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Language: *LIST LANGUAGES*

Introduction

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Welcome to the **MY WAY IN GERMANY** survey.

In this survey we want to find out more about your life experiences in Germany. To do this, we need your support!

Taking part in the survey is, of course, entirely voluntary. We guarantee that all the information you provide will remain strictly confidential and anonymous.

The survey will take about 20 minutes. Further information about the survey and data protection is available via the following link: www.iab-myway.de

As an expression of our appreciation for your participation, you will receive a voucher with a value of 5 euros at the end of the survey.

To start the survey, please enter the password with which you were provided in the invitation letter that you received in the post.

Password _____

„Start Survey“

Thank you for taking part!

Linkage consent [LC0100]

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Before the start of this survey we have an important question for you:

We want to keep the interview as short as possible. For this reason, during the evaluation of this survey and possible future surveys, we would also like to include data which is currently available or will be available about you held at the Institute for Employment Research at the Federal Employment Agency. This includes, for example, information about your employment relationships and jobs or periods of unemployment.

We shall ensure that all data protection regulations are strictly adhered to at all times.

We would like to ask you for your consent to link and analyse your data. Your consent is, of course, voluntary. You can withdraw it at any time in the future.

Do you agree to this linking of your data?

- 1 Yes, I agree
- 2 No, i do not agree

Nationality, origin and arrival in Germany [SHA]

1. SHA0100*

§num

**Input range a: 1-12*

**Input range b: 1950-2007*

We would now like to ask you for some personal details.

When were you born?

Please provide your month and year of birth.

SHA0100a

Month: __

SHA0100b

Year: ____

Error message if SHA0100b = missing: "Not specified: please, at the least, provide details for the year. This is a very important question. We would like our follow-up questions to match your work and life situation as closely as possible."

2. SHA0300

§single

In which current country is your place of birth?

LIST OF COUNTRIES

Error message not specified: "Not specified: Please provide details. This is a very important question. We would like our follow-up questions to match your work and life situation as closely as possible."

3. SHA0400

§single

Do you have German citizenship?

1 Yes

2 No

Error message not specified: "Not specified: Please provide details. This is a very important question. We would like our follow-up questions to match your work and life situation as closely as possible."

4. SHA0500

\$single

FILTER: IF SHA0400 == 1

Do you have German citizenship?

- 1 Since birth
- 2 I aquired it later

5. SHA0600

\$num

FILTER: IF SHA0500 == 2

In which year you aquired citizenship?

Year: _ _ _ _

Error message if SHA0600 < SHA0100: "Please provide a year (from your year of birth)."

6. SHA0700

\$single

FILTER: IF SHA0400 == 2

What is your nationality?

If you have more than one nationality, please state the nationality that is most important to you.

LIST OF COUNTRIES

7. SHA0800, SHA0800a

\$single

FILTER: IF SHA0400 == 1

Do you have another nationality in addition to German nationality?

SHA0800a

Yes, specifically: DROPDOWN LIST OF COUNTRIES

SHA0800

- 1 No

My migration background [MIG]

8. MIG0100

\$num

The following section is about when you last moved to Germany and your reasons for doing so.

How often have you had stays in Germany which have lasted longer than 3 months? Also include your current stay.

- 1 Once
- 2 Twice
- 3 3 to 5 times
- 4 More than 5 times

Error message not specified: "Not specified: Please provide details. If you aren't sure of the exact total, please provide an estimate. This is a very important question. We would like our follow-up questions to match your work and life situation as closely as possible."

9. MIG0200*

\$num

**Input range a: 1-12*

**Input range b: 1950-2024*

IF MIG0100==1: When did you move to Germany?

IF MIG0100>1: When did you last move to Germany?

MIG0200a

Month: __

.a I don't know

MIG0200b

Year: ____

Error message not specified: „Not specified: Please, at least, provide details for the year. If you aren't sure of the exact total, please provide an estimate. This is a very important question. We would like our follow-up questions to match your work and life situation as closely as possible."

Error message if MIG0200b < SHA0100b: "Your year of arrival cannot be before your year of birth."

10. MIG0200c

\$single

FILTER: MIG0200a ==-2 | MIG0200a==missing

If you can't remember the exact month, at what time of year did you move to Germany?

- 1 Spring (March – May)
- 2 Summer (June – August)
- 3 Autumn (September – November)
- 4 Winter (December – February)

11. MIG0300

§single

Did you move to Germany directly from your country of birth?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No, I moved here from another country

12. MIG0400

§single

IF MIG0100==1: When you moved to Germany: Which group of people did you belong to?

IF MIG0100>1: Please consider your last move. When you moved to Germany: Which group of people did you belong to?

- 1 Citizen of the EU or the EEA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland)
- 2 Other foreign citizen
- 3 Late repatriates ("Spätaussiedler"), i.e. persons of German origin from Eastern European countries
- 4 A German who was born and raised abroad

Error message if MIG0400 = 4 & SHA0200 = 2: „You previously stated that you do not have German citizenship. Are you sure that you categorised yourself correctly in this respect?“

13. MIG0500

§single

FILTER: IF MIG0400 == 1 | 2

IF MIG0100==1: What was the legal basis for your stay when you came to Germany?

IF MIG0100>1: What was the legal basis for your stay when you last came to Germany?

- 1 Employment (also as an au pair or for an internship) or to seek vocational training/a job
- 2 Higher education/university studies
- 3 Language course, school trip
- 4 In-company vocational and further training
- 5 Procedure for the recognition of a foreign professional qualification
- 6 Family reunification, e.g. as the spouse or child of a person entitled to reside in Germany
- 7 Asylum seeker or refugee
- 8 Tourist
- 9 Another reason, specifically: _____

Error message not specified: „Please answer the question to continue. Thank you.“

14. MIG0500a

§single

FILTER: IF MIG0500 == 1 & MIG0400==2

Which exact visa or residence permit were you given when you moved to Germany?

- 1 Employment as a skilled worker with an academic degree
- 2 Employment as a skilled worker with vocational training
- 3 EU Blue Card (incl. short-term and long-term mobility for EU Blue Card holders)
- 4 Settlement permit for skilled workers
- 5 Employment in science, research and development (e.g. scientists or teachers)
- 6 Employment according to the Western Balkans Regulation
- 7 Employment as a skilled worker with extensive professional experience (i.e. professional experience, job promise with minimum salary/company with collective agreement, but without recognition of professional qualifications)
- 8 Quota-based short-term employment
- 9 Nursing and care assistants
- 10 Self-employment
- 11 Job search on the basis of an opportunity card
- 12 Other job and training search, specifically: _____
- 13 Other residence or employment purposes, specifically: _____

15. MIG0500b

§single

FILTER: IF (MIG0500 == 1 | MIG0500== 4 | MIG0500== 5) & MIG0400==2

When was your visa or residence permit issued the last time you moved to Germany?

- 1 Before 01.03.2020
- 2 After 01.03.2020
- 3 After 18.11.2023
- 4 After 01.03.2024
- 5 After 01.06.2024

16. MIG0610

§single

FILTER: IF SHA0400 == 2

What is your current residence status?

- 1 Citizen of an EU country or a country in the European Economic Area
- 2 A settlement permit, i.e. an unrestricted right of permanent residence in Germany
- 3 Temporary work and residence permit
- 4 Residence within the scope of a visa
- 5 Residence permit for asylum-seekers (asylum application filed)
- 6 Recognised protected status (e.g. as a refugee, subsidiary protection, protection against deportation)
- 7 Tolerated stay, enforceable obligation to leave the country
- 8 Ukraine residence permit (temporary protection)
- 9 New residence permit applied for, including extension of old permit (in particular, a temporary certificate "Fiktionsbescheinigung")
- 10 Tourist visa or no visa
- 11 Other residence status: _____

17. MIG0710*

§num

**Input range a: 1-12*

**Input range b: 2024-2050*

FILTER: IF MIG0610 == (3:12)

Until when is your current residence permit valid?

MIG0710a

Month: __

.a I don't know

MIG0710b

Year: _ _ _ _

18. MIG0800*

§multiple, randomise answer options a to o

IF MIG0100==1: Which of the following reasons were decisive for you to move **to Germany?**

IF MIG0100>1: Please think about your last move. Which of the following reasons were decisive for you to move **to Germany?**

Please indicate all that apply.

MIG0800a

- 1 Personal professional reasons (e.g. higher income, working conditions)

MIG0800b

- 1 The general economic situation in Germany

MIG0800c

- 1 Partnership or family reasons (e.g. geographical proximity to relatives, professional reasons of your partner)

MIG0800d

- 1 Friends or acquaintances already live here

MIG0800e

- 1 Many other people from my country of origin live here

MIG0800f

- 1 Education or training-related reasons / university studies

MIG0800g

- 1 Social security in Germany (state and social welfare)

MIG0800h

- 1 Moving to another country didn't work out

MIG0800i

- 1 Reasons relating to residency law (e.g. immigration law, asylum procedure, family reunification)

MIG0800j

- 1 Tax advantages in Germany

MIG0800k

- 1 Personal preferences (e.g. better climate, different lifestyle)

MIG0800l

- 1 Existing knowledge of German

MIG0800m

- 1 The political situation in Germany

MIG0800n

- 1 Experience of discrimination in the country of origin / previous country of residence

MIG0800o

- 1 Entry to Germany as a minor together with parents / relatives

MIG0800p

- 1 Other reasons

19. MIG0900

\$input; dropdown: federal states

IF MIG0100 == 1: Which federal state did you move to at that time?

IF MIG0100 >1: Which federal state did you move to when you last moved to Germany?

- 1 Schleswig-Holstein
- 2 Hamburg
- 3 Niedersachsen
- 4 Bremen
- 5 Nordrhein-Westfalen
- 6 Hessen
- 7 Rheinland-Pfalz
- 8 Baden-Württemberg
- 9 Bayern
- 10 Saarland
- 11 Berlin
- 12 Brandenburg
- 13 Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- 14 Sachsen
- 15 Sachsen-Anhalt
- 16 Thüringen

20. MIG1000

§single

IF MIG0100 == 1: How would you describe your place of residence when you moved to Germany?

IF MIG0100 >1: How would you describe your place of residence when you last moved to Germany?

- 1 City (more than 100.000 inhabitants)
- 2 Town or small town (fewer than 100.000 inhabitants)
- 3 In the countryside (village with fewer than 5.000 inhabitants)

My current living situation [WH]

21. WH0100

§single

FILTER: IF MIG0900 !=missing | MIG1000 !=missing

Do you still live in this location?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

22. WH0510

§single

FILTER: IF WH0100==2 | MIG0900==missing

In which federal state do you currently live?

- 1 Schleswig-Holstein
- 2 Hamburg
- 3 Niedersachsen
- 4 Bremen
- 5 Nordrhein-Westfalen
- 6 Hessen
- 7 Rheinland-Pfalz
- 8 Baden-Württemberg
- 9 Bayern
- 10 Saarland
- 11 Berlin
- 12 Brandenburg
- 13 Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- 14 Sachsen
- 15 Sachsen-Anhalt
- 16 Thüringen

23. WH0200*

§single, randomise answer options a to f

Why did you move to your current place of residence?

Please indicate all that apply.

WH0200a

- 1 Family reasons

WH0200b

- 1 Friends and acquaintances lived there

WH0200c

- 1 I was assigned there by a public authority (e.g. as refugee, asylum seeker, late repatriate)

WH0200d

- 1 Advantages of the place of residence (e.g. quieter location, cheaper rent, better transport links, etc.)

WH0200e

- 1 Professional reasons (found a job, better labour market situation, etc.)

WH0200f

- 1 Education or training-related reasons (studies, training, etc.)

WH0200g

- 1 Other reasons

24. WH0310

§single, randomise

Do you currently live in...

- 1 A rented apartment?
- 2 A rented house?
- 3 Your own apartment (owned by you or your family)?
- 4 Your own home (or your family's house)?
- 5 An official or company apartment (provided by the employer)?
- 6 A rented room?
- 7 An asylum-seeker accommodation or a temporary residence?

My intention to stay [BR]

25. BR0100

\$single

We would now like to hear about your plans to stay in Germany.

IF MIG0100 == 1: Please think about when you moved to Germany. Did you want to stay in Germany for the rest of your life back then?

IF MIG0100 >1: Please think about the time of your last move. Did you want to stay in Germany for the rest of your life back then?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 I did not know

26. BR0210

\$single

What about now, do you want to stay in Germany for the rest of your life?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 I don't know

27. BR0310

\$single

Have you thought about moving to another country in the last 12 months?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

28. BR1010*

\$multiple, randomise answer options a to o

FILTER: IF BR0310 == 1

For which of the following reasons have you considered moving away from Germany?

Please select all that apply.

BR1010a

- 1 Personal professional reasons (e.g. low income, working conditions)

BR1010b

- 1 The general economic situation in Germany

BR1010c

- 1 Partnership or family reasons (e.g. geographical proximity to relatives, professional reasons of your partner)

BR1010d

- 1 I don't have many friends or acquaintances here

BR1010e

- 1 Few people from my country of origin live here

BR1010f

- 1 Education or training-related reasons / university studies

BR1010g

- 1 Social security in Germany (state and social welfare)

BR1010h

- 1 The complex bureaucratic processes in Germany

BR1010i

- 1 Reasons related to residency law (e.g. residence permit expiring)

BR1010j

- 1 The tax burden in Germany

BR1010k

- 1 Personal preferences (e.g. better climate, different lifestyle)

BR1010l

- 1 Difficulties with the German language

BR1010m

- 1 The political situation in Germany

BR1010n

- 1 Experiences of discrimination in Germany

BR1010o

- 1 Housing market in Germany

BR1010p

- 1 Other reasons

29. BR0410

§single

Are you planning to move away from Germany in the **next 12 months**?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

30. BR0510

§single

FILTER: IF BR0410 == 1

Which country are you planning to move to in the next 12 months?

LIST OF COUNTRIES

31. BR0610*

§multiple, randomise answer options a to m

FILTER: IF !missing(BR0510)

Which of the following reasons are decisive when deciding that you would like to emigrate **to this country**?

Please select all that apply.

BR0610a

- 1 Personal professional reasons (e.g. higher income, working conditions)

BR0610b

- 1 The general economic situation in this country

BR0610c

- 1 Partnership or family reasons (e.g. geographical proximity to relatives, professional reasons of your partner)

BR0610d

- 1 Friends or acquaintances already live there

BR0610e

- 1 Many other people from my country of origin live there

BR0610f

- 1 Education or training-related reasons / university studies

BR0610g

- 1 The social security in this country (state and social welfare)

BR0610h

- 1 Entering another country would be difficult

BR0610i

- 1 Reasons relating to residency law (e.g. immigration law, asylum procedure, family reunification)

BR0610j

- 1 Tax advantages in this country

BR0610k

- 1 Personal preferences (e.g. better climate, different lifestyle)

BR0610l

- 1 Existing knowledge of the language of this country

BR0610m

- 1 Political situation in this country

BR0610n

- 1 Other reasons

32. BR0810

FILTER: IF BR0410 == 1

Have you already prepared for the move

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 No preparations necessary

33. BR0910*

§multiple, randomise answer options a to h

FILTER: IF BR0810 == 1

How have you already prepared for this move?

Please select all that apply.

BR0910a

- 1 Residence permit or visa application

BR0910b

- 1 Flight, bus or train tickets purchased

BR0910c

- 1 I am looking for a job and/or have already found a job there

BR0910d

- 1 I have learned about the recognition process for my professional qualifications and/or have applied for this

BR0910e

- 1 I am looking for an apartment and/or have already found one

BR0910f

- 1 I am currently learning the language and/or have already learned the language

BR0910g

- 1 I have made contact with acquaintances/friends who live there

BR0910h

- 1 I have joined local social media groups (WhatsApp, Facebook, etc.)

BR0910i

- 1 Other preparations

34. BR0710

§single

FILTER: IF BR0410 == 1

Do you want to return to Germany afterwards?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't know

Life experiences in Germany [LE]

35. LE0100

§single

The following questions relate to different experiences you have had in Germany.

Did you feel welcome when you first arrived in Germany?

- 1 Completely
- 2 Largely
- 3 To a certain extent
- 4 Not Really
- 5 Not at all

36. LE0210

§single

And about now: Do you feel welcome in Germany at the moment?

- 1 Completely
- 2 Largely
- 3 To a certain extent
- 4 Not Really
- 5 Not at all

37. LE0310*

§single

Now think about the last twelve months. How often have you felt that you were treated unfairly in the following situations?

If you have had no contact with the respective facilities in the last 12 months, please select "not applicable".

LE0310a

When dealing with public offices or public authorities (e.g. the residents' registration office, the foreign residents' office, the jobcenter)

- 1 Very often
- 2 Often
- 3 Sometimes

- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never
- 6 Not applicable

LE0310b

In the area of education (e.g. kindergarten, school, university)

- 1 Very often
- 2 Often
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never
- 6 Not applicable

LE0300c

In context of work (e.g. job search, training, workplace)

- 1 Very often
- 2 Often
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never
- 6 Not applicable

LE0310d

In the housing market (e.g. renting/buying an apartment)

- 1 Very often
- 2 Often
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never
- 6 Not applicable

LE0310e

In public places (e.g. on the street, public transport, discos/nightclubs)

- 1 Very often
- 2 Often
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Rarely

- 5 Never
- 6 Not applicable

LE0310f

In the event of contact with the police

- 1 Very often
- 2 Often
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never
- 6 Not applicable

Family and partner [FP]

38. FP0100

§single

The following section is about you personally and your (family) relationships.

What is your gender?

- 1 Male
- 2 Female
- 3 Others

39. FP0200

§single

Do you currently have a stable partner?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

40. FP0300

§single

FILTER: IF FP0200==1

Does your partner have German citizenship?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

41. FP0400

§single

What is your current martial status?

- 1 Married
- 2 Civil partnership
- 3 Single, never married
- 4 Separated / divorced / civil partnership annulled
- 5 Widowed / partner from civil partnership deceased

42. FP0500

\$single

FILTER: IF FP0200==1

Where does your partner live?

- 1 In the same household as me
- 2 In the same location as me, but not in the same household
- 3 At another location in Germany
- 4 In my country of origin
- 5 At another location abroad

43. FP0700

\$single

Do you have any children

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

44. FP0800

\$input

**Input range: 1-15*

FILTER: IF FP0700 == 1

How many children do you have?

Please separate by gender.

FP0800a

How many daughters do you have? DROPDOWN

FP0800b

How many sons do you have? DROPDOWN

Error message if $FP0800a + FP0800b = 0$: „Please provide a number for daughters or sons here that is greater than zero.“

45. FP0900

\$single, input

**Input range: 1-30*

FILTER: IF FP0700 == 1

How many children live in Germany?

Total: DROPDOWN

-8 All

-9 None

Error message if FP0900 > (FP0800a + FP0800b): „Please provide a number here that is not greater than the total number of your children.“

46. FP1000

§input

FILTER: IF FP0900 >= 1 | -8

Please now think of your youngest child who **lives in Germany**. In which year were they born?

Year: _ _ _ _

Error message if FP1000 < SHA0100b: „Your child cannot have been born before you.“

47. FP1100

§input

FILTER: IF (FP0800 – FP0900) >=1 OR FP0900==9

And now think of your youngest child who **lives outside Germany**. In which year were they born?

Year: _ _ _ _

Error message if FP1100 < SHA0100b: „Your child cannot have been born before you.“

48. FP1200

§single

Do you have family members or relatives who live abroad?

1 Yes

2 No

49. FP1300*

§multiple

FILTER: IF FP1200 == 1

Which family members or relatives?

Please indicate all that apply.

FP1300a

- 1 Parents / parents-in-law

FP1300b

- 1 Siblings

FP1300c

- 1 Other (e.g. grandparents/uncles/aunts, nephews/nieces, cousins)

50. FP1410

§single

FILTER: IF FP1200 == 1

Do one or more of your close relatives (partner, parents, parents-in-law, children, siblings) plan to move to Germany?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

51. RE0100

§single

Did you personally provide financial support to relatives or other people living abroad in 2024?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Self-assessment [LPI]

52. LP0100*

Single

To what extent do the following statements apply to you personally?

Please answer using a scale. Value 1 means: absolutely does not apply. Value 7 means: fully applies. You can use the values in between for your assessment.

LP0100a

I have a positive attitude towards myself.

Value 1 means: absolutely does not apply. Value 7 means: fully applies. You can use the values in between for your assessment.

Absolutely does not apply							Fully applies
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

LP0100b

I try to think of ways to change difficult situations.

Value 1 means: absolutely does not apply. Value 7 means: fully applies. You can use the values in between for your assessment.

Absolutely does not apply							Fully applies
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

LP0100c

Whatever happens to me, I think I have control over my reactions.

Value 1 means: absolutely does not apply. Value 7 means: fully applies. You can use the values in between for your assessment.

Absolutely does not apply							Fully applies
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

LP0100d

I believe I can develop further when I am forced to face difficult situations.

Value 1 means: absolutely does not apply. Value 7 means: fully applies. You can use the values in between for your assessment.

Absolutely
does not
apply

Fully
applies

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

LP0100e

I actively look for ways to compensate for the setbacks that I have experienced in my life.

Value 1 means: absolutely does not apply. Value 7 means: fully applies. You can use the values in between for your assessment.

Absolutely
does not
apply

Fully
applies

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Language skills [SP]

53. SP0110

§single

We would now like to find out more about your language skills.

How well do you speak German?

- 1 It is my mother tongue
- 2 Very well
- 3 Well
- 4 Average
- 5 Quite poorly
- 6 Not at all

54. SP0200

§single

How well do you speak English?

- 1 It is my mother tongue
- 2 Very well
- 3 Well
- 4 Average
- 5 Quite poorly
- 6 Not at all

Education and qualifications [BQ]

55. BQ0100

§single

In the next part of the survey, we would like to learn more about your educational background.

In which country did you obtain your highest educational qualifications?

- 1 In Germany
- 2 In my country of birth
- 3 Elsewhere

56. BQ0100a

§single

FILTER: IF BQ0100 == 1

What is your highest-level vocational training or higher education qualification?

- 1 No vocational qualifications (yet)
- 2 Completed vocational training (apprenticeship) or a qualification from a vocational school or college
- 3 Completion of a one-year training course at a healthcare school, preparatory service for the intermediate civil service in public administration
- 4 Completion of two to three years of training at a healthcare school
- 5 Completion of vocational training as an early-years teacher, vocational training at vocational, trades or technical school, administration and business academy or technical academy, also technical school in the GDR
- 6 Degree from a university of cooperative education or technical university, bachelor's degree
- 7 University degree, master's degree, state examination (law)
- 8 Doctorate/PhD

57. BQ0100b*

§single

FILTER: IF (BQ0100 == 2 | 3)

What is your highest-level vocational training or higher education qualifications?

Please select one answer only.

BQ0100ba

- 1 No vocational qualifications (yet)

BQ0100bb

- 1 Completion of vocational training: (Dropdown-Menu: choose option)
 - 1 1 year training course
 - 2 2 years training course
 - 3 3 years training course
 - 4 More than 3 years training course

BQ0100bc

- 1 University degree: (Dropdown-Menu: choose option)
 - 1 Bachelor
 - 2 Master
 - 3 Doctorate/PhD

58. BQ0200

§single

FILTER: IF BQ0100 == 1 OR BQ0100b==1

Where did you last attend a general education school?

- 1 In Germany
- 2 In my country of birth
- 3 Elsewhere

59. BQ0200a

§single

FILTER: IF BQ0200 == 1

What is your highest general school-leaving qualification?

- 1 Left school without graduating
- 2 Technical Secondary School Certificate [GCSE level] (GDR: 8th grade)
- 3 Secondary School Certificate [GCSE level] / "Mittlere Reife" (GDR: 10th grade)
- 4 Advanced Technical College Certificate (certificate allowing for study at a technical university / polytechnic)
- 5 "Abitur" [A levels] (certificate allowing for study at an academic university)
- 6 Other school-leaving qualification

60. BQ0200b

§single

FILTER: IF BQ0200 == 2 | 3

What is your highest general school-leaving qualification?

- 1 Left school without any qualifications
- 2 Compulsory schooling completed with qualifications
- 3 Completed secondary school with qualifications

61. BQ0300

§single

FILTER: IF (BQ0100b == 2 | 3) & (BQ0100 == 2 | 3)

Has your highest-level vocational training and/or higher education qualification been recognized in Germany?

- 1 Yes, equivalent
- 2 Yes, partially
- 3 No, it was not recognised
- 4 The proceedings are still ongoing
- 5 Not applied for

Employment [EW]

62. EW0100

§single

Were you ever employed before you moved to Germany?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

63. EW0200

§input

FILTER: IF EW0100==1

What was your last occupation before moving to Germany?

Please state the exact job title, e.g. not "company employee" but: "freight forwarding agent", not "blue collar worker" but: "machine fitter". If you are a civil servant, please state your official title, e.g. "police officer" or "teacher". If you are currently completing vocational training, please state your training occupation.

64. EW0300

§single

FILTER: IF EW0100 == 1

In which economic sector / industry / service sector did you last work before moving to Germany?

- 1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- 2 Mining and quarrying
- 3 Manufacturing
- 4 Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
- 5 Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities
- 6 Construction
- 7 Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
- 8 Transportation and storage

- 9 Accommodation and food service activities
- 10 Information and communication
- 11 Financial and insurance activities
- 12 Real estate activities
- 13 Professional, scientific and technical activities
- 14 Administrative and support service activities
- 15 Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
- 16 Education
- 17 Human health and social work activities
- 18 Arts, entertainment and recreation
- 19 Other service activities
- 20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use
- 21 Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies
- 22 I can't categorise myself

65. EW0410a*

§multiple

What applies to your **current** situation?

Please indicate all applicable categories.

EW0410aa

- 1 An employee with an income of more than 520 euros gross per month

EW0410ab

- 1 An employee with an income of up to 520 euros gross per month (mini-job)

EW0410ac

- 1 Self-employed

EW0410ad

- 1 Unemployed

EW0410ae

- 1 Programme, further training or similar from the federal employment agency or job center

EW0410af

- 1 Semi-retired ("work phase" or "release phase")

EW0410ag

- 1 Maternity leave, parental leave, or other leave of absence

EW0410ah

- 1 Housework, caring for children or other persons (housewife/househusband)

EW0410ai

- 1 Permanently unable to work

EW0410aj

- 1 Pensioner, retired or in early retirement

EW0410ak

- 1 Vocational training, apprenticeship

EW0410al

- 1 School, university

EW0410am

- 1 Federal voluntary service, voluntary military service or similar

EW0410an

- 1 Something else, specifically: _____

Error message not specified: "Not specified: Please provide details. This is a very important question. We would like our follow-up questions to match your work and life situation as closely as possible."

66. EW0410

§single, only show selected options in EW0410a

Which of the descriptions best applies to your current situation? What would you describe as your **primary activity** at the moment?

- 1 An employee with an income of more than 520 euros gross per month
- 2 An employee with an income of up to 520 euros gross per month (mini-job)
- 3 Self-employed
- 4 Unemployed
- 5 Programme, further training or similar from the federal employment agency or jobcenter
- 6 Semi-retired ("work phase" or "release phase")
- 7 Maternity leave, parental leave, or other leave of absence
- 8 Housework, caring for children or other persons (housewife/househusband)
- 9 Permanently unable to work
- 10 Pensioner, retired or in early retirement
- 11 Vocational training, apprenticeship
- 12 School, university
- 13 Federal voluntary service, voluntary military service or similar
- 14 Something else, specifically: _____

Error message not specified: "Not specified: Please provide details. This is a very important question. We would like our follow-up questions to match your work and life situation as closely as possible."

67. EW0500

§input

FILTER: IF EW0410 == 1 OR EW0410 == 2 OR EW0410 == 3 OR EW0410 == 11 OR EW0410 == 13

What is your current occupation?

Please consider your primary activity and provide the exact job title, e.g. not "company employee" but: "freight forwarding agent", not "blue collar worker" but: "machine fitter". If you are a civil servant, please state your official title, e.g. "police officer" or "teacher". If you are currently completing vocational training, please state your training occupation.

68. EW0600a

§single

FILTER: IF EW0410 == 1 OR EW0410 == 2 OR EW0410 == 3 OR EW0410 == 11 OR EW0410 == 13

In which industry do you currently work?

Please consider your primary activity.

- 1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- 2 Mining and quarrying
- 3 Manufacturing
- 4 Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
- 5 Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities
- 6 Construction
- 7 Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
- 8 Transportation and storage
- 9 Accommodation and food service activities
- 10 Information and communication
- 11 Financial and insurance activities
- 12 Real estate activities
- 13 Professional, scientific and technical activities
- 14 Administrative and support service activities
- 15 Public administration and defence; compulsory social security

- 16 Education
- 17 Human health and social work activities
- 18 Arts, entertainment and recreation
- 19 Other service activities
- 20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use
- 21 Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies
- 22 I can't categorise myself

69. EW0700

§input

Input range: 0-100

FILTER: IF EW0410 == 1 OR EW0410 == 2 OR EW0410 == 3 OR EW0410 == OR EW0410 == 13

Please think about your **last week at work**: how many hours per week were your contractually agreed upon working hours?

→ *The question refers to your primary activity. You can use decimal numbers such as "34.5" for your entry.*

Hours per week: __ , __

70. EW0810

FILTER: IF (EW0410 == 1 OR EW0410 == 2 OR EW0410 == 3 OR EW0410 == OR EW0410 == 13) AND EW0100 == 1

How do the qualification requirements for your current job differ from those for your last job before moving to Germany?

Please consider your primary activity.

Note: By qualification we mean all the knowledge, skills, competencies and experience that you have acquired throughout your education, training, studying and work activities.

- 1 My current job requires a higher level of qualification
- 2 My current job requires a lower level of qualification
- 3 The two activities require the same level of qualification

71. EW0910

§single

FILTER: IF (EW0410 == 1 OR EW0410 == OR EW0410 == 3 OR EW0410 == OR EW0410 == 13) AND EW0100 == 1

How similar is your current job to your last job before moving here?

Please consider your primary activity.

- 1 Very similar
- 2 Rather similar
- 3 Rather different
- 4 Completely different

72. EW1010

§single

FILTER: IF (EW0410 == 1 OR EW0410 == 2 OR EW0410 == 3 OR EW0410 == 11 OR EW0410 == 13)

Is your current job equivalent to the job in which you were trained before moving here?

Please consider your primary activity.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 I did not learn a profession before moving here

73. EW1100

§single

FILTER: IF EW0410 == 1 OR EW0410 == 2

Do you currently have a permanent or temporary employment contract?

Please consider your primary activity.

- 1 Permanent
- 2 Temporary
- 3 I don't have an employment contract

74. EW1200*

§input

FILTER: IF EW0410 == 1 OR EW0410 == 2 OR EW0410 == 11 OR EW0410 == 3

How much did you earn last month?

Please consider your primary activity.

IF EW0410 == 1 OR EW0410 == 2 OR EW0410 == 11: – If you received special payments in the last month, e.g. holiday pay or additional payments, please do not include these. Include overtime pay in the calculation, however.

IF EW0410 == 3:

– If you are self-employed: please estimate your monthly earnings before and after tax.

Please indicate both if possible:

– gross earnings, i.e. wages or salary before the deduction of taxes and social security contributions

– and the net earnings, i.e. the amount after the deduction of taxes and contributions to your pension, unemployment and health insurance.

EW1200a

Gross: _____ Euro per month

EW1200b

Net: _____ Euro per month

EW1200c

I don't want to say

Error message if EW1200a < EW1200b: "Please note that "gross" cannot be a smaller number than "net". Thank you very much."

75. EW1410*

§multiple

Have you received any of the following income in the last month?

Please select all that apply.

EW1410a

- 1 Secondary employment, additional income

EW1410b

- 1 Income from self-employed / freelance / commercial activity / including profit appropriation

EW1410c

- 1 Interest income, rental income and other investment income

EW1410d

- 1 Own pension, retirement pay, widower's pension, widow's pension, orphan's pension

EW1410e

- 1 Unemployment Benefit (also for further training / retraining or Transition Benefit)

EW1410f

- 1 Unemployment Benefit II / Social Allowance

EW1410g

- 1 Parenting Benefit / Maternity Benefit

EW1410h

- 1 BAföG student grant, scholarship, vocational training grant

EW1410i

- 1 Housing Benefit

EW1410j

- 1 Maintenance payments from former spouse or partner / including child maintenance

EW1410k

- 1 Other support for persons who do not live in the same household

EW1410l

- 1 None of these

76. EW1500

§single

FILTER: IF EW0410 == 1 OR EW0410 == 2 OR EW0410 == 3 OR EW0410 == OR EW0410 == 13

How satisfied are you with your work?

Not at all
satisfied

Completely
satisfied

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

77. EW1600

§single

FILTER: IF EW0410a1 !=1

Have you actively looked for a new job here in Germany within the last four weeks?

- 1 Yes

- 2 No

Social contacts [SK]

78. SK0110

§single

We would like to learn more about your social contacts.

How often do you spend time here in Germany with people from your country of origin who are not related to you?

- 1 Daily
- 2 Several times a week
- 3 Every week
- 4 Every month
- 5 More rarely
- 6 Never

79. SK0210

§single

How often do you spend time with Germans?

- 1 Daily
- 2 Several times a week
- 3 Every week
- 4 Every month
- 5 More rarely
- 6 Never

80. SK0310

§single

How often do you spend time with people who aren't from your country of origin or Germany?

- 1 Daily
- 2 Several times a week
- 3 Every week
- 4 Every month
- 5 More rarely
- 6 Never

81. SK0400

§single

How often do you feel socially isolated?

- 1 Very often
- 2 Often
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never

82. SK0500

§single

How emotionally connected do you feel to your country of origin?

Not emotionally connected at all							Very emotionally connected
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

83. SK0600

§single

How emotionally connected you feel to Germany?

Not emotionally connected at all							Very emotionally connected
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

84. SK0700

§single

How emotionally connected do you feel to the place in which you live?

Not
emotionally
connected
at all

1

2

3

4

5

6

Very
emotionally
connected

7

Health [G]

85. G0100

Single

How would you describe your general state of health?

- 1 Very good
- 2 Good
- 3 Satisfactory
- 4 Poor
- 5 Very poor

Life situation and preferences [LP11]

86. LP0200

§single

Finally, we would like to ask you about your personal characteristics and your overall satisfaction with your life.

How do you rate your personality: Are you generally a risk-taker or do you try to avoid taking risks?

Not at all
willing to
take a risk

Take risks

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

87. LP0300

§single

Would you generally describe yourself as being impatient or patient?

Not at all
patient

Very
patient

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

88. LP0600

§single

When you think about the future: Are you ...

- 1 Optimistic
- 2 Quite optimistic
- 3 Rather pessimistic
- 4 Pessimistic?

89. LP0410

§single

How satisfied are you, all things considered, with the current political situation in Germany?

Not at all satisfied							Completely satisfied
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

90. LP0500

§single

All in all, how satisfied are you with your life at the moment?

Not at all satisfied							Completely satisfied
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

Panel consent – G1 [PC0100]

FILTER: IF expVAR==1

§single

Thank you very much for taking part in the first survey of our study "My way in Germany"!

As part of our study, we would like to look at other topics and examine the living and working situations of migrants over a longer period of time in order to be able to observe stability and change.

Hence, we cordially invite you to participate in future surveys of our study. These will be shorter than today's survey. You can participate in our surveys if you are in Germany or if you are abroad.

We can only invite you to participate in future surveys if we have your contact details. Therefore, you would help as a lot if you would kindly share your mobile phone number and e-mail address.

May we contact you in the future to participate in further surveys of our study?

- 1 Yes, by e-mail and text message
- 2 Yes, by e-mail
- 3 Yes, by text message
- 4 No, I do not want to be contacted again

Error message not specified: "Please answer the question to continue. Thank you."

Panel consent – G1 [PC0101]

FILTER: IF expVAR==1 & PC0100==4

§single

It would be really unfortunate if you would not participate in our study anymore:

The information you have provided so far in the interview will be much more valuable for our data analysis if you also take part in our survey in the future. Your continued participation is therefore particularly important to us!

We can only invite you to participate if we have your contact details.

Therefore, we would like to ask you once more:

May we contact you in the future to participate in further surveys of our study?

- 1 Yes, by e-mail and text message
- 2 Yes, by e-mail
- 3 Yes, by text message
- 4 No, I really do not want to be contacted again

Error message not specified: "Please answer the question to continue. Thank you."

Panel consent – G2 [PC0200]

§single

FILTER: IF expVAR==2

Thank you very much for taking part in the first survey on of our study "My way in Germany" study!

As part of our study, we would like to look at other topics and examine the living and working situations of migrants over a longer period of time in order to be able to observe stability and change.

Hence, we cordially invite you to participate in future surveys of our study. These will be shorter than today's survey. You can participate in our surveys if you are in Germany or if you are abroad.

We will double our thank you for participating in today's survey from **€5 to €10** if we can invite you to further surveys of our study

We can only invite you to participate in future surveys if we have your contact details. Therefore, you would help as a lot if you would kindly share your mobile phone number and e-mail address.

May we contact you in the future to participate in further surveys of our study?

- 1 Yes, by e-mail and text message
- 2 Yes, by e-mail
- 3 Yes, by text message
- 4 No, I do not want to be contacted again

Error message not specified: "Please answer the question to continue. Thank you."

Panel consent – G2 [PC0201]

§single

FILTER: IF expVAR==2 & PC0200 == 4

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The information you have provided so far in the interview will be much more valuable for our data analysis if you also take part in our survey in the future. Your continued participation is therefore particularly important to us!

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We can only invite you to participate if we have your contact details.

Therefore, we would like to ask you once more:

May we contact you in the future to participate in further surveys of our study?

- 1 Yes, by e-mail and text message
- 2 Yes, by e-mail
- 3 Yes, by text message
- 4 No, I really do not want to be contacted again

Error message not specified: "Please answer the question to continue. Thank you."

Panel consent – G3 [PC0300]

§single

FILTER: IF expVAR==3

Thank you very much for taking part in the first survey of our study "My way in Germany".

As part of our study, we would like to look at other topics and examine the living and working situations of migrants over a longer period of time in order to be able to observe stability and change.

Hence, we cordially invite you to participate in future surveys of our study. These will be shorter than today's survey. You can participate in our surveys if you are in Germany or if you are abroad.

We can only invite you to participate in future surveys if we have your contact details. Therefore, you would help a lot if you would kindly share your mobile phone number and e-mail address.

May we contact you in the future to participate in further surveys of our study?

- 1 Yes, by e-mail and text message
- 2 Yes, by e-mail
- 3 Yes, by text message
- 4 No, I do not want to be contacted again

Error message not specified: "Please answer the question to continue. Thank you."

Panel consent – G3 [PC0301]

§single

FILTER: IF expVAR==3 & PC0300 == 4

It would be really unfortunate if you would not participate in our study anymore:

The information you have provided so far in the interview will be much more valuable for our data analysis if you also take part in our survey in the future. Your continued participation is therefore particularly important to us!

We will double our thank you for participating in today's survey from **€5 to €10** if we can invite you to further surveys of our study.

We can only invite you to participate if we have your contact details.

Therefore, we would like to ask you once more:

May we contact you in the future to participate in further surveys of our study?

- 1 Yes, by e-mail and text message

- 2 Yes, by e-mail
- 3 Yes, by text message
- 4 No, I really don't want to be contacted again

Error message not specified: "Please answer the question to continue. Thank you."

Contact details [KD0100]

\$input

KD0100a

FILTER: IF PC0100 == 1 | PC0100==2 | PC0101 == 1 | PC0101==2 | PC0200 == 1 | PC0200==2 | PC0201 == 1 | PC0201==2 | PC0300 == 1 | PC0300==2 | PC0301 == 1 | PC0301==2

To which email address can we send our invitation?

Error message if format != email: "Please remember that we need a valid email address to contact you again."

KD0100b

FILTER: IF PC0100 == 1 | PC0100==3 | PC0101 == 1 | PC0101==3 | PC0200 == 1 | PC0200==3 | PC0201 == 1 | PC0201==3 | PC0300 == 1 | PC0300==3 | PC0301 == 1 | PC0301==3

To which mobile telephone number can we send our invitation?

Please also state the country code.

(Country code: ____) _____

Error message country code not specified: „Please select a country code from the list.“

Error message if format != numeric: " Please provide your mobile phone number using digits only."

Linkage consent [LC0101]

§single

FILTER: IF LC0100==2 | LC0100==missing

Finally, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

So far, you have not provided us with your consent to link your details in this survey with other information that the Institute for Employment Research currently has about you and will have in the future.

As the informative value of this study can be significantly improved with your consent, we would like to ask you once again for your consent to link the data.

This includes information about your employment relationships and jobs or periods of unemployment, for example.

We shall ensure that all the data protection regulations are strictly adhered to at all times.

We would like to ask you for your consent to merge and analyse your data. Your consent is, of course, voluntary. You can withdraw it at any time for the future.

Do you agree to this merging of your data?

- 1 Yes, I agree
- 2 No, I don't agree

Error message not specified: „Please answer the question to continue. Thank you.“

„End survey“

Conclusion [E0100]

We wanted to keep the survey as short as possible and were probably unable to cover all the topics that concern you or about which you would have liked to have provided us with information. If you would like to tell us anything else, please write it in the textbox below.

Thank you for taking part!

You have made an important contribution to our research into the experiences of people who have moved to Germany.

Once the survey has been completed, the data will be anonymised and scientifically evaluated. The results of the survey will be available via the same link: www.iab-myway.de

As an expression of our appreciation for your participation, you will receive a voucher with a value of XXX euros. To get the voucher, please click on the following link: www.bon-einloesen.de