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Preface

Survey procedure

Web survey field time: May-July 2020

For the answer categories "mentioned" - "not mentioned", there is only one check box per item. If no item is marked, the response is coded as "not mentioned".

Responsive design item batteries are separated into individual items if the respondent participates in the survey via smart phone.

Notation key

Notation in filter	Meaning
&	AND
	OR
x=1,2	x=1 OR x=2
x≠1,2	x≠1 AND x≠2
x=1,...,3	x=1 OR x=2 OR x=3
Variable v10x with x=1	Variable v101

Current situation / Household composition / Employment

Household composition and partnership

Frage 3

With whom do you share a household? Please mark all options that apply.

Variable
cor1

cor1i1 I live alone

cor1i2 With my parent(s)

cor1i3 With my sibling(s)

cor1i4 With my partner

cor1i5 With my child(ren)

cor1i6 With other people

Not mentioned 0

Mentioned 1

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Frage 4

Do you have a partner?

Variable
cor2

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents who do not live together with their partner (cor1i4≠1)

Current situation

Frage 5

Variable
cor3

How is the current situation in your place of residence? Are the lockdown ordinances still in place?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Frage 6

Variable
cor4

If you have school children: Are their schools still (partially) closed at the moment?

Yes 1

No 2

I don't have any children of that age 3

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents with children in the household (cor1i5=1)

Frage 7

Variable
cor5

If you have children that go to kindergarten / daycare: Are these facilities still (partially) closed?

Yes 1

No 2

I don't have any children of that age 3

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents with children in the household (cor1i5=1)

Employment and vocational training

Frage 8

Variable
cor6

What is your current vocational training / employment situation? Which of the following apply to you?

Please mark all options that apply.

- cor6i1 Full-time employment
- cor6i2 Reduced working hours (Kurzarbeit)
- cor6i3 Part-time employment
- cor6i4 Marginal part-time employment, mini-job
- cor6i5 Self-employment
- cor6i6 Vocational training, internship, etc.
- cor6i7 General secondary school
- cor6i8 University
- cor6i9 Voluntary social service year, military service
- cor6i10 Unemployed, e.g., housewife/househusband, seeking employment
- cor6i11 Other

Not mentioned 0

Mentioned 1

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Frage 9Variable
cor7**What about your partner?
Please mark all options that apply.**

- cor7i1 Full-time employment
- cor7i2 Reduced working hours (Kurzarbeit)
- cor7i3 Part-time employment
- cor7i4 Marginal part-time employment, mini-job
- cor7i5 Self-employment
- cor7i6 Vocational training, internship, etc.
- cor7i7 General secondary school
- cor7i8 University
- cor7i9 Voluntary social service year, military service
- cor7i10 Unemployed, e.g., housewife/househusband, seeking employment
- cor7i11 Other

Not mentioned 0Mentioned 1Don't know -1No answer -2

Respondents who live together with their partner (cor1i4=1)

Frage
10

Variable
cor8

Have there been changes to your employment situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic?
Please mark all options that apply.

- cor8i1 Reduced working hours (Kurzarbeit)
 - cor8i2 Full-time home office
 - cor8i3 Part-time home office
 - cor8i4 Increased working hours
 - cor8i5 Decreased working hours, time off in lieu
 - cor8i6 Special leave, paid leave arrangements
 - cor8i7 Unpaid leave arrangements, unpaid vacation
 - cor8i8 More flexible working hours
 - cor8i9 Layoff
 - cor8i10 Firm shutdown
 - cor8i11 Other: _____ (cor8i11o)

 - cor8i12 No changes
- Not mentioned 0
Mentioned 1
- Don't know -1
No answer -2

Respondents who are employed, unemployed, or "other" (at least one x=1,...,6,9,10,11 with cor6ix=1)

Frage
11
Variable
cor9

**What about your partner? Have there been changes to his/her employment situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic?
Please mark all options that apply.**

- cor9i1 Reduced working hours (Kurzarbeit)
 - cor9i2 Full-time home office
 - cor9i3 Part-time home office
 - cor9i4 Increased working hours
 - cor9i5 Decreased working hours, time off in lieu
 - cor9i6 Special leave, paid leave arrangements
 - cor9i7 Unpaid leave arrangements, unpaid vacation
 - cor9i8 More flexible working hours
 - cor9i9 Layoff
 - cor9i10 Firm shutdown
 - cor9i11 Other: _____ (cor9i11o)

 - cor9i12 No changes
- Not mentioned 0
Mentioned 1

Don't know -1
No answer -2

Respondents with a partner who is employed, unemployed, or "other" (at least one x=1,...,6,9,10,11 with cor7ix=1)

Frage
12
Variable
cor10

**Have there been changes to your available net household income situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic?
Has your income...**

- ... decreased? 1
- ... remained the same? 2
- ... increased? 3

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Partnership and family climate

Frage
15

If you think about the time during the lockdown in April: How often did you see your partner in person during this time?

Variable
cor13

- Daily 1
- Several times per week 2
- Approx. once a week 3
- Less often 4
- Never 5

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents who do not live together with their partner (cor2=1)

Frage
16

Was that as often as usual, more often, or less often than before the crisis due to COVID-19?

Variable
cor14

- Less often 1
- As often as usual 2
- More often 3

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents who do not live together with their partner (cor2=1)

Frage
17

How often did you have other types of contact with your partner, e.g. via telephone, text, video calls, etc.?

Variable
cor15

- Daily 1
- Several times per week 2
- Approx. once a week 3
- Less often 4
- Never 5

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents who do not live together with their partner (cor2=1)

Frage
18

Variable
cor16

Was that as often as usual, more often, or less often than before the crisis due to COVID-19?

- Less often 1
- As often as usual 2
- More often 3

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents who do not live together with their partner (cor2=1)

Partnership quality

Frage
19

Variable
cor17_

How often do the following things happen in your partnership?

- cor17i1 How often do you tell your partner what you're thinking?
- cor17i2 How often does your partner express recognition for what you've done?
- cor17i3 How often are you and your partner annoyed at or angry with each other?
- cor17i4 How often does your partner show that he/she appreciates you?
- cor17i5 How often do you and your partner disagree and quarrel?
- cor17i6 How often do you share your secrets and private feelings with your partner?

- Never 1
- Seldom 2
- Sometimes 3
- Often 4
- Always 5

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents with a partner (cor1i4=1 | cor2=1)

Frage
20

Variable
cor18

All in all, how satisfied are you with your relationship?

Very dissatisfied 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Very satisfied

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents with a partner (cor1i4=1 | cor2=1)

Division of household labor

Frage
21

How you and your partner currently organize tasks in the following areas?
Please refer only to the portion of the work done by you and/or your partner.

Variable
cor19_

- cor19i1 Housework (washing, cooking, cleaning)
cor19i2 Shopping
cor19i3 Working on the house, apartment, or car
cor19i4 Financial and administrative matters
cor19i5 [Respondents with children in the household (cor1i5=1): Child care]

Who takes care of that?

- (Almost) completely my partner 1
For the most part my partner 2
Split about 50/50 3
For the most part me 4
(Almost) completely me 5
- Only another person 6
Doesn't apply to our situation. 7
- Don't know -1
No answer -2

Respondents who live together with their partner (cor1i4=1)

Family climate

Frage
22

Variable
cor20_

What is the atmosphere like at your home? Do the following apply more, the same, or less than before the crisis due to COVID-19?

The atmosphere is...

cor20i1 ... happy, we are having fun together

cor20i2 ... anxious and worried

cor20i3 ... stressful and irritated

cor20i4 ... comfortable and relaxed

cor20i5 ... conflictual, heavy

More than before 1

The same as before 2

Less than before 3

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents with parents, a partner, or children in the household (cor1i2 | cor1i4=1 | cor1i5=1)

Separated families

Children whose other biological parent lives elsewhere

Frage
23

Variable
cor22

Does one of your children have a biological parent who does not live in your household?

Yes 1

No 2

Other parent deceased 3

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents with children in the household (cor1i5=1)

Frage
24

Variable
cor23

If there is more than one child that fulfills this criterion, please think about the youngest of these children:

How often did the child's other biological parent see this child in person during the lockdown?

Daily 1

Several times per week 2

Once a week 3

1-3 times per month 4

Less often 5

No contact 6

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents with "separation children" in the household (cor22=1)

Frage
25

Variable
cor24

Was that as often as usual, more often, or less often than before the crisis due to COVID-19?

Less often 1

As often as usual 2

More often 3

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents with "separation children" in the household (cor22=1)

**Frage
26**

Variable
cor25_

**How did that come about?
Please mark all options that apply.**

- cor25i1 I wanted that
- cor25i2 The other parent wanted that
- cor25i3 The child wanted that
- cor25i4 For other reasons

- Not mentioned 0
- Mentioned 1

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents whose child and other biological parent saw each other in person more or less often than usual (cor24=1,3)

**Frage
27**

Variable
cor26

How often did the other biological parent have contact to this child via telephone, text, video calls, etc. during the lockdown?

- Daily 1
- Several times per week 2
- Once a week 3
- 1-3 times per month 4
- Less often 5
- No contact 6

- Don't know* -1
- No answer* -2

Respondents with "separation children" in the household (cor22=1)

**Frage
28**

Variable
cor27

Was that as often as usual, more often, or less often than before the crisis due to COVID-19?

- Less often 1
- As often as usual 2
- More often 3

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents with "separation children" in the household (cor22=1)

Frage
29

Variable
cor28

How satisfied are you with this contact / care situation for this child?

- Very dissatisfied 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Very satisfied
- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents with "separation children" in the household (cor22=1)

Biological children living elsewhere

Frage
30

Variable
cor29

Do you have a biological child from a previous relationship that lives with his/her other biological parent?

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

Frage
31

Variable
cor30

If there is more than one child that fulfills this criterion, please think about the youngest of these children:

How often did you see this child in person during the lockdown?

- Daily 1
- Several times per week 2
- Once a week 3
- 1-3 times per month 4
- Less often 5
- No contact 6
- Don't know* -1
- No answer* -2

Respondents with "separation children" living elsewhere (cor29=1)

Frage
32

Variable
cor31

Was that as often as usual, more often, or less often than before the crisis due to COVID-19?

- Less often 1
- As often as usual 2
- More often 3

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents with "separation children" living elsewhere (cor29=1)

Frage
33

Variable
cor32_

How did that come about?
Please mark all options that apply.

- cor32i1 I wanted that
- cor32i2 The other parent wanted that
- cor32i3 The child wanted that
- cor32i4 For other reasons

- Not mentioned 0
- Mentioned 1

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents who saw their child in person more or less often than usual (cor31=1,3)

Frage
34

Variable
cor33

How often did you have contact with this child via telephone, text, video calls, etc. during the lockdown?

- Daily 1
- Several times per week 2
- Once a week 3
- 1-3 times per month 4
- Less often 5
- No contact 6

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents with "separation children" living elsewhere (cor29=1)

Frage
35

Was that as often as usual, more often, or less often than before the crisis due to COVID-19?

Variable
cor34

- Less often 1
As often as usual 2
More often 3

Don't know -1
No answer -2

Respondents with "separation children" living elsewhere (cor29=1)

Frage
36

How satisfied are you with this contact / care situation for this child?

Variable
cor35

- Very dissatisfied 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Very satisfied
- Don't know -1
No answer -2

Respondents with "separation children" living elsewhere (cor29=1)

Child care and parenting role

Child care

Frage
37

Variable
cor21_

How did you organize child care while daycare facilities and schools were closed?
Please mark all options that apply.

- cor21i1 My children don't require close supervision.
- cor21i2 I supervised them at home without working.
- cor21i3 I supervised them at home while working from home.
- cor21i4 My partner supervised them at home without working.
- cor21i5 My partner supervised them at home while working from home.
- cor21i6 The children attended an emergency day care facility.
- cor21i7 Relatives, friends, or neighbors supervised my children.
- cor21i8 The children were alone at home.
- cor21i9 [Respondents with "separation children" (cor22=1):] My children's other biological parent supervised them.
- cor21i10 Other

Not mentioned 0

Mentioned 1

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents with children in the household (cor1i5=1)

Children in the household: Media consumption and school

Media consumption

Frage
39

Variable
cor37

How much time did your child(ren) spend in front of a screen (TV, smart phone, computer, other electronic devices) while day care facilities and schools were closed? Screen time for school assignments excluded.

If you have multiple children: How much time did your youngest, and how much time did your oldest child spend?

cor37i1 Youngest or only child:

cor37i2 Oldest child:

__ hours per day

None 0

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents with children in the household (cor1i5=1)

Frage
40

Variable
cor38

Is that more or less than before the crisis due to COVID-19?

cor38i1 Youngest or only child:

cor38i2 Oldest child:

Significantly less 1

Somewhat less 2

Roughly the same 3

Somewhat more 4

Significantly more 5

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents with children in the household (cor1i5=1)

School

Frage
41

Variable
cor39

Let's move on to school.

If there are multiple schoolchildren in your household, please refer to the youngest schoolchild for the following questions.

In which grade is your child?

__ grade

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents with school children in the household (cor4=1,2)

Frage
42

Variable
cor40

Did your child regularly receive class materials from the school while it was closed?

Yes 1

Partially 2

No 3

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents with school children in the household (cor4=1,2)

Frage
43

Variable
cor41

Was a computer, tablet, or printer required for these materials?

cor41i1 Yes, to print materials

cor41i2 Yes, to work on assignments

cor41i3 No, not necessary

Not mentioned 0

Mentioned 1

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents whose child received class materials from school (cor40=1,2)

Frage
44

Variable
cor42

Were there enough devices in the household so that your child could study as prescribed by the school?

- Yes 1
- Partially 2
- No 3

- Don't know* -1
- No answer* -2

Respondents whose child required a computer/tablet for class material (cor41i3≠1)

Frage
45

Variable
cor43

On average, how long did your child need per day to complete the assignments?

- __ hours per day
- Less than one hour 0

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents whose child received class materials from school (cor40=1,2)

Frage
46

Variable
cor44

Who supported your child with these assignments, including via eMail, telephone, or video call?
Please mark all options that apply.

- cor44i1 My child completed the assignments independently.
- cor44i2 I did.
- cor44i3 [Respondents with a partner (cor1i4=1 | cor2=1):] My partner
- cor44i4 [Respondents with "separation children" (cor22=1):] My child's other biological parent
- cor44i5 Siblings
- cor44i6 Schoolmates
- cor44i7 Others

- Not mentioned 0
- Mentioned 1

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents whose child received class materials from school (cor40=1,2)

Module for respondents up to 25

Frage
49

Variable
cor47

The following statements can be used to describe yourself. Please read each statement and mark which of the four answer possibilities best describes how you felt during the lockdown.

- cor47:1 My mood was melancholic.
 - cor47:2 I felt happy.
 - cor47:3 I felt depressed.
 - cor47:4 I felt sad.
 - cor47:5 I was in desperation.
 - cor47:6 My mood was gloomy.
 - cor47:7 I felt good.
 - cor47:8 I felt secure.
 - cor47:9 I felt calm and composed.
 - cor47:10 I enjoyed life.
- Almost never 1
- Sometimes 2
- Often 3
- Almost always 4
- Don't know* -1
- No answer* -2

Respondents up to 25 (doby≥1995)

Media consumption and personal contacts

Frage
52

Variable
cor50

How much time did you spend in front of a screen (TV, smart phone, computer, other electronic devices) during the lockdown?
Screen time for school assignments excluded.

__ hours per day

None 0

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents up to 25 (doby≥1995)

Frage
53

Variable
cor51

Was that more or less than before the crisis due to COVID-19?

Significantly less 1

Somewhat less 2

Roughly the same 3

Somewhat more 4

Significantly more 5

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents up to 25 (doby≥1995)

Frage
54

Variable
cor52

How often did you see your friends in person?

Daily 1

Several times per week 2

Approx. once a week 3

Less often 4

Never 5

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents up to 25 (doby≥1995)

Frage
55
Variable
cor53

How much did you miss your friends?

- Very much 1
- A fair amount 2
- A little bit 3
- Not much 4

- Don't know* -1
- No answer* -2

Respondents up to 25 (doby≥1995)

School

Frage
56
Variable
cor54

Did you regularly receive class material from the school while it was closed?

- Yes 1
- Partially 2
- No 3

- Don't know* -1
- No answer* -2

Respondents who are pupils (cor6i7=1)

Frage
57
Variable
cor55

Was a computer, tablet, or printer required for these materials?

- cor55i1 Yes, to print materials
- cor55i2 Yes, to work on assignments

- cor55i3 No, not necessary

- Not mentioned 0
- Mentioned 1

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Respondents who received class materials from school (cor54=1,2)

Frage
58

Variable
cor56

Were there enough devices in the household so that you could study as prescribed by the school?

- Yes 1
- Partially 2
- No 3

- Don't know* -1
- No answer* -2

Respondents who required a computer/tablet for class material (cor55i3≠1)

Frage
59

Variable
cor57

Were you able to complete the assignments independently?

- Always 1
- Most of the time 2
- Rarely 3
- Not at all 4

- Don't know* -1
- No answer* -2

Respondents who received class materials from school (cor54=1,2)

Frage
60

Variable
cor58

Generally speaking: How did you manage studying from home?

- Better than in school 1
- As well as in school 2
- Worse than in school 3

- Don't know* -1
- No answer* -2

Respondents who are pupils (cor6i7=1)

Frage
64
Variable
cor62o

Finally: What is the first thing you'd like to do once the COVID-19 pandemic is over?
(open response)

- Mentioned 1
 - Not mentioned 0
-