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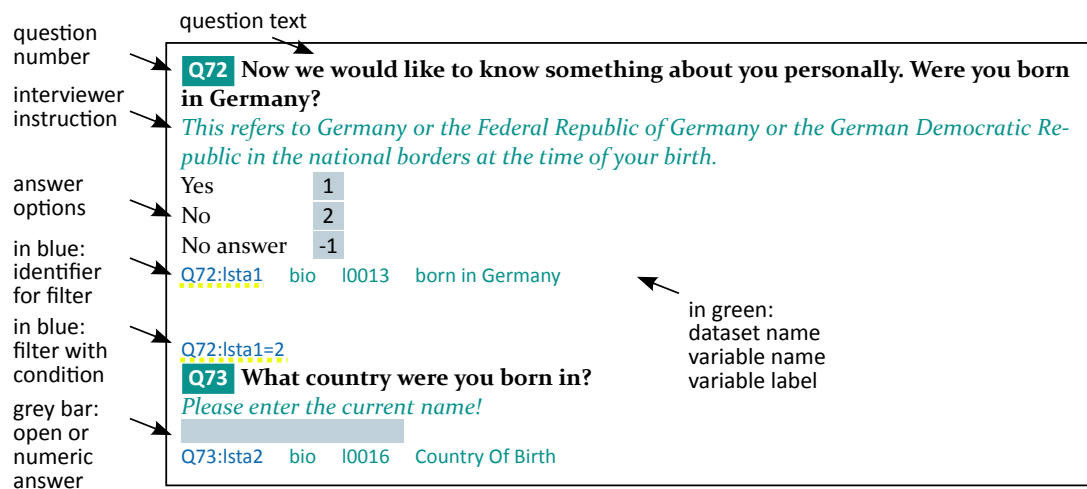
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The variable names mentioned in this document belong to a collection of datasets, which is released with doi:10.5684/soep.core.v38o.

## 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].

**Intro** 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

0:mname blmuki mname [de] Vorname der Befragungsperson

Can not / Prefer not to answer 1

Person ID: 1:99999999

0:persnre bioagel pide Never changing personal ID Parent

0:persnre blmuki pid2 Never changing personal ID mother

**1 What's your newborn child's name?**

Child's first name:

1:aname blmuki aname [de] Vorname Kind

Can not / Prefer not to answer 1

Person ID: 1:99999999

**2 Child's birth date:**

Day 0:31

2:agebt blmuki agebt Child's day of birth

Can not / Prefer not to answer 1

Month 1:12

2:birthm bioagel birthm Child's month of birth

2:birthm blmuki birthm Child's month of birth

Can not / Prefer not to answer 1

Year 2020:2021

2:birthy bioagel birthy Child's year of birth

2:birthy blmuki birthy Child's year of birth

Can not / Prefer not to answer 1

**3 What is your relationship to the child: Are you the...?**

Biological mother	1
Biological father	2
In same-sex partnerships: Second, social mother / second, social father	3
Adoptive or foster mother / Adoptive or foster father	4
Stepmother / stepfather	5
Grandmother / grandfather / aunt / uncle	6
None of the above, other relationship to the child	7
Can not / Prefer not to answer	-1
3:biochild bioagel biochild_h [de] 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?**

	Very well	Well	Bad	Very bad	Can not / Prefer not to answer
Physical State: In the last third of your pregnancy	1	2	3	4	-1
Physical State: In the first three months after childbirth	1	2	3	4	-1
Mental State: In the last third of your pregnancy	1	2	3	4	-1
Mental State: In the first three months after childbirth	1	2	3	4	-1
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				

3;biochild=1

**5** Is the newborn baby your first, second, third, etc. child? Please specify:

He/she is my ... child 1:99

5:nchild bioagel nchild Newborn is 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. child

5:nchild blmuki nchild Newborn is 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. child

Can not / Prefer not to answer 1

(3;biochild=1)&(5;nchild>15)

**5a** Your indication: "He/she is my \*? child" seems a bit high. Do we perhaps need to correct it?

Correct my answer 1

Don't correct my answer 2

3;biochild=1

**6** Does the child's biological father live in this household?

Yes 1

No 2

Can not / Prefer not to answer -1

6:fathinhh bioagel fathinhh Father lives in household

6:fathinhh blmuki fathinhh Father lives in household

3;biochild=1:3

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

More unplanned 1

More planned 2

Can not / Prefer not to answer -1

7:pregplan bioagel pregplan Pregnancy planned/unplanned 2,-  
1@9

7:pregplan blmuki pregplan Pregnancy planned/unplanned 2,-  
1@9

(3;biochild=1:3)&(7;pregplan=2)

**8** How did you / the mother become pregnant?

Naturally 1

With medical assistance (for example, through hormone treatment, IVF) 2

Through the use of alternative methods, without medical assistance 3

Can not / Prefer not to answer -1

8:pregmethod bioagel pregmethod Which pregnancy option was used

8:pregmethod blmuki pregmethod Which pregnancy option was used

**9 Where was the baby delivered?**

At the hospital	2
At home	1
Elsewhere	3
Can not / Prefer not to answer	-1

9:delivpl bioagel delivpl Place where birth took place

9:delivpl blmuki delivpl Place where birth took place

9:delivpl=2

**10 Was the baby delivered by caesarean section?**

Yes	1
No	2
Can not / Prefer not to answer	-1

10:delivcs bioagel delivcs Delivery by caesarean section

10:delivcs blmuki delivcs Delivery by caesarean section

**11 At what week of pregnancy was the baby born?**

In the ... week 1:99

11:birthpw bioagel birthpw Pregnancy week of birth

11:birthpw blmuki birthpw Pregnancy week of birth

Can not / Prefer not to answer 1

11:birthpw<30

**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

11:birthpw>45

**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

12:weightb bioagel weightb Weight of child at birth in grams

12:weightb blmuki weightb Weight of child at birth in grams

Can not / Prefer not to answer 1

Length in centimeters 10:99

12:heightb bioagel heightb Height of child at birth in cm

12:heightb blmuki heightb Height of child at birth in cm

Can not / Prefer not to answer 1

Head circumference in centimeters 10:99



12:circum bioagel 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	1
Only breastfed for the first four weeks	2
Was breastfed for a longer period	3
No, baby was not breastfed	4
Can not / Prefer not to answer	-1

13:breastf	bioagel	breastf_h	Breast-feeding baby
13:breastf	bioagel	breastf_v1	Breast-feeding baby
13:breastf	blmuki	breastf	Breast-feeding baby

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

13:breastfm	bioagel	breastfm	Breast-feeding time in months	13;breastf=3
13:breastfm	blmuki	breastfm	Breast-feeding 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	1
No	2
Can not / Prefer not to answer	-1

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;ages1=1
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	1
U2	2
U3	3
U4	4
U5	5
U6	6
U7	7
U8	8
U9	9
Baby has not had any of these medical examinations	10
Can not / Prefer not to answer	-1

15:lstmedex	bioagel	Istmedex_h	[de] Welche U-Untersuchung [harmonisiert]
15:lstmedex	bioagel	Istmedex_v3	[de] Welche U-Untersuchung
15:lstmedex	blmuki	Istmedex_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,- 1@18
16:disord blmuki disord	Child has confirmed disorders	3,- 1@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

**18** 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?

	Agree completely	Agree	Disagree	Disagree completely	Can not / Prefer not to answer
My life has changed significantly	1	2	3	4	-1
Raising my child brings me joy and happiness	1	2	3	4	-1
I often feel like I'm running out of energy	1	2	3	4	-1
I feel very satisfied in my role as a parent	1	2	3	4	-1
I often don't feel up to the new tasks and demands of parenthood	1	2	3	4	-1
I am meeting new people and making new contacts through my child	1	2	3	4	-1
I am having a hard time being restricted to my role as a parent	1	2	3	4	-1
Showing my child plenty of affection is important to me	1	2	3	4	-1
I'm worried about my child's health	1	2	3	4	-1
18:change1 bioagel change1					
18:change1 blmuki change1					
18:change2 bioagel change2					
18:change2 blmuki change2					
18:change3 bioagel change3					
18:change3 blmuki change3					
18:change4 bioagel change4					
18:change4 blmuki change4					
18:change5 bioagel change5					
18:change5 blmuki change5					
18:change6 bioagel change6					
18:change6 blmuki change6					
18:change7 bioagel change7					
18:change7 blmuki change7					
18:change8 bioagel change8					
18:change8 blmuki change8					
18:health bioagel health					
18:health blmuki 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:supportn bioagel supportn_h	Supported by partner
20:supportn bioagel supportn_v2	Supported by partner
20:supportn blmuki supportn	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:asit3 blmuki care4h_v1	[de] Betreuung durch aelt. Geschw.
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

Hours [spouse / partner]	1:168
Hours [Child's father / mother]	1:168
Hours [grandparents]	1:168
Hours [siblings]	1:168
Hours [other relatives]	1:168
Hours [family daycare provider]	1:168
Hours [nursery school]	1:168
Hours [other]	1:168
21:care1h bioagel care1h	Cared for by partner (in h / week) 21;asit1=1
21:care1h blmuki care1h_v2	[de] Betreuung durch Partner (in h / Woche) 21;asit1=1
21:care24h bioagel care24h	Cared for by father / mother (in h / week) 21;asit8=1
21:care24h blmuki care24h_v2	[de] Betreuung durch Vater / Mutter (in h / Woche) 21;asit8=1
21:care3h bioagel care3h	Cared for by grandparents (in h / week) 21;asit2=1
21:care3h blmuki care3h_v2	[de] Betreuung durch Grosseltern (in h / Woche) 21;asit2=1
21:care4h bioagel care4h	Cared for by older siblings (in h / week) 21;asit3=1
21:care4h blmuki care4h_v2	[de] Betreuung durch aelt. Geschw. (in h / Woche) 21;asit3=1
21:care5h bioagel care5h	Cared for by other relatives (in h / week) 21;asit4=1
21:care5h blmuki care5h_v2	[de] Betreuung durch andere Verwandte (in h / Woche) 21;asit4=1
21:care6h bioagel care6h	Cared for in family day care (in h / week) 21;asit5=1
21:care6h blmuki care6h_v2	[de] Betreuung durch Tagesmutter (außer hh) (in h / Woche) 21;asit5=1
21:care8h bioagel care8h	Cared for in creche / day nursery (in h / week) 21;asit6=1
21:care8h blmuki care8h_v2	[de] Betreuung durch Krippe, Kindergarten, Kindertageseinrichtung (in h / Woche) 21;asit6=1
21:care12h bioagel care12h	Cared for by others (in h / week) 21;asit7=1
21:care12h blmuki care12h_v2	[de] Betreuung durch Andere (in h / Woche) 21;asit7=1

(21;asit8=1)&(21;care24h>100)

**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  1

Don't correct my answer  2

(21;asit2=1)&(21;care3h>100)

**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  1

Don't correct my answer  2

(21;asit3=1)&(21;care4h>100)

**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  1

Don't correct my answer  2

(21;asit4=1)&(21;care5h>100)

**21d** 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  1
- Don't correct my answer  2

(21;asit5=1)&(21;care6h>100)

**21e** 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  1
- Don't correct my answer  2

(21;asit6=1)&(21;care8h>100)

**21f** 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  1
- Don't correct my answer  2

(21;asit7=1)&(21;care12h>100)

**21g** 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  1
- Don't correct my answer  2

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

	Agree completely	Agree	Disagree	Disagree completely	Can not / Prefer not to answer
My child is generally cheerful and happy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> -1
My child gets upset easily and cries a lot	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> -1
My child is difficult to comfort when upset	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> -1
My child is curious and active	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> -1
My child tends to be shy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> -1
22:temp1 bioagel temp1	Child is generally happy and satisfied				
22:temp1 blmuki temp1	[de] Kind meist froehlich, zufrieden				
22:temp2 bioagel temp2	Child is easily irritated and often cries				
22:temp2 blmuki temp2	[de] Kind leicht erregbar, weint haeufig				
22:temp3 bioagel temp3	Child is hard to console				
22:temp3 blmuki temp3	Child is hard to console				
22:temp4 bioagel temp4	Child is curious and active				
22:temp4 blmuki temp4	Child is curious and active				
22:temp5 bioagel temp5	Child is more reserved				
22:temp5 blmuki temp5	Child is more reserved				