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Reading Aid

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

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].
The next generation is of utmost importance to the study “Living in Germany”. Therefore, we would like to ask you a few more questions about . Our questions relate to your personal experiences and the development of the child. With each further round: We would also like to ask you some questions about . It is, just as before, about your personal experiences and the development of .

0 [de] Bitte vor Übergabe unbedingt eintragen lt. Adressenprotokoll:

Household number: 1.99999999
Name: blmuki
Can not / Prefer not to answer: 1
Person ID: 1.99999999

1 What's your newborn child's name?
Child's first name: blmuki
Can not / Prefer not to answer: 1
Person ID: 1.99999999

2 Child's birth date:
Day: 0.31
Month: 1:12
Year: 2020:2021
Can not / Prefer not to answer: 1
3 What is your relationship to the child: Are you the...?

- Biological mother
- Biological father
- In same-sex partnerships: Second, social mother / second, social father
- Adoptive or foster mother / Adoptive or foster father
- Stepmother / stepfather
- Grandmother / grandfather / aunt / uncle
- None of the above, other relationship to the child
- Can not / Prefer not to answer

3:biochild  bioagel  biochild_h  Leibliches Kind [harmonisiert]  1@4; 2:3@7; 4:7,1@9
3:biochild  bioagel  biochild_v2  Biological child  1@4; 2:3@7; 4:7,1@9
3:biochild  blmuki  biochild  Biological child  1@4; 2:3@7; 4:7,1@9

3:biochild=1

4 How were you feeling physically and mentally during the last third of your pregnancy and during the first three months after giving birth?

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<tr>
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<th>Very well</th>
<th>Well</th>
<th>Bad</th>
<th>Very bad</th>
<th>Can not / Prefer not to answer</th>
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<td>Physical State: In the last third of your pregnancy</td>
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<td>Physical State: In the first three months after childbirth</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<td>Mental State: In the last third of your pregnancy</td>
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<td>Mental State: In the first three months after childbirth</td>
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4:feeling1  bioagel  feeling1  Physical condition in the final third of the pregnancy
4:feeling1  blmuki  feeling1  Physical condition in the final third of the pregnancy
4:feeling2  bioagel  feeling2  Physical condition in the first 3 months after birth
4:feeling2  blmuki  feeling2  Physical condition in the first 3 months after birth
4:feeling3  bioagel  feeling3  Mental state in the final third of the pregnancy
4:feeling3  blmuki  feeling3  Mental state in the final third of the pregnancy
4:feeling4  bioagel  feeling4  Mental state in the first 3 months after birth
4:feeling4  blmuki  feeling4  Mental state in the first 3 months after birth
Is the newborn baby your first, second, third, etc. child? Please specify:
He/she is my … child

Can not / Prefer not to answer

Your indication: “He/she is my ? child” seems a bit high. Do we perhaps need to correct it?
Correct my answer
Don’t correct my answer

Does the child’s biological father live in this household?

Can not / Prefer not to answer

Was the pregnancy / parenthood more or less planned, or was it more or less unplanned?

Can not / Prefer not to answer

How did you / the mother become pregnant?

Can not / Prefer not to answer
9. Where was the baby delivered?
   - At the hospital: 2
   - At home: 1
   - Elsewhere: 3
   - Can not / Prefer not to answer: -1

10. Was the baby delivered by caesarean section?
   - Yes: 1
   - No: 2
   - Can not / Prefer not to answer: -1

11. At what week of pregnancy was the baby born?
   - In the ... week: 1

11a. Your indication: “*? week of pregnancy” seems a bit early. Do we perhaps need to correct it?
   - Correct my answer: 1
   - Don’t correct my answer: 2

11b. Your indication: “*? week of pregnancy” seems a bit late. Do we perhaps need to correct it?
   - Correct my answer: 1
   - Don’t correct my answer: 2

12. What did your baby weigh and measure at birth?
   - Weight in grams: 100:9999
   - Length in centimeters: 10:99
   - Head circumference in centimeters: 10:99
12:circum  bioage  circum  Head circumference of the child in cm
12:circum  blmuki  circum  Head circumference of the child in cm

Can not / Prefer not to answer  1

12:weightb<600
   12a Your indication: "*? weight in grams" seems a bit low. Do we perhaps need to correct it?
      Correct my answer  1
      Don’t correct my answer  2

12:weightb>6000
   12b Your indication: "*? weight in grams" seems a bit high. Do we perhaps need to correct it?
      Correct my answer  1
      Don’t correct my answer  2

12:heightb<30
   12c Your indication: "*? length in centimeters" seems a bit low. Do we perhaps need to correct it?
      Correct my answer  1
      Don’t correct my answer  2

12:heightb>60
   12d Your indication: "*? length in centimeters" seems a bit high. Do we perhaps need to correct it?
      Correct my answer  1
      Don’t correct my answer  2

12:circum<30
   12e Your indication: "*? head circumference in centimeters" seems a bit low. Do we perhaps need to correct it?
      Correct my answer  1
      Don’t correct my answer  2

12:circum>60
   12f Your indication: "*? head circumference in centimeters" seems a bit high. Do we perhaps need to correct it?
      Correct my answer  1
      Don’t correct my answer  2
13 Was your baby breastfed, and if so, for how long?

- Baby is still being breastfed
- Only breastfed for the first four weeks
- Was breastfed for a longer period
- No, baby was not breastfed
- Can not / Prefer not to answer

13:breastf bioagel breastf_h Breastfeeding baby
13:breastf bioagel breastf_v1 Breastfeeding baby
13:breastf blmuki breastf Breastfeeding baby

Was breastfed for a longer period for ... months 1:99

13:breastfm bioagel breastfm Breastfeeding time in months 13;breastf=3
13:breastfm blmuki breastfm Breastfeeding time in months 13;breastf=3

14 Did your baby experience any serious health problems in the first three months after birth that necessitated a hospital stay?

- Yes
- No
- Can not / Prefer not to answer

14:ages1 bioagel hospital3mb_h [de] Dauer Krankenhausaufent. i. erst. 3 Mon. in Tg [harmonisiert]
14:ages1 bioagel hospital3mb_v1 [de] Krankenhausaufenthalt Kind
14:ages1 blmuki ages1 [de] Krankenhausaufenthalt Kind

[Yes] please specify for ... days 1:99

14:hospital3mb bioagel hospital3mb_h [de] Dauer Krankenhausaufent. i. erst. 3 Mon. in Tg [harmonisiert]
14:hospital3mb bioagel hospital3mb_v2 Length of hospital stay in the first 3 months after birth in days 14;ages1=1
14:hospital3mb blmuki hospital3mb Length of hospital stay in the first 3 months after birth in days 14;ages1=1

15 After giving birth, mothers are given a booklet called “Your Child’s Medical Records” (Kinder-Untersuchungsheft) to keep track of their baby’s medical examinations (the second is referred to as “U2”, the third as “U3”, etc.). What was your baby’s last medical examination?

“U”

- U1
- U2
- U3
- U4
- U5
- U6
- U7
- U8
- U9
- Baby has not had any of these medical examinations
- Can not / Prefer not to answer

15:U1 bioagel
15:U2 bioagel
15:U3 bioagel
15:U4 bioagel
15:U5 bioagel
15:U6 bioagel
15:U7 bioagel
15:U8 bioagel
15:U9 bioagel
15:U_bioagel bioagel
15:U Bioagel
16. Welche U-Untersuchung [harmonisiert]

15: lstmedex  bioagel  lstmedex_h [de] Welche U-Untersuchung [harmonisiert]
15: lstmedex  bioagel  lstmedex_v3 [de] Welche U-Untersuchung
15: lstmedex  blmuki lstmedex_v3 [de] Welche U-Untersuchung

16. Have doctors found any indications of developmental delays, impairments, or disabilities in the child?

Yes, at the “U” check-up  1
Yes, at another check-up  2
No  3
Can not / Prefer not to answer -1

16: disord  bioagel  disord Child has confirmed disorders  3-18
16: disord  blmuki  disord Child has confirmed disorders  3-18

16:disord=1,2

17. Which of the following developmental delays, impairments, or disabilities has your child been diagnosed with?

Please mark all that apply.

Sensory (vision, hearing)  1
Motor skills (grasping, crawling, walking)  1
neurological disorders (including cramps)  1
Speech (articulation, speech acquisition disorder)  1
Regulatory system (persistent crying, sleep or eating disorder)  1
Chronic illness  1
Physical disability  1
Intellectual disability  1
Other  1
Can not / Prefer not to answer  1

17: disord1  bioagel  disord1 Disorder: Perception
17: disord1  blmuki  disord1 Disorder: Perception
17: disord2  bioagel  disord2 Disorder: Motor skills
17: disord2  blmuki  disord2 Disorder: Motor skills
17: disord3  bioagel  disord3 Disorder: Neurological disorder
17: disord3  blmuki  disord3 Disorder: Neurological disorder
17: disord4  bioagel  disord4 Disorder: Language
17: disord4  blmuki  disord4 Disorder: Language
17: disord5  bioagel  disord5 Disorder: Regulation
17: disord5  blmuki  disord5 Disorder: Regulation
17: disord6  bioagel  disord6 Disorder: Chronic illness
17: disord6  blmuki  disord6 Disorder: Chronic illness
17: disord7  bioagel  disord7 Disorder: Physical handicap
17: disord7  blmuki  disord7 Disorder: Physical handicap
17: disord8  bioagel  disord8 Disorder: Mental handicap
17: disord8  blmuki  disord8 Disorder: Mental handicap
17: disord9  bioagel  disord9 Disorder: Other
17: disord9  blmuki disord9 Disorder: Other
Life changes after the birth of a child. You have new experiences and your expectations about the future begin to change. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

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<td>My life has changed significantly</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Raising my child brings me joy and happiness</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I often feel like I'm running out of energy</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>-1</td>
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<td>I feel very satisfied in my role as a parent</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>-1</td>
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<td>I often don't feel up to the new tasks and demands of parenthood</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>-1</td>
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<td>I am meeting new people and making new contacts through my child</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>-1</td>
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<td>I am having a hard time being restricted to my role as a parent</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Showing my child plenty of affection is important to me</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>-1</td>
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<tr>
<td>I'm worried about my child's health</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
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Circumstances in life have greatly changed
Child provides happiness and joy
Often close to running out of strength
Very satisfied with the role of mother
Often unable to cope with tasks / responsibilities
Have made new contacts through the child
Suffering from being limited to the role of mother
Important to provide the child with much affection
Concerns about the child's health
Concerns about the child's health
19 Are you the child's main caregiver?
- Yes 1
- No 2
- Can not / Prefer not to answer -1

19:maincare  bioagel  maincare  Mother is main caregiver
19:maincare  blmuki  maincare  [de] Selber Hauptbetreuungsperson

20 How much do you feel your partner helps you in looking after the child?
- Extremely 1
- A lot 2
- A little 3
- Not at all 4
- Not applicable, no partner 5
- Can not / Prefer not to answer -1

20:suppartn  bioagel  suppartn_h  Supported by partner
20:suppartn  bioagel  suppartn_v2  Supported by partner
20:suppartn  blmuki  suppartn  Supported by partner

21 If you think about a normal week, is there anybody else who regularly spends time looking after the child? If so, who is it, and how many hours do they spend per week looking after the child?
Do not count hours when the person looking after the child is sleeping.
- Spouse / partner 1
- Child's father / mother (if not your spouse / partner) 1
- Child's grandparents 1
- Child's older siblings 1
- Other relatives 1
- Home daycare provider (outside your home) 1
- Nursery school / childcare center 1
- Other (e.g., babysitter, neighbor) 1
- No, nobody 1
- Can not / Prefer not to answer 1

21:asit1  blmuki  care1h_v1  [de] Betreuung durch Partner
21:asit8  blmuki  care24h_v1  [de] Betreuung durch Vater / Mutter
21:asit2  blmuki  care3h_v1  [de] Betreuung durch Grosseltern
21:asit4  blmuki  care5h_v1  [de] Betreuung durch andere Verwandte
21:asit5  blmuki  care6h_v1  [de] Betreuung durch Tagesmutter (außer hh)
21:asit6  blmuki  care8h_v1  [de] Betreuung durch Krippe, Kindergarten, Kindertageseinrichtung
21:asit7  blmuki  care12h_v1  [de] Betreuung durch Andere
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<td>Hours [Child’s father / mother]</td>
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<td>Hours [grandparents]</td>
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<td>Hours [siblings]</td>
<td>1:168</td>
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<td>Hours [other relatives]</td>
<td>1:168</td>
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<td>Hours [family daycare provider]</td>
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<td>Hours [nursery school]</td>
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<td>Hours [other]</td>
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### Indications:

**21a** Your indication: “Child’s father / mother (if not your spouse / partner) spends *? hours per week looking after the child” seems a bit high. Do we perhaps need to correct it?

- Correct my answer
- Don’t correct my answer

**21b** Your indication: “Child’s grandparents spend *? hours per week looking after the child” seems a bit high. Do we perhaps need to correct it?

- Correct my answer
- Don’t correct my answer

**21c** Your indication: “Child’s older siblings spend *? hours per week looking after the child” seems a bit high. Do we perhaps need to correct it?

- Correct my answer
- Don’t correct my answer
Your indication: “Other relatives spend *? hours per week looking after the child” seems a bit high. Do we perhaps need to correct it?

Correct my answer
Don’t correct my answer

Your indication: “Home daycare provider (outside your home) spends *? hours per week looking after the child” seems a bit high. Do we perhaps need to correct it?

Correct my answer
Don’t correct my answer

Your indication: “Nursery school / childcare center spends *? hours per week looking after the child” seems a bit high. Do we perhaps need to correct it?

Correct my answer
Don’t correct my answer

Your indication: “Others (e.g., babysitter, neighbor) spend *? hours per week looking after the child” seems a bit high. Do we perhaps need to correct it?

Correct my answer
Don’t correct my answer

What’s your current impression of your child? To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

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<td>My child is generally cheerful and happy</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<td>4</td>
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<td>My child gets upset easily and cries a lot</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>-1</td>
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<tr>
<td>My child is difficult to comfort when upset</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>-1</td>
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<tr>
<td>My child is curious and active</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>My child tends to be shy</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
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Child is generally happy and satisfied
Child is easily irritated and often cries
Child is hard to console
Child is more reserved