

Microcensus 2026

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Core programme

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
 - No, no other households
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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 (including yourself)
-

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

What is your marital status?

- Single
 - Married
 - Widowed
 - Divorced
 - Registered life partnership
 - Registered life partner has died.
 - Registered life partnership has been dissolved.
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Question 7

Are you female and aged 15 up to and including 75 years?

- Yes
 - No
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Question 8

Have you ever given birth to a child?

(Voluntary information)

- Yes
 - No
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Question 9

How many children have you given birth to?

(Voluntary information)

Please indicate the number of live-born children. This includes children who died after birth.

- Number of children
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Question 10

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 11

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
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Question 12

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

- Yes
 - No
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Question 13

Have any household members moved out since the last interview?

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

Question 14

Have any household members died since the last interview?

- Yes, enter how many people died
 - No
-

Question 15

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 16

Do you live in a one-person household?

- Yes
 - No
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Question 17

Does your mother live in this household?

This includes stepmothers, adoptive and foster mothers.

If you are a child of same-sex parents, please indicate the younger parent.

- Yes, my mother is number (see flap)
 - No
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Question 18

Does your father live in this household?

This includes stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers.

If you are a child of same-sex parents, please indicate the older parent.

- Yes, my father is number (see flap)
 - No
-

Question 19

Does your spouse live in this household?

- Yes, my spouse is number (see flap)
 - No
-

Question 20

Does your partner live in this household?

This includes registered life partnerships.

- Yes, my partner is number (see flap)
 - No
-

Question 21

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: Housing circumstances

Question 22

What kind of building do you live in?

- Purely residential building (no residential establishment)
 - + Building for residential and commercial use (no residential establishment) and ...
 - at least half of the total useful floor space is used for residential purposes
 - less than half of the total useful floor space is used for residential purposes
 - Residential establishment
 - Inhabited accommodation (e.g. caravan or construction site trailer installed permanently, summerhouse, portacabin)
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Question 23

In what type of residential building do you live?

- + Single-family house ...
 - detached
 - semi-detached
 - terraced
 - + Multi-family house ...
 - detached
 - terraced (shares wall on one or both sides)
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Question 24

How many dwellings are there in the building you live in, including vacant dwellings?

- 1 dwelling
 - 2 dwellings
 - 3 or 4 dwellings
 - 5 or 6 dwellings
 - 7 to 9 dwellings
 - 10 to 20 dwellings
 - 21 dwellings or more
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Question 25

What year was the building constructed in which you live?

This refers to the year in which the building was completed.

If additions, alterations and extensions have been made to the building, the question refers to the original year of completion.

- Before 1919
 - 1919 to 1948
 - 1949 to 1960
 - 1961 to 1978
 - 1979 to 1990
 - 1991 to 2000
 - 2001 to 2010
 - 2011 to 2015
 - 2016 to 2020
 - 2021 or later
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Question 26

What is the living floor space of the whole dwelling/single-family house?

- Floor space in full square metres
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Question 27

How many bedrooms, dining and living rooms are there in the dwelling/single-family house you live in?

Bedrooms, dining and living rooms do not include the kitchen, bathroom, toilet, corridor, storerooms, balconies, and rooms used for commercial purposes.

If you live in a single-family house with an additional (granny) flat, please only count the bedrooms, dining and living rooms you personally use.

- Number of rooms
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Question 28

When did your household move into the dwelling/single-family house?

Please state the year when the occupant moved in who has lived longest in the dwelling/house.

If you live in a shared dwelling please state the year when you moved in yourself.

- Year of moving in
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Question 29

Which of the following characteristics apply to the building in which you live?

The access to the dwelling represents the distance from the street to your front door.

It is considered to be free of steps or thresholds even if there are steps or thresholds that can be negotiated with the help of lifts, ramps or the like.

The clear width is sufficient if it permits easy passage for users of walking aids (e.g. rollator), wheelchairs or pushchairs or if the clear width of doors is at least 90 cm and that of corridors is 120 cm.

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- The access to the dwelling is free of steps or thresholds.
 - The clear width of the building entrance door is sufficient.
 - The clear width of the corridors inside the building is sufficient.
 - None of the above applies to the building.
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Question 30

Which of the following characteristics apply to your dwelling/single-family house?

There is sufficient clear width or circulation space if the passageways or rooms can also be used with a walking aid (e.g. rollator) or wheelchair or if the clear width of doors is at least 90 cm and that of corridors is 120 cm. Your responses should refer to the dwelling/single-family house when empty.

Rooms in multi-storey dwellings/houses are considered to have step-free access if there is a stair lift, vertical lift or other type of lift.

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- There are no thresholds or bumps that are more than 2 cm high (not even in the access to the balcony, terrace or the like).
 - All rooms are accessible step-free.
 - The clear width of the dwelling's front door is sufficient.
 - The clear width of all room doors is sufficient.
 - All corridors are sufficiently wide.
 - There is sufficient circulation space in front of the row of kitchen units.
 - There is sufficient circulation space in the bathroom or sanitary facilities.
 - The shower has level access.
 - None of the above applies to my dwelling.
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Question 31

How are the rooms in the dwelling primarily heated?

- District heating (long-distance heating)
 - Central heating
 - Single-storey heating (generally located inside the dwelling, e.g. gas furnace)
 - Fixed single-room or multi-room stoves, electrical storage or night storage heating
 - Non-fixed heaters (e.g. portable heaters and fan heaters)
 - No heating at all
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Question 32

Are the rooms in the dwelling heated in any other way?

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- District heating (long-distance heating)
 - Central heating
 - Single-storey heating (generally located inside the dwelling, e.g. gas furnace)
 - Fixed single-room or multi-room stoves, electrical storage or night storage heating
 - Non-fixed heaters (e.g. portable heaters and fan heaters)
 - No other type of heating
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Question 33

What type of energy is used to heat the rooms in your dwelling?**What type of energy is used to heat your bedrooms, dining and living rooms?**

The primary type of energy refers to the type of energy used to heat the majority of the living space in the dwelling.

- District heating (long-distance heating)
- Gas (natural gas or propane)
- Geothermal energy or other ambient heat, waste heat (e.g. heat pump, heat exchanger)
- Solar energy (solar collectors)
- Electricity (no heat pump)
- Heating oil
- Briquettes, lignite
- Coke, hard coal
- Logs
- Wood pellets
- Biomass (except wood)

Do you use other types of energy to heat the rooms in your dwelling?

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- District heating (long-distance heating)
 - Gas (natural gas or propane)
 - Geothermal energy or other ambient heat, waste heat (e.g. heat pump, heat exchanger)
 - Solar energy (solar collectors)
 - Electricity (no heat pump)
 - Heating oil
 - Briquettes, lignite
 - Coke, hard coal
 - Logs
 - Wood pellets
 - Biomass (except wood)
 - No other types of energy used.
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Question 34

What type of energy is used for your hot water supply?**What type of energy is used for your hot water supply?**

The primary type of energy refers to the type of energy used to produce most of the hot water in the dwelling.

- District heating (long-distance heating)
- Gas (natural gas or propane)
- Geothermal energy or other ambient heat, waste heat (e.g. heat pump, heat exchanger)
- Solar energy (solar collectors)
- Electricity (no heat pump)
- Heating oil
- Briquettes, lignite
- Coke, hard coal
- Logs
- Wood pellets
- Biomass (except wood)

Do you use other types of energy for your hot water supply?

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- District heating (long-distance heating)
 - Gas (natural gas or propane)
 - Geothermal energy or other ambient heat, waste heat (e.g. heat pump, heat exchanger)
 - Solar energy (solar collectors)
 - Electricity (no heat pump)
 - Heating oil
 - Briquettes, lignite
 - Coke, hard coal
 - Logs
 - Wood pellets
 - Biomass (except wood)
 - No other types of energy used.
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Question 35

If you live in the dwelling/single-family house as ...?

Owners of a multi-family house who live in one dwelling themselves and rent out the remaining dwellings please mark “(co-) owner” of the building.

Occupants of a cooperative dwelling please indicate “main tenant” or “subtenant”.

If you have a right of residence, please mark “Other (e.g. accommodation provided rent-free or the like)”.

Accommodation provided rent-free applies where no payments have to be made to the owner, except for operating and incidental expenses (e.g. electricity, water, heating, waste collection).

Accommodation provided rent-free does not apply where the rent is paid by third parties (e.g. employment agency, public assistance office, parents for children).

- (Co-) owner of the building
 - (Co-) owner of the dwelling
 - Main tenant
 - Subtenant
 - Other (e.g. accommodation provided rent-free or the like)
-

Question 36

Did your household pay back loans last month for the dwelling/single-family house your household lives in?

This includes paying back mortgages and loans under savings and loan contracts regarding the dwelling your household lives in/the living floor space your household occupies in your house. This does not include loans for the maintenance of the real property.

- Yes
 - No
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Question 37

Who is the owner of the dwelling/house you live in?

For communities of heirs and commonhold associations please indicate private individuals.

Private sector companies include, for example, real estate companies, private sector housing companies and other companies (flats provided by the employer).

Please indicate “Municipality, Federation, Land, church or other public institutions” as owner if they hold over 50% of the dwelling/house or of the company indicated as owner in the tenancy agreement.

- One or more private individuals
 - A private sector company
 - Municipality, Federation, Land, church or other public institutions
 - A housing cooperative
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Question 38

What is the total amount you pay to your landlord/landlady or property management agency every month?

- Monthly total amount
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Question 39

Does the monthly total amount you pay to your landlord/landlady or property management agency include operating and incidental expenses?

Operating and incidental expenses include apportionable costs for heating, (hot) water supply, waste collection, street cleaning, caretaker services, chimney sweep, gardening, lighting, building cleaning, lift, real property tax, building insurance.

They do not include telephone and radio and television licence fees, or rents for garages or parking spaces.

- Yes
 - Yes, but the operating and incidental expenses are not indicated.
 - No
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Question 40

How much are these monthly operating and incidental expenses?

- Monthly amount
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Question 41

Of this amount, how much are the monthly energy costs for heating, hot water and electricity?

- Monthly amount
-

Question 42

Do you have additional energy costs that you do not pay to your landlord/landlady or the property management agency?

This comprises costs paid directly to utility providers for heating, hot water and electricity.

Please convert any expenses to monthly amounts and then add up the monthly amounts.

- Yes, the average monthly amount is
 - No
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Question 43

Does your household currently receive public benefits for housing costs?

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- Yes, housing allowance in the form of rent support or mortgage and home upkeep support
- Yes, accommodation costs as part of citizen's benefit
- Yes, accommodation costs as part of basic security benefits in old age and in cases of reduced earning capacity
- Yes, accommodation costs as part of cost-of-living assistance
- No, my household currently does not receive public benefits for housing costs.

Topic: Information and communication technology in the household

Question 44

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.
-

Question 45

What is the contractually agreed data transfer speed of your household's internet connection?

If your household has more than one internet connection, please indicate the internet connection with the highest data transfer speed.

- 1 to 6 megabits per second (Mbps)
- Over 6 to 16 megabits per second (Mbps)
- Over 16 to 30 megabits per second (Mbps)
- Over 30 to 50 megabits per second (Mbps)
- Over 50 to 100 megabits per second (Mbps)
- Over 100 to 200 megabits per second (Mbps)
- Over 200 to 400 megabits per second (Mbps)
- Over 400 to 1000 megabits per second (Mbps)
- Over 1000 megabits per second (Mbps)

Topic: Childcare

Question 46

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

- Yes
 - No
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Question 47

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.
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Question 48

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 49

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 50

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 51

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 52

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

- Year
-

Question 53

What was your (main) reason for moving to the Federal Republic of Germany (today's territory)?

EU freedom of movement allows citizens of other EU/EFTA countries to settle in any EU country.

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 54

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 55

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 56

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 57

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 58

Do you have German citizenship?

- Yes, German citizenship only
 - Yes, German citizenship and citizenship of at least one foreign country
 - No
-

Question 59

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".

- Free-text field
-

Question 60

Do you have citizenship of another foreign country?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 61

Of which second foreign country do you have citizenship?

- Free-text field
-

Question 62

Of which other country do you have citizenship?

- Free-text field
-

Question 63

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 64

When were you naturalised?

This refers to the year in which you received notification of naturalisation, not the year in which you submitted your application.

- Year
-

Question 65

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".

- Free-text field
-

Question 66

Does your mother live in this household?

This includes stepmothers, adoptive and foster mothers.

If you are a child of same-sex parents, please indicate the younger parent.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 67

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

- Yes, in (year)
 - Yes, but I do not know the year of arrival.
 - No
-

Question 68

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

- Before 1950
 - 1950 or later
-

Question 69

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 70

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 71

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 72

Does your father live in this household?

This includes stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers.

If you are a child of same-sex parents, please indicate the older parent.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 73

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

- Yes, in (year)
 - Yes, but I do not know the year of arrival.
 - No
-

Question 74

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

- Before 1950
 - 1950 or later
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Question 75

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 76

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 77

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 78

Does your mother live in this household?

This includes stepmothers, adoptive and foster mothers.

If you are a child of same-sex parents, please indicate the younger parent.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 79

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 80

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 81

Does your father live in this household?

This includes stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers.

If you are a child of same-sex parents, please indicate the older parent.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 82

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 83

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

- Free-text field

Topic: School or university attendance

Question 84

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 85

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 86

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 87

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 88

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.

- Free-text field
-

Question 89

What course of study did you take?

- Bachelor's
 - Master's
 - Diplom degree or comparable course of study
-

Question 90

Are you 15 years or older?

- Yes
- No

Topic: Employment situation in the reference week

Question 91

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 92

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 93

**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 94

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 95

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 96

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 97

Indicate the total period of your absence from work.

- 3 months or less
 - More than 3 months
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Question 98

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

- Yes
- No

Topic: Job during the reference week

Question 99

What was your status in employment in the reference week?

- + 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 100

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 101

Are you in marginal employment?

- Yes, a 603-euro job, mini-job (average maximum earnings of 603 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 102

How often do you work in your job?

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

Question 103

Please provide some keywords to describe your current job.

(Voluntary information)

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)

- Free-text field

Question 104

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

- Free-text field

Question 105

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 106

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

- Free-text field

Question 107

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 108

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 109

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 110

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

- Number of people

Topic: Change of job or occupation

Question 111

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 112

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: Scope and scale of current job

Question 113

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 114

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 115

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 116

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 117

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 118

Does your job involve temporary agency work?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 119

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 120

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 121

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

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

- Number of hours
-

Question 122

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 123

How many working 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 working days
-

Question 124

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 125

How many working 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 working days
-

Question 126

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 127

How many working 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 working days
-

Question 128

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 129

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 130

Are you in marginal employment in your additional job?

- Yes, a 603-euros job, mini-job (average maximum earnings of 603 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 131

How often do you work in your additional job?

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

Question 132

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 133

Please provide some keywords to describe your additional job.

(Voluntary information)

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)
- Free-text field
-

Question 134

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 135

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 136

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 137

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 138

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 139

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 140

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 141

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 142

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 143

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

Topic: Last job or absence from work

Question 144

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 145

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 146

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 147

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

- Month
 - Year
-

Question 148

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 149

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 150

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

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)
- Free-text field
-

Question 151

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 152

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 153

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 154

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
-

Question 155

Are you 90 years or older?

- Yes
- No

Topic: Search for work

Question 156

**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 157

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 158

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 159

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 160

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 161

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 162

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 163

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 164

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 165

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 166

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 167

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 168

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 169

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 170

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 171

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

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

Question 172

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/in partial retirement/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 173

Which are your main sources of livelihood?

- Own employment
 - Unemployment benefit I
 - Citizen's benefit
 - Public assistance, e.g. basic security in old age and in cases of reduced earning capacity, assistance for nursing care, continuous subsistence payments
 - Pension based on my own entitlements
 - Surviving dependant's pension
 - Own property, savings, interest, renting, leasing, life interest retained for older people, life assurance, specific pensions fund (Versorgungswerk)
 - Parental allowance
 - Income of the parents
 - Income of the partner, spouse or other relatives
 - Maintenance payments or other regular payments received from other private households
 - Training assistance (BAföG), scholarship/grant
 - Benefits for asylum seekers
 - Benefits from own long-term care insurance (long-term care allowance)
 - 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
-

Question 174

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

- Personal net income: Code from list 174
- I had no income.

Liste 174

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

Question 175

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
- If you cannot specify an exact amount, please indicate the applicable net household income code: Code from list 175

Liste 175

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

Question 176

Are you 15 years or older?

- Yes
- No

Topic: Educational and vocational attainment

Question 177

Do you hold a general school certificate?

- Yes
- No/Not yet

Question 178

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 179

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

- Germany
 - Abroad
-

Question 180

How long did you attend school?

Please round to the nearest year.

- Number of years in school
-

Question 181

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 182

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 183

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

- Year
-

Question 184

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

- Germany
 - Abroad
-

Question 185

Which is your highest qualification?

Please convert qualifications gained abroad to German equivalents.

+ Vocational qualification attained

- 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
- On-the-job training
- Internship
- Pre-vocational training year
- + 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 186

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 187

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 188

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).

- Free-text field

Topic: Continuing education and training

Question 189

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

Topic: Pension insurance

Question 190

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

- Yes
 - No
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Question 191

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 192

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: Participation in the survey

Question 193

Have you answered the questions yourself?

(Voluntary information)

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

Question 194

Which household member has answered the questions?

(Voluntary information)

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

