Continue with question 133, page 28</td>
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</table>
Which dwelling do you use the most?

This one (the one where we are conducting this interview)  
The other one  
Both approximately the same

Now, Please Think Back ...

Where did you spend the majority of your childhood up to the age of 15?

Was it ...

... in a large city  
... in a medium-sized city  
... in a small town  
... in a rural area

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

Yes, I still do  
Yes, I have moved back  
No

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

Please round to whole years.
Adoptive parents count as biological parents.

With both of your (biological) parents  
With your mother without a (new) partner  
With your mother and her (new) partner  
With your father without a (new) partner  
With your father and his (new) partner  
With other relatives  
With foster parents  
In an orphanage

Sum total of all years (please check!): 15 Years
137 Did you regularly attend pre-school, daycare, or another institution?

Not referring to after-school care provided by the elementary school!

Yes 1 ☐ No 2 ☐ → Continue with question 139

138 At what age did you start regularly attending this institution?

At the age of: ☐ ☐ Years

Can't remember 1 ☐

139 If you think back to when you were in school: 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 ☐

140 How often did you argue or fight with your parents when you were 15 years old?

Very often 1 2 3 4 5 6

With your father ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

With your mother ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

141 Were you actively involved in musical activities growing up?
For example, did you sing or play a musical instrument?

Yes 1 ☐
No 2 ☐

142 Were you involved in extracurricular sports in your youth?

Yes 1 ☐
No 2 ☐ → Continue with question 146, page 30

143 Which of the sports you played was the most important to you?

Most important sport:

144 Did you ever train for competition in this sport?

Yes 1 ☐
No 2 ☐

145 Have you ever entered a competition in this sport?

Yes 1 ☐
No 2 ☐
We would now like to ask you for some information about your personal history starting at age 15.

Please fill out the table below as follows:
1. Please enter the year in which you turned 15, 20, 25, etc. up to your present age in the boxes at the top.
2. Then in the boxes below, select how you have spent your life since the age of 15—from when to when you were in school, when you were in occupational training, when you were employed, and so on. It’s important that you select an answer for EVERY year of your life up to the present day / up to the age of 65. If you were doing more than one thing in a particular year, you can select more than one box.

| Year | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 |
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... At the age of...

... years I was...
- attending school / university / night school
- completing an apprenticeship / vocational training / further education / retraining
- in (voluntary) military / community service\(^1\), voluntary social / ecological year\(^2\), federal volunteer service\(^3\), at war, in captivity
- employed full-time (including regular / professional soldiers)
- employed part-time or marginally employed
- in short-time work
- unemployed
- homemaker
- retired / in early retirement
- other

\(^1\) freiwilliger Wehrdienst / Zivildienst, \(^2\) freiwilliges soziales / ökologisches Jahr, \(^3\) Bundesfreiwilligendienst
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**When You Were 15 . . . . and Older**

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... employed part-time or marginally employed
... in short-time work
... unemployed
... homemaker
... retired / in early retirement
... other
School Education / School Completion

147 What was the last year you attended school?

We are not referring here to schools that provide vocational training, such as vocational schools or vocational academies (Berufsschulen, Berufsakademien).

In the year: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

→ Continue with question 148

I am still attending school [ ] → Continue with question 155, page 34

Have never attended school [ ] → Continue with question 156, page 34

148 Where did you last attend school?

In Germany up to 1949 [ ]

In one of the federal states of the Federal Republic of Germany [ ]

In the former East Germany [ ]

In another country [ ]

→ Continue with question 152

→ Continue with question 149

149 How many years did you attend school?

[ ] [ ] Years

150 What type of school-leaving certificate did you attain?

Left school without graduating [ ]

Graduated from mandatory schooling with school-leaving certificate [ ]

Graduated from higher-level secondary school with school-leaving certificate [ ]

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

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→ Continue with question 156, page 34
What federal state is your last school located in today?

- Baden-Wuerttemberg
- Bavaria
- Berlin
- Brandenburg
- Bremen
- Hamburg
- Hesse
- Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
- Lower Saxony
- North Rhine-Westphalia
- Rhineland-Palatinate
- Saarland
- Saxony
- Saxony-Anhalt
- Schleswig-Holstein
- Thuringia
- School location no longer part of Germany

What type of school-leaving certificate did you attain?

- Left school without graduating
- Lower track (Volksschule / Hauptschule / 8th grade GDR)
- Intermediate track (Realschule / Mittlere Reife / 10th grade GDR)
- Vocational school (Fachoberschule)
- Upper track (Abitur / Hochschulreife)
- Other school-leaving certificate

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

- **German**
  - Excellent
  - Good
  - Satisfactory
  - Sufficient
  - Unsatisfactory
  - Poor
  - Did not take this subject

- **Mathematics**

- **First foreign language**

Please state: last school type attended

Please state: type of school-leaving certificate attained

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Thinking about your classmates in the last year of school you attended, or your current classmates if you’re still in school: How many of your classmates were/are not from Germany or have parents who were/are not from Germany – in other words, how many have a family history of migration?

Please select one answer only.

- All
- Most
- Approximately half
- Approximately one-fourth
- Fewer than one-fourth
- None

Do you intend to attain a school-leaving certificate in the future?

- Yes, maybe
- Yes, definitely
- No

What is the highest degree you plan to attain?

Please select one answer only.

- Lower track (Volksschule / Hauptschule)
- Intermediate track (Realschule / Mittlere Reife)
- Vocational school (Fachoberschule)
- Upper track (Abitur / Hochschulreife)
### Vocational Training / University Education

#### 158 Have you completed vocational training or university studies in Germany?

- **Yes** 1
- **No** 2

→ Continue with question 160, page 36

#### 159 What type of vocational or university degree did you attain and when did you attain it?

🛠️ Please select all that apply.

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- **Apprenticeship (Lehre), Vocational degree as skilled worker (Facharbeiterabschluss)**

- **Full-time vocational school (Berufsfachschule), commercial college (Handelsschule), Health sector school (Schule des Gesundheitswesens)**

- **Higher level trade or technical school (e.g., Meisterschule, Technikerschule)**

- **Training for civil servants (Beamtenausbildung)**

- **Technical or professionally oriented college (Fachhochschule, Berufsakademie; formerly also engineer or teacher training)**

- **University or university-level degree**

- **Doctoral studies (Promotion)**

- **Other degree**

Please state the career path

Please state degree

Please state subject(s)
160 Did you pursue university studies or vocational training in a different country than Germany?
Yes 1  No 2  → Continue with question 170

161 What kind of vocational training was it?
疚 Please select all that apply.
1 I received in-house training at a company
2 I completed an extended apprenticeship at a company
3 I attended a vocational school
4 I attended a university / higher education institution
5 I completed a doctoral degree at a university
6 Other

The following questions 162 to 169 refer to the education you indicated in question 161. If you indicated more than one in question 161, please refer to the highest degree you have completed in the following questions.

162 In what year did you complete this vocational training?
In the year: [ ] [ ] [ ]

163 Did you receive a certificate of graduation or diploma upon completion of this vocational training?
Yes 1  No 2

164 Did you apply to have your degree recognized in Germany?
Yes 1  No 2  → Continue with question 169

165 What German occupation did you name in your application for recognition of your degree or qualifications?

166 When did you apply to have your degree recognized?
疚 If you can’t remember exactly, please estimate.
Month [ ] [ ] Year [ ] [ ]

167 And was your qualification or degree recognized in Germany?
The application process is still underway 1  → Continue with question 170
Yes, partly 2
Yes, equivalent 3
No, was not recognized 4  → Continue with question 168
And when did you receive the decision?

*If you can’t remember exactly, please estimate.*

[ ] [ ] Month Year

→ Continue with question 170

Why didn’t you apply to have your degree or qualifications recognized?

*Please select one answer only.*

The recognition is not important to me because I am legally permitted to practice my profession without it

The recognition is not important to me because I don’t see it as having any added value for me on the labor market

I don’t know how and where to apply for recognition

I don’t know how to pay for the recognition

I don’t have some of the documents that are needed to obtain recognition

The recognition process is too bureaucratic / time-consuming

I have no chance of having my degree recognized

Other reasons

→ Continue with question 171

Do you intend to complete vocational / occupational training or attain a university degree in the future?

No

Yes, maybe

Yes, definitely

→ Continue with question 172, page 38

Which of the following degrees do you plan to attain?

*Please select all that apply.*

Apprenticeship

Full-time vocational school (Berufsfachschule) or health sector school (Schule des Gesundheitswesens)

Higher-level trade or technical school (Meisterschule, Technikerschule)

Training for civil servants (Beamtenausbildung)

Dual study program / college of advanced vocational study

Technical or professional college (Fachhochschule)

University
The following questions are about your parents. Please answer the questions about your mother and father in the corresponding columns.

Please answer questions 173 to 188 in columns, that is, all of these questions for your father first and then for your mother.

### Do your mother and father live in this household?

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1. Yes → Mother, Question 172
2. No → Question 189, page 43

### What year was your father / mother born?

#### Year of birth:

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### Where was your father / mother born?

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1. In Germany, within its pre-war (1937) borders → Question 175
2. On German territory between 1938 and 1949 → Question 175
3. In the Federal Republic of Germany (including West Berlin) → Question 175
4. In the German Democratic Republic (including East Berlin) → Question 175
5. In Saarland between 1947 and 1956 → Question 175
6. In Germany since 1990 → Question 175
7. In another country → Question 176
### What federal state is your father’s / mother’s birthplace located in today?

If one parent was born in another country, please answer the question for the other parent only.

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### What country is your father’s / mother’s birthplace located in today?

Please give the country’s present-day German name.

### Did your father / mother move to the present-day territory of Germany?

Yes

No

### What year did your father / mother move to the present-day territory of Germany?

Year
**179 Where does your father / mother live today?**

> Please give only one answer for your father and one answer for your mother.

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<td>Here in this city/town, but in a different household</td>
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<tr>
<td>Elsewhere in Germany</td>
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<td>In a different country</td>
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<td>Parent is deceased</td>
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**180 Is your father / mother still living?**

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<tr>
<td>No, is deceased</td>
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**181 When did your father / mother die?**

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<tr>
<td>Year of death:</td>
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**182 Does or did your father / mother have German citizenship?**

> Please give only one answer for your father and one answer for your mother.

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<tr>
<td>Yes, since birth</td>
<td><img src="" alt=" " /></td>
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<tr>
<td>Yes, based on recognition of his / her ethnic German status</td>
<td><img src="" alt=" " /></td>
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<tr>
<td>Yes, through naturalization</td>
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<tr>
<td>No</td>
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**183 What citizenship does / did your father / mother hold?**

> If your parent was naturalized or granted citizenship based on ethnic German status, please state their prior citizenship.

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**184 Does or did your father / mother belong to a church or religious community?**

*Please give only one answer for your father and one answer for your mother.*

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<th>Mother</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Yes, member of the Catholic church</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yes, member of the Protestant church</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Yes, member of another Christian religious group</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yes, member of an Islamic religious group</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Yes, member of another religious group</td>
<td>☐ 5</td>
<td>☐ 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No, no religious affiliation</td>
<td>☐ 6</td>
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**185 What level of schooling did your father / mother complete?**

*If they completed school in a different country, please designate accordingly.*

*Please give only one answer for your father and one answer for your mother.*

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<tr>
<td>No school-leaving certificate</td>
<td>☐ 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lower track (Volksschule / Hauptschule / 8th grade GDR)</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Intermediate track (Mittlere Reife / Realschule / 10th grade GDR)</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Upper track (Abitur / Hochschulreife / EOS)</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
<td>☐ 4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other type of school</td>
<td>☐ 5</td>
<td>☐ 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Don't know</td>
<td>☐ 6</td>
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**186 Did your father / mother complete vocational training or a university degree?**

*If they completed school in a different country, please designate accordingly.*

*Please give only one answer for your father and one answer for your mother.*

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<td>Yes, vocational training</td>
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<td>Yes, university degree</td>
<td>☐ 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>No, he did not complete training or a university degree</td>
<td>☐ 3</td>
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<td>Don't know</td>
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</table>
Which of the following categories describes your father's / mother's occupational status when you were 15 years old?

If your father / mother was in an occupational status, please provide both the top category (printed in blue) and the subcategory listed below it. Please provide this information for your father and for your mother.

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<td>Was not economically active</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Was deceased</td>
<td>Was deceased</td>
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<td>Blue-collar worker (also in agriculture)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unskilled worker</td>
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<td>Semi-skilled worker</td>
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<td>Skilled / specialist worker</td>
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<td>Foreman, group leader</td>
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<td>Master tradesman/craftsman, site foreman</td>
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<td>White-collar worker</td>
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<td>Salaried employee engaged in unskilled activities without completed training / education</td>
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<tr>
<td>Salaried employee engaged in unskilled activities with completed training / education</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Salaried employee engaged in skilled activities (e.g., executive officer, bookkeeper, technical draftsman)</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Salaried employee engaged in highly skilled activities or in managerial function (e.g., scientist, engineer, department head, Industry or factory foreman / forewoman)</td>
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<td>Salaried employee in senior management role (e.g., managing director, business manager, head of a large firm or concern)</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Managing partner or similar white-collar employee in self-owned business / company</td>
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<td>Civil servant or public administration employee (including judges and professional soldiers)</td>
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### What job did you father / mother do at the time?

> Please give the precise German designation.

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<td>Self-employed farmer without employees</td>
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<td>Self-employed farmer with employees</td>
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<td>Freelance professional, self-employed academic without employees</td>
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<td>Freelance professional, self-employed academic with employees</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other self-employed worker / entrepreneur without employees</td>
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<td>Family member working for self-employed relative</td>
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### Your Grandparents — First, Your Father's Parents

#### What year was your grandfather / grandmother born?

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#### Where was your grandfather / grandmother born?

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- On German territory between 1938 and 1949
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- In the German Democratic Republic (including East Berlin)
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- In Germany since 1990
- In another country
What federal state is your grandfather’s / grandmother’s birthplace located in today?

If one grandparent was born in another country, please answer the question only for the other grandparent.

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What country is your grandfather’s / grandmother’s birthplace located in today?

Please give the country’s present-day German name.

Did your grandfather / grandmother move to the present-day territory of Germany?

Yes

No

What year did your grandfather / grandmother move to the present-day territory of Germany?

Year:
Your Grandparents — Now, Your Mother’s Parents

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The following questions are about your mother’s parents.

- If you are unable to answer some of the questions precisely, please give an estimate.
- If you have no idea, leave the answer blank.
- Please answer questions 195 through 200 in columns, so first answer all of these questions for your grandfather and then for your grandmother.

What year was your grandfather / grandmother born?

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Where was your grandfather / grandmother born?

- In Germany, within its pre-war (1937) borders
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- In the German Democratic Republic (including East Berlin)
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### What federal state is your grandfather’s / grandmother’s birthplace located in today?

If one grandparent was born in another country, please answer the question only for the other grandparent.

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### What country is your grandfather’s / grandmother’s birthplace located in today?

Please give the country’s present-day German name.

### Did your grandfather / grandmother move to the present-day territory of Germany?

Yes

No

### What year did your grandfather / grandmother move to the present-day territory of Germany?

Year:
Do you or did you have any siblings?

Siblings includes biological, half, step, and adoptive brothers and sisters.

Yes 1 → Please state: siblings

No 2 → Continue with question 202, page 48

For each of your brothers and sisters (or a maximum of ten), please give us the following information. Please start with your oldest sibling and continue by age, ending with the youngest.

For all siblings, please tell us the respective month and year of birth, then the gender according to the birth certificate, and please tell us what type of sibling each is (or was). Please state whether you spent your entire childhood — up to the age of 15 — living in the same household with the particular sibling.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year and month of birth</th>
<th>Gender according to birth certificate</th>
<th>Type of sibling</th>
<th>Did you spend your entire childhood living together?</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Male 1</td>
<td>Female 2</td>
<td>&quot;Divers&quot; 3</td>
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Do you or did you have children? If so, how many?

Both biological and adoptive children are included (but not foster or stepchildren)

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<tr>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>Please state: children</th>
<th>No, I never had children</th>
<th>Continue with question 203</th>
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Please give us the following information for each of your children (maximum ten children).
Please start with the oldest child and continue in age order to the youngest.

For all children, please tell us the respective year of birth, then the gender according to the birth certificate and please tell us where the respective child lives today.

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<tr>
<th>Year of birth</th>
<th>Gender according to birth certificate</th>
<th>Where does the son / daughter live today?</th>
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<td>1st Child:</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>Female</td>
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<td>2nd Child:</td>
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<td>10th Child:</td>
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The following questions deal with partnership and marriage or registered same-sex partnerships (eingetragene gleichgeschlechtliche Partnerschaft). All of these questions deal with your relationship, whether you are married or not. There are questions dealing with your current relationship and others dealing with past relationships. We will start with your current relationship and then ask you to look back on relationships you had before. In the case of past relationships, we are talking about relationships that lasted six months or longer.

Go through the columns in order from top to bottom starting with A from 1 to 6, then B from 1 to 6, and so on. If you have the option of skipping questions, this will be indicated with an arrow and the point you should skip to. For instance, B5 means skip to column B, question 5!

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<th>A</th>
<th>B</th>
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<td><strong>1. The relationship ...</strong></td>
<td><strong>2. The relationship ...</strong></td>
<td><strong>3. Do or did you live together?</strong></td>
<td><strong>4. Do you still live together?</strong></td>
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<td>... started in the year:</td>
<td>... ended in the year:</td>
<td>Yes or No, we moved in together in the year:</td>
<td>Yes or No, we stopped living together in the year:</td>
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<td><strong>5. Are you or were you married to this person?</strong></td>
<td><strong>6. Are you still married to this person?</strong></td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>Yes, we got married in the year:</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes, the marriage ended in the year:</td>
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Whenever referring to marriage, we are also referring to registered same-sex partnerships!
A Please state your birthdate.

☐ ☐ ☐
Day Month Year

B Are you...

☐ ... male

☐ ... female

☐ ... “divers”

C When did you finish filling out the questionnaire?

☐ ☐ ☐ : ☐ ☐
Day Month Hour Minute

D Approximately how long did it take you to complete this questionnaire?

☐ ☐ Minutes

E Were other persons present while you were filling out the questionnaire?

Please select all answers that apply.

☐ Yes, spouse / partner

☐ Yes, other person who is living in the same household

☐ Yes, other person who does not live in the same household

☐ No

Continue with question F

End of questionnaire

F Did any of the aforementioned people bother you while you were filling out the questionnaire?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Thank you for taking part.

Please give the completed questionnaire to our interviewer or send it back to infas in the enclosed postage-paid envelope:

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