

Microcensus 2025



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Core programme

Question overview for information purposes

Topic: Household and dwelling

Question 1

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

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

Yes, number of other households

No, no other households

Question 2

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

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

Number of people in your household

Question 3

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

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

Question 4

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

Male

Female

Gender diverse

Not stated in the birth register

Question 5

When were you born?

Month

Year

Question 6

What is your marital status?

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

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 8

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 9

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

- Yes
 - No
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Question 10

Have any household members moved out since the last interview?

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

Question 11

Have any household members died since the last interview?

- Yes, enter how many people died
 - No
-

Question 12

Did you move into this household after the last interview?

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

Yes

No

Topic: People and household

Question 13

Do you live in a one-person household?

Yes

No

Question 14**Does your mother live in this household?**

This includes stepmothers, adoptive and foster mothers.

Yes, my mother is number (see flap)

No

Question 15**Does your father live in this household?**

This includes stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers.

Yes, my father is number (see flap)

No

Question 16**Does your spouse live in this household?**

Yes, my spouse is number (see flap)

No

Question 17**Does your partner live in this household?**

This includes registered life partnerships.

Yes, my partner is number (see flap)

No

Question 18

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: Information and communication technology in the household

Question 19

Does your household have internet access?

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

Yes

No

I don't know.

Topic: Childcare

Question 20

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

Yes

No

Question 21

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

Please mark all relevant boxes.

- Day care centre (kindergarten, crèche)
 - Professional child minder
 - Au-pair, babysitter
 - Preschool institution (pre-primary education)
 - Care services for pupils before and/or after school (offered by school or other facility)
 - Relatives, friends, neighbours
 - Not applicable as the child is cared for only by his/her parents.
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Question 22

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.
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Topic: Citizenship and duration of residence

Question 23

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
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Question 24

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
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Question 25

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

Question 26

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

Year

Question 27

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

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

Employment: job found before moving to Germany

Employment: no job found before moving to Germany

Academic studies or other education, advanced training

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

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

Flight, persecution, expulsion, asylum

Free movement within the EU: wished to settle in Germany

Retirement

Other main reason

Question 28

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 29

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 30

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 31

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 32

Do you have German citizenship?

Yes, German citizenship only

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

No

Question 33

Of which foreign country do you have citizenship?

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

Question 34

Do you have citizenship of another foreign country?

Yes

No

Question 35

Of which second foreign country do you have citizenship?

Question 36

Of which other country do you have citizenship?

Question 37

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 38

When were you naturalised?

Year

Question 39

Which citizenship did you have before your naturalisation?

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

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

Question 40

Does your mother live in this household?

This includes stepmothers, adoptive and foster mothers.

Yes

No

Question 41

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

Yes, in (year)

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

No

Question 42

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

Before 1950

1950 or later

Question 43

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 44

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

Yes

No

Question 45

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

Question 46

Does your father live in this household?

This includes stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers.

Yes

No

Question 47

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

Yes, in (year)

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

No

Question 48

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

Before 1950

1950 or later

Question 49

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 50

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

Yes

No

Question 51

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

Question 52

Does your mother live in this household?

This includes stepmothers, adoptive and foster mothers.

Yes

No

Question 53

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

Yes

No

Question 54

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

Question 55

Does your father live in this household?

This includes stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers.

Yes

No

Question 56

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

Yes

No

Question 57

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

Topic: School or university attendance

Question 58

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 59

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 60

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 61

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 62

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

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

Question 63

What course of study did you take?

Bachelor's

Master's

Diplom degree or comparable course of study

Question 64

Are you 15 years or older?

Yes

No

Topic: Employment situation in the reference week

Question 65

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 66

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

Yes

No

Question 67

**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 68

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 69

Why did you not work in the reference week?

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

- Illness, accident (including spa treatment, rehabilitation)
 - Holidays, special leave
 - Compensation leave (within the framework of a working time account or an annualised hours contract)
 - Maternity leave
 - Partial retirement
 - Vocational and continuing training
 - Parental leave
 - Released from work under the Caregiver Leave Act
 - Off-season
 - Strike, lockout
 - Bad weather
 - Short-time work for technical or economic reasons
 - General and continuing education, school attendance
 - Personal or family responsibilities
 - Other reasons
 - I have already found a job but did not yet work in that job in the reference week.
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Question 70

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
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Question 71

Indicate the total period of your absence from work.

- 3 months or less
 - More than 3 months
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Question 72

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

- Yes
- No

Topic: Job during the reference week

Question 73

What was your status in employment in the reference week?

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

- Self-employed person, freelancer
 - without employees
 - with employees
 - Unpaid family worker in a family business
 - Public official (not including candidates), judge
 - Salary earner, wage earner (not including apprentices)
 - Apprentice/trainee receiving remuneration
 - Candidate public official
 - Intern, trainee (including paid practical training or internship)
 - Temporary or professional soldier
 - In voluntary military service
 - In the Federal Volunteer Service (also social, ecological or cultural year)
 - Other employee with a small-scale job
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Question 74

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

This refers to remunerated apprenticeships/traineeships.

- With an establishment (company, shop, office, hospital, public authority)
 - With an inter-company or external institution as vocational training provider, e.g. a vocational training centre for disabled young people (Berufsbildungswerk), educational centre (Bildungszentrum)
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Question 75

Are you in marginal employment?

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

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

Question 76

How often do you work in your job?

- Regularly
 - Irregularly, occasionally
 - On a seasonal basis
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Question 77

Please provide some keywords to describe your current job.

(Voluntary question)

For example

- selling clothing
 - teaching children at primary school
 - advising and informing customers on travel offers
 - designing or planning buildings and other structures
 - assembling and testing electronic circuits
 - mixing concrete, mortar and plaster
 - attending to and caring for patients (before, during and after surgeries)
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Question 78

What is the title of your current job?

For example:

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

Question 79

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 80

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

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

- food retailing (not: trade)
 - machine tool industry (not: factory)
 - facility management, caretaker services, business consultancy (not: services)
 - software development (not: IT)
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Question 81

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 82

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 83

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 84

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

Number of people

Topic: Change of job or occupation

Question 85

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 86

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 87

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 88

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 89

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 90

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

- Yes
 - No
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Question 91

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 92

Does your job involve temporary agency work?

- Yes
 - No
-

Question 93

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 94

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

Yes

No

Question 95

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

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

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

Number of hours

Question 96

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

Yes

No

Question 97

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

Please include half days and count them as 0.5.

Number of days

Question 98

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

Yes

No

Question 99

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

Please include half days and count them as 0.5.

Number of days

Question 100

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

Yes

No

Question 101

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

Please include half days and count them as 0.5.

Number of days

Question 102

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 103

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 104

Are you in marginal employment in your additional job?

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

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

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

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

No

Question 105

How often do you work in your additional job?

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

Question 106

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)
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Question 107

Please provide some keywords to describe your additional job.

(Voluntary question)

For example

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

Question 108

What is the title of your additional job?

For example:

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

Question 109

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 110

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

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

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

Question 111

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 112

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

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

Number of hours

Topic: Desired number of working hours

Question 113

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 114

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
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Question 115

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 116

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 117

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 118

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 119

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 120

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 121

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

Month

Year

Question 122

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 123

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 124

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

(Voluntary question)

For example

- selling clothing
 - teaching children at primary school
 - advising and informing customers on travel offers
 - designing or planning buildings and other structures
 - assembling and testing electronic circuits
 - mixing concrete, mortar and plaster
 - attending to and caring for patients (before, during and after surgeries)
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Question 125

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

For example

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

Question 126

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 127

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

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

- food retailing (not: trade)
 - machine tool industry (not: factory)
 - facility management, caretaker services, business consultancy (not: services)
 - software development (not: IT)
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Question 128

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

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

Yes

No

Topic: Search for work

Question 129

Are you 90 years or older?

Yes

No

 Question 130

**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 131
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 132
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 133
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 134

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 135

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 136

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 137

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

Yes

No

Question 138

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 139

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 140

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 141

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 142

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 143

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

Yes

No

Question 144

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 145

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

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

There is no adequate care available in the vicinity.

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

Adequate care is too expensive.

I want to do it myself.

Other essential reasons

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

Question 146

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

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

on parental leave

in partial retirement

fully or partly released from work under the Caregiver Leave Act

partly released from work under the Family Caregiver Leave Act

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

Self-employed person, freelancer:

without employees

with employees

Unpaid family worker in a family business

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

Pupil, student

Retired or in early retirement

Unemployed

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

Permanently unfit for work

Other

Topic: Current income situation

Question 147

Which are your main sources of livelihood?

Main sources of livelihood: code from List 147

Liste 147

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

Question 148

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

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

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

Personal net income: code from List 148

I had no income.

Liste 148

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

Question 149

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

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

Net household income

Code from List 148

Question 150

Are you 15 years or older?

Yes

No

Topic: Educational and vocational attainment

Question 151

Do you hold a general school certificate?

Yes

No/Not yet

Question 152

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 153

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

Germany

Abroad

Question 154

How long did you attend school?

Please round to the nearest year.

Number of years in school

Question 155

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 156

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 157

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

Year

Question 158

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

Germany

Abroad

Question 159

Which is your highest qualification?

Please convert qualifications gained abroad to German equivalents.

Vocational qualification attained

On-the-job training

Internship

Pre-vocational training year

Apprenticeship, vocational training in the dual system

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

Preparatory training for the intermediate service in public administration

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

one year (e.g. geriatric care assistant)

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

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

Nursery teacher/educator

Master craftsman/craftswoman

Technician's qualification or equivalent trade and technical school certificate

Specialised and engineering schools of the GDR

Specialised academy (in Bayern only)

Higher education institutions

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

Vocational academy

College of public administration

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

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

Doctoral degree

Question 160

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 161

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 162

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

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

Topic: Continuing education and training

Question 163

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 164

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

Yes

No

Question 165

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 166

Did you use the internet in the last 3 months?

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

Yes

No

Topic: Participation in the survey

Question 167

Have you answered the questions yourself?*(Voluntary question)*

Yes

No, another household member has answered the questions.

No, someone not living in the household has answered the questions.

Question 168

Which household member has answered the questions?*(Voluntary question)*

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

