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## Introduction

Text 1

**Dear Participant,**

Thank you for participating in our survey!

**Please read these instructions carefully before proceeding with your answers.**

First of all, please remember that the questions regarding your son refer to the son who was named in the letter accompanying this questionnaire. As mentioned, this may be your stepson, your foster son, or you adoptive son.

There are no right or wrong answers to these questions - only your personal assessment and experiences are of importance to us. The numbers in small print next to the answer categories are for data processing only; they are not used for a normative evaluation of your answers. Please fill out the questionnaire by yourself.

Here are two examples:

(omitted)

Please proceed line for line, question for question. Do not skip any questions unless the text expressly instructs you to do so.

**We hope you enjoy filling out the questionnaire!**

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## Values and preferences

### Attitudes and opinions regarding family and partnership

Question  
1

Variable  
parval2\_

One can have different ideas about how family members should treat each other. Please tell me how strongly you agree with the following statements. Please answer by checking a box on each line.

- parval2i1 If parents cannot take care of themselves any longer, they should move in with their children.
- parval2i2 Grandparents should contribute to the economic security of their grandchildren and their grandchildren's parents.
- parval2i3 Parents should support their grown children financially if necessary.
- parval2i4 Grandparents should help parents take care of their young children.
- parval2i5 Children should arrange their work so as to be able to care for their sick parents.
- parval2i6 If they need to, grown children should be able to live with their parents.

Disagree completely                      1      2      3      4      5                      Agree completely  
                                                                                       

No answer .....  -2

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### Information about the children

Now we would like to ask you for some information about your children.

Question  
2

Variable  
parsd32

How many children do you have? By that we mean all biological children, whether they live with you or not. Also adopted children, children of a partner, or foster children are recorded here, if they currently live with you or have ever lived with you.

\_\_ \_ Children

No answer .....  -2

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**Question  
3**

Variable  
parsd14kxn  
parsd19kxy  
parsd14kxg  
parsd15kx  
parsd33kx  
parsd34kx  
parsd35kx  
parigr39kx  
parigr40kx  
parigr41kx  
parsd36kx  
  
for  $x=1/X$

Please answer the following questions for each of your children.

*Int.: For up to four children  $x=1, \dots, 4$*

Please enter all your children's names.

parsd14kxn Name: \_ \_ \_ \_

*No answer* .....  -2

Please indicate the year in which each child was born.

parsd19kxy Year: \_ \_ \_ \_

*No answer* .....  -2

Please indicate the sex of each child.

parsd14kxg Male .....  1

Female .....  2

*No answer* .....  -2

Please indicate your relation to each child.

parsd15kx My biological child and the child of my  
current partner .....  1

My biological child and the child of an  
ex-partner .....  2

My stepchild or the child of an ex-  
partner .....  3

Adoptive or foster child .....  4

*No answer* .....  -2

Is each child still living?

parsd33kx Yes .....  1

No .....  2

*No answer* .....  -2

Please indicate the marital status of each child.

- parsd34kx Single .....  1  
Married or in a civil union .....  2  
Divorced or widowed .....  3  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

Please indicate for each child whether he/she currently has a partner.

- parsd35kx Yes .....  1  
No .....  2  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

How often are you in contact with each child, adding up all visits, letters, phone calls, etc.?

- parigr39kx Daily .....  1  
Several times per week .....  2  
Once per week .....  3  
1 to 3 times per month .....  4  
Several times per year .....  5  
Less often .....  6  
Never .....  7  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

How close are you to each child emotionally?

- parigr40kx Not at all close .....  1  
Somewhat less close than average ...  2  
About average .....  3  
Somewhat more close than average ..  4  
Very close .....  5  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

What is the travel time to each child (on a normal day using normal means of transportation)?

- parigr41kx We live in the same household .....  0
- We live in the same building .....  1
- Less than 10 minutes .....  2
- 10 to less than 30 minutes .....  3
- 30 minutes to less than 1 hour .....  4
- 1 hour to less than 3 hours .....  5
- 3 hours or longer .....  6
  
- Don't know* .....  -1
- No answer* .....  -2

How many children does each child have? Please indicate the number for each:

parsd36kx Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*No answer* .....  -2

parsd34kx, parsd35kx, parigr39kx, parigr40kx, parigr41kx, parsd36kx If child not deceased (parsd33kx=1).

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**Question  
5**

Variable  
parigr42a  
parigr43a  
parigr44a  
parigr45a  
parigr46a  
parigr47a  
parigr48a  
parigr49a  
parigr50a

**How often do the following things happen between you and your son?  
Please answer by checking a box on each line.**

- parigr42a How often do you tell your son what you're thinking?
- parigr43a How often does your son show recognition for the things you do?
- parigr44a How often does your son make you do things his way?
- parigr45a How often are you and your son annoyed or angry with each other?
- parigr46a How often does your son show that he appreciates you?
- parigr47a How often do you and your son disagree and quarrel?
- parigr48a How often does your son get his way when you can't agree on something?
- parigr49a How often do you share your secrets and private feelings with your son?
- parigr50a How often do you feel a sense of affection for your son even if you happen to be angry with him?

- Never .....  1
- Seldom .....  2
- Sometimes .....  3
- Often .....  4
- Always .....  5
  
- No answer* .....  -2

**Question  
6**

Variable  
parigr73a  
parigr74a  
parigr75a  
parigr76a  
parigr77a

**How often have you engaged in the following activities together with your son during the  
past 12 months?  
Please answer by checking a box on each line.**

- parigr73a Going on trips together
- parigr74a Watching TV
- parigr75a Shopping
- parigr76a Going to cultural events
- parigr77a Eating together at home or out

- Never .....  1
- Seldom .....  2
- Sometimes .....  3
- Often .....  4
- Very often .....  5
  
- No answer* .....  -2

**Question  
7**

Variable  
parigr53a  
parigr54a  
parigr55a  
parigr56a  
parigr57a  
parigr58a  
parigr59a  
parigr78a  
parigr79a  
parigr80a  
parigr81a

**How often have you given your son the following kinds of help during the past 12 months?  
Please answer by checking a box on each line.**

- parigr53a Advice regarding personal problems
- parigr54a Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parigr55a Help with preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parigr56a Financial support
- parigr57a Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parigr58a A talk about your son's worries and troubles
- parigr59a Help with nursing or taking care of family members
- parigr78a Help with school homework
- parigr79a Taking care of your son's children
- parigr80a Advice regarding raising his children
- parigr81a Substantial gifts or financial support for your son's children

- Never .....  1
  - Seldom .....  2
  - Sometimes .....  3
  - Often .....  4
  - Very often .....  5
  
  - Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") .....  6
  - No answer* .....  -2
- 

**Question  
8**

Variable  
parigr82a  
parigr83a  
parigr84a

**Do you cover the following payments for your son?  
Please answer by checking a box on each line.**

- parigr82a Long-term investments (for example, building savings plan, life insurance)
- parigr83a Insurance (for example, car insurance)
- parigr84a Regular financial support (for example, monthly support payments, rent, telephone bills)

- Yes .....  1
  - No .....  2
  
  - No answer* .....  -2
-

**Question  
9**

Variable  
parigr85a

What was the total value of all substantial gifts of money and valuables as well as regular financial assistance you gave your son during the past 12 months?

- I have made no gifts to my son during  
the past 12 months .....  1
- Less than 250 Euros .....  2
- 250 - 499 Euros .....  3
- 500 - 999 Euros .....  4
- 1,000 - 1,999 Euros .....  5
- 2,000 - 4,999 Euros .....  6
- 5,000 - 9,999 Euros .....  7
- More than 10,000 Euros .....  8
- Don't know* .....  -1
- No answer* .....  -2
- 

**Question  
10**

Variable  
parigr60a  
parigr61a  
parigr62a  
parigr63a  
parigr64a  
parigr65a  
parigr66a

How often have you received the following things from your son during the past 12 months?

Please answer by checking a box on each line.

- parigr60a Advice regarding personal problems
- parigr61a Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parigr62a Help with preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parigr63a Financial support
- parigr64a Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parigr65a A talk about your worries and troubles
- parigr66a Help with nursing or taking care of family members
- Never .....  1
- Seldom .....  2
- Sometimes .....  3
- Often .....  4
- Very often .....  5
- Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") .....  6
- No answer* .....  -2
-

Question  
11

Variable  
parpcr1\_

How often do the following things happen between you and your son?  
Please answer by checking a box on each line.

- parpcr1i1 You show your son with words and gestures that you like him.
- parpcr1i3 You criticize your son.
- parpcr1i5 You cheer up your son when he is sad.
- parpcr1i8 You scream at your son because he did something wrong.
- parpcr1i11 You scold your son because you are angry at him.
- parpcr1i14 You praise your son.
- parpcr1i2 When your son makes new friends, you talk to him about them.
- parpcr1i18 You never waive from your rules.
- parpcr1i19 If your son does something against your will, you punish him.
- parpcr1i9 **If your son lives with you:** When your son goes out, you ask what he did and experienced.
- parpcr1i20 You make it clear to your son that he is not to break the rules or question your decisions.
- parpcr1i6 **If your son lives with you:** When your child goes out, you know exactly where he is.
- parpcr1i21 You tend to be a strict parent.
- parpcr1i12 When your child makes new friends, you get to know them soon thereafter.

- Never .....  1
- Seldom .....  2
- Sometimes .....  3
- Often .....  4
- Very often .....  5
  
- No answer* .....  -2

Respondents whose son is 21 years old or younger.

Question  
12

Variable  
parcrn21\_

How frequently did you have the following parenting problems during the past 4 weeks between you and your partner?

Please answer by checking a box on each line.

- parcrn21i1 Differences of opinion regarding parenting issues.  
parcrn21i2 Discussions regarding parenting issues end in fights.  
parcrn21i3 One parent disregards rules set by the other parent.

Never .....  1

Seldom .....  2

Sometimes .....  3

Often .....  4

Very often .....  5

I do not have a partner .....  8

No answer .....  -2

Respondents whose son is 21 years old or younger.

Question  
13

Variable  
parsd37

Were you employed at some point between your son's birth and his sixth birthday?

Yes .....  1

No .....  2

Don't know .....  -1

No answer .....  -2

Question  
14

Variable  
parsd38

If you were employed during this time period, for how many years altogether?

Employed for \_\_ \_\_ years

Don't know .....  -1

No answer .....  -2

Respondents who were employed at any time between the birth of their son and his sixth birthday (parsd37 =1 -2).

# Grandchildren

Text 3

And now we proceed to the topic of grandchildren.

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Question 15

How important is being (or becoming) a grandparent to you?

Variable pargc1

- Very important .....  1
  - Important .....  2
  - Less than important .....  3
  - Not important at all .....  4
  
  - No answer* .....  -2
- 

Question 16

How many living grandchildren do you have? Please include your children's biological children as well as their stepchildren, adoptive children, and foster children.

Variable pargc2\_

- pargc2i1 Between 0 and 3 years old
  - pargc2i2 Between 4 and 7 years old
  - pargc2i3 Between 8 and 10 years old
  - pargc2i4 Between 11 and 15 years old
  - pargc2i5 Over 15 years old
  - pargc2i6 I have no grandchildren.
  
  - No answer* .....  -2
- 

Question 17

How many children live in the household of the son mentioned in our letter? Please include biological children, stepchildren, adoptive children, and foster children.

Variable pargc3

- \_\_ \_ Children
  
  - No children in my son's household ...  0
  - No answer* .....  -2
- 

Respondents with grandchildren (pargc2i6 ≠1).

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**Question  
18**  
  
Variable  
pargc4

**Is at least one of the children who lives with your son between 8 and 15 years old?**

- Yes .....  1  
No .....  2  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, who lives in the son's household (pargc3>0).

**Question  
19**  
  
Variable  
pargc5n

**Please tell us the name of this grandchild. The following questions pertain to him/her.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's household (pargc3>0).

**Question  
20**  
  
Variable  
pargc5g

**Is this grandchild a boy or girl?**

- Male .....  1  
Female .....  2  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's household (pargc3>0).

**Question  
21**  
  
Variable  
pargc5m  
pargc5y  
pargc5y

**When was this grandchild born? Please indicate month and year.**

pargc5m    Month:                    \_\_\_  
pargc5y    Year:                                \_\_\_\_

- No answer* .....  -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's household (pargc3>0).

Question  
22

Variable  
pargc6

How often are you in contact with this grandchild, adding up all visits, letters, phone calls, etc.?

- Daily .....  1
- Several times per week .....  2
- Once per week .....  3
- 1 to 3 times per month .....  4
- Several times per year .....  5
- Less often .....  6
- Never .....  7
  
- No answer* .....  -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's household (pargc3>0).

Question  
23

Variable  
pargc7

How often did you take care of this grandchild during the past 12 months?

- Daily .....  1
- Several times per week .....  2
- Once per week .....  3
- 1 to 3 times per month .....  4
- Several times per year .....  5
- Less often .....  6
- Never .....  7
  
- No answer* .....  -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's household (pargc3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).

Question  
24

Variable  
pargc8

How often did this grandchild stay overnight at your house during the past 12 months?

- Several times per week .....  1
- Once per week .....  2
- 1 to 3 times per month .....  3
- Several times per year .....  4
- Less often .....  5
- Never .....  6
  
- No answer* .....  -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's household (pargc3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).



Question  
25

How often did you do things with this grandchild that he/she enjoys such as sports, games, or movies during the past 12 months?

Variable  
pargc9

- Never .....  1  
Seldom .....  2  
Sometimes .....  3  
Often .....  4  
Very often .....  5  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's household (pargc3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).

Question  
26

How often did you talk with this grandchild about his/her problems during the past 12 months?

Variable  
pargc10

- Never .....  1  
Seldom .....  2  
Sometimes .....  3  
Often .....  4  
Very often .....  5  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's household (pargc3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).

Question  
27

How often did you give this grandchild gifts of money or valuables (worth more than 100 Euros per gift) during the past 12 months?

Variable  
pargc11

- Never .....  1  
Seldom .....  2  
Sometimes .....  3  
Often .....  4  
Very often .....  5  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's household (pargc3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).

Question  
28

Variable  
pargc12

When you add up everything, how much did you spend on this grandchild during the past 12 months?

- I have not spent any money for this grandchild during the past 12 months.  1
- Less than 250 Euros .....  2
- 250 - 499 Euros .....  3
- 500 - 999 Euros .....  4
- 1,000 - 1,999 Euros .....  5
- 2,000 - 4,999 Euros .....  6
- 5,000 - 9,999 Euros .....  7
- More than 10,000 Euros .....  8
  
- Don't know* .....  -1
- No answer* .....  -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's household (parg3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).

## Parents of respondent

Question  
29

Variable  
parigr1y  
parigr2y

When were your mother and father born? Please indicate the year for each.

### Mother

parigr1y    Mother's year of birth:        \_ \_ \_ \_

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

### Father

parigr2y    Father's year of birth:        \_ \_ \_ \_

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

Question  
30

Are your mother and father still living?

Variable  
parigr22  
parigr25

**Mother**

parigr22 Yes .....  1

No .....  2

*Don't know* .....  -1

*No answer* .....  -2

**Father**

parigr25 Yes .....  1

No .....  2

*Don't know* .....  -1

*No answer* .....  -2

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Question  
31

Variable  
parigr29  
parigr34

What is the current marital status of your mother and father?

**Mother**

- parigr29m Married to Father .....  1  
Married to Father but separated .....  2  
Married to someone else .....  3  
Married to someone else but separated  4  
Single .....  5  
Divorced .....  6  
Widowed .....  7
- Don't know* .....  -1  
*No answer* .....  -2

**Father**

- parigr34m Married to Mother .....  1  
Married to Mother but separated .....  2  
Married to someone else .....  3  
Married to someone else but separated  4  
Single .....  5  
Divorced .....  6  
Widowed .....  7
- Don't know* .....  -1  
*No answer* .....  -2

Respondents whose mother is still living (parigr22=1 -2).

Respondents whose father is still living (parigr25=1 -2 ).

Question  
32  
  
Variable  
  
parigr101\_  
parigr102\_

With whom do your mother and/or father live? Do they live ...  
Multiple answers allowed!

**Mother**

- parigr101i1 With Father together in one household?
- parigr101i2 With another partner in one household?
- parigr101i3 With someone else in one household?
- parigr101i4 Alone?
- parigr101i5 In a retirement home, a nursing home, or assisted living?
- parigr101i6 Other
- parigr101i7 Don't know

Not mentioned .....  0

Mentioned .....  1

*No answer* .....  -2

**Father**

- parigr102i1 With Mother together in one household?
- parigr102i2 With another partner in one household?
- parigr102i3 With someone else in one household?
- parigr102i4 Alone?
- parigr102i5 In a retirement home, a nursing home, or assisted living?
- parigr102i6 Other
- parigr102i7 Don't know

Not mentioned .....  0

Mentioned .....  1

*No answer* .....  -2

Respondents whose mother is still living (parigr22=1 -2).  
Respondents whose father is still living (parigr25=1 -2 ).

Question  
33

Variable  
parigr39p1  
parigr39p3

How often are you in contact with your mother and/or father, adding up all visits, letters, phone calls, etc.?

Please check one seperate for both mother and father.

**Mother**

- parigr39p1 Daily .....  1  
Several times per week .....  2  
Once per week .....  3  
1 to 3 times per month .....  4  
Several times per year .....  5  
Less often .....  6  
Never .....  7  
I was never in contact. ....  10  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

**Father**

- parigr39p3 Daily .....  1  
Several times per week .....  2  
Once per week .....  3  
1 to 3 times per month .....  4  
Several times per year .....  5  
Less often .....  6  
Never .....  7  
I was never in contact. ....  10  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

Respondents whose mother is still living (parigr22=1 -2).

Respondents whose father is still living (parigr25=1 -2 ).

Question  
34

Variable  
parigr40p1

How close are you to your mother emotionally?

- Not at all close                      1      2      3      4      5                      Very close
- No answer* .....  -2

Respondents whose mother is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr22=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Question  
35

How close are you to your father emotionally?

Variable  
parigr40p3

Not at all close                      1      2      3      4      5                      Very close  
                                                                                          
*No answer* .....  -2

Respondents whose father is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr25=1 -2 and parigr39p3=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Question  
36

What is the travel time to your mother and/or father (on a normal day using normal means of transportation)?

Variable  
parigr41p1  
parigr41p3

Please check one separately for both mother and father.

**Mother**

parigr41p1 We live in the same household. ....  0  
We live in the same building. ....  1  
Less than 10 minutes .....  2  
10 minutes to less than 30 minutes ..  3  
30 minutes to less than 1 hour .....  4  
1 hour to less than 3 hours .....  5  
3 hours or longer .....  6  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

**Father**

parigr41p3 We live in the same household. ....  0  
We live in the same building. ....  1  
Less than 10 minutes .....  2  
10 minutes to less than 30 minutes ..  3  
30 minutes to less than 1 hour .....  4  
1 hour to less than 3 hours .....  5  
3 hours or longer .....  6  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

Respondents whose mother is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr22=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Respondents whose father is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr25=1 -2 and parigr39p3=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Question  
37

How often are you and your mother annoyed or angry with each other?

Variable  
parigr45p1

- Never .....  1
- Seldom .....  2
- Sometimes .....  3
- Often .....  4
- Always .....  5
  
- No answer* .....  -2

Respondents whose mother is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr22=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Question  
38

How often are you and your father annoyed or angry with each other?

Variable  
parigr45p3

- Never .....  1
- Seldom .....  2
- Sometimes .....  3
- Often .....  4
- Always .....  5
  
- No answer* .....  -2

Respondents whose father is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr25=1 -2 and parigr39p3=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).



Question  
39

Variable  
parigr51p1  
parigr51p3

Has your mother or father needed regular help within the last 12 months with daily tasks such as eating, standing up, dressing, bathing, or personal hygiene? Please check one separately for both mother and father.

**Mother**

- parigr51p1 Yes .....  1  
No .....  2  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

**Father**

- parigr51p3 Yes .....  1  
No .....  2  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

Respondents whose mother is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr22=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Respondents whose father is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr25=1 -2 and parigr39p3=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Question  
40

Variable  
parigr51p1  
parigr51p3

If you indicated that your mother or father has needed regular help: From whom did he/she receive this help?

Multiple answers allowed!

**Mother**

parigr51p1i1 From a professional nursing agency

parigr51p1i2 From me

parigr51p1i3 From her spouse or partner

parigr51p1i4 From other family members or relatives

parigr51p1i5 From her friends or acquaintances

parigr51p1i6 From other persons

Not mentioned .....  0

Mentioned .....  1

*No answer* .....  -2

**Father**

parigr51p3i1 From a professional nursing agency

parigr51p3i2 From me

parigr51p3i3 From his spouse or partner

parigr51p3i4 From other family members or relatives

parigr51p3i5 From his friends or acquaintances

parigr51p3i6 From other persons

Not mentioned .....  0

Mentioned .....  1

*No answer* .....  -2

Respondents whose mother is still living but needed personal care, with whom there is contact (parigr22=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2 and parigr51p1=1).

Respondents whose father is still living but needed personal care, with whom there is contact (parigr25=1 -2 and parigr39p3=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2 and parigr51p3=1).

Question  
41

Variable  
parigr103

What was the total value of all substantial gifts of money and valuables as well as regular financial assistance you received during the past 12 months from your parents?

- I received nothing during the past 12 months. ....  1
- Less than 250 Euros .....  2
- 250 - 499 Euros .....  3
- 500 - 999 Euros .....  4
- 1,000 - 1,999 Euros .....  5
- 2,000 - 4,999 Euros .....  6
- 5,000 - 9,999 Euros .....  7
- More than 10,000 Euros .....  8
  
- Don't know* .....  -1
- No answer* .....  -2

Respondents whose mother is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr22=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Respondents whose father is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr25=1 -2 and parigr39p3=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Question  
42

Variable  
parigr53p1  
parigr54p1  
parigr55p1  
parigr56p1  
parigr57p1  
parigr58p1  
parigr59p1  
parigr53p3  
parigr54p3  
parigr55p3  
parigr56p3  
parigr57p3  
parigr58p3  
parigr59p3

How often did you give your mother or father the following things during the past 12 months?

Please check one separately for both mother and father.

**Mother**

- parigr53p1 Advice regarding personal problems
- parigr54p1 Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parigr55p1 Help in preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parigr56p1 Financial support
- parigr57p1 Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parigr58p1 A talk about her worries and troubles
- parigr59p1 Help with nursing or taking care of family members

- Never .....  1
- Seldom .....  2
- Sometimes .....  3
- Often .....  4
- Very often .....  5
  
- Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") .....  6
- No answer* .....  -2

**Father**

- parigr53p3 Advice regarding personal problems
- parigr54p3 Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parigr55p3 Help in preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parigr56p3 Financial support
- parigr57p3 Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parigr58p3 A talk about her worries and troubles
- parigr59p3 Help with nursing or taking care of family members

- Never .....  1
- Seldom .....  2
- Sometimes .....  3
- Often .....  4
- Very often .....  5
  
- Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") .....  6
- No answer* .....  -2

Respondents whose mother is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr22=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Respondents whose father is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr25=1 -2 and parigr39p3=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

**Question  
43**

Variable  
parsup1px  
parsup2px  
parsup3px  
parsup4px  
parsup5px  
parsup6px  
parsup7px  
for x=1-8

How often did you receive the following things during the past 12 months from persons other than your son?

Multiple answers for each line are possible. You may also skip a line without answering.

**Mother**

- parsup1p1 Advice regarding personal problems
- parsup2p1 Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parsup3p1 Help in preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parsup4p1 Financial support
- parsup5p1 Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parsup6p1 A talk about your worries and troubles
- parsup7p1 Help with nursing or taking care of family members

- Not mentioned .....  0
- Mentioned .....  1
- Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") .....  6
  
- No answer* .....  -2

How often did you receive the following things during the past 12 months from persons other than your son?

Multiple answers for each line are possible. You may also skip a line without answering.

**Father**

- parsup1p2 Advice regarding personal problems
- parsup2p2 Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parsup3p2 Help in preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parsup4p2 Financial support
- parsup5p2 Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parsup6p2 A talk about your worries and troubles
- parsup7p2 Help with nursing or taking care of family members

- Not mentioned .....  0
- Mentioned .....  1
- Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") .....  6
  
- No answer* .....  -2

How often did you receive the following things during the past 12 months from persons other than your son?

Multiple answers for each line are possible. You may also skip a line without answering.

**Other children**

- parsup1p3 Advice regarding personal problems
- parsup2p3 Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parsup3p3 Help in preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parsup4p3 Financial support
- parsup5p3 Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parsup6p3 A talk about your worries and troubles
- parsup7p3 Help with nursing or taking care of family members

- Not mentioned .....  0
  - Mentioned .....  1
  - Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") .....  6
  
  - No answer* .....  -2
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How often did you receive the following things during the past 12 months from persons other than your son?

Multiple answers for each line are possible. You may also skip a line without answering.

**Spouse or partner**

- parsup1p4 Advice regarding personal problems
- parsup2p4 Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parsup3p4 Help in preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parsup4p4 Financial support
- parsup5p4 Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parsup6p4 A talk about your worries and troubles
- parsup7p4 Help with nursing or taking care of family members

- Not mentioned .....  0
  - Mentioned .....  1
  - Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") .....  6
  
  - No answer* .....  -2
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How often did you receive the following things during the past 12 months from persons other than your son?

Multiple answers for each line are possible. You may also skip a line without answering.

### Siblings

- parsup1p5 Advice regarding personal problems
- parsup2p5 Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parsup3p5 Help in preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parsup4p5 Financial support
- parsup5p5 Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parsup6p5 A talk about your worries and troubles
- parsup7p5 Help with nursing or taking care of family members

- Not mentioned .....  0
  - Mentioned .....  1
  - Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") .....  6
  
  - No answer* .....  -2
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How often did you receive the following things during the past 12 months from persons other than your son?

Multiple answers for each line are possible. You may also skip a line without answering.

### Children-in-law

- parsup1p6 Advice regarding personal problems
- parsup2p6 Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parsup3p6 Help in preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parsup4p6 Financial support
- parsup5p6 Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parsup6p6 A talk about your worries and troubles
- parsup7p6 Help with nursing or taking care of family members

- Not mentioned .....  0
  - Mentioned .....  1
  - Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") .....  6
  
  - No answer* .....  -2
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How often did you receive the following things during the past 12 months from persons other than your son?

Multiple answers for each line are possible. You may also skip a line without answering.

### Grandchildren

- parsup1p7 Advice regarding personal problems
- parsup2p7 Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parsup3p7 Help in preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parsup4p7 Financial support
- parsup5p7 Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parsup6p7 A talk about your worries and troubles
- parsup7p7 Help with nursing or taking care of family members

- Not mentioned .....  0
  - Mentioned .....  1
  - Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") .....  6
  
  - No answer* .....  -2
- 

How often did you receive the following things during the past 12 months from persons other than your son?

Multiple answers for each line are possible. You may also skip a line without answering.

### Other persons

- parsup1p8 Advice regarding personal problems
- parsup2p8 Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parsup3p8 Help in preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parsup4p8 Financial support
- parsup5p8 Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parsup6p8 A talk about your worries and troubles
- parsup7p8 Help with nursing or taking care of family members

- Not mentioned .....  0
  - Mentioned .....  1
  - Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") .....  6
  
  - No answer* .....  -2
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## Sociodemographics

Text 4

Now we would like to ask you some questions about yourself.

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Question  
44

When were you born?

Variable  
pardobm  
pardoby

Month:                                \_\_\_  
Year:                                  19\_\_

No answer .....  -2

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Question  
45

Please indicate your sex.

Variable  
parsex

Male .....  1

Female .....  2

No answer .....  -2

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Question  
46

What is your marital status?

Variable  
parsd10

Single .....  1

Married .....  2

Divorced .....  3

Widowed .....  4

No answer .....  -2

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Question  
47

How many persons other than yourself live in your household?

Variable  
parhh

\_\_ \_ Persons

No one .....  0

No answer .....  -2

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Question 48  
Variable parsd3

**Are you currently living in a partnership?**

- Yes, I live together with my spouse/partner .....  1
  - Yes, we live in separate households ...  2
  - No .....  3
  - No answer* .....  -2
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Question 49  
Variable parsdp1m  
parsdp1y  
parsdp1y

**When was your spouse/partner born? Please indicate the month and year.**

- parsdp1m Month:                    \_\_\_
- parsdp1y Year:                     19\_\_\_
- No answer* .....  -2

Respondents who live in a partnership (parsd3=1,2,-2).

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Question 50  
Variable parpa17\_

**How often do the following things happen in your partnership?  
Please answer by checking a box on each line.**

- parpa17i1 How often do you tell your partner what you're thinking?
  - parpa17i2 How often does your partner show recognition for the things you do?
  - parpa17i3 How often does your partner make you do things his/her way?
  - parpa17i4 How often are you and your partner annoyed or angry with each other?
  - parpa17i5 How often does your partner show that he/she appreciates you?
  - parpa17i6 How often do you and your partner disagree and quarrel?
  - parpa17i7 How often does your partner get his/her way when you can't agree on something?
  - parpa17i8 How often do you share your secrets and private feelings with your partner?
- Never .....  1
  - Seldom .....  2
  - Sometimes .....  3
  - Often .....  4
  - Always .....  5
  - No answer* .....  -2

Respondents who live in a partnership (parsd3=1,2,-2).

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Question  
51

Variable  
parnet17\_

How many living brothers and sisters do you have? Please include half-siblings and stepsiblings.

Please indicate a number on each line.

parnet17i1 \_ \_ Sister(s)

parnet17i2 \_ \_ Brother(s)

No answer .....  -2

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Question  
52

Variable  
parigr9y

In what year did you move out of your parents' house for the first time?

Year \_ \_ \_ \_

I never moved out of my parents' home. ....  9999

No answer .....  -2

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Question  
53

Variable  
parhlt1

How would you describe your health during the past 4 weeks, generally speaking?

Bad .....  1

Less than satisfactory .....  2

Satisfactory .....  3

Good .....  4

Very good .....  5

No answer .....  -2

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Question  
54

Variable  
parsd30

What is your religion?

Christian, Roman Catholic .....  1

Christian, German protestant .....  2

Islam .....  3

Judaism .....  4

Other Christian denomination or group .....  5

Other religion or religious group .....  6

No religion .....  7

No answer .....  -2

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Question  
55

Variable  
parsd31

How often do you go to church / the mosque / the synagogue or other religious ceremonies?

- More than once per week .....  1
  - Once per week .....  2
  - 1 - 3 times per month .....  3
  - Several times per year .....  4
  - Less often .....  5
  - Never .....  6
  
  - No answer* .....  -2
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Question  
56

Variable  
parsd27

What is the highest level of school education you attained?

- Left school without a certificate . .....  1
  - Secondary general school leaving certificate (Hauptschule, Volksschule) ....  2
  - Intermediate school leaving certificate (Realschule, Mittlere Reife) .....  3
  - School leaving certificate from lower secondary school (Polytechnische Oberschule 8th/9th grade) .....  5
  - School leaving certificate from medium-level secondary school (Polytechnische Oberschule 10th grade) .....  5
  - Entrance qualification for universities of applied sciences (also Fachoberschule) Fachhochschulreife, Abschluss Fachoberschule .....  6
  - General or subject-specific university entrance qualification .....  7
  - Other school leaving certificate \_\_\_\_\_ .....  8
  
  - No answer* .....  -2
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Question  
57

Variable  
parsd27n

How many years of schooling did you have altogether?

- \_\_ \_\_ Years
  
  - No answer* .....  -2
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**Question  
58**

Variable  
parsd29\_

**Which of the following certificate(s) or degree(s) did you earn?  
Multiple answers allowed!**

- parsd29i1 Apprenticeship (GDR: certified skilled worker)
- parsd29i2 Vocational school (general, trade, health-care related)
- parsd29i3 Advanced vocational school (e.g., certified master craftsman, certified technician)
- parsd29i4 Civil service apprenticeship
- parsd29i5 University of applied sciences / University of cooperative education (also "Beruf-sakademie") (previously: engineering school, teacher training; GDR: engineering and higher vocational school certificate)
- parsd29i6 University degree without doctorate
- parsd29i7 Doctorate
- parsd29i8 I have no certificate or degree.

Not mentioned .....  0

Mentioned .....  1

*No answer* .....  -2

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**Question  
59**

Variable  
parsd23\_

**What applies to your situation?  
Multiple answers allowed!**

- parsd23i10 Full-time employment
- parsd23i11 Self-employment
- parsd23i12 Part-time employment (also multiple part-time jobs)
- parsd23i14 Marginal part-time employment, mini-job, "Ein-Euro-Job" ("one-euro job" while receiving unemployment benefits)
- parsd23i15 Occasional or irregular employment
- parsd23i23 Vocational training or re-training
- parsd23i17 Maternity or paternity leave or other leave of absence for childcare
- parsd23i19 Unemployed, seeking employment
- parsd23i20 Not seeking employment (Housewife / Househusband)
- parsd23i21 Early retirement, retirement, occupational disability
- parsd23i22 Other

Not mentioned .....  0

Mentioned .....  1

*No answer* .....  -2

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Question  
60

Variable  
parjob7

If you are employed: How many hours do you work per week on average, including over-time?

\_\_ \_\_ Hours

No answer .....  -2

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Question  
61

Variable  
parinc13

Combining all income types: How much was the total monthly household income for all household members last month? Please indicate the monthly net amount, after deduction of taxes and contributions to retirement, unemployment, and health insurance. Please include regular payments like pensions, housing allowances, child allowances, student loans/ allowances, child support, etc. Members of the household are all those who share decision-making regarding household spending. If you live alone, just include your personal net income.

Net income in Euros: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Don't know .....  -1

No answer .....  -2

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Question  
62

Variable  
parinc23

If you answered "Don't know": It would be helpful for us if you could tell us into which of the following categories the amount fits roughly.

Under 250 Euros .....  1

250 to 499 Euros .....  2

500 to 749 Euros .....  3

750 to 999 Euros .....  4

1000 to 1249 Euros .....  5

1250 to 1499 Euros .....  6

1500 to 1759 Euros .....  7

1750 to 1999 Euros .....  8

2000 to 2499 Euros .....  9

2500 to 2999 Euros .....  10

3000 to 3499 Euros .....  11

3500 to 3999 Euros .....  12

4000 to 4499 Euros .....  13

4500 Euros or more .....  14

Don't know .....  -1

No answer .....  -2

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Respondents who checked "Don't know" for net income (parinc13=-1).

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**Question  
63**  
  
Variable  
parsave

Do you give us your consent to save your address for a possible follow-up interview, in case your son continues takes part in the main survey again?

Yes .....  1  
 No .....  2  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

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**Question  
64**  
  
Variable  
parintd  
parintm  
parinty

Please enter today's date here:

parintd     Day:                                 ---  
 parintm     Month:                                     ---  
 parinty     Year:                                         ----  
  
*No answer* .....  -2

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**Text 5**

Thank you very much for your assistance with this survey. Please put the completed questionnaire in the stamped envelope and return it to us by post. To show our appreciation for your help, you will receive an ARD TV lottery ticket when we receive the completed questionnaire.

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