SOEP-Core – 2021: Catch-up Individual

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Dear Participant,

Our study aims above all at depicting the changes that occur in personal and professional contexts over the course of people’s lives. To achieve this goal, we need complete information on some aspects of life, without any gaps.

This short supplementary questionnaire is only intended for people who did not take part in the 2020 survey. Please help us fill in the gaps that occurred as a result of missing this year.

Thank you very much!

Your participation is voluntary, but the scientific relevance of this study depends crucially on the participation of every member of every household.

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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How should the questionnaire be filled out?

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: Germany

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

*Example:

Number: 150

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
Please state your date of birth.

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- female  
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Please remember once again 2019. We have illustrated here a sort of calendar. On the left stand, what you could have been in 2019. Please go through that list and state all months when you have been for example employed, unemployed etc.

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

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↓ please specify:
2 Have you left a job since 2019?

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

Yes 1 ☐  No 2 ☐ → Continue with question 6

3 In which month did you leave your job?

Month: 

4 How long were you employed at that job?

[ ] years [ ] months

5 How did that job end?

Please select one answer only.

☐ My place of work or office closed

☐ I resigned

☐ I was dismissed by my employer

☐ Mutual agreement with employer

☐ I completed a temporary job or apprenticeship

☐ I reached retirement age / retired

☐ I took a leave of absence (Beurlaubung) / maternity leave (Mutterschutz) / parental leave (Elternzeit)

☐ I gave up self-employment / closed my business

6 Have you got sometime in the course of 2019 one of the following social benefits or financial support? If so, how many months?

Please give an answer in each line.

☐ Unemployment benefit (also while attending further education / re-/training or while receiving a transitional allowance)

☐ Unemployment benefit II / social benefit

☐ Parental allowance (Elterngeld) / maternity allowance (Mutterschaftsgeld)

☐ BAföG grant / scholarship / vocational training allowance

7 Did you finish school, vocational training, or university / higher education 2019?

Yes 1 ☐  No 2 ☐ → Continue with question 11

Which month?
8. Did you complete this education / training with a degree, certificate, or diploma?
   - Yes 1 □
   - No 2 □ → Continue with question 11

9. Did you obtain this degree / certificate / diploma in Germany or in another country?
   - Germany 1 □ → Continue with question 10
   - In another country 2 □

   Is this degree / certificate / diploma recognized in Germany?
   - Yes, it is automatically recognized (e.g., Bachelor, Master, PhD) 1 □
   - Yes, it has been recognized after successful completion of a recognition procedure 2 □
   - No 3 □

10. What type of a degree / certificate / diploma did you obtain?
    - General education certificate / diploma 1 □ → Continue with question 10a
    - Higher education degree 2 □ → Continue with question 10b
    - Vocational degree 3 □ → Continue with question 10c

10a. What type of general-education school degree is that exactly?
    - Lower secondary school-leaving Certificate ("Hauptschulabschluss") 1 □
    - Intermediate secondary school-leaving certificate ("Realschulabschluss", "Mittlere Reife") 2 □
    - Specialized upper secondary school-leaving certificate ("Fachoberschule") 3 □
    - Upper secondary leaving certificate ("Abitur") 4 □
    - Other Degree 5 □

    please specify:

10b. What type of completed college / university education is that exactly?
    - Dual degree college / university of cooperative education 4 □
    - University of applied sciences 1 □
    - Other college / university (e.g. art or music college / university) 5 □
    - University / Technical university 2 □
    - Doctorate, PhD / postdoctoral dissertation 3 □

    Please state: type:

    Please also state: field of study:
What type of vocational training is that exactly?

- Apprenticeship
- Full-time vocational school, commercial college
- Health sector school
- Technical college
- Training for civil servants
- In-service retraining
- Other, for example, further training

*Please state:* type of vocational training
Has your family situation changed in 2019? Please indicate if any of the following apply to you and if so, when this change occurred.

- If an item occurred more than once in 2019, please refer to the last change in 2019.
- Please select all that apply.

1. Started a new relationship
2. Moved in with my partner
3. Got married / also same-sex partnership
4. Became a father / mother (again)
5. A child entered the household
6. My son / daughter left the household
7. I separated from my spouse / partner
8. I got divorced / also same-sex partnership
9. My spouse / partner died
10. Father died
11. Mother died
12. Child died
13. Another person who lived in the household died
14. Other family changes

**Please specify:**

No, none of these
A When did you finish filling out the questionnaire?

Date: [ ] [ ] Time: [ ] : [ ]

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

[ ] Minutes

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

Please select all answers that apply.

1. Yes, spouse / partner
2. Yes, other person who is living in the same household
3. Yes, other person who does not live in the same household

Continue with question D

4. No

End of questionnaire

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

1. Yes
2. 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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