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The variable names mentioned in this document belong to a collection of datasets, which is released with doi:10.5684/soep.core.v40o.

## Reading Aid

This representation of the questionnaire contains the same informations as the portal `paneldata.org`.

The diagram shows a questionnaire entry with the following components and labels:

- question number:** Q72
- question text:** Now we would like to know something about you personally. Were you born in Germany?
- interviewer instruction:** This refers to Germany or the Federal Republic of Germany or the German Democratic Republic in the national borders at the time of your birth.
- answer options:**
  - Yes (1)
  - No (2)
  - No answer (-1)
- in blue: identifier for filter:** Q72:lsta1
- in blue: filter with condition:** Q72:lsta1=2
- in green: dataset name, variable name, variable label:** bio I0013 born in Germany
- grey bar: open or numeric answer:** Q73:lsta2 bio I0016 Country Of Birth

Here, in addition to the *question number*, *question text*, *interviewer instructions*, and *answer options*, you find printed in green the *file name* and the *variable name* with the *variable label*, which contains information from the question. If you see rows of green lines below the answer option, the questionnaire defines several variables or informations are stored in more than one data set.

The *routing by filters* is depicted in blue.

Each variable is preceded by an identifier, which usually contains the question number and which is used when the variable is used in filters in subsequent questions. Such filters are usually placed as input filters (gatekeepers) at the beginning of a question. An identifier that is referred to in the input filter of a subsequent question is marked yellow as an example.

This reading aid does not cover a few exceptional cases: If the filter (as gatekeeper) only affects one of several variables for a question, the filter is printed in blue behind the variable. There you will also find a "go to" command in the form 2 @ Q73. Here, the questionnaire skips to question 73 if answer 2 was given.

Phrases that are not already translated in English are displayed in German and preceded by [de].

**Z1 Was anyone else present while you were filling out the questionnaire?**

[de] Jahrgang == 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012: Bitte gib alles Zutreffende an. Jahrgang != 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012: Bitte geben Sie alles Zutreffende an.

Yes, my father or mother					1
Yes, my spouse / partner					1
Yes, someone who lives here in this household					1
Yes, someone who does not live here in this household					1
No					1
Can't / don't want to answer					1
Z1:anw5	instrumentation	present5	Presence during completion: Father/Mother	Jahrgang == 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012	1@Z2
Z1:anw5	instrumentation2023	bn_Z1	Presence during completion: Father/Mother	Jahrgang == 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012	1@Z2
Z1:anw1	instrumentation	present1	Presence during completion: Spouse/Partner	Jahrgang != 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012	1@Z2
Z1:anw1	instrumentation2023	bn_F_01	Presence during completion: Spouse/Partner	Jahrgang != 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012	1@Z2
Z1:anw2	instrumentation	present2	Presence during completion: other household member		1@Z2
Z1:anw2	instrumentation2023	bn_F_02	Presence during completion: other household member		1@Z2
Z1:anw3	instrumentation	present3	Presence during completion: other non-household person		1@Z2
Z1:anw3	instrumentation2023	bn_F_03	Presence during completion: other non-household person		1@Z2
Z1:anw4	instrumentation	present4	Presence during completion: Nobody		1@Z3
Z1:anw4	instrumentation2023	bn_F_04	Presence during completion: Nobody		1@Z3

(Z1;anw5=1)|(Z1;anw1=1)|(Z1;anw2=1)|(Z1;anw3=1)|(Z1;anw4=1)

**Z2 Did any of the aforementioned people bother you while you were filling out the questionnaire?**

Yes					1
No					2
Can't / don't want to answer					-1
Z2:abl	instrumentation	distract	Survey distractions		
Z2:abl	instrumentation2023	bn_G	Survey distractions		

**Z3** Year == 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012: Finally, we are interested in your opinion about the questionnaire. For example, if something was missing or you had problems answering questions, you can explain this below. Also, if you would like to add anything or give us any comments or critique, please let us know here. Year != 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012: Finally, we are interested in your opinion about the questionnaire. For example, if something was missing or you had problems answering questions, you can explain this below. Also, if you would like to add anything or give us any comments or critique, please let us know here.

Z3:1	instrumentation	feedback	Feedback on the questionnaire
Z3:1	instrumentation2023	bn_Z3	Feedback on the questionnaire

**Z4** Year == 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012: To continue the process of updating our survey layout and to ensure the quality of our data, we are interested in how you took part in the survey and would like to ask you a few last questions. Year != 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012: To continue the process of updating our survey layout and to ensure the quality of our data, we are interested in how you took part in the survey and would like to ask you a few last questions.

Year == 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012: What types of devices did you use to participate in our survey? Vintage != 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012: What types of devices did you use to participate in our survey?

*[de] Jahrgang == 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012: Bitte gib alles zutreffende an. Jahrgang != 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012: Bitte markieren Sie alles Zutreffende.*

Desktop computer / PC	1		
Laptop / notebook	1		
Tablet	1		
Smartphone	1		
Other	1		
Z4:3	instrumentation	device_01	Device: stationary computer
Z4:3	instrumentation2023	bn_Z4_01	Device: stationary computer
Z4:4	instrumentation	device_02	Device: Laptop/Notebook
Z4:4	instrumentation2023	bn_Z4_02	Device: Laptop/Notebook
Z4:5	instrumentation	device_03	Device: Tablet
Z4:5	instrumentation2023	bn_Z4_03	Device: Tablet
Z4:6	instrumentation	device_04	Device: Smartphone
Z4:6	instrumentation2023	bn_Z4_04	Device: Smartphone
Z4:7	instrumentation	device_05	Device: Other
Z4:7	instrumentation2023	bn_Z4_05	Device: Other

[Other] please specify:

Z4:8	instrumentation	device_05_open	Restriction of the other device used
Z4:8	instrumentation2023	bn_Z4_06	Restriction of the other device used

Jahrgang != 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012

**Z5** We are also interested in how you took part in our online survey.

Where were you when you were answering the majority of the questions?

at home	1
out and about (for example, on the train or subway)	2
at work / at the library / in a computer pool	3
at the cafeteria / at a restaurant / at a cafe	4
Other	5
Can't / don't want to answer	-1

Z5:2 instrumentation location Location of survey administration

Z5:2 instrumentation2023 bn\_Z5\_01 Location of survey administration

[Other] please specify:

Z5:3 instrumentation location\_open Description of the location of survey administration

Z5:3 instrumentation2023 bn\_Z5\_02 Description of the location of survey administration