

Microcensus 2026

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Core programme and survey component relating to income and living conditions

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)
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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
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Question 5

When were you born?

- Month
 - Year
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Question 6

Is your birthday before the last day of the reference week in 2026?

- Yes
 - No
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Question 7

What is your marital status?

- Single
 - Married
 - Widowed
 - Divorced
 - Registered life partnership
 - Registered life partner has died.
 - Registered life partnership has been dissolved.
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Question 8

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

- Yes
 - No
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Question 9

Have you ever given birth to a child?

- Yes
 - No
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Question 10

How many children have you given birth to?

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

- Number of children
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Question 11

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 12

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 13

Are the people in the household present or temporarily absent?

“Temporarily absent“ means that people usually live in the household but are temporarily away (e.g. commuters who only come home at the weekend, students, apprentices, people in hospital/on holiday/doing volunteer service).

- Present
 - Temporarily absent
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Question 14

Did you move into this household after the last interview?

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

- Yes
 - No
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Question 15

When did you move into this household, after the last interview?

Please enter the month and year of birth for children born in the last 12 months.

- Month
 - Year
 - Not applicable as I was living in the household before the last interview.
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Question 16

Which life situation applied to you when you moved in?

- In employment
 - Other life situation
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Question 17

Have any household members moved out since the last interview?

- Yes, enter how many people moved out
 - No
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Question 18

Please enter the first name of each person who moved out as well as the following information:

+ 1st person who moved out

- First name of the person who moved out
- Move-out month
- Move-out year

+ Where did the person move to?

- To another private household
- To a collective household (e.g. residential establishment, old people's home)
- Abroad
- To an unknown place

+ 2nd person who moved out

- First name of the person who moved out
- Move-out month
- Move-out year

+ Where did the person move to?

- To another private household
- To a collective household (e.g. residential establishment, old people's home)
- Abroad
- To an unknown place

+ 3rd person who moved out

- First name of the person who moved out
- Move-out month
- Move-out year

+ Where did the person move to?

- To another private household
- To a collective household (e.g. residential establishment, old people's home)
- Abroad
- To an unknown place

+ 4th person who moved out

- First name of the person who moved out
- Move-out month
- Move-out year

+ Where did the person move to?

- To another private household
- To a collective household (e.g. residential establishment, old people's home)
- Abroad
- To an unknown place

+ 5th person who moved out

- First name of the person who moved out
- Move-out month
- Move-out year

+ Where did the person move to?

- To another private household
 - To a collective household (e.g. residential establishment, old people's home)
 - Abroad
 - To an unknown place
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Question 19

Have any household members died since the last interview?

- Yes, enter how many people died
 - No
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Question 20

Please enter the first name of each person who died:**+ Name of the 1st person who died**

- Name of the 1st person who died

+ 2nd person who died

- Name of the 2nd person who died

+ 3rd person who died

- Name of the 3rd person who died

+ 4th person who died

- Name of the 4th person who died

+ 5th person who died

- Name of the 5th person who died

Topic: People and household

Question 21

Do you live in a one-person household?

- Yes
 - No
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Question 22

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 23

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
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Question 24

Does your spouse live in this household?

- Yes, my spouse is number (see flap)
 - No
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Question 25

Does your partner live in this household?

This includes registered life partnerships.

- Yes, my partner is number (see flap)
 - No
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Question 26

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 27

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 28

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 29

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 30

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 31

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

- Floor space in full square metres
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Question 32

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 33

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 34

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 35

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 36

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 37

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 38

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 39

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 40

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 41

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

Question 42

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

- Number of loans
- Not applicable

Question 43

How much did your household pay back last month on loans for the dwelling/single-family house?

Please refer to your loan repayment plan or statement of account for the amounts. If your repayments are not made on a monthly basis, please enter the average monthly amount. If you are repaying a loan for more than one dwelling in the building, enter only the proportion of the overall loan that refers to the dwelling your household lives in.

- + **Loan 1**
 - Monthly amount of interest and repayment (full euros)
 - Monthly amount of interest (full euros)
- + **Loan 2**
 - Monthly amount of interest and repayment (full euros)
 - Monthly amount of interest (full euros)

+ Loan 3

- Monthly amount of interest and repayment (full euros)
- Monthly amount of interest (full euros)

+ Loan 4

- Monthly amount of interest and repayment (full euros)
- Monthly amount of interest (full euros)

Question 44

Please indicate a household member who is an owner of the dwelling/the single-family house.

If two or more household members are owners of the dwelling/single-family house, please enter the number of the oldest household member.

- Number of person (see flap)

Question 45

What are the monthly operating and incidental expenses of the dwelling/single-family house your household lives in?

Households belonging to a commonhold association:

Under operating and incidental expenses below, please only enter costs incurred in addition to your commonhold contribution.

+ Monthly commonhold contribution

Owners not belonging to a commonhold association please mark "No".

+ Commonhold contribution

- No
- Yes
- Monthly amount (full euros)

+ Monthly energy costs included in the commonhold contribution

This comprises costs for heating, hot water and electricity. Owners not belonging to a commonhold association please mark "No".

+ Monthly energy costs included in the commonhold contribution

- No
- Yes
- Monthly amount (full euros)

+ Monthly energy costs**+ Electricity**

- No
- Yes
- Monthly amount (full euros)

+ Heating and hot water

- No
- Yes
- Monthly amount (full euros)

+ Annual incidental expenses**+ Annual real property tax**

- No
- Yes
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Non-life or residential building insurance

- No
- Yes
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Waste collection

- No
- Yes
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Water costs (water consumption, wastewater)

- No
- Yes
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Chimney sweep

- No
- Yes
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Street cleaning

- No
- Yes
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Annual costs of maintenance and repairs

Include regular maintenance and repairs within the last 12 months to maintain the value of the property. Do not include the costs of work conducted to increase the value of the property.

+ Maintenance and repairs

- No
- Yes
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 46

What are the monthly expenses for interest on loans and for regular maintenance and repairs conducted to maintain the value of the dwelling/single-family house you live in?

If you do not incur any expenses of this type, please enter the value "0".

- Expenses for interest on loans and for regular maintenance and repairs
-

Question 47

Please indicate a household member who signed the tenancy agreement.

If the person who signed the tenancy agreement does not live in your household, please enter the number of the oldest person in your household.

- Number of person (see flap)
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Question 48

Which statement applies to your household regarding the rental circumstances?

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).

The household pays lower rent, e.g. when it has a certificate of eligibility to live in a social dwelling. The rent may be lower also for private or other reasons (e.g. flat provided by the employer, student residence).

- The household occupies the dwelling rent-free (except for any operating and incidental expenses).
 - The household pays lower rent (e.g. with a certificate of eligibility).
 - The household lives in rented accommodation at market conditions.
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Question 49

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 50

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 51

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
-

Question 52

How much are these monthly operating and incidental expenses?

- Monthly amount
-

Question 53

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

- Monthly amount
-

Question 54

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
-

Question 55

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: Assessing the household's financial situation

Question 56

Thinking of your household's total housing costs, which of the following statements applies?

- The housing costs are a heavy burden.
 - The housing costs are somewhat a burden.
 - The housing costs are not a burden at all.
-

Question 57

In the last 12 months, has your household been in arrears on the following expenses due to financial difficulties?*Please mark only one box per type of expense.*

- + **Rent for the dwelling/house your household lives in**
 - Yes, once
 - Yes, more than once
 - No
 - Not applicable as the household does not have expenses of this type.
 - + **Interest on and/or repayment of mortgages on the dwelling/house your household lives in**
 - Yes, once
 - Yes, more than once
 - No
 - Not applicable as the household does not have expenses of this type.
 - + **Interest on and/or repayment of consumer loans, e.g. for a car or furniture (not including current account overdraft)**
 - Yes, once
 - Yes, more than once
 - No
 - Not applicable as the household does not have expenses of this type.
 - + **Electricity, heating or water bills**
 - Yes, once
 - Yes, more than once
 - No
 - Not applicable as the household does not have expenses of this type.
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Question 58

In the last 12 months, has your household been in arrears on non-housing bills due to financial difficulties?

These include bills for mobile phones and internet, clothing, education, health, holidays and other expenses not related to housing.

- Yes, once
 - Yes, more than once
 - No
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Question 59

Are the following things available in your household?

- + **A computer (including laptop, notebook, tablet PC and the like)**
 - Yes
 - No, because the household cannot afford it.
 - No, for other reasons
 - + **A car (not including company/official cars)**
 - Yes
 - No, because the household cannot afford it.
 - No, for other reasons
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Question 60

What can your household afford financially?

- + **Spending at least one week's holiday per year away from home (including with friends/relatives or in the household's own holiday accommodation).**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **Having a meal with meat, poultry or fish or an equivalent vegetarian meal every second day.**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **Making unexpected expenses of 1 400 euros or more from the household's own financial resources.**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **Keeping the dwelling adequately warm.**
 - Yes
 - No
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Question 61

In your household, can you replace furniture (bed, sofa, dresser, cupboard) when worn out or damaged?

- Yes
 - No, because the household cannot afford it.
 - No, for other reasons
-

Question 62

Thinking of your household's monthly income, is your household able to make ends meet?

In other words, how easy or difficult do you find it to pay the household's usual necessary expenses including housing costs. Include the income of all household members.

Please mark only one box.

- With great difficulty
 - With difficulty
 - With some difficulty
 - Fairly easily
 - Easily
 - Very easily
-

Question 63

What do you think is the lowest monthly net income that your household would have to have in order to make ends meet?

When answering, please consider all the household's usual necessary expenses including housing costs.

- Lowest monthly net income
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Topic: Assessing the household's financial situation

Question 64

Is your household repaying consumer loans not used to finance owner-occupied housing?

- Yes
 - No
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Question 65

Thinking of the repayment of those loans including interest, which of the following statements applies?

- The repayment is a heavy burden.
 - The repayment is somewhat a burden.
 - The repayment is not a burden at all.
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Question 66

Do you or any other household member currently have one or more loans taken out for the following purposes?

This also includes hire purchase, "buy now - pay later" services, and loans from pawnbrokers, friends or relatives.

- + **Loans to purchase a second home/holiday home, furniture, household appliances or to renovate/improve a property.**
 - Yes
 - No
- + **Loans for car, motorcycle, caravan, van, bicycle or other means of transport**
 - Yes
 - No

- + **Loans for healthcare (e.g. dental prosthesis, hospital expenses, optical aids)**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **Loans for education (e.g. training assistance loans (BAföG), KfW education loans)**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **Loans to cover daily living expenses (e.g. food, clothing or footwear)**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **Other loans (e.g. for holidays, repayment of overdraft, rescheduling of credit card debts)**
 - Yes
 - No
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Question 67

How many of the aforementioned loans do all members of the household currently have?

Excluding loans and mortgages for the purchase of the main dwelling the household lives in.

- Number of loans
 - No such loans
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Question 68

From whom did you get these loans?

- + **Bank, savings bank or other credit institution**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **Short-term loan without credit rating check commissioned by loan provider**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **Buy now-pay later or hire purchase through retailer/seller**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **Loan from pawnbroker**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **Private sources (e.g. family, friends)**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **Other (e.g. employer)**
 - Yes
 - No
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Question 69

What was the household's total expenses last month for loans including interest and repayment (not including mortgages and building loans for the main dwelling the household lives in)?

Excluding loans and mortgages on the main dwelling the household lives in.

- Monthly amount

Topic: Expenses related to daily life

Question 70

How much did all household members spend in a typical month on food and non-alcoholic drinks to be consumed at home?

- Monthly amount spent on food and non-alcoholic drinks to be consumed at home

Question 71

How much did all household members spend in an typical month on food and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) to be consumed outside of the home?

This includes going to restaurants, canteens, cafés, bars and ice-cream parlours, meals from food delivery services and expenses for fast food and snacks, for example.

- Monthly amount spent on food and drink consumed outside of the home
- No food or drink consumed outside of the home

Question 72

How much do all household members spend on public transport in a typical month?

This includes tickets for buses and trains, and also for airplanes or ferries if these are regularly used in a typical month. If you use annual tickets, please enter the monthly proportion.

- Monthly amount spent on public transport
- Free use of public transport
- No use of public transport

Question 73

How much do all household members spend on private transport (e.g. car, motorcycle, e-bike) in a typical month?

This also includes leased vehicles, rented cars, car sharing, rental bikes and company bikes. Please include company cars only if the costs of private journeys (e. g. motor fuel, maintenance) have to be borne by the household.

The costs include: expenses for motor fuel or battery recharging, taxes and insurance, maintenance and parking.

They do not include: Costs of acquisition or car loans, and a garage parking space that belongs to the dwelling.

Please enter the monthly proportion.

- Monthly amount spent on private transport
- No money spent on private transport

Question 74

Thinking of a typical month, which of the following statements on saving best applies to your household?

- The household puts money aside.
- The household needs to draw on savings.
- The household needs to borrow money.
- The household neither puts money aside, nor needs to draw on savings or borrow money.

Topic: Property

Question 75

Assuming your household were to now sell the main dwelling it lives in, how much do you estimate you could get for it (including any land)?

- Value of the main dwelling
- Not applicable as the household does not own the main dwelling.

Question 76

What is the total amount left to repay regarding the mortgage or building loan on the main dwelling your household lives in?

Only indicate the outstanding debt on loans that were taken out exclusively to purchase the main dwelling. Please enter the amount still to be repaid, not including interest payments or charges for unscheduled repayment.

- Amount left to repay
- No amount left to repay

Question 77

Apart from the main dwelling your household lives in, do you or other household members own any (other) real property in Germany or abroad?

This includes not only houses, flats or apartments but also garages, offices, commercially used real property, agricultural holdings or land.

- Yes
- No

Question 78

Assuming your household would no longer have any income, how long could you maintain your current standard of living by drawing on savings?

"Savings" refers to cash deposits in a bank/savings bank or money kept at home.

It does not include securities, shares or fund units.

- Less than 3 months
- 3 up to and including 5 months
- 6 up to and including 12 months
- More than 12 months

Topic: Overall satisfaction with the dwelling

Question 79

Overall, how satisfied are you with your dwelling/single-family house?

- Very dissatisfied
 - Dissatisfied
 - Satisfied
 - Very satisfied
-

Question 80

What do you think applies to your dwelling/single-family house?

- + **The roof is leaky.**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **There is damp on the walls, floor or foundation.**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **There is rot in window frames or floors.**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **The bedrooms, dining and living rooms are too dark or do not have enough natural light.**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **There is too much noise from neighbours or from outside (e.g. traffic, business, factory).**
 - Yes
 - No
-

Question 81

What do you think applies to the residential quarter or nearby area where your household lives?

- + **There is pollution, grime or other environmental problems caused by factories, road traffic or air traffic.**
 - Yes
 - No
 - + **There is crime, violence or vandalism of buildings.**
 - Yes
 - No
-

Topic: Income situation of the household in 2025*Subtopic: Benefits received for children in 2025*

Question 82

Did your household receive children's allowance in 2025 for children living in the household?

- Yes
 - No
 - Not applicable as household members do not have children.
-

Question 83

For how many children living in the household did your household receive children's allowance?

- Number of children
-

Question 84

Did your household receive children's allowance in 2025 for children not living in the household?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 85

For how many children not living in the household did your household receive children's allowance?

- Number of children
-

Question 86

Did your household receive supplementary children's allowance from the family benefits office of the employment agency in 2025 for children living in the household?

Intended is only the supplementary children's allowance, not the children's allowance.

The amount of the supplementary children's allowance depends on the household's income and assets and is capped at 297 euros per month for each child.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 87

For which of the children did your household receive supplementary children's allowance?

Please enter for each child for how many months your household received the supplementary children's allowance and what the monthly amount was.

- Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
-

Question 88

Did your household receive advance maintenance payments in 2025 for children living in the household?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 89

For which of the children did your household receive advance maintenance payments?

Please enter for each child for how many months your household received advance maintenance payments.

- Number of months
-

Question 90

Did your household receive foster child allowance in 2025 for foster children living in the household?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 91

For which of the children did your household receive foster child allowance?

For each child, please enter the number of months your household received foster child allowance and what the monthly amount was.

- Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
-

Question 92

Did your household receive long-term care allowance in 2025 for children in need of care (according to the statutory long-term care fund/insurance) who live in the household?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 93

For which of the children did your household receive long-term care allowance for children in need of care?

For each child, please enter the number of months your household received long-term care allowance and what the monthly amount was.

- Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
-

Question 94

Did your household receive benefits for education and participation or financial support for school supplies and school day trips in 2025?

- Yes, an annual amount of
- No

Subtopic: Income from public benefits in 2025

Question 95

Did your household receive the following public benefits in 2025?

Regarding the benefits received, please enter the number of months and the average monthly amount or the annual amount.

Please indicate the applicable total amount for citizen's benefit/basic security benefits in old age and in cases of reduced earning capacity/cost-of-living assistance and accommodation and heating costs. Please also enter accommodation and heating costs here even if they are paid directly to the landlord/landlady.

- + **Citizen's benefit (basic security benefits for job-seekers), including accommodation and heating costs**
 - No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Monthly amount (full euros)
 - Annual amount (full euros)
- + **Basic security benefits in old age and in cases of reduced earning capacity, including accommodation and heating costs**
 - No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Monthly amount (full euros)
 - Annual amount (full euros)
- + **Cost-of-living assistance/benefit, including accommodation and heating costs according to the 5th to 9th chapter of the Social Security Code XII**
 - No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Monthly amount (full euros)
 - Annual amount (full euros)
- + **Housing allowance, housing allowance 'Plus' (not accommodation and heating costs under citizen's benefit)**
 - No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Monthly amount (full euros)
 - Annual amount (full euros)

Subtopic: Other income of the household in 2025

Question 96

Did your household receive income from renting or leasing (proceeds less expenses for maintenance or, perhaps, for interest on loans) in 2025?

- No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Monthly amount (full euros)
 - Annual amount (full euros)
-

Question 97

Did your household receive income from savings or investments (capital assets) in 2025?

This includes e.g. interest on saving accounts or building society savings agreements as well as dividends and profits from securities, shares, funds, or from business assets (participations).

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 98

What was the amount of income from these savings and investments (capital assets)?

Please add up all income amounts (after tax deducted by the credit institutions, if applicable) of the individual household members and allocate the total to one of the classes below.

- Less than 250 euros
 - 250 to less than 1 000 euros
 - 1 000 to less than 2 500 euros
 - 2 500 to less than 5 000 euros
 - 5 000 to less than 7 500 euros
 - 7 500 to less than 10 000 euros
 - 10 000 to less than 15 000 euros
 - 15 000 to less than 20 000 euros
 - 20 000 euros or over
-

Question 99

In your household, did any children aged 15 or under on 31 December 2025 receive income from own employment in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 100

Which child earned income from own employment?

For each child who received income from employment, please enter the number of months and the amount per month or the annual amount.

- Number of months
 - Monthly amount (full euros)
 - Annual amount (full euros)
-

Question 101

Did any children aged 15 or under and living in your household on 31 December 2025 receive orphan's pension/benefit?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 102

Which child received orphan's pension or orphan's benefit?

For each child who received orphan's pension/benefit, please enter the number of months and the amount per month or the annual amount.

- Number of months
 - Monthly amount (full euros)
 - Annual amount (full euros)
-

Question 103

Did your household produce food for its own use in its own garden or by keeping small animals in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 104

Please estimate the annual amount you would have paid if you had had to buy that food.

- Less than 50 euros
- 50 to less than 100 euros
- 100 to less than 200 euros
- 200 to less than 300 euros
- 300 euros or over

Subtopic: Maintenance payments and other regular payments in 2025

Question 105

Did your household, or a household member, receive or make alimony payments in 2025?

With regard to payments made or received, please enter the number of months and the average monthly amount or the annual amount.

If more than one person in your household made payments to people outside your household, please add up all the amounts.

+ Alimony payments from people not living in the household in 2025

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Monthly amount (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Alimony payments to people not living in the household in 2025

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Monthly amount (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 106

Did your household, or a household member, receive or make other regular payments in 2025?

With regard to payments made or received, please enter the number of months and the average monthly amount or the annual amount.

If more than one person in your household made payments to people outside your household, please add up all the amounts

+ Other regular payments from people not living in the household in 2025

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Monthly amount (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Other regular payments to people not living in the household in 2025

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Monthly amount (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Subtopic: Payments made in 2025

Question 107

Did your household pay real property tax on owner-occupied dwellings, buildings or land in 2025?

This refers to real property for private use.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 108

How much real property tax did you pay on your owner-occupied main dwelling?

- Annual amount
 - Not applicable as the household does not own the main dwelling.
-

Question 109

How much real property tax did you pay on your other real property for own use (e.g. second dwellings, holiday dwellings, plots of forest or meadow)?

- Annual amount
 - Not applicable as the household does not have any other real property.
-

Question 110

Did your household pay back loans in 2025 (repayment of mortgages and loans under savings and loan contracts) for the dwelling/house your household lives in?

If your household owns more than one property, the owner-occupied main dwelling is meant here.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 111

How much did your household pay back on loans (repayment of mortgages and loans under savings and loan contracts) for the dwelling/house your household lives in?

Please refer to your loan repayment plan or statement of account for the amounts. If you are repaying a loan for more than one dwelling in the building, enter only the proportion of the overall loan that refers to the dwelling you live in. Please enter the average monthly amount.

- Monthly amount of interest and repayment
- including: monthly amount of interest

Topic: Information and communication technology in the household

Question 112

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 113

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 114

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 115

For each child aged 14 or under, please indicate the type of care in the 12 months before the reference week.

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- Day care centre (kindergarten, crèche)
 - Professional child minder
 - Au-pair, babysitter
 - Preschool institution (pre-primary education)
 - Care services for pupils before and/or after school (offered by school or other facility)
 - Relatives, friends, neighbours
 - Not applicable as the child is cared for only by his/her parents.
-

Question 116

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.
-

Question 117

Is there at least one child in your household who is aged 12 or under?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 118

During a usual week, how many hours is the child cared for?

Please enter the number of full hours for each child aged 12 or under and for each applicable type of care.

- 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: Survey participation

Question 119

Have questions 1 to been answered by a household member?

- Yes, person number (see flap)
 - No
-

Question 120

How many minutes did it take to answer this part of the questionnaire?

- Number of minutes
-

Topic: Citizenship and duration of residence

Question 121

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 122

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 123

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 124

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

- Year
-

Question 125

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 126

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 127

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 128

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 129

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 130

Do you have German citizenship?

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

Question 131

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 132

Do you have citizenship of another foreign country?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 133

Of which second foreign country do you have citizenship?

- Free-text field
-

Question 134

Of which other country do you have citizenship?

- Free-text field
-

Question 135

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 136

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 137

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 138

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 139

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

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

Question 140

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

- Before 1950
 - 1950 or later
-

Question 141

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 142

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 143

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 144

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 145

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

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

Question 146

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

- Before 1950
 - 1950 or later
-

Question 147

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 148

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 149

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 150

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 151

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 152

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 153

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 154

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 155

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

- Free-text field

Topic: School or university attendance

Question 156

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 157

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 158

Were you aged 16 years or over on 31 December 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 159

Which qualification do you wish to obtain by pursuing this education/training?

- Secondary general school certificate
- Intermediate school certificate
- Entrance qualification for universities of applied sciences
- University entrance qualification (general or subject-restricted)
- Apprenticeship or comparable full-time vocational school certificate
- Master craftsman/craftswoman certificate
- Trade and technical school certificate or equivalent
- Higher education degree
- Other qualification

Which other professional qualification do you wish to obtain by pursuing this education/training?*Please state the other qualification you wish to obtain.*

- Free-text field
-

Question 160

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 161

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 162

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 163

What course of study did you take?

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

Question 164

Are you 15 years or older?

- Yes
- No

Topic: Employment situation in the reference week

Question 165

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 166

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 167

**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 168

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 169

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 170

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 171

Indicate the total period of your absence from work.

- 3 months or less
 - More than 3 months
-

Question 172

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

- Yes
- No

Topic: Job during the reference week

Question 173

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 174

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 175

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 176

How often do you work in your job?

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

Question 177

Please provide some keywords to describe your current job.

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 178

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 179

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 180

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 181

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 182

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 183

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 184

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

- Number of people

Topic: Change of job or occupation

Question 185

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 186

Why did you change your job/line of business?

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

- Start of or search for a better job
 - Other reasons
-

Question 187

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 188

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 189

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 190

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 191

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 192

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 193

Does your job involve temporary agency work?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 194

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 195

Were you aged 16 years or over on 31 December 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 196

Do you have a written employment contract or a verbal agreement?

- Written employment contract
 - Verbal employment agreement
-

Question 197

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 198

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 199

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 200

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 201

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 202

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 203

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 204

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 205

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 206

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 207

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 208

How often do you work in your additional job?

- Regularly
- Irregularly, occasionally
- On a seasonal basis

Question 209

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 210

Please provide some keywords to describe your additional job.

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 211

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 212

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 213

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 214

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 215

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
-

Question 216

Were you aged 16 years or over on 31 December 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 217

Thinking of your main or additional jobs: What is the total hours you usually work per week?

- Less than 30 hours per week
 - 30 hours per week and more
-

Question 218

Why do you work less than 30 hours per week?

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

- School or vocational education, advanced training, studies
- Illness or health problem
- I would like to work more hours but cannot find a job with 30 or more hours.
- I do not want to work 30 hours or more.
- The hours I work in all jobs correspond to a full-time job.
- Housework, looking after children or other people
- Other reason

Topic: Desired number of working hours

Question 219

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 220

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 221

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 222

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 223

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 224

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 225

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 226

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 227

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

- Month
 - Year
-

Question 228

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 229

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 230

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

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 231

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 232

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 233

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

- Free-text field
-

Question 234

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 235

What type of employment contract did you have in your last main job?

- Open-ended work contract
 - Fixed-term work contract
-

Question 236

Are you 90 years or older?

- Yes
- No

Topic: Search for work

Question 237

**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 238

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 239

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 240

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 241

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 242

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 243

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 244

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 245

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 246

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 247

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 248

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 249

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 250

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 251

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 252

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 and other information on employment

Question 253

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
-

Question 254

Were you aged 16 years or over on 31 December 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 255

In what year did you enter employment for the first time?

This also includes apprenticeships/company-based vocational training and training at a vocational academy/cooperative state university.

Please mark "Not applicable" even if so far you have done only a (second) job as a pupil or student.

- Year of entering employment
 - Not applicable
-

Question 256

How many years have you been in employment since then?

Only count the years in which you were actually in employment.

This also includes apprenticeships/company-based vocational training and training at a vocational academy/cooperative state university.

Please round up to full years.

- Number of years
-

Question 257

Do you do at least 1 hour of paid work (second job) in a usual week, although you are mainly not in employment (see question , answers 10-15)?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 258

What was your status in your last main job?

- + Self-employed person
 - freelancer without employees
 - freelancer 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)
 - Not applicable
-

Question 259

Please provide some keywords to describe your last main job.

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 260

What was the title of your last main job?

For example:

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

- Free-text field

Question 261

Enter the branch of activity of the establishment (location) in which you last worked in your main job.

- Free-text field

Question 262

Please think of the last 5 years. What was the duration of your last unemployment?

- No unemployment in the last 5 years
- Duration of the last unemployment in months

Topic: Current income situation

Question 263

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 264

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

- Personal net income: Code from list 264
- I had no income.

Liste 264

- | | |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| (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 265

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 265

Liste 265

| | |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| (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 |

Topic: Development of the household income

Question 266

How has net household income changed compared with the previous year?

Please take into account the income of all household members.

- The net household income has increased.
 - The net household income is more or less unchanged.
 - The net household income has decreased.
-

Question 267

What is the main reason for the increase in net household income?

- Pay rise or working more hours
 - Return to work after illness, parental leave, childcare or looking after ill people or people in need of care
 - Change of job or new job
 - Change in household composition
 - Increase in social benefits or transfer payments
 - Indexation or reassessment of salary (only for employees in Belgium or Luxembourg)
 - Other reasons
-

Question 268

What is the main reason for the decrease in net household income?

- Lower wage/salary or working fewer hours (includes also involuntary switch to self-employment)
 - Parental leave, childcare or looking after ill people or people in need of care
 - New job
 - Loss of job, unemployment (including closure of own enterprise in case of self-employment)
 - Inability to work due to illness, need of care or disability
 - Divorce, dissolution of partnership or other changes in household composition
 - Retirement
 - Reduction of social benefits or transfer payments
 - Other reasons
-

Question 269

What development of your net household income do you expect for the next 12 months?

- + The future net household income ...
 - will increase.
 - will remain unchanged.
 - will decrease.
-

Question 270

Are you 15 years or older?

- Yes
- No

Topic: For persons aged under 15 years, the questionnaire ends here!**Topic: Educational and vocational attainment**

Question 271

Do you hold a general school certificate?

- Yes
 - No/Not yet
-

Question 272

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 273

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

- Germany
 - Abroad
-

Question 274

How long did you attend school?*Please round to the nearest year.*

- Number of years in school
-

Question 275

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 276

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 277

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

- Year
-

Question 278

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

- Germany
 - Abroad
-

Question 279

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 280

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 281

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 282

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
-

Question 283

Were you aged 16 years or over on 31 December 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 284

Did you ever start school education, vocational training or higher education, but then discontinued it without obtaining a qualification?

This also includes changing your field of study during training or higher education.

- Yes, once
- Yes, more than once
- No

Topic: Continuing education and training

Question 285

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 286

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

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 287

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 288

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:

Question 289

Were you aged 16 years or over on 31 December 2025?

- Yes
- No

Topic: Health insurance coverage

Question 290

What kind of health insurance did you have in 2025?

For each kind of insurance, please enter the number of months in which you were covered by the respective insurance policy.

- + By statutory health insurance
 - Compulsory insurance for myself (number of months)
 - Voluntary insurance for myself (number of months)
 - Family member's insurance (number of months)
 - Student covered by students' health insurance (number of months)
 - Student covered by voluntary insurance (number of months)
- + Private health insurance
 - Insurance for myself (number of months)
 - Family member's insurance (number of months)
 - Student's insurance (number of months)
 - I was entitled to free statutory medical care for soldiers etc. (number of months)
 - I was not insured (number of months)

Topic: Your health

Question 291

How is your health in general?

Please mark only one box.

- Very good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Bad
 - Very bad
-

Question 292

Do you have any chronic illness or long-standing health problem?

This refers to illnesses or health problems that have lasted or are expected to last for at least 6 months.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 293

Are you restricted from activities in normal everyday life due to a health problem? Would you say you are ...

- Severely limited
 - Limited but not severely
 - Not limited
-

Question 294

How long have you been affected by these limitations?

- Less than 6 months
 - 6 months or more
-

Question 295

Was there any time in the last 12 months when you really needed dental or orthodontic examination or treatment for yourself?

- Yes
 - No, no need for any examination or treatment
-

Question 296

Did you have a medical examination or treatment each time you needed it?

- Yes
 - No, there was at least one occasion when I did not have an examination or treatment.
-

Question 297

What was the main reason for not having a dental/orthodontic examination or treatment?

Please mark only one box.

- I could not afford it (too expensive).
 - I felt the waiting time for an appointment or examination was too long.
 - I could not take the time because of work or family responsibilities.
 - It was too far away for me./I had no means of transport.
 - I am afraid of dentists/orthodontists, hospitals, examinations or treatment.
 - I wanted to wait and see if the problem got better on its own.
 - I don't know any good dentist or orthodontist.
 - I had other reasons.
-

Question 298

Was there any time in the last 12 months when you really needed any other medical examination or treatment for yourself?

- Yes
 - No, no need for any examination or treatment
-

Question 299

Did you have a medical examination or treatment each time you needed it?

- Yes
 - No, there was at least one occasion when I did not have an examination or treatment.
-

Question 300

What was your main reason for not having this other medical examination or treatment?

Please mark only one box.

- I could not afford it (too expensive).
- I felt the waiting time for an appointment or examination was too long.
- I could not take the time because of work or family responsibilities.
- It was too far away for me./I had no means of transport.
- I am afraid of doctors, hospitals, examinations or treatment.
- I wanted to wait and see if the problem got better on its own.
- I don't know any good doctor.
- I had other reasons.

Topic: Assessment of your life situation

Question 301

Which of the following statements apply to your life situation?

- + **I can replace worn-out clothes by new (not second-hand) ones.**
 - Yes
 - No, I cannot afford it.
 - No, for other reasons
 - + **I have at least two pairs of properly fitting shoes in a good condition that are suitable for daily activities.**
 - Yes
 - No, I cannot afford it.
 - No, for other reasons
 - + **I get together with friends or relatives for a drink/meal at least once a month.**
 - Yes
 - No, I cannot afford it.
 - No, for other reasons
 - + **I regularly participate in leisure activities, even if they cost money (e.g. exercise, sporting events, cinema, concerts).**
 - Yes
 - No, I cannot afford it.
 - No, for other reasons
 - + **I spend a small amount of money each week on myself (e.g. for magazines, small gifts or going out for ice cream).**
 - Yes
 - No, I cannot afford it.
 - No, for other reasons
 - + **I have an internet connection for personal use when I need it (e.g. via smartphone, computer, laptop or tablet).**
 - Yes
 - No, I cannot afford it.
 - No, for other reasons
-

Topic: Well-being

Question 302

Overall, how satisfied are you with your life?

Please answer on a scale from 0 to 10 where “0” is “not at all satisfied” and “10” is “completely satisfied”.

Please mark only one box.

- 0 Not at all satisfied
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
 - 8
 - 9
 - 10 Completely satisfied
-

Question 303

Some say that you can trust most people. Others think that you cannot be careful enough with other people. Do you think that one can trust most people?

Please answer on a scale from 0 to 10 where “0” is “you cannot trust anyone” and “10” is “you can trust most people”.

Please mark only one box.

- 0 You cannot trust anyone
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
 - 8
 - 9
 - 10 You can trust most people
-

Question 304

Overall, how satisfied are you with your current job?

Please answer on a scale from 0 to 10 where "0" is "not at all satisfied" and "10" is "completely satisfied".

If you are not employed, please select "Not applicable".

Please mark only one box.

- 0 Not at all satisfied
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
 - 8
 - 9
 - 10 Completely satisfied
 - Don't know
 - Not applicable
-

Question 305

Do you have relatives, friends or neighbours you could ask for help? Help of any kind is meant here, e.g. assistance in day-to-day life, or someone to talk to, or material or financial assistance.

This refers to people not living in your household.

- Yes
- No

Questions for Person 1

Topic: Life situation in 2025 - Person 1 (16 years or over)

Question 306

Was your situation unchanged over the entire year of 2025?

- If yes, please enter the code from list: List 306
- If no, please enter for each month the code that mainly applied in that month: List 306
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December

Liste 306

- + Employee, public official (including temporary or professional soldier)
 - Full-time (Code: 1)
 - Part-time (Code: 2)
 - + Self-employed person, freelancer
 - Full-time (Code: 3)
 - Part-time (Code: 4)
 - In marginal employment (Code: 5)
 - + Person in employment:
 - on parental leave (Code: 6)
 - in partial retirement (also leave for long-term care) (Code: 7)
 - Apprentice receiving apprenticeship pay (Code: 10)
 - + Unpaid family worker in a family business
 - Full-time (Code: 11)
 - Part-time (Code: 12)
 - Voluntary social/ecological/cultural year, in the Federal Volunteer Service or in voluntary military service (Code: 21)
 - Pupil, person in non-remunerated vocational training, student (Code: 15)
 - Pensioner (Code: 16)
 - Unemployed (Code: 17)
 - Housewife/househusband (Code: 18)
 - Permanently unfit for work (Code: 19)
 - Other (Code: 20)
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Question 307

Were you registered as unemployed with the Federal Employment Agency in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 308

Were you registered as unemployed with the Federal Employment Agency for the entire period of unemployment in 2025?

- Yes
 - No, only for part of the period of unemployment
-

Question 309

Thinking of your main or additional jobs: How many hours per week did you usually work in 2025?

- Number of hours
- Not applicable as I was not in employment in the entire calendar year of 2025.

Topic: Income from employment in 2025

Question 310

Did you receive income (wage/salary) as an employee in 2025?

This includes mini-jobs and remuneration of public officials or judges.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 311

Did you receive the following types of income (wage/salary) as an employee or public official in 2025?

Please enter the net amount (income after deduction of taxes and social insurance contributions, if applicable).

- + **Wage/salary from main job (not including extra payments such as Christmas bonus or other bonuses, not including company car and not including children's allowance)**
 - No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Net amount per month (full euros)
 - Annual net amount (full euros)
 - + **Wage/salary from second job (not including extra payments)**
 - No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
 - Annual amount (full euros)
-

Question 312

Did you receive one or more of the following extra payments in 2025?

Please enter the net amount.

+ Christmas bonus

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Vacation bonus

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Other bonuses and shares in profits

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Severance pay in case of dismissal for operational reasons (before reaching retirement age)

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Severance pay in case of retirement

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Early retirement payments

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

Question 313

Did you receive non-cash benefits from the private use of a company car or from payments in kind in 2025?

If you do not know the gross amount of the non-cash benefit, you may enter 1% of the list price of the company car, plus 0.03% of the list price for every kilometre of the distance between your dwelling and your place of work, e.g. a distance of 10 km corresponds to 1.3% of the list price.

+ Private use of a company car

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Gross amount per month (full euros)

+ Payments in kind or discounts (e.g. staff housing, food, free fuel)

- No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Gross amount per month (full euros)
-

Question 314

Did you receive income from self-employment or freelance work in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 315

What was your income from self-employment or freelance work in 2025?

Please also take into account withdrawals in kind or profits from the business assets.

If you generated negative income (losses) in total in 2025, please enter this amount with a minus sign.

- Income

Topic: Income from pensions in 2025

Question 316

Did you receive pensions based on your own entitlements in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 317

What income from pensions based on your own entitlements did you receive in 2025?

Please enter the amount received, not including health insurance contributions.

+ Old-age pension from statutory pension insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Public official's pension (retirement pension)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from the supplementary pension funds for public service employees

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Company pension

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from occupational pension funds or from the agricultural pension fund

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Public official's pension due to incapacity for work

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Injury pension from statutory accident insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension on account of reduced earning capacity from statutory pension insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from abroad

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ War pension, victim's pension for SED injustice or equalisation of burdens pension

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 318

Did you receive income from widow's pensions/benefits or orphan's pensions/benefits in 2025?

Please enter the amount received, not including health insurance contributions.

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 319

What type of widow's pension/benefit or orphan's pension/benefit did you receive in 2025?

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- + Widow's pension/benefit or orphan's pension/benefit...
 - from statutory pension insurance
 - in accordance with the Public Officials Pensions Act
 - from supplementary pension funds, company pension
 - from occupational pension funds or the agricultural pension fund
 - from another country (pension from abroad)
 - from statutory accident insurance
- Other public widow's or orphan's pension
- Not applicable

Topic: Income from other public institutions in 2025

Question 320

Did you receive unemployment benefit or other benefits from the employment agency in 2025?**+ Unemployment benefit**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Support for business start-up; start-up grant

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Short-time working benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Winter benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Insolvency benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 321

Did you receive the following benefits for initial or continuing vocational education and training from the employment agency in 2025?**+ Continuing education and training benefit for continuing education that leads to a professional qualification (150 euros per month)**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Continuing education and training bonus for passing an intermediate examination (1 000 euros)

- No
- Yes

+ Continuing education and training bonus for passing a final examination (1 500 euros)

- No
- Yes

+ Transitional allowance, training stipend

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Skills development benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Other grants towards initial or continuing vocational education and training (e.g. travel expenses, cost of accommodation away from home, cost of childcare during training measures)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 322

Did you receive any of the following benefits in 2025?**+ Public promotion of education and training (training assistance (BAföG), scholarship/grant), vocational training allowance, grants towards upgrading training under the Upgrading Training Assistance Act**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Parental allowance, parental allowance 'Plus'

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Long-term care allowance from statutory long-term care insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Carer's grant from statutory long-term care insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of days
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Maternity payments from statutory health insurance

- No
- Yes

+ Maternity payments from the Federal Office for Social Security (BAS)

- No
- Yes

+ Family childcare allowance (only in Bayern) or Land childcare allowance (only in Sachsen)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Sickness pay from statutory health insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Injury benefit or transitional allowance from statutory accident insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Transitional allowance from statutory pension insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Blindness benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

Topic: Private old-age provision and benefits from private old-age provision in 2025

Question 323

Did you make contributions to private old-age provision in 2025 (e.g. to private pension insurance, life assurance, occupational disability insurance or accident insurance)?

- No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
-

Question 324

Did you receive a pension from private old-age provision in 2025 (e.g. from a life assurance, pension insurance, occupational disability insurance or supplementary long-term care insurance)?

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)

Topic: Participation in the survey

Question 325

Have you answered the questions yourself?

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

Question 326

Which household member has answered the questions?

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

Question 327

How many minutes did it take you to complete the questionnaire?

- Number of minutes

Questions for Person 2

Topic: Life situation in 2025 - Person 2 (16 years or over)

Question 306

Was your situation unchanged over the entire year of 2025?

- If yes, please enter the code from list: List 306
- If no, please enter for each month the code that mainly applied in that month: List 306
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- February
- March
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Question 307

Were you registered as unemployed with the Federal Employment Agency in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 308

Were you registered as unemployed with the Federal Employment Agency for the entire period of unemployment in 2025?

- Yes
 - No, only for part of the period of unemployment
-

Question 309

Thinking of your main or additional jobs: How many hours per week did you usually work in 2025?

- Number of hours
- Not applicable as I was not in employment in the entire calendar year of 2025.

Topic: Income from employment in 2025

Question 310

Did you receive income (wage/salary) as an employee in 2025?

This includes mini-jobs and remuneration of public officials or judges.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 311

Did you receive the following types of income (wage/salary) as an employee or public official in 2025?

Please enter the net amount (income after deduction of taxes and social insurance contributions, if applicable).

- + **Wage/salary from main job (not including extra payments such as Christmas bonus or other bonuses, not including company car and not including children's allowance)**
 - No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Net amount per month (full euros)
 - Annual net amount (full euros)
 - + **Wage/salary from second job (not including extra payments)**
 - No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
 - Annual amount (full euros)
-

Question 312

Did you receive one or more of the following extra payments in 2025?

Please enter the net amount.

+ Christmas bonus

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Vacation bonus

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Other bonuses and shares in profits

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Severance pay in case of dismissal for operational reasons (before reaching retirement age)

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Severance pay in case of retirement

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Early retirement payments

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

Question 313

Did you receive non-cash benefits from the private use of a company car or from payments in kind in 2025?

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+ Private use of a company car

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Gross amount per month (full euros)

+ Payments in kind or discounts (e.g. staff housing, food, free fuel)

- No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Gross amount per month (full euros)
-

Question 314

Did you receive income from self-employment or freelance work in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 315

What was your income from self-employment or freelance work in 2025?

Please also take into account withdrawals in kind or profits from the business assets.

If you generated negative income (losses) in total in 2025, please enter this amount with a minus sign.

- Income

Topic: Income from pensions in 2025

Question 316

Did you receive pensions based on your own entitlements in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 317

What income from pensions based on your own entitlements did you receive in 2025?

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- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Public official's pension (retirement pension)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from the supplementary pension funds for public service employees

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
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- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Company pension

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- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from occupational pension funds or from the agricultural pension fund

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Public official's pension due to incapacity for work

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Injury pension from statutory accident insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension on account of reduced earning capacity from statutory pension insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from abroad

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ War pension, victim's pension for SED injustice or equalisation of burdens pension

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 318

Did you receive income from widow's pensions/benefits or orphan's pensions/benefits in 2025?

Please enter the amount received, not including health insurance contributions.

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 319

What type of widow's pension/benefit or orphan's pension/benefit did you receive in 2025?

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- + Widow's pension/benefit or orphan's pension/benefit...
 - from statutory pension insurance
 - in accordance with the Public Officials Pensions Act
 - from supplementary pension funds, company pension
 - from occupational pension funds or the agricultural pension fund
 - from another country (pension from abroad)
 - from statutory accident insurance
- Other public widow's or orphan's pension
- Not applicable

Topic: Income from other public institutions in 2025

Question 320

Did you receive unemployment benefit or other benefits from the employment agency in 2025?**+ Unemployment benefit**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Support for business start-up; start-up grant

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Short-time working benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Winter benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Insolvency benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 321

Did you receive the following benefits for initial or continuing vocational education and training from the employment agency in 2025?**+ Continuing education and training benefit for continuing education that leads to a professional qualification (150 euros per month)**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Continuing education and training bonus for passing an intermediate examination (1 000 euros)

- No
- Yes

+ Continuing education and training bonus for passing a final examination (1 500 euros)

- No
- Yes

+ Transitional allowance, training stipend

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Skills development benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Other grants towards initial or continuing vocational education and training (e.g. travel expenses, cost of accommodation away from home, cost of childcare during training measures)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 322

Did you receive any of the following benefits in 2025?**+ Public promotion of education and training (training assistance (BAföG), scholarship/grant), vocational training allowance, grants towards upgrading training under the Upgrading Training Assistance Act**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Parental allowance, parental allowance 'Plus'

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Long-term care allowance from statutory long-term care insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Carer's grant from statutory long-term care insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of days
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Maternity payments from statutory health insurance

- No
- Yes

+ Maternity payments from the Federal Office for Social Security (BAS)

- No
- Yes

+ Family childcare allowance (only in Bayern) or Land childcare allowance (only in Sachsen)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Sickness pay from statutory health insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Injury benefit or transitional allowance from statutory accident insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Transitional allowance from statutory pension insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Blindness benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

Topic: Private old-age provision and benefits from private old-age provision in 2025

Question 323

Did you make contributions to private old-age provision in 2025 (e.g. to private pension insurance, life assurance, occupational disability insurance or accident insurance)?

- No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
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Question 324

Did you receive a pension from private old-age provision in 2025 (e.g. from a life assurance, pension insurance, occupational disability insurance or supplementary long-term care insurance)?

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)

Topic: Participation in the survey

Question 325

Have you answered the questions yourself?

- Yes
 - No, another household member has answered the questions.
 - No, someone not living in the household has answered the questions.
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Question 326

Which household member has answered the questions?

- Please enter the number (see flap) of the person who has answered the questions.
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Question 327

How many minutes did it take you to complete the questionnaire?

- Number of minutes

Questions for Person 3

Topic: Life situation in 2025 - Person 3 (16 years or over)

Question 306

Was your situation unchanged over the entire year of 2025?

- If yes, please enter the code from list: List 306
- If no, please enter for each month the code that mainly applied in that month: List 306
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December

Liste 306

- + Employee, public official (including temporary or professional soldier)
 - Full-time (Code: 1)
 - Part-time (Code: 2)
 - + Self-employed person, freelancer
 - Full-time (Code: 3)
 - Part-time (Code: 4)
 - In marginal employment (Code: 5)
 - + Person in employment:
 - on parental leave (Code: 6)
 - in partial retirement (also leave for long-term care) (Code: 7)
 - Apprentice receiving apprenticeship pay (Code: 10)
 - + Unpaid family worker in a family business
 - Full-time (Code: 11)
 - Part-time (Code: 12)
 - Voluntary social/ecological/cultural year, in the Federal Volunteer Service or in voluntary military service (Code: 21)
 - Pupil, person in non-remunerated vocational training, student (Code: 15)
 - Pensioner (Code: 16)
 - Unemployed (Code: 17)
 - Housewife/househusband (Code: 18)
 - Permanently unfit for work (Code: 19)
 - Other (Code: 20)
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Question 307

Were you registered as unemployed with the Federal Employment Agency in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
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Question 308

Were you registered as unemployed with the Federal Employment Agency for the entire period of unemployment in 2025?

- Yes
 - No, only for part of the period of unemployment
-

Question 309

Thinking of your main or additional jobs: How many hours per week did you usually work in 2025?

- Number of hours
- Not applicable as I was not in employment in the entire calendar year of 2025.

Topic: Income from employment in 2025

Question 310

Did you receive income (wage/salary) as an employee in 2025?

This includes mini-jobs and remuneration of public officials or judges.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 311

Did you receive the following types of income (wage/salary) as an employee or public official in 2025?

Please enter the net amount (income after deduction of taxes and social insurance contributions, if applicable).

- + **Wage/salary from main job (not including extra payments such as Christmas bonus or other bonuses, not including company car and not including children's allowance)**
 - No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Net amount per month (full euros)
 - Annual net amount (full euros)
 - + **Wage/salary from second job (not including extra payments)**
 - No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
 - Annual amount (full euros)
-

Question 312

Did you receive one or more of the following extra payments in 2025?

Please enter the net amount.

+ Christmas bonus

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Vacation bonus

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Other bonuses and shares in profits

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Severance pay in case of dismissal for operational reasons (before reaching retirement age)

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Severance pay in case of retirement

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Early retirement payments

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

Question 313

Did you receive non-cash benefits from the private use of a company car or from payments in kind in 2025?

If you do not know the gross amount of the non-cash benefit, you may enter 1% of the list price of the company car, plus 0.03% of the list price for every kilometre of the distance between your dwelling and your place of work, e.g. a distance of 10 km corresponds to 1.3% of the list price.

+ Private use of a company car

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Gross amount per month (full euros)

+ Payments in kind or discounts (e.g. staff housing, food, free fuel)

- No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Gross amount per month (full euros)
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Question 314

Did you receive income from self-employment or freelance work in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 315

What was your income from self-employment or freelance work in 2025?

Please also take into account withdrawals in kind or profits from the business assets.

If you generated negative income (losses) in total in 2025, please enter this amount with a minus sign.

- Income

Topic: Income from pensions in 2025

Question 316

Did you receive pensions based on your own entitlements in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
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Question 317

What income from pensions based on your own entitlements did you receive in 2025?

Please enter the amount received, not including health insurance contributions.

+ Old-age pension from statutory pension insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Public official's pension (retirement pension)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from the supplementary pension funds for public service employees

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Company pension

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from occupational pension funds or from the agricultural pension fund

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Public official's pension due to incapacity for work

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Injury pension from statutory accident insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension on account of reduced earning capacity from statutory pension insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from abroad

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ War pension, victim's pension for SED injustice or equalisation of burdens pension

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 318

Did you receive income from widow's pensions/benefits or orphan's pensions/benefits in 2025?

Please enter the amount received, not including health insurance contributions.

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 319

What type of widow's pension/benefit or orphan's pension/benefit did you receive in 2025?

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- + Widow's pension/benefit or orphan's pension/benefit...
 - from statutory pension insurance
 - in accordance with the Public Officials Pensions Act
 - from supplementary pension funds, company pension
 - from occupational pension funds or the agricultural pension fund
 - from another country (pension from abroad)
 - from statutory accident insurance
- Other public widow's or orphan's pension
- Not applicable

Topic: Income from other public institutions in 2025

Question 320

Did you receive unemployment benefit or other benefits from the employment agency in 2025?**+ Unemployment benefit**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Support for business start-up; start-up grant

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Short-time working benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Winter benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Insolvency benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 321

Did you receive the following benefits for initial or continuing vocational education and training from the employment agency in 2025?**+ Continuing education and training benefit for continuing education that leads to a professional qualification (150 euros per month)**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Continuing education and training bonus for passing an intermediate examination (1 000 euros)

- No
- Yes

+ Continuing education and training bonus for passing a final examination (1 500 euros)

- No
- Yes

+ Transitional allowance, training stipend

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Skills development benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Other grants towards initial or continuing vocational education and training (e.g. travel expenses, cost of accommodation away from home, cost of childcare during training measures)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 322

Did you receive any of the following benefits in 2025?**+ Public promotion of education and training (training assistance (BAföG), scholarship/grant), vocational training allowance, grants towards upgrading training under the Upgrading Training Assistance Act**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Parental allowance, parental allowance 'Plus'

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Long-term care allowance from statutory long-term care insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Carer's grant from statutory long-term care insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of days
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Maternity payments from statutory health insurance

- No
- Yes

+ Maternity payments from the Federal Office for Social Security (BAS)

- No
- Yes

+ Family childcare allowance (only in Bayern) or Land childcare allowance (only in Sachsen)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Sickness pay from statutory health insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Injury benefit or transitional allowance from statutory accident insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Transitional allowance from statutory pension insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Blindness benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

Topic: Private old-age provision and benefits from private old-age provision in 2025

Question 323

Did you make contributions to private old-age provision in 2025 (e.g. to private pension insurance, life assurance, occupational disability insurance or accident insurance)?

- No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
-

Question 324

Did you receive a pension from private old-age provision in 2025 (e.g. from a life assurance, pension insurance, occupational disability insurance or supplementary long-term care insurance)?

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)

Topic: Participation in the survey

Question 325

Have you answered the questions yourself?

- Yes
 - No, another household member has answered the questions.
 - No, someone not living in the household has answered the questions.
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Question 326

Which household member has answered the questions?

- Please enter the number (see flap) of the person who has answered the questions.
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Question 327

How many minutes did it take you to complete the questionnaire?

- Number of minutes

Questions for Person 4

Topic: Life situation in 2025 - Person 4 (16 years or over)

Question 306

Was your situation unchanged over the entire year of 2025?

- If yes, please enter the code from list: List 306
- If no, please enter for each month the code that mainly applied in that month: List 306
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December

Liste 306

- + Employee, public official (including temporary or professional soldier)
 - Full-time (Code: 1)
 - Part-time (Code: 2)
 - + Self-employed person, freelancer
 - Full-time (Code: 3)
 - Part-time (Code: 4)
 - In marginal employment (Code: 5)
 - + Person in employment:
 - on parental leave (Code: 6)
 - in partial retirement (also leave for long-term care) (Code: 7)
 - Apprentice receiving apprenticeship pay (Code: 10)
 - + Unpaid family worker in a family business
 - Full-time (Code: 11)
 - Part-time (Code: 12)
 - Voluntary social/ecological/cultural year, in the Federal Volunteer Service or in voluntary military service (Code: 21)
 - Pupil, person in non-remunerated vocational training, student (Code: 15)
 - Pensioner (Code: 16)
 - Unemployed (Code: 17)
 - Housewife/househusband (Code: 18)
 - Permanently unfit for work (Code: 19)
 - Other (Code: 20)
-

Question 307

Were you registered as unemployed with the Federal Employment Agency in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 308

Were you registered as unemployed with the Federal Employment Agency for the entire period of unemployment in 2025?

- Yes
 - No, only for part of the period of unemployment
-

Question 309

Thinking of your main or additional jobs: How many hours per week did you usually work in 2025?

- Number of hours
- Not applicable as I was not in employment in the entire calendar year of 2025.

Topic: Income from employment in 2025

Question 310

Did you receive income (wage/salary) as an employee in 2025?

This includes mini-jobs and remuneration of public officials or judges.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 311

Did you receive the following types of income (wage/salary) as an employee or public official in 2025?

Please enter the net amount (income after deduction of taxes and social insurance contributions, if applicable).

- + **Wage/salary from main job (not including extra payments such as Christmas bonus or other bonuses, not including company car and not including children's allowance)**
 - No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Net amount per month (full euros)
 - Annual net amount (full euros)
 - + **Wage/salary from second job (not including extra payments)**
 - No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
 - Annual amount (full euros)
-

Question 312

Did you receive one or more of the following extra payments in 2025?

Please enter the net amount.

+ Christmas bonus

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Vacation bonus

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Other bonuses and shares in profits

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Severance pay in case of dismissal for operational reasons (before reaching retirement age)

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Severance pay in case of retirement

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Early retirement payments

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

Question 313

Did you receive non-cash benefits from the private use of a company car or from payments in kind in 2025?

If you do not know the gross amount of the non-cash benefit, you may enter 1% of the list price of the company car, plus 0.03% of the list price for every kilometre of the distance between your dwelling and your place of work, e.g. a distance of 10 km corresponds to 1.3% of the list price.

+ Private use of a company car

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Gross amount per month (full euros)

+ Payments in kind or discounts (e.g. staff housing, food, free fuel)

- No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Gross amount per month (full euros)
-

Question 314

Did you receive income from self-employment or freelance work in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 315

What was your income from self-employment or freelance work in 2025?

Please also take into account withdrawals in kind or profits from the business assets.

If you generated negative income (losses) in total in 2025, please enter this amount with a minus sign.

- Income

Topic: Income from pensions in 2025

Question 316

Did you receive pensions based on your own entitlements in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 317

What income from pensions based on your own entitlements did you receive in 2025?

Please enter the amount received, not including health insurance contributions.

+ Old-age pension from statutory pension insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Public official's pension (retirement pension)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from the supplementary pension funds for public service employees

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Company pension

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from occupational pension funds or from the agricultural pension fund

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Public official's pension due to incapacity for work

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Injury pension from statutory accident insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension on account of reduced earning capacity from statutory pension insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from abroad

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ War pension, victim's pension for SED injustice or equalisation of burdens pension

- No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
 - Annual amount (full euros)
-

Question 318

Did you receive income from widow's pensions/benefits or orphan's pensions/benefits in 2025?

Please enter the amount received, not including health insurance contributions.

- No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
 - Annual amount (full euros)
-

Question 319

What type of widow's pension/benefit or orphan's pension/benefit did you receive in 2025?

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- + Widow's pension/benefit or orphan's pension/benefit...
 - from statutory pension insurance
 - in accordance with the Public Officials Pensions Act
 - from supplementary pension funds, company pension
 - from occupational pension funds or the agricultural pension fund
 - from another country (pension from abroad)
 - from statutory accident insurance
 - Other public widow's or orphan's pension
 - Not applicable
-

Topic: Income from other public institutions in 2025

Question 320

Did you receive unemployment benefit or other benefits from the employment agency in 2025?**+ Unemployment benefit**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Support for business start-up; start-up grant

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Short-time working benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Winter benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Insolvency benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 321

Did you receive the following benefits for initial or continuing vocational education and training from the employment agency in 2025?**+ Continuing education and training benefit for continuing education that leads to a professional qualification (150 euros per month)**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Continuing education and training bonus for passing an intermediate examination (1 000 euros)

- No
- Yes

+ Continuing education and training bonus for passing a final examination (1 500 euros)

- No
- Yes

+ Transitional allowance, training stipend

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Skills development benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Other grants towards initial or continuing vocational education and training (e.g. travel expenses, cost of accommodation away from home, cost of childcare during training measures)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 322

Did you receive any of the following benefits in 2025?**+ Public promotion of education and training (training assistance (BAföG), scholarship/grant), vocational training allowance, grants towards upgrading training under the Upgrading Training Assistance Act**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Parental allowance, parental allowance 'Plus'

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Long-term care allowance from statutory long-term care insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Carer's grant from statutory long-term care insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of days
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Maternity payments from statutory health insurance

- No
- Yes

+ Maternity payments from the Federal Office for Social Security (BAS)

- No
- Yes

+ Family childcare allowance (only in Bayern) or Land childcare allowance (only in Sachsen)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Sickness pay from statutory health insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Injury benefit or transitional allowance from statutory accident insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Transitional allowance from statutory pension insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Blindness benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

Topic: Private old-age provision and benefits from private old-age provision in 2025

Question 323

Did you make contributions to private old-age provision in 2025 (e.g. to private pension insurance, life assurance, occupational disability insurance or accident insurance)?

- No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
-

Question 324

Did you receive a pension from private old-age provision in 2025 (e.g. from a life assurance, pension insurance, occupational disability insurance or supplementary long-term care insurance)?

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)

Topic: Participation in the survey

Question 325

Have you answered the questions yourself?

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

Question 326

Which household member has answered the questions?

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

Question 327

How many minutes did it take you to complete the questionnaire?

- Number of minutes

Questions for Person 5

Topic: Life situation in 2025 - Person 5 (16 years or over)

Question 306

Was your situation unchanged over the entire year of 2025?

- If yes, please enter the code from list: List 306
- If no, please enter for each month the code that mainly applied in that month: List 306
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
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- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December

Liste 306

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 - Full-time (Code: 1)
 - Part-time (Code: 2)
 - + Self-employed person, freelancer
 - Full-time (Code: 3)
 - Part-time (Code: 4)
 - In marginal employment (Code: 5)
 - + Person in employment:
 - on parental leave (Code: 6)
 - in partial retirement (also leave for long-term care) (Code: 7)
 - Apprentice receiving apprenticeship pay (Code: 10)
 - + Unpaid family worker in a family business
 - Full-time (Code: 11)
 - Part-time (Code: 12)
 - Voluntary social/ecological/cultural year, in the Federal Volunteer Service or in voluntary military service (Code: 21)
 - Pupil, person in non-remunerated vocational training, student (Code: 15)
 - Pensioner (Code: 16)
 - Unemployed (Code: 17)
 - Housewife/househusband (Code: 18)
 - Permanently unfit for work (Code: 19)
 - Other (Code: 20)
-

Question 307

Were you registered as unemployed with the Federal Employment Agency in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 308

Were you registered as unemployed with the Federal Employment Agency for the entire period of unemployment in 2025?

- Yes
 - No, only for part of the period of unemployment
-

Question 309

Thinking of your main or additional jobs: How many hours per week did you usually work in 2025?

- Number of hours
- Not applicable as I was not in employment in the entire calendar year of 2025.

Topic: Income from employment in 2025

Question 310

Did you receive income (wage/salary) as an employee in 2025?

This includes mini-jobs and remuneration of public officials or judges.

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 311

Did you receive the following types of income (wage/salary) as an employee or public official in 2025?

Please enter the net amount (income after deduction of taxes and social insurance contributions, if applicable).

- + **Wage/salary from main job (not including extra payments such as Christmas bonus or other bonuses, not including company car and not including children's allowance)**
 - No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Net amount per month (full euros)
 - Annual net amount (full euros)
 - + **Wage/salary from second job (not including extra payments)**
 - No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
 - Annual amount (full euros)
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Question 312

Did you receive one or more of the following extra payments in 2025?

Please enter the net amount.

+ Christmas bonus

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Vacation bonus

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Other bonuses and shares in profits

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Severance pay in case of dismissal for operational reasons (before reaching retirement age)

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Severance pay in case of retirement

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

+ Early retirement payments

- No
- Yes
- Net annual amount (full euros)

Question 313

Did you receive non-cash benefits from the private use of a company car or from payments in kind in 2025?

If you do not know the gross amount of the non-cash benefit, you may enter 1% of the list price of the company car, plus 0.03% of the list price for every kilometre of the distance between your dwelling and your place of work, e.g. a distance of 10 km corresponds to 1.3% of the list price.

+ Private use of a company car

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Gross amount per month (full euros)

+ Payments in kind or discounts (e.g. staff housing, food, free fuel)

- No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Gross amount per month (full euros)
-

Question 314

Did you receive income from self-employment or freelance work in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
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Question 315

What was your income from self-employment or freelance work in 2025?

Please also take into account withdrawals in kind or profits from the business assets.

If you generated negative income (losses) in total in 2025, please enter this amount with a minus sign.

- Income

Topic: Income from pensions in 2025

Question 316

Did you receive pensions based on your own entitlements in 2025?

- Yes
 - No
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Question 317

What income from pensions based on your own entitlements did you receive in 2025?

Please enter the amount received, not including health insurance contributions.

+ Old-age pension from statutory pension insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Public official's pension (retirement pension)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from the supplementary pension funds for public service employees

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Company pension

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from occupational pension funds or from the agricultural pension fund

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Public official's pension due to incapacity for work

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Injury pension from statutory accident insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension on account of reduced earning capacity from statutory pension insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Pension from abroad

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ War pension, victim's pension for SED injustice or equalisation of burdens pension

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 318

Did you receive income from widow's pensions/benefits or orphan's pensions/benefits in 2025?

Please enter the amount received, not including health insurance contributions.

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 319

What type of widow's pension/benefit or orphan's pension/benefit did you receive in 2025?

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- + Widow's pension/benefit or orphan's pension/benefit...
 - from statutory pension insurance
 - in accordance with the Public Officials Pensions Act
 - from supplementary pension funds, company pension
 - from occupational pension funds or the agricultural pension fund
 - from another country (pension from abroad)
 - from statutory accident insurance
- Other public widow's or orphan's pension
- Not applicable

Topic: Income from other public institutions in 2025

Question 320

Did you receive unemployment benefit or other benefits from the employment agency in 2025?**+ Unemployment benefit**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Support for business start-up; start-up grant

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Short-time working benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Winter benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Insolvency benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 321

Did you receive the following benefits for initial or continuing vocational education and training from the employment agency in 2025?**+ Continuing education and training benefit for continuing education that leads to a professional qualification (150 euros per month)**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Continuing education and training bonus for passing an intermediate examination (1 000 euros)

- No
- Yes

+ Continuing education and training bonus for passing a final examination (1 500 euros)

- No
- Yes

+ Transitional allowance, training stipend

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Skills development benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Other grants towards initial or continuing vocational education and training (e.g. travel expenses, cost of accommodation away from home, cost of childcare during training measures)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

Question 322

Did you receive any of the following benefits in 2025?**+ Public promotion of education and training (training assistance (BAföG), scholarship/grant), vocational training allowance, grants towards upgrading training under the Upgrading Training Assistance Act**

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Parental allowance, parental allowance 'Plus'

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Long-term care allowance from statutory long-term care insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Carer's grant from statutory long-term care insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of days
- Annual amount (full euros)

+ Maternity payments from statutory health insurance

- No
- Yes

+ Maternity payments from the Federal Office for Social Security (BAS)

- No
- Yes

+ Family childcare allowance (only in Bayern) or Land childcare allowance (only in Sachsen)

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Sickness pay from statutory health insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Injury benefit or transitional allowance from statutory accident insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Transitional allowance from statutory pension insurance

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

+ Blindness benefit

- No
- Yes
- Number of months

Topic: Private old-age provision and benefits from private old-age provision in 2025

Question 323

Did you make contributions to private old-age provision in 2025 (e.g. to private pension insurance, life assurance, occupational disability insurance or accident insurance)?

- No
 - Yes
 - Number of months
 - Amount per month (full euros)
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Question 324

Did you receive a pension from private old-age provision in 2025 (e.g. from a life assurance, pension insurance, occupational disability insurance or supplementary long-term care insurance)?

- No
- Yes
- Number of months
- Amount per month (full euros)

Topic: Participation in the survey

Question 325

Have you answered the questions yourself?

- Yes
 - No, another household member has answered the questions.
 - No, someone not living in the household has answered the questions.
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Question 326

Which household member has answered the questions?

- Please enter the number (see flap) of the person who has answered the questions.
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Question 327

How many minutes did it take you to complete the questionnaire?

- Number of minutes

