

Microcensus 2025



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Core programme and shortened 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

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.

Ouestion 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

Ouestion 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

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)

What is your relationship to Person 1?

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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
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Topic: Information and communication technology in the household

Question 20

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 21

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

Yes

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.

Ouestion 23

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 24

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 25

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

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

Question 27

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

Year

Ouestion 28

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)

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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 29

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.

What language do you mainly speak at home?

Albanian

Arabic

Bosnian

Bulgarian

Chinese

Danish

German

English

French

Greek

Hindi

Italian

Croatian

Kurdish

Kuruisii

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 31

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

Yes

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 33

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.

Ouestion 34

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

Question 35

Do you have German citizenship?

Yes, German citizenship only

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

No

Question 36

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 37

Do you have citizenship of another foreign country?

Yes

No

Question 38

Of which second foreign country do you have citizenship?

Question 39

Of which other country do you have citizenship?

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)

Ouestion 41

When were you naturalised?

Year

Question 42

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 43

Does your mother live in this household?

This includes stepmothers, adoptive and foster mothers.

Yes

No

Question 44

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

Yes, in (year)

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

No

Question 45

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

Before 1950

1950 or later

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 47

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

Yes

No

Question 48

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

Question 49

Does your father live in this household?

This includes stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers.

Yes

No

Question 50

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

Yes, in (year)

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

No

Question 51

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

Before 1950

1950 or later

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

Question 53

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

Yes

No

Question 54

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

Question 55

Does your mother live in this household?

This includes stepmothers, adoptive and foster mothers.

Yes

No

Question 56

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

Yes

No

Question 57

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

Question 58

Does your father live in this household?

This includes stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers.

Yes

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

Yes

No

Question 60

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

Topic: School or university attendance

Question 61

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 62

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

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

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 65

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 66

What course of study did you take?

Bachelor's

Master's

Diplom degree or comparable course of study

Question 67

Are you 15 years or older?

Yes

No

Topic: Employment situation in the reference week

Question 68

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

Question 69

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

Yes

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

Question 71

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

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.

Question 73

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

Ouestion 74

Indicate the total period of your absence from work.

3 months or less

More than 3 months

Question 75

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

Yes

Topic: Job during the reference week

Ouestion 76

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

Question 77

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 78

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-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

How often do you work in your job?

Regularly Irregularly, occasionally On a seasonal basis

Question 80

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 81

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 82

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 83

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

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)

Question 85

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.

Ouestion 86

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 87

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 88

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

Number of people

Topic: Change of job or occupation

Question 89

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 90

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 91

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

Is your place of work located in Germany?

In Land: code from List 92 My place of work is not in Germany.

Liste 92

Baden-Württemberg	(Ziffer 8)
Bayern	(Ziffer 9)
Berlin	
Brandenburg	(Ziffer 12)
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)
Schleswig-Holstein	(Ziffer 1)
Thüringen	(Ziffer 16)

Question 93

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

Question 94

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):

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 96

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

Hovedstaden

Central Jutland

North Jutland

Zealand

Southern Denmark

Question 97

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

Burgundy

Champagne-Ardenne

Alsace

Franche-Comté

Lorraine

Other region

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 99

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

Burgenland

Carinthia

Lower Austria

Upper Austria

Salzburg

Styria

Tyrol

Vorarlberg

Vienna

Question 100

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 101

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

Lake Geneva region

Espace Mittelland

Northwestern Switzerland

Zurich

Eastern Switzerland

Central Switzerland

Ticino

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 103

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 104

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 105

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

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

Yes

No

Question 107

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

Month

Year

Question 108

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 109

Does your job involve temporary agency work?

Yes

No

Question 110

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 111

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

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 113

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 114

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 115

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

(Voluntary question)

Yes

No

Question 116

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 117

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

Yes

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 119

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

Yes

No

Question 120

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 121

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

Yes

No

Question 122

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

Ouestion 123

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

Yes

No

Question 124

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

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 126

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 127

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 128

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

Why did you work less or not at all?

Reason: code from List 129

Liste 129

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	
Absent from job due to partial retirement	(Ziffer 18)
Other main reason	(Ziffer 19)

Question 130

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: Second or additional jobs

Question 131

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 132

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 133

How often do you work in your additional job?

Regularly
Irregularly, occasionally
On a seasonal basis

Question 134

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)

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 136

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 137

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 138

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)

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 140

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

Ouestion 141

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

Ouestion 142

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 143

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

Yes

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 145

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 146

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 147

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

Topic: Last job or absence from work

Question 148

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 149

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 150

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

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

Month

Year

Question 152

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)

Ouestion 153

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 154

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)

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 156

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 157

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 158

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

Topic: Search for work

Question 159

Are you 90 years or older?

Yes

No

Question 160

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 161

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 162

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 163

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

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 165

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 166

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 167

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

Yes

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

Ouestion 169

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 170

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

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 172

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 173

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 174

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.

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 176

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

Yes

No

Question 177

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 178

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

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 180

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

Topic: Current income situation

Question 181

Which are your main sources of livelihood?

Main sources of livelihood: code from List 181

Liste 181

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 assistance for nursing care, continuous subsistence payments	
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 life assurance, specific pensions fund (Versorgungswerk)	(Ziffer 6)
Parental allowance	
Income of the parents	
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, pay, loan in accordance with the Caregiver Leave Act or the Family Caregiver Le	ave Act

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 182 I had no income.

Liste 182

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)

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 182

Question 184

Are you 15 years or older?

Yes

No

Topic: Educational and vocational attainment

Question 185

Do you hold a general school certificate?

Yes

No/Not yet

Question 186

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 187

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

Germany

Abroad

How long did you attend school?

Please round to the nearest year.

Number of years in school

Question 189

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 190

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 191

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

Year

Question 192

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

Germany

Abroad

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 194

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 195

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

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).

Topic: Continuing education and training

Question 197

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 198

What was the purpose of the courses or seminars?

Mainly vocational Mainly private

Question 199

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

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 201

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

Yes

No

Ouestion 202

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 203

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

Topic: Participation in the survey

Question 204

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 205

Which household member has answered the questions?

(Voluntary question)

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

