



Microcensus 2025



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Core programme and survey component relating to labour market participation

Question overview for information purposes

Topic: Household and dwelling

Question 1

Are there any other households in your dwelling apart from your own, e.g. subtenants?

Other households in your dwelling consist of people with whom you do not live together or maintain a joint household. People living in a shared dwelling should usually be treated as separate households.

Yes, number of other households

No, no other households

Question 2

How many people in total were living in your household on Thursday of the reference week?

People who are temporarily away from home, for instance for job or health reasons, are part of your household if that is where they usually live. Subtenants, visitors and domestic staff are not household members.

Number of people in your household

Question 3

Who are the members of your household? Please fold out the flap at the side of page 2 and enter their names.

If more than 5 people live in the household, please contact the statistical office to request an extra questionnaire. The contact details are given on the front cover.

Question 4

What is your sex, as stated in the birth register?

Male

Female

Gender diverse

Not stated in the birth register

Question 5

When were you born?

Month

Year

Question 6

Is your birthday before the last day of the reference week in 2025?

(Voluntary question)

Yes

No

Question 7

What is your marital status?

- Single
 - Married
 - Widowed
 - Divorced
 - Registered life partnership
 - Registered life partner has died
 - Registered life partnership has been dissolved
-

Question 8

Do you occupy at least one more dwelling (including room, accommodation, residential establishment)?

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- Yes, I have another dwelling in Germany.
 - Yes, I have another dwelling abroad.
 - No, I do not have another dwelling.
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Question 9

Is this dwelling your main residence?

If you have more than one dwelling, your main residence is the one where you usually live (centre of social and personal life, family home).

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 10

Has your household been interviewed for the microcensus in this dwelling within the last 12 months?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 11

Have any household members moved out since the last interview?

- Yes, enter how many people moved out
 - No
-

Question 12

Have any household members died since the last interview?

- Yes, enter how many people died
 - No
-

Question 13

Did you move into this household after the last interview?

Please mark "Yes" for children born in the last 12 months.

Yes

No

Topic: People and household

Question 14

Do you live in a one-person household?

Yes

No

Question 15

Does your mother live in this household?

This includes stepmothers, adoptive and foster mothers.

Yes, my mother is number (see flap)

No

Question 16

Does your father live in this household?

This includes stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers.

Yes, my father is number (see flap)

No

Question 17

Does your spouse live in this household?

Yes, my spouse is number (see flap)

No

Question 18

Does your partner live in this household?

This includes registered life partnerships.

Yes, my partner is number (see flap)

No

Question 19

What is your relationship to Person 1?

I am Person 1.

I am (his/her) ...

wife, husband

partner

daughter, son (including stepchildren, adopted and foster children)

daughter-in-law, son-in-law

granddaughter, grandson

great-granddaughter, great-grandson

mother, father (including stepparents, adoptive and foster parents)

mother-in-law, father-in-law

grandmother, grandfather

great-grandmother, great-grandfather

sister, brother

sister-in-law, brother-in-law

another relative by birth/marriage

not related by birth/marriage

Topic: Place of residence 12 months ago

Question 20

12 months before the reference week, was your place of residence the same as today?

Yes

No

Not applicable, newborn person

Question 21

Was your place of residence in Germany at that time?

Yes

No

Question 22

In which Land was your place of residence located at that time?

In ... (Land): code from List 22

Liste 22

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| Baden-Württemberg | (Ziffer 8) |
| Bayern | (Ziffer 9) |
| Berlin | (Ziffer 11) |
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| Bremen | (Ziffer 4) |
| Hamburg | (Ziffer 2) |
| Hessen | (Ziffer 6) |
| Mecklenburg-Vorpommern | (Ziffer 13) |
| Niedersachsen | (Ziffer 3) |
| Nordrhein-Westfalen | (Ziffer 5) |
| Rheinland-Pfalz | (Ziffer 7) |
| Saarland | (Ziffer 10) |
| Sachsen | (Ziffer 14) |
| Sachsen-Anhalt | (Ziffer 15) |
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| Thüringen | (Ziffer 16) |

Question 23

In which municipality and in which administrative district was your place of residence located at that time?

Question 24

In which country was your place of residence located at that time?**Topic: Information and communication technology in the household**

Question 25

Does your household have internet access?

Please indicate "Yes" if you or another household member has access to the internet at home, e.g. via a desktop computer, laptop/tablet or smartphone. The household then generally has a contract with an internet provider (e.g. Telekom, Vodafone, o2, 1&1, Deutsche Glasfaser), and equipment to connect to the internet is available in the household (e.g. router, Fritzbox, modem). Other methods of accessing the internet are also included (e.g. mobile broadband dongle/SIM card) if this allows the use of the internet at home.

Yes

No

I don't know.

Topic: Childcare

Question 26

Is there at least one child in your household who is aged 14 or under?

Yes

No

Question 27

For each child aged 14 or under, please indicate the type of care in the 12 months before the reference week.*Please mark all relevant boxes.*

Day care centre (kindergarten, crèche)

Professional child minder

Au-pair, babysitter

Preschool institution (pre-primary education)

Care services for pupils before and/or after school (offered by school or other facility)

Relatives, friends, neighbours

Not applicable as the child is cared for only by his/her parents.

Question 28

For each child aged 14 or under, please indicate the type of care in the 4 weeks before the reference week.*Please mark all relevant boxes.*

Day care centre (kindergarten, crèche)

Professional child minder

Au-pair, babysitter

Preschool institution (pre-primary education)

Care services for pupils before and/or after school (offered by school or other facility)

Relatives, friends, neighbours

Not applicable as the child is cared for only by his/her parents.

Topic: Citizenship and duration of residence

Question 29

Were you born in Germany?

The place of birth is Germany also in the following cases:

- the place of birth was part of Germany's national territory at the time of birth, but today it is not (e.g. Breslau before 1945).
- the place of birth is part of Germany's national territory today, but it was not at the time of birth (e.g. the person concerned was born in Dresden between 1949 and 1990, which was GDR territory at the time, or in Saarland between 1947 and 1956).

Yes

No

Question 30

Were you born in the Federal Republic of Germany (today's territory)?

"Today's territory" refers to the national borders of the Federal Republic of Germany as of 3 October 1990.

Yes

No

Question 31

In which country (today's borders) were you born?

Question 32

When did you (first) arrive in the Federal Republic of Germany (today's territory)?

Year

Question 33

What was your (main) reason for moving to the Federal Republic of Germany (today's territory)?*If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.*

Employment: job found before moving to Germany

Employment: no job found before moving to Germany

Academic studies or other education, advanced training

Moved to Germany with a family member or followed a family member (family reunification)

Marriage/partnership with a person living in Germany (family formation)

Flight, persecution, expulsion, asylum

Free movement within the EU: wished to settle in Germany

Retirement

Other main reason

Question 34

What language/languages do you speak at home?

I only speak German at home.

I speak German and at least one other language at home.

I do not speak German at home but another language/other languages.

Question 35

What language do you mainly speak at home?

Albanian

Arabic

Bosnian

Bulgarian

Chinese

Danish

German

English

French

Greek

Hindi

Italian

Croatian

Kurdish

Macedonian

Dutch

Pashto

Persian

Polish

Portuguese

Romanian

Russian

Serbian

Spanish

Turkish

Ukrainian

Hungarian

Urdu

Vietnamese

Another European language

Another African language

Another Asian language

Another language

Question 36

Have you ever interrupted your stay in the Federal Republic of Germany (today's territory) and lived abroad for at least one year?

Yes

No

Question 37

In what year did you return to the Federal Republic of Germany (today's territory) after you last stayed abroad for at least one year?

Year

Question 38

Thinking of the last 10 years, i.e. the period from 2015 to 2025: Which statement applies to you?

I was born in Germany and in the last 10 years ...

I have lived abroad for at least 1 year.

I have not lived abroad for at least 1 year.

I moved to Germany and have...

lived abroad again for at least 1 year since my move.

not lived abroad for more than 1 year since my move.

Question 39

In which country did you live before your most recent arrival/your most recent return?
(Voluntary question)

Question 40

Do you have German citizenship?

Yes, German citizenship only

Yes, German citizenship and citizenship of at least one foreign country

No

Question 41

Of which foreign country do you have citizenship?

If you cannot furnish proof of citizenship, please enter "uncertain". If you do not have citizenship of any country, please enter "stateless".

Question 42

Do you have citizenship of another foreign country?

Yes

No

Question 43

Of which second foreign country do you have citizenship?

Question 44

Of which other country do you have citizenship?

Question 45

How did you obtain German citizenship?

By birth

As a non-naturalised (ethnic) German repatriate

As a naturalised (ethnic) German repatriate

By naturalisation (no ethnic German repatriate)

By adoption by German parent(s)

Question 46

When were you naturalised?

Year

Question 47

Which citizenship did you have before your naturalisation?

You may also enter citizenship of the following former countries: Yugoslavia, Serbia and Montenegro, Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia

If you were stateless before your naturalisation, please enter "stateless".

Question 48

Does your mother live in this household?

This includes stepmothers, adoptive and foster mothers.

Yes

No

Question 49

Has your mother moved to Germany (today's territory)?

Yes, in (year)

Yes, but I do not know the year of arrival.

No

Question 50

When did your mother move to Germany (today's territory)?

Before 1950

1950 or later

Question 51

Is/was your mother a German citizen?

Yes, by birth

Yes, as a non-naturalised (ethnic) German repatriate

Yes, as a naturalised (ethnic) German repatriate

Yes, by naturalisation (no ethnic German repatriate)

Yes, by adoption by German parent(s)

Yes, but I do not know how it was obtained.

No

Question 52

Was your mother born in Germany (today's territory)?

Yes

No

Question 53

In which country (today's borders) was your mother born?

Question 54

Does your father live in this household?

This includes stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers.

Yes

No

Question 55

Has your father moved to Germany (today's territory)?

Yes, in (year)

Yes, but I do not know the year of arrival.

No

Question 56

When did your father move to Germany (today's territory)?

Before 1950

1950 or later

Question 57

Is/was your father a German citizen?

- Yes, by birth
 - Yes, as a non-naturalised (ethnic) German repatriate
 - Yes, as a naturalised (ethnic) German repatriate
 - Yes, by naturalisation (no ethnic German repatriate)
 - Yes, by adoption by German parent(s)
 - Yes, but I do not know how it was obtained.
 - No
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Question 58

Was your father born in Germany (today's territory)?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 59

In which country (today's borders) was your father born?

Question 60

Does your mother live in this household?

This includes stepmothers, adoptive and foster mothers.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 61

Was your mother born in Germany (today's territory)?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 62

In which country (today's borders) was your mother born?

Question 63

Does your father live in this household?

This includes stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 64

Was your father born in Germany (today's territory)?

Yes

No

Question 65

In which country (today's borders) was your father born?

Topic: School or university attendance

Question 66

Were you a pupil, apprentice, student in the 12 months before the reference week?

Please mark "Yes" even if this applied only to part of the period.

Yes

No

Question 67

Were you a pupil, apprentice, student in the 4 weeks before the reference week?

Yes

No, because I switched to another school, higher education institution or apprenticeship, because of university vacation, school holidays, practical training phase in an establishment, studies at a higher education institution or school abroad, illness, maternity leave

No, for other reasons

Question 68

Which school/higher education institution did you last attend?**Schools of general education**

Primary school

Orientation stage in grades 5/6 (e.g. at primary or secondary schools, diagnostic stage)

Special school, special needs school, special needs assistance

School offering several courses of education

Secondary general school, evening secondary general school

Intermediate school, evening intermediate school

Comprehensive school

Waldorf school

Grammar school

Vocational grammar school, also grammar school specialising in economics or technical subjects

Evening grammar school, adult education college

Vocational schools offering a general school certificate

Vocational school offering an intermediate school certificate (e.g. full-time vocational school)

Vocational school offering an entrance qualification for higher education institutions:

Specialised upper secondary school

Full-time vocational school

Two-year full-time vocational school

Vocational schools

Pre-vocational training year

Basic vocational training year

Vocational school (dual system)

Full-time vocational school providing a vocational qualification

Training centre/school for health-care service occupations and social occupations:

one year (e.g. geriatric care assistant)

two years (e.g. masseur/masseuse, pharmaceutical laboratory assistant)

three years (e.g. physiotherapy, medical laboratory assistant, geriatric care)

Training centre/school for educators

Master craftsman/craftswoman training programme at trade and technical schools

Trade and technical school e.g. for technicians, business economists

Specialised academy (in Bayern only)

Higher education institutions

Vocational academy

College of public administration

University of applied sciences, Cooperative State University (in Baden-Württemberg, Schleswig-Holstein and Thüringen)

University (also college of art and music, college of education, college of theology)

Doctoral studies

Question 69

Which are the highest grades you attended at a school of general education?

Grades 1 to 4

Grades 5 to 9/10

Upper secondary grades in grammar school

Question 70

What is the title of your master craftsman/craftswoman specialisation?

This refers to master craftsman/craftswoman training programmes at trade and technical schools, e.g. master carpenter, master hairdresser, master electrician, master home economist, master plumber and the like.

Question 71

What course of study did you take?

Bachelor's

Master's

Diplom degree or comparable course of study

Topic: Questions about impairments

Question 72

Do you have an officially recognised disability?

(Voluntary question)

As certified e.g. by a severely disabled person's pass, a seriously injured or war disabled person's pass, a pension award letter, an administrative or judicial ruling or a notice issued by a pension office.

Yes

No

No response

Question 73

What is the officially recognised degree of disability?

(Voluntary question)

- less than 30
 - 30 to less than 40
 - 40 to less than 50
 - 50 to less than 60
 - 60 to less than 70
 - 70 to less than 80
 - 80 to less than 90
 - 90 to less than 100
 - 100
 - No response
-

Question 74

Are you 15 years or older?

- Yes
 - No
-

Topic: Employment situation in the reference week

Question 75

Did you do at least 1 hour of paid work in the reference week? Please take into account also self-employment and minor jobs.

- Yes
 - No
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Question 76

Did you work for at least 1 hour in the reference week as an unpaid family worker in a family business?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 77

Do you normally have work or a job from which you were absent in the reference week? Possible reasons are e.g. holidays, illness or parental leave.

- Yes
 - No
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Question 78

Did you do any casual or small jobs for payment in the reference week, such as those listed below? This refers to work that you did not do for your own family.

It includes working, for example, as/in ...

- waiter/waitress, service employee or temporary helper in a bar, restaurant or hotel
- household helper or cleaner
- delivery services driver for restaurants, online shops; or as courier
- babysitter
- carer of children or of people in need of care
- deliverer of advertising leaflets or free newspapers
- hostess/gentleman host
- private tutor
- renovation or construction helper (e.g. painting, wallpapering, plastering, installing electrics, plumbing)
- gardening (mowing the lawn, cutting hedges or trees, etc.)
- harvesting
- preparing analyses or reports, scientific work
- academic assistant
- bookkeeping
- translator
- coach in a sports club
- temporary security worker
- freelancer on online platforms
- artist or performer
- blogger, influencer, or creating other online content for pay
- pet carer
- preparing events
- other activities

Yes

No

Question 79

Why did you not work in the reference week?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

- Illness, accident (including spa treatment, rehabilitation)
 - Holidays, special leave
 - Compensation leave (within the framework of a working time account or an annualised hours contract)
 - Maternity leave
 - Partial retirement
 - Vocational and continuing training
 - Parental leave
 - Released from work under the Caregiver Leave Act
 - Off-season
 - Strike, lockout
 - Bad weather
 - Short-time work for technical or economic reasons
 - General and continuing education, school attendance
 - Personal or family responsibilities
 - Other reasons
 - I have already found a job but did not yet work in that job in the reference week.
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Question 80

Are you still receiving continued pay, public or social benefits as full or partial wage/salary replacement?

- Yes
 - No
 - Not applicable because self-employed, freelancer
-

Question 81

Indicate the total period of your absence from work.

- 3 months or less
 - More than 3 months
-

Question 82

Do you do any work in that job during the off-season?

- Yes
- No

Topic: Job during the reference week

Question 83

What was your status in employment in the reference week?

If you have more than one job, your answer should only refer to the job in which you work the most hours (main job). In this context, it is irrelevant whether you are actually working in your main job or whether you are absent, for instance, because of parental leave, illness or holidays.

- Self-employed person, freelancer
 - without employees
 - with employees
 - Unpaid family worker in a family business
 - Public official (not including candidates), judge
 - Salary earner, wage earner (not including apprentices)
 - Apprentice/trainee receiving remuneration
 - Candidate public official
 - Intern, trainee (including paid practical training or internship)
 - Temporary or professional soldier
 - In voluntary military service
 - In the Federal Volunteer Service (also social, ecological or cultural year)
 - Other employee with a small-scale job
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Question 84

With whom did you conclude/enter into your apprenticeship contract?

This refers to remunerated apprenticeships/traineeships.

- With an establishment (company, shop, office, hospital, public authority)
 - With an inter-company or external institution as vocational training provider, e.g. a vocational training centre for disabled young people (Berufsbildungswerk), educational centre (Bildungszentrum)
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Question 85

Are you in marginal employment?

If you have more than one job, your answer should only refer to the job in which you work the most hours (main job). In this context, it is irrelevant whether you are actually working in your main job or whether you are absent, for instance, because of parental leave, illness or holidays.

- Yes, a 538-euro job, mini-job (average maximum earnings of 538 euros per month)
 - Yes, short-term employment (a maximum of 3 months or 70 days worked per year)
 - Yes, a one-euro job (job opportunity for people receiving citizen's benefit)
 - No
-

Question 86

How often do you work in your job?

- Regularly
 - Irregularly, occasionally
 - On a seasonal basis
-

Question 87

Please provide some keywords to describe your current job.

(Voluntary question)

For example

- selling clothing
 - teaching children at primary school
 - advising and informing customers on travel offers
 - designing or planning buildings and other structures
 - assembling and testing electronic circuits
 - mixing concrete, mortar and plaster
 - attending to and caring for patients (before, during and after surgeries)
-

Question 88

What is the title of your current job?

For example:

- fashion shop assistant
 - primary school teacher
 - travel agent
 - construction engineer
 - electronic equipment mechanic
 - unskilled construction labourer
 - nurse
-

Question 89

Do you mainly perform executive or supervisory duties in your job?

Yes, executive duties (including the authority to take staff, budget and strategy decisions)

Yes, supervisory duties (guiding and supervising staff, distributing work and checking the outcome)

No

Question 90

What activities does your current job usually consist of?

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- Giving guidance to staff
 - Supervising staff
 - Distributing work
 - Checking the work performed
 - None of the above
-

Question 91

Enter the branch of activity of the establishment (location) you currently work in.

If the establishment has several locations, please enter the main activity of the location, not of the whole enterprise. If you are a temporary employee, please enter the relevant branch of activity you currently work in. Please state the branch of activity as accurately as possible, for example:

- food retailing (not: trade)
 - machine tool industry (not: factory)
 - facility management, caretaker services, business consultancy (not: services)
 - software development (not: IT)
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Question 92

Please fold out the flap at the side of page 2 and enter the name and address of the establishment.

The name and address of the establishment will only be used to identify its branch of activity and will not be stored.

Question 93

Are you employed in the public service?

The public service comprises the federal, Land and municipal authorities, publicly maintained schools, the employment agency, the social security institutions, the police and the Federal Armed Forces. If you work in a privatised successor company of Deutsche Post/Bundesbahn or are employed by a church, please indicate "No".

Yes

No

Question 94

How many people work in the establishment (location) you currently work in?

If you are self-employed and have several establishments/locations, your answer regarding the size of the establishment should refer to the establishment with the highest number of employees.

Up to 10 people

11 to 19 people

20 to 49 people

50 to 249 people

250 to 499 people

500 people or more

Question 95

Please enter the exact number of people working in the establishment:

Number of people

Topic: Change of job or occupation

Question 96

Did you change your job/line of business in the reference week or the preceding 12 months?

If you are self-employed or a freelancer and you changed your line of business, please mark "Yes". If you are an employee and you started a new job with your current or a new employer, please mark "Yes". A change of job includes a switch from dependent employment to self-employment or freelance work and vice versa.

Yes

No

Question 97

Did you change your occupation in the reference week or the preceding 12 months?

This includes a change of occupation without retraining.

Yes

No

Topic: Location of place of work

Question 98

Is your place of work located here, in the municipality where you live?

If you work at different places, your place of work is the location from where your work is organised.

Yes

No

Question 99

Is your place of work located in Germany?

In Land: code from List 99

My place of work is not in Germany.

Liste 99

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| Thüringen | (Ziffer 16) |

Question 100

In which municipality and in which administrative district is your place of work located?

Question 101

In which country do you work?

If you work at different places, your place of work is the location from where your work is organised.

Belgium

Denmark

France

Netherlands

Austria

Poland

Switzerland

Czech Republic

Luxembourg

Russian Federation

United Kingdom

United States

Other country (please state):

Question 102

In which province/region of Belgium is your place of work located?

Antwerp
Brussels
Flemish Brabant
Hainaut
Limburg
Liège
Luxembourg
Namur
East Flanders
Walloon Brabant
West Flanders

Question 103

In which region of Denmark is your place of work located?

Hovedstaden
Central Jutland
North Jutland
Zealand
Southern Denmark

Question 104

In which region of France is your place of work located?

Burgundy
Champagne-Ardenne
Alsace
Franche-Comté
Lorraine
Other region

Question 105

In which province of the Netherlands is your place of work located?

Drenthe
Flevoland
Friesland
Gelderland
Groningen
Limburg
North Brabant
North Holland
Overijssel
Zeeland
South Holland
Utrecht

Question 106

In which province of Austria is your place of work located?

Burgenland
Carinthia
Lower Austria
Upper Austria
Salzburg
Styria
Tyrol
Vorarlberg
Vienna

Question 107

In which region/voivodeship of Poland is your place of work located?

Dolnośląskie (Lower Silesia)
Lubuskie (Lubusz)
Wielkopolskie (Greater Poland)
Zachodniopomorskie (West Pomerania)
Other region/voivodeship

Question 108

In which region of Switzerland is your place of work located?

Lake Geneva region
Espace Mittelland
Northwestern Switzerland
Zurich
Eastern Switzerland
Central Switzerland
Ticino

Question 109

In which region/oblast of the Czech Republic is your place of work located?

- Jihozápad (Southwest)
- Prague
- Severovýchod (Northeast)
- Severozápad (Northwest)
- Střední Čechy (Central Bohemia)
- Other region/oblast

Topic: Scope and scale of current job

Question 110

Do you currently have a full-time or part-time job?

If you have more than one job, your answer should only refer to the job in which you work the most hours (main job). If you are in partial retirement or on parental leave please mark the category relating to the time before you entered partial retirement or went on parental leave

- Full-time
- Part-time

Question 111

Why do you work part-time?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

- Could not find full-time work
- School education, studies, other education or advanced training
- Own illness, consequences of an accident
- Permanently reduced earning capacity, permanent disability
- Have to look after children
- Have to look after people with disabilities
- Have to look after people in need of care
- Other family reasons
- Other personal reasons
- I want to work part-time.
- Other main reason

Question 112

Why do you personally look after children, people with disabilities or people in need of care?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

- There is no adequate care available in the vicinity.
 - There is no adequate care available at the relevant times of the day.
 - Adequate care is too expensive.
 - I want to do it myself.
 - Other essential reasons
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Question 113

Are you self-employed/a freelancer or an unpaid family worker?

Yes

No

Question 114

How many clients did you have in the 12 months before the reference week?

(Voluntary question)

If you have been self-employed for less than 12 months, your answer should refer to the period of your self-employment. People who supply goods or services to final consumers only, please indicate the number of customers. If there are "customers" as well as "clients", please indicate the number of clients.

None

One

Two to nine

Ten or more

Not applicable because I am an unpaid family worker

Question 115

Did you receive at least 75% of your income from a single client?

(Voluntary question)

Yes

No

Not applicable because I am an unpaid family worker

Question 116

When did you start working as a self-employed person, a freelancer or an unpaid family worker?

Month

Year

Question 117

Was the employment agency involved in your job search or start of job at any time?

Yes

No

Question 118

Can you decide on the start and end of your working times?

(Voluntary question)

Yes, I can decide on them myself.

No, the start and end of my working times are determined by the clients or customers.

No, my working times are determined by other people or (external) circumstances.

Question 119

How many hours per week do you usually work?

If your working hours vary greatly, please estimate the average hours you work per week based on the last 4 to 12 weeks.

Please round to the nearest half hour (e.g. 38.5).

Number of hours

Question 120

Does your job involve temporary agency work?

Yes

No

Question 121

Do you have a fixed-term working contract?

An apprenticeship or training contract is considered as a fixed-term contract.

Yes, fixed-term contract

No, open-ended contract

Question 122

Why are you in fixed-term employment?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

Could not find permanent job

Do not want permanent job

Contract for probationary period

Apprentice receiving apprenticeship pay

Other kind of training (e.g. legal/teaching/medical internship, other practical training)

Job was advertised only as fixed-term employment.

I am working as a stand-in.

Other main reason

Question 123

How long is the total contract period?

If it is an employment contract for less than 1 month, please enter "0".

Number of months

Question 124

Since when have you been employed with your current employer?

If you are a temporary employee, please enter the date when you started working for the temporary employment agency. If you are on secondment or loan, enter the date when you started working for the establishment which seconded or hired you out.

Month

Year

Question 125

How did you find your current job?

If you have several jobs, your answer should only refer to the job in which you work the most hours per week. Please only indicate the method that was successful.

- By answering an advertisement in a newspaper or on the internet
 - Through relatives, friends, acquaintances
 - Through the employment agency (job centre) or other employment authorities
 - Through private employment organisations
 - Through an educational, vocational or continuing training institution
 - Through practical training, internships or previous work experiences
 - Through a speculative application, by applying for an unsolicited job
 - My employer/a headhunter contacted me personally.
 - By bidding for a public tender
 - In some other way
-

Question 126

Was the employment agency involved in your job search at any time?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 127

Did you start your current job in the reference week or the preceding 12 months?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 128

Can you decide on the start and end of your working times?

(Voluntary question)

- Yes, I can decide on them myself.
 - Yes, I can decide on them myself within the scope of flexible working time arrangements.
 - No, I have fixed working times.
-

Question 129

Do you have a written contract or verbal agreement with your employer?

(Voluntary question)

Temporary soldiers and public service employees please mark "Yes, a written contract".

- Yes, a written contract.
 - Yes, a verbal agreement.
 - No
-

Question 130

Does the contract or verbal agreement set out the weekly working hours?

(Voluntary question)

Yes

No

Question 131

How many weekly working hours does the contract or verbal agreement specify?

(Voluntary question)

In the case of public officials, soldiers and public service employees, your answer should refer to the working hours applicable for you.

Please round to the nearest half hour (e.g. 30.5).

Contractual hours of work

Question 132

Do you usually work as many hours per week as contractually agreed?

Yes

No

Question 133

How many hours a week do you usually work, including regular extra hours and stand-by duty?

If your working hours vary greatly, please estimate the average hours you work per week based on the last 4 to 12 weeks.

Please round to the nearest half hour (e.g. 40.5).

Number of hours

Question 134

In the reference week, were there any days when you did not work because of vacation or public holidays?

Yes

No

Question 135

How many days in total did you not work in the reference week because of vacation or public holidays?

Please include half days and count them as 0.5.

Number of days

Question 136

In the reference week, were there (other) days when you did not work because of illness, injury or a temporary disability?

Yes

No

Question 137

How many days in total did you not work in the reference week because of illness?

Please include half days and count them as 0.5.

Number of days

Question 138

In the reference week, were there (other) days when you did not work because of other reasons?

Yes

No

Question 139

How many days in total did you not work in the reference week for other reasons?

Please include half days and count them as 0.5.

Number of days

Question 140

Did you work more hours in the reference week than contractually agreed?

If you have no contractual working hours, but worked more hours than usual please indicate "Yes".

Yes

No

Question 141

In all, how many additional hours did you work in the reference week?

Please add up all additional hours worked on all days of the reference week.

Please round to the nearest half hour (e.g. 4.5).

Number of hours

Question 142

How are the additional hours (overtime) remunerated?

Please mark all relevant boxes and, in addition, enter the number of hours worked as paid or unpaid overtime in the reference week.

As hours compensated by flexible working time or time off (working time account)

As hours remunerated in addition to your salary/wage (paid overtime)

The hours are not remunerated and not otherwise compensated (unpaid overtime)

Question 143

Did you work fewer hours in the reference week than contractually agreed?

If you have no contractual working hours, mark "Yes" if you worked fewer hours in the reference week than usual, and mark "No" if you worked more hours.

Yes

No

Question 144

Why did you work less or not at all?

Reason: code from List 144

Liste 144

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Illness, accident | (Ziffer 1) |
| Spa treatment, rehabilitation measures | (Ziffer 2) |
| Industrial safety provisions, including maternity leave | (Ziffer 3) |
| Parental leave | (Ziffer 4) |
| Fully or partly released from work under the Caregiver Leave Act | (Ziffer 5) |
| Partly released from work under the Family Caregiver Leave Act | (Ziffer 6) |
| Holidays, special leave | (Ziffer 7) |
| Leave of absence (public service) | (Ziffer 8) |
| Strike, lockout | (Ziffer 9) |
| Bad weather | (Ziffer 10) |
| Short-time work | (Ziffer 11) |
| Public holiday | (Ziffer 12) |
| Start of job during the reference week | (Ziffer 13) |
| End of job during the reference week | (Ziffer 14) |
| Compensation for overtime hours (e.g. flexitime) | (Ziffer 15) |
| Attendance of school, training or advanced training outside the establishment | (Ziffer 16) |
| Personal or family responsibilities or other personal reasons | (Ziffer 17) |
| Absent from job due to partial retirement | (Ziffer 18) |
| Other main reason | (Ziffer 19) |

Question 145

How many hours did you actually work in the reference week?

The number of hours actually worked may differ from the hours usually worked because of overtime, holidays, extra shifts, public holidays, illness and the like. The number of hours actually worked includes continuing and advanced training, stand-by duty, mobile work hours and work done at home provided that it is a normal part of your job.

If you did not work in the reference week, please enter "0". Please round to the nearest half hour (e.g. 28.5).

Number of hours

Topic: Hours worked in the reference week and the preceding 3 weeks

Question 146

Did you work on at least one Saturday in the reference week and the preceding 3 weeks?

Yes, ...

on every Saturday

on at least two Saturdays

on one Saturday

No

Question 147

Did you work on at least one Sunday in the reference week and the preceding 3 weeks?

Yes, ...

on every Sunday

on at least two Sundays

on one Sunday

No

Question 148

Did you work on at least one public holiday in the reference week and the preceding 3 weeks?

Yes, ...

on every public holiday

on at least two public holidays

on one public holiday

No

Not applicable, there was no public holiday during that period.

Question 149

Did you work in the evening between 18:00 and 23:00 hrs on at least one working day in the reference week and the preceding 3 weeks?

Yes, ...

on every day worked

on at least half of the days worked

on fewer than half of the days worked

No

Question 150

Did you work in the night between 23:00 and 6:00 hrs on at least one working day in the reference week and the preceding 3 weeks?

Yes, ...

on every day worked

on at least half of the days worked

on fewer than half of the days worked

No

Question 151

How many hours did you work on average between 23.00 and 6.00 hrs?

(Voluntary question)

Please round to the nearest hour.

Number of hours

Question 152

Did you do shift work in the reference week and the preceding 3 weeks?

Yes, ...

on every day worked

on at least half of the days worked

on fewer than half of the days worked

No

Question 153

Did you work the early shift in the reference week and the preceding 3 weeks?

(Voluntary question)

Yes, ...

on every day worked

on at least half of the days worked

on fewer than half of the days worked

No

Question 154

Did you work the late shift in the reference week and the preceding 3 weeks?

(Voluntary question)

Yes, ...

on every day worked

on at least half of the days worked

on fewer than half of the days worked

No

Question 155

Did you work the night shift in the reference week and the preceding 3 weeks?

(Voluntary question)

Yes, ...

on every day worked

on at least half of the days worked

on fewer than half of the days worked

No

Question 156

Did you work the day shift in the reference week and the preceding 3 weeks?

(Voluntary question)

Yes, ...

on every day worked

on at least half of the days worked

on fewer than half of the days worked

No

Question 157

Did you work any other shift in the reference week and the preceding 3 weeks?

(Voluntary question)

Yes, ...

on every day worked

on at least half of the days worked

on fewer than half of the days worked

No

Question 158

Did you work from home in the reference week and the preceding 3 weeks?

Yes, ...

on every day worked

on at least half of the days worked

on fewer than half of the days worked

No

Topic: Second or additional jobs

Question 159

Did you have more than one paid job in the reference week?

This includes working as a self-employed person or unpaid family worker.

Yes, I had 2 jobs.

Yes, I had more than 2 jobs.

No

Question 160

Are you in marginal employment in your additional job?

If you have more than one additional job, please answer the questions below for the additional job in which you work the most hours.

Yes, a 538-euros job, mini-job (average maximum earnings of 538 euros per month)

Yes, short-term employment (a maximum of 3 months or 70 days worked per year)

Yes, a one-euro job (job opportunity for people receiving citizen's benefit)

No

Question 161

How often do you work in your additional job?

Regularly

Irregularly, occasionally

On a seasonal basis

Question 162

What is your status in your additional job?

Self-employed person, freelancer

without employees

with employees

Unpaid family worker in a family business

Public official, judge

Salary earner, wage earner (not including apprentices)

Question 163

Please provide some keywords to describe your additional job.

(Voluntary question)

For example

- selling clothing
 - teaching children at primary school
 - advising and informing customers on travel offers
 - designing or planning buildings and other structures
 - assembling and testing electronic circuits
 - mixing concrete, mortar and plaster
 - attending to and caring for patients (before, during and after surgeries)
-

Question 164

What is the title of your additional job?

For example:

- fashion shop assistant
 - primary school teacher
 - travel agent
 - construction engineer
 - electronic equipment mechanic
 - unskilled construction labourer
 - nurse
-

Question 165

Do you mainly perform executive or supervisory duties in your additional job?

Yes, executive duties (including the authority to take staff, budget and strategy decisions)

Yes, supervisory duties (guiding and supervising staff, distributing work and checking the outcome)

No

Question 166

Enter the branch of activity of the establishment (location) in which you work in your additional job.

If the establishment has several locations, please enter the main activity of the location, not of the whole enterprise. If you are a temporary employee, please enter the branch of activity in which you work in your additional job. Please state the branch of activity as accurately as possible, for example:

- food retailing (not: trade)
 - machine tool industry (not: factory)
 - facility management, caretaker services, business consultancy (not: services)
 - software development (not: IT)
-

Question 167

How many hours a week do you usually work in your additional job, including regular extra hours and stand-by duty?

If your working hours vary greatly, please estimate the average hours you work per week based on the last 4 to 12 weeks.

Please round to the nearest half hour (e.g. 10.5).

Number of hours

Question 168

How many hours did you actually work in your additional job in the reference week?

If you did not work in the reference week, please enter "0". Please round to the nearest half hour (e.g. 9.5).

Number of hours

Topic: Desired number of working hours

Question 169

Would you like to retain your normal weekly working hours or to change them, subject to a corresponding adjustment in earnings?

The weekly working hours include the hours worked in the main job as well as in second and additional jobs.

- Retain
 - Increase
 - Reduce
-

Question 170

How would you like to increase your working hours?

- Exclusively by working more hours in the current job(s)
 - Exclusively by taking up one or more additional jobs
 - Exclusively by moving to a job with more working hours
 - Without committing to one of the above options
 - By combining some of the above options
-

Question 171

Thinking of the 2 weeks following the reference week: Would you be able to start working more hours in these 2 weeks?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 172

Why would you not be able to work more hours in these 2 weeks?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

- Illness or inability to work
 - Education, advanced training
 - Notice periods in the current job
 - Have to look after children
 - Have to look after people with disabilities
 - Have to look after people in need of care
 - Other family reasons
 - Other personal reasons
 - Other main reason
-

Question 173

Why do you personally look after children, people with disabilities or people in need of care?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

- There is no adequate care available in the vicinity.
 - There is no adequate care available at the relevant times of the day.
 - Adequate care is too expensive.
 - I want to do it myself.
 - Other essential reasons
-

Question 174

How many hours a week would you like to work?

The weekly working hours include the hours worked in the main job as well as in second and additional jobs.

Please round to the nearest half hour (e.g. 32.5).

Number of hours

Topic: Search for work by persons in employment/persons with a second job

Question 175

Did you look for different or additional work in the reference week or the preceding 3 weeks?

Looking for work includes any search for paid work, including second or mini-jobs, self-employed or freelance activities, or small-scale activities. Forms of search are, for instance, looking through job offers in newspapers or on the internet, searching for job vacancies on notice boards, asking acquaintances and relatives.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 176

Why did you look for a job?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

- Near end of the current job
- Seeking a permanent job
- Current job is of a transitional nature
- Seeking additional work
- Seeking work with more working hours
- Seeking work with fewer working hours
- Seeking better working conditions
- Other main reason

Topic: Last job or absence from work

Question 177

Have you ever done paid work as an employee or self-employed person?

Retired people and former apprentices please mark "Yes" if they worked for a total of more than 3 months. Former unpaid family workers please mark "Yes".

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 178

Did you work for more than 3 months in that job?

If you did paid work several times for a shorter period (e.g. seasonal work or as a student assistant), please mark "Yes" if you worked for a total of more than 3 months.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 179

Why did you leave your last paid job or are absent from it?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

Reasons related to the labour market

Dismissal (including closure of establishment)

End of a fixed-term working contract

Sale or closure of own enterprise

Family reasons

Have to look after children

Have to look after people with disabilities

Have to look after people in need of care

Other family reasons

Personal reasons

Own resignation

School or vocational education, studies

Own illness, consequences of an accident

Permanently reduced earning capacity, permanent disability

Retirement

Other personal reasons

Other reasons

Other main reason

Question 180

When did you leave your last paid job/since when have you been absent from it?

Month

Year

Question 181

What was your status in your last job/the job from which you are absent?

Self-employed person, freelancer

without employees

with employees

Unpaid family worker in a family business

Public official (not including candidates), judge

Salary earner, wage earner (not including apprentices)

Apprentice/trainee receiving remuneration

Candidate public official

Intern, trainee (including paid practical training or internship)

Temporary or professional soldier

Person doing compulsory military/civilian service

In voluntary military service

In the Federal Volunteer Service (also social, ecological or cultural year)

Question 182

With whom did you conclude/enter into your apprenticeship contract?

This refers to remunerated apprenticeships/traineeships.

With an establishment (company, shop, office, hospital, public authority)

With an inter-company or external institution as vocational training provider, e.g. a vocational training centre for disabled young people (Berufsbildungswerk), educational centre (Bildungszentrum)

Question 183

Please provide some keywords to describe your last job/the job from which you are absent.

(Voluntary question)

For example

- selling clothing
 - teaching children at primary school
 - advising and informing customers on travel offers
 - designing or planning buildings and other structures
 - assembling and testing electronic circuits
 - mixing concrete, mortar and plaster
 - attending to and caring for patients (before, during and after surgeries)
-

Question 184

What was/is the title of your last job/the job from which you are absent?

For example

- fashion shop assistant
 - primary school teacher
 - travel agent
 - construction engineer
 - electronic equipment mechanic
 - unskilled construction labourer
 - nurse
-

Question 185

Did you mainly perform executive or supervisory duties in your last job/the job from which you are absent?

Yes, executive duties (including the authority to take staff, budget and strategy decisions)

Yes, supervisory duties (guiding and supervising staff, distributing work and checking the outcome)

No

Question 186

Enter the branch of activity of the establishment (location) you last worked in/from which you are absent.

If the establishment has several locations, please enter the main activity of the location, not of the whole enterprise. If you were a temporary employee, please enter the branch of activity of the establishment (location) you last worked in or the branch of activity of the job from which you are absent. Please state the branch of activity as accurately as possible, for example:

- food retailing (not: trade)
 - machine tool industry (not: factory)
 - facility management, caretaker services, business consultancy (not: services)
 - software development (not: IT)
-

Question 187

In your last job/the job from which you are absent: Were you employed in the public service?

The public service comprises the federal, Land and municipal authorities, publicly maintained schools, the employment agency, the social security institutions, the police and the Federal Armed Forces. If you worked in a privatised successor company of Deutsche Post/ Bundesbahn most recently or were employed by a church, please indicate "No".

Yes

No

Topic: Search for work

Question 188

Are you 90 years or older?

Yes

No

Question 189

Did you make any effort to find (new) work in the reference week or the preceding 3 weeks? This includes any search for a job with only a few hours or activities to start a business.

Yes

No

Question 190

What did you do in the reference week or the preceding 3 weeks to find new work?

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- Contacted the employment agency (job centre) or other employment authority
 - Contacted private employment organisations
 - Placed job wanted advertisements
 - Responded to job offers
 - Sent off unsolicited applications
 - Asked friends, relatives, acquaintances
 - Looked through job offers
 - Took tests, interviews, exams
 - Placed or updated online CVs
 - Searched for premises, offices, equipment for self-employment or a freelance job
 - Applied for licences, concessions or financial resources for self-employment or a freelance job
 - Took other action for self-employment or a freelance job
 - Took other action
-

Question 191

Did you find a job in the reference week?

- Yes, I found a job in the reference week and have started it.
 - Yes, I found a job in the reference week but have not started it yet.
 - No, I did not look for or find a job in the reference week.
-

Question 192

When will you start your new job?

- Within the 3 months after the reference week
 - Later, that is, more than 3 months after the reference week
-

Question 193

If you are not looking for a job, would you nevertheless like to work?

This also refers to jobs with only a few hours.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 194

Why did you not look for a job in the reference week and the preceding 3 weeks?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

- No suitable job available
 - I am awaiting re-employment (following temporary lay-off).
 - Own illness, consequences of an accident
 - Permanently reduced earning capacity, permanent disability
 - Have to look after children
 - Have to look after people with disabilities
 - Have to look after people in need of care
 - Other family responsibilities
 - Other personal responsibilities
 - School or vocational education, studies
 - Retirement
 - Other main reason
-

Question 195

Why do you personally look after children, people with disabilities or people in need of care?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

- There is no adequate care available in the vicinity.
 - There is no adequate care available at the relevant times of the day.
 - Adequate care is too expensive.
 - I want to do it myself.
 - Other essential reasons
-

Question 196

If a paid job had been available in the reference week, could you have started it within the following 2 weeks?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 197

Why would you not be able to start a new job within the following 2 weeks?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

- School or vocational education, studies
 - Own illness, consequences of an accident
 - Permanently reduced earning capacity, permanent disability
 - Have to look after children
 - Have to look after people with disabilities
 - Have to look after people in need of care
 - Other family responsibilities
 - Other personal responsibilities
 - Retirement
 - Other main reason
-

Question 198

Why do you personally look after children, people with disabilities or people in need of care?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

There is no adequate care available in the vicinity.

There is no adequate care available at the relevant times of the day.

Adequate care is too expensive.

I want to do it myself.

Other essential reasons

Question 199

Why do you not want to, or why are you not able to work?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

School or vocational education, studies

Own illness, consequences of an accident

Permanently reduced earning capacity, permanent disability

Have to look after children

Have to look after people with disabilities

Have to look after people in need of care

Other family responsibilities

Other personal responsibilities

Retirement

Other main reason

Question 200

Why do you personally look after children, people with disabilities or people in need of care?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

There is no adequate care available in the vicinity.

There is no adequate care available at the relevant times of the day.

Adequate care is too expensive.

I want to do it myself.

Other essential reasons

Question 201

Why are you searching for work?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

Dismissal

Own resignation

Voluntarily away from job

Retirement

Entering the labour market (for the first time)

Other reasons

Question 202

What employment status are you looking for?

- I am mainly looking for employment as...
- a self-employed person or freelancer
 - an employee, public official
-

Question 203

Are you searching for a full-time or part-time job?

- I am searching for...
- a full-time job only.
 - preferably a full-time job, but would also work part-time.
 - a part-time job only.
 - preferably a part-time job, but would also work full-time.
 - a full-time or part-time job.
-

Question 204

How long have you looked or did you look for (other) work?

- Less than 1 month
 - 1 to less than 3 months
 - 3 to less than 6 months
 - 6 to less than 12 months
 - 1 to less than 1 ½ years
 - 1 ½ to less than 2 years
 - 2 to less than 4 years
 - 4 years or more
-

Question 205

Which group did you belong to directly before you started to look for work?

- Persons in employment (also apprentices)
 - Persons in full-time education or advanced training (e.g. students, pupils)
 - Housewives/househusbands
 - Persons doing compulsory military service/Federal Volunteer Service/civilian service
 - Other (e.g. retired persons)
-

Question 206

If a paid job had been available in the reference week, could you have started it within the following 2 weeks?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 207

Why would you not be able to start a new job within the following 2 weeks?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

- School or vocational education, studies
 - Own illness, consequences of an accident
 - Permanently reduced earning capacity, permanent disability
 - Have to look after children
 - Have to look after people with disabilities
 - Have to look after people in need of care
 - Other family responsibilities
 - Other personal responsibilities
 - Retirement
 - Other main reason
-

Question 208

Why do you personally look after children, people with disabilities or people in need of care?

If there are several reasons, please mark the main one.

- There is no adequate care available in the vicinity.
 - There is no adequate care available at the relevant times of the day.
 - Adequate care is too expensive.
 - I want to do it myself.
 - Other essential reasons
-

Question 209

Were you registered with the employment agency or other employment authority in the reference week?

- Yes, registered as unemployed, received unemployment benefit I
- Yes, registered as unemployed, received citizen benefit
- Yes, but only looking for work
- No

Topic: Self-assessment of life situation in the reference week

Question 210

Regarding your situation in the reference week: which category best describes it?

Salary earner, wage earner, public official (including temporary or professional soldiers, apprentices) and currently:

on parental leave

in partial retirement

fully or partly released from work under the Caregiver Leave Act

partly released from work under the Family Caregiver Leave Act

Salary earner, wage earner, public official (including temporary or professional soldiers, apprentices) not on parental leave or in partial retirement and not released from work

Self-employed person, freelancer:

without employees

with employees

Unpaid family worker in a family business

In the Federal Volunteer Service (also social, ecological or cultural year), in voluntary military service

Pupil, student

Retired or in early retirement

Unemployed

Housewife/househusband, looking after children or people in need of care

Permanently unfit for work

Other

Question 211

Now please think of the situation 12 months before the reference week. Which category best describes your situation at that time?

Employee, public official, apprentice

Self-employed person, freelancer

without employees

with employees

Unpaid family worker in a family business

In the Federal Volunteer Service (also social, ecological or cultural year), in voluntary military service

Pupil, student

Permanently unfit for work

Retired or in early retirement

Unemployed

Housewife/househusband, looking after children or people in need of care

None of the above

Question 212

What is the branch of activity of the establishment in which you worked 12 months ago?

If the establishment has several locations, please enter the main activity of the location, not of the whole enterprise. If you are a temporary employee, please enter the branch of activity in which you worked 12 months ago. Please state the branch of activity as accurately as possible, for example:

- food retailing (not: trade)
- machine tool industry (not: factory)
- facility management, caretaker services, business consultancy (not: services)
- software development (not: IT)

Topic: Current income situation

Question 213

Which are your main sources of livelihood?

Main sources of livelihood: code from List 213

Liste 213

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Own employment | (Ziffer 1) |
| Unemployment benefit I | (Ziffer 2) |
| Citizen's benefit | (Ziffer 3) |
| Public assistance, e.g. basic security in old age and in cases of reduced earning capacity, assistance for nursing care, continuous subsistence payments | (Ziffer 4) |
| Pension based on my own entitlements | (Ziffer 5) |
| Surviving dependant's pension | (Ziffer 15) |
| Own property, savings, interest, renting, leasing, life interest retained for older people, life assurance, specific pensions fund (Versorgungswerk) | (Ziffer 6) |
| Parental allowance | (Ziffer 7) |
| Income of the parents | (Ziffer 8) |
| Income of the partner, spouse or other relatives | (Ziffer 14) |
| Maintenance payments or other regular payments received from other private households | (Ziffer 9) |
| Training assistance (BAföG), scholarship/grant | (Ziffer 10) |
| Benefits for asylum seekers | (Ziffer 11) |
| Benefits from own long-term care insurance (long-term care allowance) | (Ziffer 12) |
| Other financial support, e.g. early retirement payments, foster child allowance, sickness pay, loan in accordance with the Caregiver Leave Act or the Family Caregiver Leave Act | (Ziffer 13) |

Question 214

What was your personal net income (total of all income sources) in the month before the reference week?

The personal net income is calculated as gross earnings less taxes and less contributions to health, long-term care and unemployment insurance as well as to statutory pension insurance. This includes:

- earnings from main and second job(s), extra payments (e.g. Christmas bonus, severance pay, bonus payments)
- pensions
- unemployment benefit I, citizen's benefit
- basic security in old age and in cases of reduced earning capacity, assistance for nursing care, continuous subsistence payments and other public assistance benefits
- heating and housing benefits, housing allowance, children's allowance, long-term care allowance, parental allowance, training assistance (BAföG), child bonus and other public payments
- maintenance payments or other regular payments received from other private households
- further income and receipts (e.g. entrepreneurial income, income from renting and leasing, interest, dividends)

Personal net income: code from List 214

I had no income.

Liste 214

| | |
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| Less than 250 euros | (Ziffer 1) |
| 250 to less than 500 euros | (Ziffer 2) |
| 500 to less than 750 euros | (Ziffer 3) |
| 750 to less than 1 000 euros | (Ziffer 4) |
| 1 000 to less than 1 250 euros | (Ziffer 5) |
| 1 250 to less than 1 500 euros | (Ziffer 6) |
| 1 500 to less than 1 750 euros | (Ziffer 7) |
| 1 750 to less than 2 000 euros | (Ziffer 8) |
| 2 000 to less than 2 250 euros | (Ziffer 9) |
| 2 250 to less than 2 500 euros | (Ziffer 10) |
| 2 500 to less than 2 750 euros | (Ziffer 11) |
| 2 750 to less than 3 000 euros | (Ziffer 12) |
| 3 000 to less than 3 250 euros | (Ziffer 13) |
| 3 250 to less than 3 500 euros | (Ziffer 14) |
| 3 500 to less than 4 000 euros | (Ziffer 15) |
| 4 000 to less than 4 500 euros | (Ziffer 16) |
| 4 500 to less than 5 000 euros | (Ziffer 17) |
| 5 000 to less than 6 000 euros | (Ziffer 18) |
| 6 000 to less than 7 000 euros | (Ziffer 19) |
| 7 000 to less than 8 000 euros | (Ziffer 20) |
| 8 000 to less than 10 000 euros | (Ziffer 21) |
| 10 000 to less than 15 000 euros | (Ziffer 22) |
| 15 000 to less than 25 000 euros | (Ziffer 23) |
| 25 000 euros or over | (Ziffer 24) |

Question 215

What was the total net income of your household in the month before the reference week?

The net income of the household is the sum of the net incomes of all people in the household.

Net household income
Code from List 214

Question 216

Are you 15 years or older?

Yes
No

Question 217

What is your average monthly net salary/wage?

Additional earnings such as vacation bonuses, 13th month's salary or performance bonuses have to be considered pro rata (sum divided by 12). People on parental leave should refer to the period before they received parental allowance. If you have more than one job, your answer should refer to the job in which you work the most hours.

Net salary/wage: code from List 217

Not applicable as I am not in employment.

Not applicable because I am an unpaid family worker.

Not applicable because self-employed, freelancer.

Liste 217

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| Less than 250 euros | (Ziffer 1) |
| 250 to less than 500 euros | (Ziffer 2) |
| 500 to less than 750 euros | (Ziffer 3) |
| 750 to less than 1 000 euros | (Ziffer 4) |
| 1 000 to less than 1 250 euros | (Ziffer 5) |
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| 2 500 to less than 2 750 euros | (Ziffer 11) |
| 2 750 to less than 3 000 euros | (Ziffer 12) |
| 3 000 to less than 3 250 euros | (Ziffer 13) |
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| 3 500 to less than 4 000 euros | (Ziffer 15) |
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| 5 000 to less than 6 000 euros | (Ziffer 18) |
| 6 000 to less than 7 000 euros | (Ziffer 19) |
| 7 000 to less than 8 000 euros | (Ziffer 20) |
| 8 000 to less than 10 000 euros | (Ziffer 21) |
| 10 000 to less than 15 000 euros | (Ziffer 22) |
| 15 000 to less than 25 000 euros | (Ziffer 23) |
| 25 000 euros or over | (Ziffer 24) |

Question 218

What are your average monthly net earnings?

Please take into account the average monthly earnings/profit of the last 12 months (sum divided by 12).

Net earnings: code from List 218

Liste 218

| | |
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| Less than 250 euros | (Ziffer 1) |
| 250 to less than 500 euros | (Ziffer 2) |
| 500 to less than 750 euros | (Ziffer 3) |
| 750 to less than 1 000 euros | (Ziffer 4) |
| 1 000 to less than 1 250 euros | (Ziffer 5) |
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| 7 000 to less than 8 000 euros | (Ziffer 20) |
| 8 000 to less than 10 000 euros | (Ziffer 21) |
| 10 000 to less than 15 000 euros | (Ziffer 22) |
| 15 000 to less than 25 000 euros | (Ziffer 23) |
| 25 000 euros or over | (Ziffer 24) |

Topic: Educational and vocational attainment

Question 219

Do you hold a general school certificate?

Yes

No/Not yet

Question 220

Which is your highest qualification?

Please convert qualifications gained abroad to German equivalents.

School certificate obtained after no more than 7 years of school attendance

Secondary general school certificate (also former school type starting with grade 1)

School of general education in the GDR

school certificate obtained after grade 8 or 9

school certificate obtained after grade 10

Intermediate school certificate, intermediate school-leaving certificate or equivalent

Entrance qualification for universities of applied sciences

Higher education entrance qualification (general or subject-restricted)

Certificate of special school

Question 221

Did you obtain your general school certificate in Germany or abroad?

Germany

Abroad

Question 222

How long did you attend school?

Please round to the nearest year.

Number of years in school

Question 223

Do you have a vocational training qualification or a higher education degree?

People who have completed a pre-vocational training year, on-the-job training or an internship of at least 12 months should also indicate "Yes" here. A higher education degree also includes a degree from a university of applied sciences.

Yes

No/Not yet

Question 224

In what year did you obtain your highest qualification from a school of general education?

Year

Not applicable as I have no general school certificate (yet).

Question 225

In what year did you obtain your highest vocational qualification or your higher education degree?

Year

Question 226

Did you obtain your highest vocational qualification or higher education degree in Germany or abroad?

Germany

Abroad

Question 227

Which is your highest qualification?*Please convert qualifications gained abroad to German equivalents.***Vocational qualification attained**

On-the-job training

Internship

Pre-vocational training year

Apprenticeship, vocational training in the dual system

Certificate qualifying for an occupation obtained from a full-time vocational school or from a secondary school offering general as well as vocational education to pupils aged 16 to 19

Preparatory training for the intermediate service in public administration

Training centre/school for health-care service occupations and social occupations:

one year (e.g. geriatric care assistant)

two years (e.g. masseur/masseuse, pharmaceutical laboratory assistant)

three years (e.g. physiotherapy, medical laboratory assistant, geriatric care)

Nursery teacher/educator

Master craftsman/craftswoman

Technician's qualification or equivalent trade and technical school certificate

Specialised and engineering schools of the GDR

Specialised academy (in Bayern only)

Higher education institutions

Diplom degree, Bachelor's, Master's, state examination e.g. for the teaching profession

Vocational academy

College of public administration

University of applied sciences (also college of engineering), cooperative state university (in Baden-Württemberg, Schleswig-Holstein and Thüringen)

University (also college of art and music, college of education, college of theology)

Doctoral degree

Question 228

What is the title of the highest degree you obtained from a higher education institution?

Bachelor's

Master's

Diplom degree, state examination e.g. for the teaching profession, artistic and comparable degrees

Question 229

Did you work on your doctorate in the reference week or the preceding 12 months?

This refers only to doctorates that are supported by a doctoral supervisor.

Yes

No

Question 230

In what (main) field did you obtain your highest vocational qualification or higher education degree?

Fields of vocational training are e.g. care for the elderly, floristry, bricklayer, mechatronics technician, care assistant, industrial clerk. Fields of study are e.g. mechanical engineering, production engineering, agricultural science, teacher training course (grammar school).

Question 231

Did you work in an establishment or an organisation as part of your vocational training/studies?

(Voluntary question)

Please take into account also internships, irrespective of whether or not they were paid. However, activities that were not part of the vocational training/studies do not count. If you have dropped out of vocational training/studies, your answer should refer to vocational training/studies, you have dropped out of.

Persons who have completed company-based vocational training please indicate "Yes".

Yes

No

Question 232

For how many months did you work in total?

(Voluntary question)

If you did different internships and the like, please add up the times. In case of company-based vocational training, please indicate the length of company-based training here.

Less than 1 month

1 month to 6 months

More than 6 months

Question 233

Did you receive pay or expense allowance?

(Voluntary question)

Please mark "Yes" even if you received money only for part of that work.

Yes

No

Topic: Continuing education and training

Question 234

In the 4 weeks before the reference week, did you participate in continuing general or vocational training, such as courses, seminars, training sessions or workshops?

By training, we mean all continuing education measures

- in your free time or in a professional context,
- in person, online or directly at the workplace
- irrespective of their duration (over a longer period or just one hour)

It also includes continuing education that is still ongoing. Continuing general training includes measures such as language courses, computer courses, training courses, health education or political education courses, first-aid courses, private lessons, training for voluntary work. Continuing vocational training includes measures such as training by superiors, colleagues or trainers, advanced training (e.g. EDP, IT, rhetoric, soft skills) or courses and further training programmes to adapt to new (technological) developments or to prepare for new tasks in the job.

Yes

No

Question 235

What was the purpose of the courses or seminars?

Mainly vocational

Mainly private

Question 236

How many hours in total did you spend on courses/seminars in the 4 weeks before the reference week (excluding time for preparation and follow-up)?

Hours lasting 60 minutes.

*Round up to the nearest full hour.*Number of hours

Question 237

What was the subject of your latest course or seminar?

Subjects of continuing training are e.g.

- word processing, pottery, insolvency law, German as a foreign language, rhetoric, tax law, private music lessons, sailing certificate, financial investments
 - application programming, database administration, network support, office administration, sales, marketing, public relations work, quality management, human resources management, management and leadership
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Question 238

In the 12 months before the reference week, did you participate in continuing general or vocational training, such as courses, seminars, training sessions or workshops?

By training, we mean all continuing education measures

- in your free time or in a professional context,
- in person, online or directly at the workplace
- irrespective of their duration (over a longer period or just one hour)

It also includes continuing education that is still ongoing. Continuing general training includes measures such as language courses, computer courses, training courses, health education or political education courses, first-aid courses, private lessons, training for voluntary work. Continuing vocational training includes measures such as training by superiors, colleagues or trainers, advanced training (e.g. EDP, IT, rhetoric, soft skills) or courses and further training programmes to adapt to new (technological) developments or to prepare for new tasks in the job.

Yes

No

Question 239

What was the purpose of the courses or seminars?

Vocational

Private

Both vocational and private

Question 240

How many hours in total did you spend on courses/seminars in the 12 months before the reference week (excluding time for preparation and follow-up)?

Hours lasting 60 minutes.

Round up to the nearest full hour.

Number of hours

Question 241

What was the subject of your latest course or seminar?

Subjects of continuing training are e.g.

- word processing, pottery, insolvency law, German as a foreign language, rhetoric, tax law, private music lessons, sailing certificate, financial investments
- application programming, database administration, network support, office administration, sales, marketing, public relations work, quality management, human resources management, management and leadership

Topic: Pension insurance

Question 242

Do you receive an old-age pension from statutory pension insurance?

Yes

No

Question 243

Were you insured under the statutory pension insurance scheme in the reference week?

Yes, compulsorily insured

Yes, voluntarily insured

No

Topic: Internet access and internet use

Question 244

Did you use the internet in the last 3 months?

You may have used the internet at any location (at home, at work or other places) via any internet-enabled device (e.g. desktop PC, laptop, tablet, smartphone, game console, e-book reader). Please note: Internet use also includes receiving/sending e-mails, messaging (e.g. via WhatsApp), gaming, streaming, online/mobile banking.

Yes

No

Topic: Reconciliation of work and family life - childcare

Question 245

What is your age?

15 to 17 years

18 to 74 years

75 years or older

Question 246

Do you have children under the age of 15 years whom you look after or take care of regularly?*(Voluntary question)*

Please consider your own children, foster children, adopted children and your partner's children. Grandchildren should not be included here. Regularly means several hours per week. Taking care of children in this context means actively engaging with or minding children.

Yes, ...

own children

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my partner's children

No

Question 247

Where do the children you take care of live?*(Voluntary question)*

The children I take care of ...

(all) live in this household.

(all) live in another household.

at least one child lives in this household and at least one other child lives in another household.

No, I do not take care of any children.

Question 248

How old is the youngest child you take care of?*(Voluntary question)**Please state the child's age in years.*

Age (in years)

Question 249

Are the children normally looked after by childcare services, such as kindergartens, crèches, professional childminders or after school centres?*(Voluntary question)*

This question refers to your own and your partner's children under the age of 15, irrespective of where they live.

Yes, all children

Yes, but not all children

No

Question 250

What is the main reason for not using professional childcare services for all the children?*(Voluntary question)**Please indicate the main reason only.*

There is no care service nearby or service is fully booked.

They are too expensive.

The quality or kind of services offered is not suitable.

Unsuitable opening times.

I prefer to take care of the children myself or together with my partner.

I prefer to arrange care with the support of grandparents or others.

The children take care of themselves.

The children are too young.

Other personal reasons.

Question 251

Do you or your partner have grandchildren under the age of 15 years?*(Voluntary question)*

Yes

No

Question 252

Do you regularly take care of one or more of these grandchildren, i.e. for at least a few hours per week on average?*(Voluntary question)*

Taking care of children in this context means actively engaging with or minding children.

Yes

No

Question 253

How old is the youngest grandchild you take care of?*(Voluntary question)**Please state the child's age in years.*

Age (in years)

Topic: Care of relatives who are in need of care or have a disability

Question 254

Do you regularly take care of or provide assistance to relatives aged 15 years or more who are ill, in need of care or have a disability?*(Voluntary question)*

Relatives include one's spouse or partner, parents and parents-in-law, children over 15 years who require long-term care or have a disability, and other family members, regardless of where they live. The provision of care or assistance includes shopping for groceries, preparing meals, assistance in personal care and support in organisational matters, for instance. Please indicate all the persons you take care of!

Please mark all relevant boxes.

Yes, I take care of ...

my spouse or partner.

children over the age of 15 who have disabilities or require long-term care.

my parents or parents-in-law.

other relatives.

No

Question 255

Where does/do the person(s) you assist or take care of live?*(Voluntary question)*

The person(s) I assist/take care of ...

lives/(all) live in this household.

lives/(all) live in another household.

at least one person lives in this household and one other person/other persons live(s) in another household.

Question 256

How many hours per week do you spend caring for this person/these persons?*(Voluntary question)**If you assist or take care of more than one person, please count up all the time spent. Please also include travel time.*

Less than 5 hours per week

5 hours to less than 10 hours per week

10 hours to less than 20 hours per week

20 hours to less than 30 hours per week

30 hours to less than 40 hours per week

40 hours per week or more

Topic: Reconciliation of work and care responsibilities

Question 257

Are you currently in employment?*(Voluntary question)*

You are also in employment if you are in marginal employment, in short-term employment or have a second job.

Yes

No

Question 258

Have you made any work-related adjustments to facilitate care for your children or your relatives who have disabilities or require long-term care?*(Voluntary question)*

Please only indicate the main adjustment you have made.

Yes, I have changed job or employer.

Yes, I am currently absent from work (e.g. on parental leave, caregiver leave, (special leave).

Yes, I have reduced my current working hours (e.g. part-time work).

Yes, I currently work from home more (also just intermittently or on individual days).

Yes, I have adjusted my current work schedule but have not reduced the hours I work.

Yes, I am temporarily working on less demanding tasks in the job.

Yes, I have made another work-related adjustment.

No, I have not made any adjustments.

No, I do not take care of any children or other relatives.

Question 259

What is the main difficulty that you encounter in your current job to balance work with your care responsibilities?*(Voluntary question)*

People on parental leave, maternity leave or caregiver leave should answer in relation to the period after their return to the workplace.

Long working hours

Unpredictable or inflexible work schedules

Demanding or exhausting tasks

Long commute

Other work-related difficulties

No work-related difficulties

Topic: Child-rearing periods

Question 260

What is your age?

- 18 to 54 years
 - 55 years or older
-

Question 261

How many children are you raising or have you raised in the course of your life?*(Voluntary question)*

This question refers to your own children, including foster children and adopted children, and also includes children who have already left home or who are adults. Only include your partner's children if you are their legal representative.

- Number of children
 - None
-

Question 262

Which of the following statements applies to your current situation?

You are/were also in employment if you are/were in marginal employment, in short-term employment or have/had a second job.

- I am currently in employment.
 - I was previously in employment.
 - I am not and have never been in employment.
-

Question 263

Since the start of your working life, have you ever taken maternity leave or parental leave for one of your own children?*(Voluntary question)*

If you have taken child-raising leave, please indicate that as "parental leave".

- Yes, I have only taken maternity leave.
 - Yes, I have only taken parental leave.
 - Yes, I have taken both maternity and parental leave.
 - No, I have not taken either maternity or parental leave.
-

Question 264

How long did you take in total?

(Voluntary question)

Please add up all the times you took leave for your own children since the start of your working life.

- Up to 1 month
- More than 1 month up to 2 months
- More than 2 months up to 4 months
- More than 4 months up to 6 months
- More than 6 months up to a year
- More than 1 year up to 3 years
- More than 3 years up to 5 years
- More than 5 years up to 10 years
- More than 10 years

Topic: Health-related questions

Question 265

Have you been ill in the last 4 weeks?

(Voluntary question)

If you were only injured in an accident, please indicate "No".

- Yes
- No

Question 266

How long were you ill/have you been ill?

(Voluntary question)

If you are still ill, please indicate the duration of your illness.

- 1 to 3 days
 - More than 3 days up to 1 week
 - More than 1 week up to 2 weeks
 - More than 2 weeks up to 4 weeks
 - More than 4 weeks up to 6 weeks
 - More than 6 weeks up to 1 year
 - More than 1 year
-

Question 267

Were you treated by a doctor or in hospital in the last 4 weeks?

(Voluntary question)

- Yes, out-patient treatment by a doctor
 - Yes, out-patient treatment in hospital
 - Yes, in-patient treatment in hospital
 - No
-

Question 268

Have you been injured in an accident in the last 4 weeks?

(Voluntary question)

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 269

What kind of accident did you have?

(Voluntary question)

- Accident at work/on duty (excluding commuting accident)
 - Traffic accident (including commuting accident)
 - Domestic accident
 - Leisure accident (sport, games, other leisure-time activities)
 - Other accident (including school accident)
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Question 270

How long did you suffer/have you suffered from that injury?

(Voluntary question)

If you are still injured, please indicate how long you have suffered from that injury.

- 1 to 3 days
 - More than 3 days up to 1 week
 - More than 1 week up to 2 weeks
 - More than 2 weeks up to 4 weeks
 - More than 4 weeks up to 6 weeks
 - More than 6 weeks up to 1 year
 - More than 1 year
-

Question 271

Were you treated for your injury by a doctor or in hospital in the last 4 weeks?

(Voluntary question)

- Yes, out-patient treatment by a doctor
 - Yes, out-patient treatment in hospital
 - Yes, in-patient treatment in hospital
 - No
-

Question 272

What is your height when not wearing shoes?

(Voluntary question)

Please enter your height in cm.

Height in cm

Question 273

What is your weight when wearing neither clothes nor shoes?

(Voluntary question)

If you are pregnant, please enter your weight before the pregnancy.

Please enter your weight in kg.

Weight in kg

Topic: Questions related to smoking habits

Question 274

Are you 15 years or older?

Yes

No

Question 275

Do you currently smoke?

(Voluntary question)

Yes, regularly

Yes, occasionally

No

Question 276

Have you ever smoked?

(Voluntary question)

Yes, regularly

Yes, occasionally

No

Question 277

At what age did you start smoking?

(Voluntary question)

Please state your age in years.

Age (in years)

Question 278

What do you mainly smoke?

(Voluntary question)

- Cigarettes
 - Cigars, cigarillos
 - Pipe tobacco
 - Shisha (water pipe)
 - E-cigarette
 - Cannabis products with tobacco
 - Cannabis products without tobacco
 - Not applicable as I no longer smoke
-

Question 279

How many cigarettes do you smoke per day?

(Voluntary question)

- Fewer than 5 cigarettes
 - 5 to fewer than 21 cigarettes
 - 21 to fewer than 41 cigarettes
 - 41 cigarettes and over
-

Topic: Participation in the survey

Question 280

Have you answered the questions yourself?

(Voluntary question)

- Yes
 - No, another household member has answered the questions.
 - No, someone not living in the household has answered the questions.
-

Question 281

Which household member has answered the questions?

(Voluntary question)

- Please enter the number (see flap) of the person who has answered the questions.

