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## 1 Introduction

The variables contained in BIOIMMIG deal with questions related to the situation of immigrants and their descendants in Germany. These questions concern, for example, their reasons for immigrating to Germany, their living conditions upon arrival, their plans to return to the country of origin, and whether they have relatives in the country of origin. A complete list of the BIOIMMIG variables is shown in Table 1 with the respective German and English variable labels. The dataset originally contained information collected with the biography questionnaire in wave M (1996)<sup>1</sup> and its later versions. In 2014 (BE), it was expanded by the new variable BIREASON.<sup>2</sup>

Table 1: List of the variables in the BIOIMMIG dataset

Variable name	German	Variable label	English
PERSNR	Personennummer	Person Number	
HHNR	Ursprüngliche HH-Nummer	Original HH Number	
HHNRAKT	Aktuelle HH-Nummer für SYEAR	Current HH Number for SYEAR	
SYEAR	Jahr/Erhebungsjahr	Current Year / Year Surveyed	
BIIMGRP	Bl: Zuwanderungsgruppe bei Einwanderung nach Dt.	Bl: Immigration Group at Arrival in Germany	
BIRESPER	Bl: Status Aufenthaltserlaubnis	Bl: Residency Status	
BICAMP	Bl: Übergangsunterkunft: J/N	Bl: Transitional Accommodation: Y/N	
BICAMPW	Bl: Übergangsunterkunft: Wochen	Bl: Transitional Accommodation: Weeks	
BICAMPM	Bl: Übergangsunterkunft: Monate	Bl: Transitional Accommodation: Months	
BIWFAM	Bl: Bereits Familie in Dt.	Bl: Family Members in Germany	
BIFAMC	Bl: Vor Einreise Kontakte mit Personen in Dt.	Bl: Contact with Family/Friends in Germany	
BIFAMCL	Bl: Zuzug in Wohnort der Bekannten	Bl: Moved to Same Area as Family/Friends	
BIREASON	Bl: Hauptgrund Zuzug	Bl: Main Reason for Migration	
BIRBETR	Bl: Gründe Zuzug: Besser	Bl: Reason for Migration: Better	
BIRMONEY	Bl: Gründe Zuzug: Geld	Bl: Reason for Migration: Money	
BIRFREE	Bl: Gründe Zuzug: Freiheit	Bl: Reason for Migration: Freedom	
BIRFAM	Bl: Gründe Zuzug: Familie	Bl: Reason for Migration: Family	
BIRPOOR	Bl: Gründe Zuzug: Armut	Bl: Reason for Migration: Poverty	
BIRWAR	Bl: Gründe Zuzug: Krieg	Bl: Reason for Migration: War	
BIRJUST	Bl: Gründe Zuzug: Einfach So	Bl: Reason for Migration: Just Because	
BIROTHR	Bl: Gründe Zuzug: Sonstiges	Bl: Reason for Migration: Other	
BIEXPR	Bl: Erwartungen an Dt.	Bl: Expectations of Germany	
BIEXPRLV	Bl: Erwartungen: Wohnung finden	Bl: Expectations: Find Dwelling	
BIEXPRAC	Bl: Erwartungen: Von Arbeitskollegen akzeptiert	Bl: Expectations: Acceptance by Coworkers	
BIEXPRAN	Bl: Erwartungen: Von Nachbarn akzeptiert	Bl: Expectations: Acceptance by Neighbors	

<sup>1</sup> The original biography questionnaire can be found in SOEP Survey Paper 93 - Erhebungsinstrumente 1996 (Welle 13/West und Welle 7/Ost und Zuwanderer) des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels under [http://www.diw.de/de/diw\\_02.c.222729.de/instrumente\\_feldarbeit.html](http://www.diw.de/de/diw_02.c.222729.de/instrumente_feldarbeit.html).

<sup>2</sup> The English translation of the questions is taken from the English biography questionnaire in wave R (2001) ([https://www.diw.de/documents/dokumentenarchiv/17/diw\\_01.c.494245.de/soepfrabo\\_lebenslauf\\_2001\\_en.pdf](https://www.diw.de/documents/dokumentenarchiv/17/diw_01.c.494245.de/soepfrabo_lebenslauf_2001_en.pdf)).

BIRELH	Bl: Im Ausland: Familie/Freunde	Bl: Abroad: Friends/Family
BIRELHP	Bl: Im Ausland: Eltern	Bl: Abroad: Parents
BIRELHGP	Bl: Im Ausland: Großeltern	Bl: Abroad: Grandparents
BIRELHC	Bl: Im Ausland: Kinder	Bl: Abroad: Children
BIRELHBS	Bl: Im Ausland: Bruder, Schwester	Bl: Abroad: Brother/Sister
BIRELHDR	Bl: Im Ausland: Entferntere Verwandte	Bl: Abroad: Distant Relatives
BIRELHSP	Bl: Im Ausland: Ehepartner, Verlobte(r)	Bl: Abroad: Spouse, Fiancée
BIRELHFR	Bl: Im Ausland: Persönliche Bekannte	Bl: Abroad: Friends
BIRELHMI	Bl: Personen gern nach Dt. holen	Bl: Bring Friends/Relatives from Abroad to Germany
BIRELHS2	Bl: Ehepartner in Deutschland	Bl: Spouse in Germany
BIRELHC2	Bl: Kinder unter 18 J. nicht in Dt.	Bl: Children under 18 not in Germany
BIGOBACK	Bl: Rückkehr Heimat	Bl: Return to Country of Origin
BISTAY	Bl: Wunsch in Dt. zu bleiben	Bl: Desire to Stay in Germany
BISTAYY	Bl: Dauer des geplanten Aufenthalts	Bl: Planned Duration of Stay in Germany
BISCGER	Bl: In Dt. Schule besucht	Bl: Attended School in Germany
BISCGRAD	Bl: Schulklasse bei Ankunft in Dt.	Bl: Grade on Arrival in Germany
BISCGERC	Bl: Besuch spezieller Vorbereitung	Bl: Attended Special Preparatory Class
BISCGC	Bl: Auch dt. Schüler in Schulklasse	Bl: German Students in Class Too
BISCGCF	Bl: Wie viele Mitschüler Ausländer	Bl: How Many Foreign Students
BISCGCFN	Bl: Eine oder mehrere Nationalitäten in Schulklasse	Bl: Mix of Nationalities in Class

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Source: SOEP v33.

## 2 Sample characteristics and size

The data available in this file are longitudinal. That is to say, the same variable name refers to different time periods, which can be differentiated by the variable SYEAR ranging from 1984 to 2016. Thus, for every respondent included in the dataset, there are as many person-years as the number of years in which the respondent completed interviews. The unit of observation is therefore person-years.

The sample size of the dataset is defined using the following criteria:

- First, the dataset includes only person-year combinations for those years in which SOEP respondents completed a questionnaire (\$NETTO). This refers not only to the personal and youth questionnaires but also to the biography and gap questionnaires (\$LUECKE). In other words, at least one of these interviews had to be realized in a given year, so that the person-year combination was included in the dataset. At the same time, the dataset excludes person-year-observations from children and individuals who were not part of a SOEP household in a given year (for more information, see the PPFAD documentation on the current wave survey status \$NETTO).
- Second, all available information related to the BIOIMMIG variables is collected and assigned to the person-year observations. Thereafter, all persons without valid information on any BIOIMMIG variable were excluded from the dataset (for a full list of the BIOIMMIG variables, see Table 1).
- Third, all respondents whose only valid information was on the percentage of foreigners in class (BISCGCF) were deleted from the dataset. Most information in the BIOIMMIG dataset comes from foreigner-specific questions or questionnaires, while information on BISCGCF comes from a question given to all SOEP participants aged 16 to 17 (\$JUGEND) and those who completed a general biography questionnaire (BIOLELA and \$LELA). Therefore, if the only valid information in the BIOIMMIG dataset was on the variable BISCGCF, it can be assumed that the person does not have a migration background.

Ultimately, this leaves a sample size of about 186,000 person-years and 33,000 individuals in the BIOIMMIG dataset (see Table 2). However, the BIOIMMIG sample cannot be equated with the overall population of immigrants and their descendants in the SOEP, since the BIOIMMIG dataset only includes respondents who gave information on one or more of the BIOIMMIG variables (listed in Table 1). Research on respondents with a direct or indirect migration background should therefore include a careful check of the MIGBACK variable in PPFAD to determine whether and to what extent the target population is covered in the BIOIMMIG dataset.

Table 2: Sample size of the BIOIMMIG dataset

	Persons		Person-years	
<b>PPFAD:</b> Original sample size	126,804	100 %	4,184,532	100%
<b>Interview years:</b> Sample after keeping only those years in which a questionnaire was completed based on \$NETTO	86,619	68 %	633,517	15%
<b>BIOIMMIG information:</b> Sample after excluding all those without valid information in any year of participation	62,443	49%	378,700	9%
<b>BISCGCF:</b> Sample after excluding all respondents whose only valid BIOIMMIG information is the share of foreigners in class	32,787	26%	186,425	4%

Source: SOEP v33.

In comparison to the BIOIMMIG dataset from 2015 (v32), the sample size of the BIOIMMIG dataset in 2016 (v33) has changed. Table 3 displays the number of person-years in both datasets. The vast majority (97%) of the person-years from the last BIOIMMIG dataset (v32) are still included in the latest BIOIMMIG dataset version (v33). However, almost 5,000 cases are no longer included in the latest version (v33), and a substantial number of cases (57,699 person-years) are included in the latest BIOIMMIG dataset version (v33) for the first time.

Table 3: Differences between the BIOIMMIG dataset from last year (v32) and this year (v33) (person-years)

		BIOIMMIG (v33)		
		Included	Excluded	Total
<b>BIOIMMIG (v32)</b>	<b>Included</b>	128,726 (69%, 97%)	4,653 (3%)	133,379 (100%)
	<b>Excluded</b>	57,699 (31%)	-	
	<b>Total</b>	186,726(100%)		

Source: SOEP v33.

Table 4 displays the reasons for these differences in the number of person-year observations between v32 and v33. On the one hand, the new sample restrictions led to the exclusion of around 4,700 person-years in this BIOIMMIG version (v33). This occurred because the sample in v32 included around 2,500 cases without valid BIOIMMIG information in any wave, which are no longer included. Additionally, around 2,000 cases included in v32 were omitted in 2016, because their only valid BIOIMMIG information was on the variable BISCGCF. On the other hand, several reasons led to the inclusion of nearly 58,000 person-years. First, the sample size has increased as around 16,000 respondents completed an interview in 2016, adding new person-year combinations to the dataset. These cases include not only respondents who already gave interviews in previous years but also new

respondents who entered the SOEP in 2016, for instance, through one of the two refugee samples.<sup>3</sup> Second, almost 2,800 additional person-years were included in the dataset for respondents who completed a gap interview in the respective person-year. Third, more variables were used to generate the variable BIIMGRP, which led to the inclusion of around 5,000 additional observations (see BIIMGRP). Finally, in contrast to the previous BIOIMMIG version (v32), the BIOIMMIG dataset is now no longer limited to respondents who were born abroad (GERMBORN in PPFAD)<sup>4</sup>, had non-German citizenship (NATION\$\$ in \$PGEN),<sup>5</sup> and gave information on one of the BIOIMMIG variables (around 33,000 person-years). Also, the generation of BIIMGRP and BIWFAM was slightly altered to incorporate more information, which in turn increases the number of cases included in the BIOIMMIG dataset (v33).

Table 4: Reasons for the differences between the BIOIMMIG dataset from last year (v32) and this year (v33)

	Persons		Person-years	
<b>Included last year, but not in 2016</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>4,653</b>	<b>100%</b>
Without valid BIOIMMIG information in any wave	589	62%	2,525	54%
With BISCDCF being the only valid information	253	27%	1,783	38%
Unexplained	109	11%	345	8%
<b>Included in 2016, but not last year</b>	<b>13,713</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>57,699</b>	<b>100%</b>
Respondents in 2016 (of these 4,815 from refugee samples)	8,047	58%	15,904	28%
Additional person-years with successful gap interview (NETTO=31)	402	3%	2,763	5%
Different approach to generate BIIMGRP	311	2%	5,094	9%
Respondents who were deleted under the old sample restriction (born in Germany, German citizenship & no BIOIMMIG information)	4,741	35%	33,257	57%
Unexplained	212	2%	681	1%

Source: SOEP v33.

### 3 Sources used to generate the BIOIMMIG dataset

Most of the information in the BIOIMMIG dataset comes from the BIOLELA and \$LELA (from wave M on) datasets, which were collected with the biography questionnaires. Additionally, starting in 2000 (wave Q), information from the \$JUGEND datasets, which contain similar information to \$LELA for 16- and 17-year-olds were incorporated into the BIOIMMIG dataset. In any given year, a person could complete either a youth or a biography questionnaire. Thus, information is available in either the \$JUGEND or the \$LELA dataset but never in both. If a respondent also replied to other questions relevant to the BIOIMMIG variables in the foreigner-specific questions in \$PAUSL from wave A to L or

<sup>3</sup> For more information on sample sizes and panel attrition in the SOEP, see Kroh M., Kühne, S., Jacobsen, J., Siegert, R. & Siegers, R. (forthcoming) Sampling, Nonresponse, and Integrated Weighting of the 2016 IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Survey (M3/M4) Berlin DIW/SOEP.

<sup>4</sup> GERMBORN (PPFAD) was modified using information from NP101, OP103, PP117, QP12101, QP124, RP11701, RP120, SP116, SP120, TP124, TP126, UP128, UP130, VP137, VP139, WP129, WP131, XP141, XP143, YP139, YP136, ZP139, ZP141, BAP137, BAP134, BBP14201, BBP144, BCP141, BCP134, BEP131, BFP160, BDPM\_L\_0201, BDPM\_P\_09, BEPM\_L\_0301, BEPM\_P\_224, BFPM\_L\_0301, BFPM\_P\_44.

<sup>5</sup> NATION\$\$ in \$PGEN was modified using information from OP10201, PP11601, QP119, RP115, SP114, TP122, UP126, VP135, WP127, XP139, YP137, ZP137, BAP135, BBP140, BCP139, BDP143, BEP129, BFP158, BDPM\_P\_09, BEPM\_P\_224, BFPM\_P\_44.



in the foreigner-specific questions in \$P from wave M onwards, the information from the personal questionnaires is added to the biographical data.

Since 2013, the IAB-SOEP migration samples have been surveyed annually, comprising of a large number of interviews with immigrants living in Germany.<sup>6</sup> In addition, the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Samples were surveyed in 2016.<sup>7</sup> The questionnaires of these samples varied slightly from the regular personal and biography questionnaires. As a result, just a limited portion of the data collected could be harmonized with the \$P and \$LELA datasets and was therefore included in separate migration datasets (BDP\_MIG1\_ALL, BDP\_MIG2, BEP\_MIG, BFP\_MIG, BGP\_REFUGEES). We also use information from these datasets to complement the BIOIMMIG dataset.

## 4 Updating the yearly information in the BIOIMMIG dataset with information collected in other years

Most of the information included in the BIOIMMIG dataset remains constant over time, which usually is only asked once within the SOEP, e.g., a respondent's main reason for coming to Germany. The respondent's answers are assumed to be constant and therefore valid over time. In accordance, we filled in time-constant information for all person-years in the dataset. We proceeded in the same manner with information that was given more than once and that remained consistent over time—for example, when a respondent mentioned that he / she wanted to stay in Germany permanently, first in the youth and later in the biography questionnaire.

However, some respondents' answers varied over time on a small number of questions, which lead to the following variables: BISCGER (school in Germany), BISCDCF (number of foreign students), BIEXPR (expectations from Germany), BIEXPRAC (acceptance by coworkers), BIRELH (family abroad), BIRELHC2 (children living abroad), BIRELHS2 (spouse in Germany), BISTAY (desire to stay in Germany), BISTAYY (planned duration of stay). For these variables, it can be assumed that answers and thus values may indeed vary over time. For instance, a person's desire to stay in Germany may change over time. Thus, both (or more) pieces of information are considered valid for the subsequent years until a different answer is given, and this answer is again considered valid until the next different answer is given. Accordingly, we adapted our procedure of filling in the values for the years in between differing answers. The logic of this procedure is demonstrated for the variable BIRELH (family in home country) in Table 5.

Table 5: Data structure after filling in time-varying information over the years (fictitious data)

PERSNR	HHNR	HHNRAKT	SYEAR	BIRELH	BISTAYY
101	19	19	2000	1	10
101	19	19	2001	1	9
101	19	19	2002	1	8
101	19	19	2003	2	7
101	19	19	2004	2	6
101	19	19	2005	2	5

<sup>6</sup> For more information, see H. Brücker, M. Kroh, S. Bartsch, J. Goebel, S. Kühne, E. Liebau, P. Trübswetter, I. Tucci, J. Schupp (2014) The new IAB-SOEP Migration Sample: an introduction into the methodology and the contents. SOEP Survey Papers 216: Series C. Berlin: DIW/SOEP.

<sup>7</sup> For more information, see M. Kroh, H. Brücker, S. Kühne, E. Liebau, J. Schupp, M. Siegert, P. Trübswetter (2016) Das Studiendesign der IAB-BAMF-SOEP-Befragung von Geflüchteten. SOEP Survey Papers 365: Series C. Berlin: DIW/SOEP.

In this fictitious example, the person replied in 2000 that she had relatives in her home country, but in 2003 her answer changed to “no relatives in home country”. Therefore, the subsequent years are coded accordingly. The number of years she wanted to stay in Germany (BISTAY) was also adjusted accordingly. The procedure was also adapted for the variable BISTAYY (planned length of stay in Germany in years) which varies per se across time. Therefore, the number of years indicated in one year is logically decremented in the subsequent years. For instance, a planned stay of 10 more years in Germany in 2000 would have been adjusted to nine more years in 2001 (also see BISTAYY in Table 5).

## 5 Missing values

Three missing values were assigned to the variables in the BIOIMMIG dataset (see Table 6). -1 “No answer” is assigned to respondents who received a BIOIMMIG question but did not answer it. If no information is available for a respondent on one variable, the variable is set to -2 “Does not apply” for all years. The value -5 “Not included in this version of questionnaire” is assigned to respondents who did not receive the variable-specific question. This applies mainly to respondents whose samples were included retrospectively in a dataset, such as respondents to “Familien in Deutschland” (Families in Germany, FiD) or respondents given variations of the BIOIMMIG questions such as those in the migration samples in 2016. The missing values were filled in across person-years according to the procedure described in chapter 1.4.

Table 6: Missing values

Value	Value label (English)	Value label (German)
-5	Not included in this version of questionnaire	In Fragebogenversion nicht enthalten
-2	Does not apply	Trifft nicht zu
-1	No answer	Keine Angabe

Source: SOEP v33.

Additionally, adaptations had to be made to the variables BISTAY (desire to stay in Germany) and BISTAYY (desired duration of stay). If a respondent replied in a given year that he or she wanted to stay “forever” or “for less than a year” on the respective BISTAY question, then the BISTAYY variable was coded -2 “does not apply”. However, if a respondent mentioned in a subsequent year that he / she only wanted to stay in Germany for a specific period of time, the respective information was used to code the values of BISTAY and BISTAYY. Table 7 shows a fictitious example of a respondent changing his/her intention to stay in Germany.

Table 7: Example of inconsistent responses over time to question about desires to stay in Germany (fictitious data)

PERSNR	HHNR	HHNRAKT	YEAR	BISTAY	BISTAYY
103	21	21	2000	2	10
103	21	21	2001	2	9
103	21	21	2002	1	-2
103	21	21	2003	1	-2
103	21	21	2004	2	15
103	21	21	2005	2	14

## 6 Using this file

The BIOIMMIG file can be used for cross-sectional or panel data analysis. Relevant variables for merging the dataset are: PERSNR (Person Number), HHNR (Original HH number), HHNRAKT (Current HH number for given SYEAR) and SYEAR (Survey Year). The data is sorted by HHNR, HHNRAKT, PERSNR, SYEAR (see Table 7 for an example). The dataset is provided in “long” format but can easily be reshaped to “wide” format or, if necessary, be combined with cross-sectional data by simply selecting the relevant year via SYEAR. For example, merging the BIOIMMIG dataset for the year 1984 with another dataset could be achieved by proceeding in the following manner in Stata:

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- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. Open the BIOIMMIG dataset for 1984               | <code>use bioimmig if syear==1984</code>   |
| 2. Rename variables with wave-specific information  | <code>rename bicamp camp1984</code><br><code>rename bicampw campw1984</code>   |
| 3. Save IDs & renamed variables in a temporary file | <code>sort hhnr persnr</code><br><code>keep hhnr persnr syear camp1984 campw1984</code><br><code>save bioimmig1984.dta, replace</code> |
| 4. Merge the temporary file to your main dataset    | <code>merge 1:1 hhnr persnr using bioimmig1984.dta, nogen</code>   |
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## 7 Documentation of the variables

Below, each variable, its variable labels and value labels are displayed in English and German. Furthermore, the main variables used in the generation process are listed, and the respective questions for the biography questionnaire in wave M (1996) are mentioned. The English translation of the questions is taken from the English biography questionnaire in wave R (2001).

**BIIMGRP**      Bl: Zuwanderungsgruppe bei Einwanderung nach Dt.  
                  Bl: Immigration Group at Arrival in Germany

BIO Question: Q5

Comment:      In wave BG (2016, v33), an error in the generation of BIIMGRP was corrected: In wave BF (2015, v32) a redundant migration restriction had led to a loss of 323 valid BIIMGRP observations from the 2015 migration dataset (BFP\_MIG). Similarly, in the 2014 migration dataset, the same specification had led to a loss of around 13 valid BIIMGRP observations.

Furthermore, in 2016, additional information was used to determine whether a person is ethnic German, an asylum seeker, or migrated from Eastern Germany. New variables are marked with an asterisk.

The option "[1] East Germans" is no longer included in the questionnaires since 1995. However, as the dataset is filled in to include information from previous waves, there may be valid [1] values in subsequent years.

In 2014, the BIIMGRP categories were adapted: the former category "[5] Non-EU" was recoded as "[6] Other Foreign Nationality" and category [5] was assigned to asylum seekers.

German: Zu welcher der folgenden Zuwanderergruppen gehörten Sie, als Sie nach Deutschland kamen?

- "[1] Ostdeutsche (bis 1995 erfragt) "
- "[2] Aussiedler, Osteuropa"
- "[3] Deutsche, Ausland"
- "[4] EU-Mitgliedsstaat (bis 2009 EG) "
- "[5] Asylbewerber, Flüchtling"
- "[6] Sonstige Ausländer"

English: To which of the following immigrant categories did you belong when you moved to Germany?

- "[1] East German ( asked until 1995)"
- "[2] Person of German descent from Eastern Europe"
- "[3] German who lived abroad for a long period of time"
- "[4] Citizen of an EU country (up to 2009 EC)"
- "[5] Asylum seeker or refugee"
- "[6] Other foreigner "

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	B32*, B34*
1994 K	BIOLELA	P070Z, B32*, B34*
1995 L	BIOLELA	P070Z, B32*, B34*
1996 M	MLELA	MB070Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB070Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB070Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB070Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB070Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB070Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB05
2003 T	TLELA	TB05
2004 U	ULELA	UB05
2005 V	VLELA	VB05
2006 W	WLELA	WB05
2007 X	XLELA	XB05
2008 Y	YLELA	YB05
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB05
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB05
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB05
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB05
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB06
2014 BE	BELELA	BEB0601
2015 BF	BFLELA	BFB0601
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		BGPM_L*_19
1990 G	GP	GP10803*
1991 H	HP	HP108B03*
1992 I	IP	IP10803*

1993 J	JP	JP108B03*
1996 M	MP	MP90A02*
1994 L	LPBRUTTO	LPGRUPPE*
2013 BD	BDP_MIG1_ALL BDP_MIG2	BDPM_L_15 BDPM_P_1002 BDPM_P_1202 BDPM_P_09 BDPM_L_0201 BDPM_L 01_1601 BDPM_L01_1701 BDPM_L01_1801 BDPM_L 01_2001 BDMP_L*_2501
2014 BE	BEP_MIG	BEPM_L_08 BEPM_L*_17
2015 BF	BFP_MIG	BFPM_L_08 BFPM_L*_19 BFPM_L*_22
2016 BG	BGP_REFUGEES	BGPR_L_4001
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ57
2001 R	RJUGEND	RJ59
2002 S	SJUGEND	SJ59
2003 T	TJUGEND	TJ59
2004 U	UJUGEND	UJ59
2005 V	VJUGEND	VJ59
2006 W	WJUGEND	WJ64
2007 X	XJUGEND	XJ64
2008 Y	YJUGEND	YJ64
2009 Z	ZJUGEND	ZJ64
2010 BA	BAJUGEND	BAJ64
2011 BB	BBJUGEND	BBJ64
2012 BC	BCJUGEND	BCJ64
2013 BD	BDJUGEND	BDJ64
2014 BE	BEJUGEND	BEJ65
2015 BF	BFJUGEND	BFJ65
2016 BG	BGJUGEND	BGJ70

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Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRESPER** BI: Status Aufenthaltserlaubnis  
 BI: Residency Status

BIO Question: Q6

German: Haben Sie heute eine unbefristete Aufenthaltserlaubnis bzw. Aufenthaltsberechtigung oder haben Sie eine befristete Aufenthaltserlaubnis?

"[1] Unbefristet"

"[2] Befristet"

English: Is your residence permit/visa for a limited or unlimited period of time?

"[1] Residence permit/visa for an unlimited period of time"

"[2] Residence permit/visa for a limited period of time"

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P080Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P080Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB080Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB080Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB080Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB080Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB080Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB080Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB06
2003 T	TLELA	TB06
2004 U	ULELA	UB06
2005 V	VLELA	VB06
2006 W	WLELA	WB06
2007 X	XLELA	XB06
2008 Y	YLELA	YB06
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB06
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB06
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB06
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB06
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB07
2014 BE	BELELA	BEB07
2015 BF	BFLELA	BFB07
2016 BG	BGLELA	BGB07
2013 BD	BDP_MIG	BDPM_L_15
2014 BE	BEP_MIG	BEPM_L_230
2015 BF	BFP_MIG	BFPM_L_50
2016 BG	BGP_REFUGEES	BGPR_L_50
2016 BG	BGP	BGPM_P_49 BGPR50
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ58
2001 R	RJUGEND	RJ60
2002 S	SJUGEND	SJ60
2003 T	TJUGEND	TJ60
2004 U	UJUGEND	UJ60
2005 V	VJUGEND	VJ60
2006 W	WJUGEND	WJ69
2007 X	XJUGEND	XJ69

2008 Y	YJUGEND	YJ69
2009 Z	ZJUGEND	ZJ69
2010 BA	BAJUGEND	BAJ69
2011 BB	BBJUGEND	BBJ69
2012BC	BCJUGEND	BCJ71
2013 BD	BDJUGEND	BDJ71
2014 BE	BEJUGEND	BEJ73
2015 BF	BFJUGEND	BFJ73
2016 BG	BGJUGEND	BGJ78

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Source: SOEP v33.

**BICAMP** BI: Übergangsunterkunft: J/N  
 BI: Transitional Accommodation: Y/N

BIO Question: Q7a

Comment: In 2016 BICAMP was defined in a different manner for the new refugee samples. For this sample, BICAMP is coded "Yes" if a respondent lived in a "shared accommodation". This information was gathered from the household file BGH.

German: Haben Sie nach Ihrer Einreise zunächst in einem Aufnahmelager oder Übergangswohnheim gelebt?  
 "[1] Ja"  
 "[2] Nein"

English: When you entered the country did you first live in a refugee camp or some other type of temporary housing for immigrants?  
 "[1] Yes"  
 "[2] No"

See also: **BICAMP, BICAMPW, BICAMPM**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P090Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P090Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB090Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB090Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB090Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB090Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB090Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB090Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB0701
2003 T	TLELA	TB0701
2004 U	ULELA	UB0701
2005 V	VLELA	VB0701
2006 W	WLELA	WB0701
2007 X	XLELA	XB0701
2008 Y	YLELA	YB0701
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB0701
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB0701
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB0701
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB0701
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB0801
2014 BE	\$LELA	n/a
2015 BF	\$LELA	n/a
2016 BG	BGLELA	BGB08
2016 BG	BGH	BGHR01
2016 BG	BGP_REFUGEES	BGPR_L_52
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ5901
2001 Q	RJUGEND	RJ6101
2002 S	SJUGEND	SJ6101
2003 T	TJUGEND	TJ6101



2004 U	UJUGEND	UJ6101
2005 V	VJUGEND	VJ6101
Since 2006	\$JUGEND	n/a

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Source: SOEP v33.

**BICAMPW** BI: Übergangsunterkunft: Wochen  
 BI: Transitional Accommodation: Weeks

BIO Question: Q7b

German: Übergangsunterkunft: Wenn ja, für wie viele Wochen?

English: Transitional accomodation: If so, for how many weeks?

See also: **BICAMP, BICAMPW, BICAMPM**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P091Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P091Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB091Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB091Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB091Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB091Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB091Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB091Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB0702
2003 T	TLELA	TB0702
2004 U	ULELA	UB0702
2005 V	VLELA	VB0702
2006 W	WLELA	WB0702
2007 X	XLELA	XB0702
2008 Y	YLELA	YB0702
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB0702
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB0702
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB0702
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB0702
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB0802
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ5902
2001 R	RJUGEND	RJ6102
2002 S	SJUGEND	SJ6102
2003 T	TJUGEND	TJ6102
2004 U	UJUGEND	UJ6102
2005 V	VJUGEND	VJ6102
Since 2006	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BICAMPM** BI: Übergangsunterkunft: Monate  
 BI: Transitional Accommodation: Months

BIO Question: Q7c

German: Übergangsunterkunft: Wenn ja, für wie viele Monate?

English: Transitional accomodation: If so, for how many months?

See also: **BICAMP, BICAMPW, BICAMPM**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P092Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P092Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB092Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB092Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB092Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB092Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB092Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB092Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB0703
2003 T	TLELA	TB0703
2004 U	ULELA	UB0703
2005 V	VLELA	VB0703
2006 W	WLELA	WB0703
2007 X	XLELA	XB0703
2008 Y	YLELA	YB0703
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB0703
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB0703
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB0703
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB0703
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB0803
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ5903
2001 R	RJUGEND	RJ6103
2002 S	SJUGEND	SJ6103
2003 T	TJUGEND	TJ6103
2004 U	UJUGEND	UJ6103
2005 V	VJUGEND	VJ6103
Since 2006	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIWFAM** BI: Bereits Familie in Dt.  
BI: Family Members in Germany

BIO Question: Q8

Comment: In BIOIMMIG dataset v33 an error in the generation of BIWFAM was corrected: in BIOIMMIG v32 a redundant migration restriction had led to a loss of around 33 valid BIWFAM observations coming from the 2015 migration dataset (BFP\_MIG).

Additionally, the generation of the BIWFAM value "[2] No" was logically adjusted so that far fewer observations from the migration datasets from wave BD to BF were coded as "[2] No". In wave BF, this applies to 3,938 values, which are now set to missing [-2], in wave BE to 3,578 and in wave BD to 1,271.

German: Als Sie einreisten, kamen Sie da als Familienangehöriger einer bereits in Deutschland lebenden Familie bzw. Person?  
"[1] Ja"  
"[2] Nein"

English: When you entered the country did you come as a family member or a person already living in Germany?  
"[1] Yes"  
"[2] No"

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P100Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P100Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB100Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB100Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB100Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB100Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB100Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB100Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB08
2003 T	TLELA	TB08
2004 U	ULELA	UB08
2005 V	VLELA	VB08
2006 W	WLELA	WB08
2007 X	XLELA	XB08
2008 Y	YLELA	YB08
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB08
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB08
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB08
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB08
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB09
2014 BE	BELELA	n/a
2015 BF	BFLELA	n/a
2016 BG	BGLELA	BGPM_L_09, BGPM_L0*_20

2013 BD	BDP_MIG	BDPM_L01_1801 BDPM_L*_2501
		BEPM_L_08
2014 BE	BEP_MIG	BFPM_L_09
2015 BF	BFP_MIG	BFPM_L*_1401
2016 BG	BGP_REFUGEES	BGPR_L_3701
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ60
2001 R	RJUGEND	RJ62
2002 S	SJUGEND	SJ62
2003 T	TJUGEND	TJ62
2004 U	UJUGEND	UJ62
2005 V	VJUGEND	VJ62
2006 – 2015	\$JUGEND	n/a
2016 BG	BGJUGEND	BGJ70

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Source: SOEP v33.

**BIFAMC** BI: Vor Einreise Kontakte mit Personen in Dt.  
 BI: Contact with Family/Friends in Germany

BIO Question: Q9

German: Hatten Sie vor der Einreise überhaupt Kontakte zu Verwandten oder Bekannte in Deutschland, an die Sie sich wenden konnten?  
 "[1] Ja"  
 "[2] Nein"

English: Did you have any contacts to relatives or friends in Germany before you entered the country?  
 "[1] Yes"  
 "[2] No"

See also: **BIFAMC, BIFAMCL**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P110Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P110Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB110Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB110Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB110Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB110Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB110Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB110Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB09
2003 T	TLELA	TB09
2004 U	ULELA	UB09
2005 V	VLELA	VB09
2006 W	WLELA	WB09
2007 X	XLELA	XB09
2008 Y	YLELA	YB09
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB09
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB09
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB09
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB09
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB10
2014 BE	BELELA	n/a
2015 BF	BFLELA	n/a
2016 BG	BGLELA	BGB1001 BGB1002
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ61
2001 R	RJUGEND	RJ63
2002 S	SJUGEND	SJ63
2003 T	TJUGEND	TJ63
2004 U	UJUGEND	UJ63
2005 V	VJUGEND	VJ63
Since 2006	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIFAMCL** BI: Zuzug in Wohnort der Bekannten  
 BI: Moved to Same Area as Family/Friends

BIO Question: Q10

German: Sind Sie in den Ort in Deutschland gezogen, wo diese Verwandten bzw. Bekannten lebten?  
 "[1] Ja"  
 "[2] Nein"

English: Did you move to the area in Germany where these relatives or friends lived?  
 "[1] Yes"  
 "[2] No"

See also: **BIFAMC, BIFAMCL**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P120Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P120Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB120Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB120Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB120Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB120Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB120Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB120Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB10
2003 T	TLELA	TB10
2004 U	ULELA	UB10
2005 V	VLELA	VB10
2006 W	WLELA	WB10
2007 X	XLELA	XB10
2008 Y	YLELA	YB10
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB10
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB10
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB10
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB10
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB11
2014 BE	BELELA	n/a
2015 BF	BFLELA	n/a
2016 BG	BGLELA	BGPM_L_29
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ62
2001 R	RJUGEND	RJ64
2002 S	SJUGEND	SJ64
2003 T	TJUGEND	TJ64
2004 U	UJUGEND	UJ64
2005 V	VJUGEND	VJ64
Since 2006	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIREASON** BI: Hauptgrund Zuzug  
BI: Main Reason for Migration

BIO Question: Q100 (Personal questionnaire M1 in 2014)

Comment: This variable is available since 2014 for the IAB-SOEP migration samples.

German: Welcher der folgenden Gründe war bei Ihnen der Hauptgrund nach Deutschland zu ziehen?  
 "[1] Partnerschaft"  
 "[2] Andere familiäre Gründe"  
 "[3] Wirtschaftliche Perspektive für mich selbst"  
 "[4] Wirtschaftliche Perspektive für meine Kinder"  
 "[5] Andere wirtschaftliche Gründe"  
 "[6] Politische Gründe (Diskriminierung, Not, Verfolgung, Krieg)"  
 "[7] Sonstige Gründe"

English Which of the following was your main reason for moving to Germany?  
 "[1] Partnership"  
 "[2] Other family reasons"  
 "[3] Economic prospects for me"  
 "[4] Economic prospects for my children"  
 "[5] Other economic reasons"  
 "[6] Political reasons (discrimination, poverty, persecution, war)"  
 "[7] Other"

Year	File	Variable
2014 BE	BEP_MIG	BEPM_L_10001
2015 BF	BFP_MIG	BFPM_L_2501
2016 BG	BGLELA	BGB09
2016 BG	BGP_REFUGEES	BGPR_L_3601, BGPR_L_3602, BGPR_L_3603, BGPR_L_3604, BGPR_L_3605, BGPR_L_3606, BGPR_L_3607, BGPR_L_3608, BGPR_L_3609, BGPR_L_3610, BGPR_L_3611

Source: SOEP v33.



**BIRBETR** BI: Gruende Zuzug: Besser  
 BI: Reason for Migration: Better

BIO Question: Q11a

German: Es gibt ja unterschiedliche Gründe, nach Deutschland zu ziehen. Welche der folgenden Gründe spielten bei Ihnen eine Rolle?  
 – Ich wollte ein besseres Leben haben: Besser wohnen, mehr kaufen können usw.  
 "[1] Besseres Leben"

English: There are many possible reasons for moving to Germany. Which of reasons listed here played a part in your decision?  
 – I wanted a better life. I wanted to live better, to be able to buy more, etc.  
 "[1] Better Life"

See also: **BIRBETR, BIRMONEY, BIRFREE, BIRFAM, BIRPOOR, BIRWAR, BIRJUST, BIROTHR**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P151Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P151Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB151Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB151Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB151Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB151Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB151Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB151Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB1401
2003 T	TLELA	TB1401
2004 U	ULELA	UB1401
2005 V	VLELA	VB1401
2006 W	WLELA	WB1401
2007 X	XLELA	XB1401
2008 Y	YLELA	YB1401
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB1401
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB1401
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB1401
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB1401
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB1501
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRMONEY** BI: Gruende Zuzug: Geld  
 BI: Reason for Migration: Money

BIO Question: Q11b

German: Es gibt ja unterschiedliche Gründe, nach Deutschland zu ziehen. Welche der folgenden Gründe spielten bei Ihnen eine Rolle?  
 – Ich wollte arbeiten und Geld verdienen in Deutschland, um meine Familie zu unterstützen und Geld sparen.  
 "[1] Geld verdienen"

English: There are many possible reasons for moving to Germany. Which of reasons listed here played a part in your decision?  
 – I wanted to work and earn money in Germany to support my family and save money.  
 "[1] Earn money"

See also: **BIRBETR, BIRMONEY, BIRFREE, BIRFAM, BIRPOOR, BIRWAR, BIRJUST, BIROTHR**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P152Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P152Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB152Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB152Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB152Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB152Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB152Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB152Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB1402
2003 T	TLELA	TB1402
2004 U	ULELA	UB1402
2005 V	VLELA	VB1402
2006 W	WLELA	WB1402
2007 X	XLELA	XB1402
2008 Y	YLELA	YB1402
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB1402
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB1402
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB1402
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB1402
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB1502
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRFREE** BI: Gruende Zuzug: Freiheit  
 BI: Reason for Migration: Freedom

BIO Question: Q11c

German: Es gibt ja unterschiedliche Gründe, nach Deutschland zu ziehen. Welche der folgenden Gründe spielten bei Ihnen eine Rolle?  
 – Ich wollte in Freiheit leben.  
 "[1] In Freiheit leben"

English: There are many possible reasons for moving to Germany. Which of reasons listed here played a part in your decision?  
 – I wanted freedom.  
 "[1] Live in freedom"

See also: **BIRBETR, BIRMONEY, BIRFREE, BIRFAM, BIRPOOR, BIRWAR, BIRJUST, BIROTHR**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P153Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P153Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB153Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB153Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB153Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB153Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB153Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB153Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB1403
2003 T	TLELA	TB1403
2004 U	ULELA	UB1403
2005 V	VLELA	VB1403
2006 W	WLELA	WB1403
2007 X	XLELA	XB1403
2008 Y	YLELA	YB1403
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB1403
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB1403
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB1403
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB1403
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB1503
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRFAM** BI: Gruende Zuzug: Familie  
 BI: Reason for Migration: Family

BIO Question: Q11d

German: Es gibt ja unterschiedliche Gründe, nach Deutschland zu ziehen. Welche der folgenden Gründe spielten bei Ihnen eine Rolle?  
 – Ich wollte mit meiner Familie zusammenleben (Ehepartner, Eltern, Kinder).  
 "[1] Mit Familie zusammen"

English: There are many possible reasons for moving to Germany. Which of reasons listed here played a part in your decision?  
 – I wanted to live with my family (spouse, parents, children).  
 "[1] Live with family"

See also: **BIRBETR, BIRMONEY, BIRFREE, BIRFAM, BIRPOOR, BIRWAR, BIRJUST, BIROTHR**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P154Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P154Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB154Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB154Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB154Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB154Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB154Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB154Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB1404
2003 T	TLELA	TB1404
2004 U	ULELA	UB1404
2005 V	VLELA	VB1404
2006 W	WLELA	WB1404
2007 X	XLELA	XB1404
2008 Y	YLELA	YB1404
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB1404
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB1404
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB1404
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB1404
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB1504
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRPOOR** BI: Gruende Zuzug: Armut  
 BI: Reason for Migration: Poverty

BIO Question: Q11e

German: Es gibt ja unterschiedliche Gründe, nach Deutschland zu ziehen. Welche der folgenden Gründe spielten bei Ihnen eine Rolle?  
 – In meinem Heimatland herrschte Not und Armut.  
 "[1] Not/Armut in Heimat"

English: There are many possible reasons for moving to Germany. Which of reasons listed here played a part in your decision?  
 – There was a lot of poverty in my native country.  
 "[1] Poverty/Hunger at home"

See also: **BIRBETR, BIRMONEY, BIRFREE, BIRFAM, BIRPOOR, BIRWAR, BIRJUST, BIROTHR**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P155Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P155Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB155Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB155Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB155Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB155Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB155Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB155Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB1405
2003 T	TLELA	TB1405
2004 U	ULELA	UB1405
2005 V	VLELA	VB1405
2006 W	WLELA	WB1405
2007 X	XLELA	XB1405
2008 Y	YLELA	YB1405
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB1405
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB1405
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB1405
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB1405
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB1505
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRWAR** BI: Gruende Zuzug: Krieg  
 BI: Reason for Migration: War

BIO Question: Q11f

German: Es gibt ja unterschiedliche Gründe, nach Deutschland zu ziehen. Welche der folgenden Gründe spielten bei Ihnen eine Rolle?  
 – In meinem Heimatland konnte ich nicht in Sicherheit leben (Verfolgung, Krieg)  
 "[1] Krieg in Heimat"

English: There are many possible reasons for moving to Germany. Which of reasons listed here played a part in your decision?  
 –I could not in safety in my native country (persecution, war).  
 "[1] War at home"

See also: **BIRBETR, BIRMONEY, BIRFREE, BIRFAM, BIRPOOR, BIRWAR, BIRJUST, BIROTHR**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P156Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P156Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB156Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB156Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB156Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB156Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB156Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB156Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB1406
2003 T	TLELA	TB1406
2004 U	ULELA	UB1406
2005 V	VLELA	VB1406
2006 W	WLELA	WB1406
2007 X	XLELA	XB1406
2008 Y	YLELA	YB1406
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB1406
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB1406
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB1406
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB1406
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB1506
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRJUST** BI: Gruende Zuzug: Einfach So  
 BI: Reason for Migration: Just Because

BIO Question: Q11g

German: Es gibt ja unterschiedliche Gründe, nach Deutschland zu ziehen. Welche der folgenden Gründe spielten bei Ihnen eine Rolle?  
 – Ich wollte einfach in Deutschland leben.  
 "[1] Einfach in Deutschland leben"

English: There are many possible reasons for moving to Germany. Which of reasons listed here played a part in your decision?  
 – I just wanted to live in Germany.  
 "[1] Just live in Germany"

See also: **BIRBETR, BIRMONEY, BIRFREE, BIRFAM, BIRPOOR, BIRWAR, BIRJUST, BIROTHR**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P157Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P157Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB157Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB157Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB157Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB157Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB157Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB157Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB1407
2003 T	TLELA	TB1407
2004 U	ULELA	UB1407
2005 V	VLELA	VB1407
2006 W	WLELA	WB1407
2007 X	XLELA	XB1407
2008 Y	YLELA	YB1407
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB1407
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB1407
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB1407
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB1407
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB1507
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIROTHR** BI: Gruende Zuzug: Sonstiges  
 BI: Reason for Migration: Other

BIO Question: Q11h

German: Es gibt ja unterschiedliche Gründe, nach Deutschland zu ziehen. Welche der folgenden Gründe spielten bei Ihnen eine Rolle?  
 – Sonstige Gründe.  
 "[1] Sonstige Gründe"

English: There are many possible reasons for moving to Germany. Which of reasons listed here played a part in your decision?  
 – Other reasons.  
 "[1] Other reasons"

See also: **BIRBETR, BIRMONEY, BIRFREE, BIRFAM, BIRPOOR, BIRWAR, BIRJUST, BIROTHR**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P158Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P158Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB158Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB158Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB158Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB158Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB158Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB158Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB1408
2003 T	TLELA	TB1408
2004 U	ULELA	UB1408
2005 V	VLELA	VB1408
2006 W	WLELA	WB1408
2007 X	XLELA	XB1408
2008 Y	YLELA	YB1408
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB1408
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB1408
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB1408
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB 1408
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB1508
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.



**BIEXPR** BI: Erwartungen an Dt.  
BI: Expectations of Germany

BIO Question: Q12

German: Haben sich Ihre Vorstellungen, mit denen Sie nach Deutschland gekommen sind, im großen und ganzen erfüllt?  
"[1] Ja"  
"[2] Nur teilweise"  
"[3] Nein, gar nicht"

English: Were your expectations of Germany fulfilled for the most part?  
"[1] Yes"  
"[2] Partly"  
"[3] No, not at all"

See also: **BIEXPR, BIEXPRLV, BIEXPRAC, BIEXPRAN**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P160Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P160Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB160Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB160Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB160Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB160Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB160Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB160Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB15
2003 T	TLELA	TB15
2004 U	ULELA	UB1501
2005 V	VLELA	VB1501
2006 W	WLELA	WB1501
2007 X	XLELA	XB1501
2008 Y	YLELA	YB1501
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB1501
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB1501
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB1501
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB1501
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB16
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIEXPRLV** BI: Erwartungen: Wohnung finden  
 BI: Expectations: Find Dwelling

BIO Question: Q13a

German: Auf welchen Gebieten war es leichter oder schwerer, als sie vorher gedacht hatten?  
 – Eine eigene Wohnung zu finden.  
 "[1] Schwerer"  
 "[2] Wie erwartet"  
 "[3] Leichter"  
 "[4] TNZ"

English: Which areas were easier or harder than you thought?  
 – Finding a place to live.  
 "[1] Harder"  
 "[2] As expected"  
 "[3] Easier"  
 "[4] Not applicable"

See also: **BIEXPR, BIEXPRLV, BIEXPRAC, BIEXPRAN**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P171Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P171Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB171Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB171Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB171Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB171Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB171Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB171Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB1601
2003 T	TLELA	TB1601
2004 U	ULELA	UB1502
2005 V	VLELA	VB1502
2006 W	WLELA	WB1502
2007 X	XLELA	XB1502
2008 Y	YLELA	YB1502
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB1502
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB1502
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB1502
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB1502
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB1701
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIEXPRAC** BI: Erwartungen: Von Arbeitskollegen akzeptiert  
 BI: Expectations: Acceptance by Coworkers

BIO Question: Q13b

German: Auf welchen Gebieten war es leichter oder schwerer, als sie vorher gedacht hatten? – Von den Arbeitskollegen akzeptiert zu werden.  
 "[1] Schwerer"  
 "[2] Wie erwartet"  
 "[3] Leichter"  
 "[4] TNZ"

English: Which areas were easier or harder than you thought?  
 – to be accepted by coworkers.  
 "[1] Harder"  
 "[2] As expected"  
 "[3] Easier"  
 "[4] Not applicable"

See also: **BIEXPR, BIEXPRLV, BIEXPRAC, BIEXPRAN**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P172Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P172Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB172Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB172Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB172Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB172Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB172Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB172Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB1602
2003 T	TLELA	TB1602
2004 U	ULELA	UB1503
2005 V	VLELA	VB1503
2006 W	WLELA	WB1503
2007 X	XLELA	XB1503
2008 Y	YLELA	YB1503
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB1503
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB1503
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB1503
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB1503
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB1702
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIEXPRAN** BI: Erwartungen: Von Nachbarn akzeptiert  
 BI: Expectations: Acceptance by Neighbors

BIO Question: Q13c

German: Auf welchen Gebieten war es leichter oder schwerer, als sie vorher gedacht hatten? – Von den Nachbarn akzeptiert zu werden.  
 "[1] Schwerer"  
 "[2] Wie erwartet"  
 "[3] Leichter"  
 "[4] TNZ"

English: Which areas were easier or harder than you thought?  
 – Being accepted by neighbors.  
 "[1] Harder"  
 "[2] Just as expected"  
 "[3] Easier"  
 "[4] Not applicable"

See also: **BIEXPR, BIEXPRLV, BIEXPRAC, BIEXPRAN**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P173Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P173Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB173Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB173Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB173Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB173Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB173Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB173Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB1603
2003 T	TLELA	TB1603
2004 U	ULELA	UB1504
2005 V	VLELA	VB1504
2006 W	WLELA	WB1504
2007 X	XLELA	XB1504
2008 Y	YLELA	YB1504
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB1504
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB1504
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB1504
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB1504
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB1703
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRELH** BI: Im Ausland: Familienmitglieder  
 BI: Abroad: Friends / Family

BIO Question: Q14

Comment: From 2001 onwards the variable is no longer specifically collected in \$LELA and is missing for \$JUGEND. It has therefore not been generated since 2001.

German: Haben Sie in dem Land, aus dem Sie kommen bzw. aus dem Ihre Familie kommt, noch Familienangehörige oder andere Ihnen nahstehende Menschen?  
 "[1] Ja"  
 "[2] Nein"

English: Do you have family members or close friends the country you (or your family) come from?  
 "[1] Yes"  
 "[2] No"

See also: **BIRELH, BIRELHP, BIRELHGP, BIRELHC, BIRELHBS, BIRELHDR, BIRELHSP, BIRELHFR, BIRELHMI**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P18Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P18Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB18Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB18Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB18Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB18Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB18Z
Since 2001	\$LELA	n/a
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ66
Since 2001	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRELHP**                    Bl: Im Ausland: Eltern  
                                   Bl: Abroad: Parents

BIO Question:                Q15a

German:                        Personen in der Heimat: Was für Personen sind das? Eltern?  
                                   "[1] Eltern"

English:                        Friends/family in country of origin: Who are they? Parents?  
                                   "[1] Parents"

See also:                        **BIRELH, BIRELHP, BIRELHGP, BIRELHC, BIRELHBS, BIRELHDR, BIRELHSP, BIRELHFR, BIRELHMI, BIRELHS2, BIRELHC2**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P191Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P191Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB191Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB191Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB191Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB191Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB191Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB0703V, RB0705M
2002 S	SLELA	SB2101, SB2102
2003 T	TLELA	TB2101, TB2102
2004 U	ULELA	UB2101, UB2102
2005 V	VLELA	VB2101, VB2102
2006 W	WLELA	WB2101, WB2102
2007 X	XLELA	XB2101, XB2102
2008 Y	YLELA	YB2101, YB2102
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB2101, ZB2102
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB2101, BAB2102
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB22V01, BBB22M01
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB2201, BCB2202
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB2301, BDB2302
2014 BE	BELELA	BEB2701, BEB2702
2015 BF	BFLELA	BFB2701, BFB2702
2016 BG	BGLELA	BGB2702, BGB2701,
2016 BG	BGP	BGP16904, BGP15304B, BGP15303B
2013 BD	BDP_MIG	BDPML_L_5901, BDPML_L_5902
2014 BE	BEP_MIG	BEPML_L_3501, BEPML_L_3502
2015 BF	BFP_MIG	BFPML_L_11101, BFPML_L_11102
2016 BG	BGP_REFUGEES	BGPR_L_435, BGPR_L_437, BGPR44802, BGPR44803
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ6701
2001 – 2015	\$JUGEND	n/a
2016 BG	BGJUGEND	BGJ8401, BGJ8402

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRELHGP**                    BI:Im Ausland: Grosseltern  
 BI: Abroad: Grandparents

BIO Question:                Q15b

German:                        Personen in der Heimat: Was für Personen sind das? Großeltern?  
 "[1] Großeltern"

English:                        Friends/family in country of origin: Who are they? Grandparents?  
 "[1] Grandparents"

See also:                        **BIRELH, BIRELHP, BIRELHGP, BIRELHC, BIRELHBS, BIRELHDR, BIRELHSP, BIRELHFR, BIRELHMI**

<b>Year</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Variable</b>
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P192Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P192Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB192Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB192Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB192Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB192Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB192Z
2001-2015	\$LELA	n/a
2016 BG	BGLELA	BGB2702, BGB2701
2016 BG	BGP	BGP15311B, BGP15312B
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ6702
Since 2001	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

<b>BIRELHC</b>	Bl: Im Ausland: Kinder Bl: Abroad: Children
BIO Question:	Q15c
German:	Personen in der Heimat: Was für Personen sind das? Kinder? "[1] Kinder"
English:	Friends/family in country of origin: Who are they? Children? "[1] Children"
See also:	<b>BIRELH, BIRELHP, BIRELHGP, BIRELHC, BIRELHBS, BIRELHDR, BIRELHSP, BIRELHFR, BIRELHMI, BIRELHS2, BIRELHC2</b>

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P193Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P193Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB193Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB193Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB193Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB193Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB193Z
Since 2001	\$LELA	n/a
2016 BG	BGP	BGP16908, BGP15308B, BGP15307B
2016 BG	BGP_REFUGEES	BGPR_L_405, BGPR_L_409, BGPR_L_413, BGPR_L_417, BGPR_L_421, BGPR_L_425, BGPR_L_429, BGPR_L_433, BGPR45002
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ6703
Since 2001	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.



**BIRELHBS** BI: Im Ausland: Bruder, Schwester  
 BI: Abroad: Brother/Sister

BIO Question: Q15d

German: Personen in der Heimat: Was für Personen sind das?  
 Bruder/Schwester?  
 "[1] Bruder/Schwester"

English: Friends/family in country of origin: Who are they? Brother/Sister?  
 "[1] Brother/Sister"

See also: **BIRELH, BIRELHP, BIRELHGP, BIRELHC, BIRELHBS, BIRELHDR, BIRELHSP, BIRELHFR, BIRELHMI, BIRELHC2, BIRELHS2**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P194Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P194Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB194Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB194Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB194Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB194Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB194Z
Since 2001	\$LELA	n/a
2016 BG	BGP	BGP15309B, BGP15310B
2016 BG	BGP_REFUGEES	BGPR_L_39804
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ6704
Since 2001	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRELHDR** BI: Im Ausland: Entferntere Verwandte  
 BI: Abroad: Distant Relatives

BIO Question: Q15e

German: Personen in der Heimat: Was für Personen sind das?  
 Entferntere Verwandte?  
 "[1] Entferntere Verwandte"

English: Friends/family in country of origin: Who are they? Distant relatives?  
 "[1] Distant Relatives"

See also: **BIRELH, BIRELHP, BIRELHGP, BIRELHC, BIRELHBS, BIRELHDR, BIRELHSP, BIRELHFR, BIRELHMI, BIRELHC2, BIRELHS2**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P195Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P195Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB195Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB195Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB195Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB195Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB195Z
2001 – 2015	\$LELA	n/a
2016 BG	BGLELA	BGPR_L_44104
2016 BG	BGP	BGP16916, BGP15315B, BGP15316B, BGP15314B
2016 BG	BGP_REFUGEES	BGPR_L_44104, BGPR45402
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ6705
Since 2001	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRELHSP** BI: Im Ausland: Ehepartner, Verlobte(r)  
 BI: Abroad: Spouse, Fiancée

BIO Question: Q15f

German: Personen in der Heimat:  
 Was für Personen sind das? Ehepartner / Verlobte(r)?  
 "[1] Ehepartner/Verlobte(r) "

English: Friends/family in country of origin: Who are they? Spouse/fiancée?  
 "[1] Spouse/Fiancée"

See also: **BIRELH, BIRELHP, BIRELHGP, BIRELHC, BIRELHBS, BIRELHDR, BIRELHSP, BIRELHFR, BIRELHMI, BIRELHS2, BIRELHC2**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P196Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P196Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB196Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB196Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB196Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB196Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB196Z
2001 --	\$LELA	n/a
2013 BD	BDP_MIG	BDPM_P_157, BDPM_P_15301, BDPM_P_154
2014 BE	BEP_MIGBFP_MIG	BEPM_P_92, BEPM_LA_8801, BEPM_P_90
2015 BF	BFP_MIG	BFP_P_91, BFP_1a_16801, BFP_P_85
2016 BG	BGP_REFUGEES	BGPR391, BGPR394, BGPR4520
2016 BG	BGP	BGP16912, BGP15301B
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ6706
Since 2001	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRELHFR** BI: In Heimat: Persoenliche Bekannte  
 BI: Abroad: Friends

BIO Question: Q15g

German: Personen in der Heimat: Was für Personen sind das?  
 Bekannte, Freunde?  
 "[1] Persönliche Bekannte"

English: Friends/family in country of origin: Who are they? Friends?  
 "[1] Friends"

See also: **BIRELH, BIRELHP, BIRELHGP, BIRELHC, BIRELHBS, BIRELHDR, BIRELHSP, BIRELHFR, BIRELHMI**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P197Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P197Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB197Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB197Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB197Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB197Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB197Z
Since 2001	\$LELA	n/a
2016 BG	BGP	BGP16920
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ6707
Since 2001	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRELHMI** BI: Personen gern nach Dt. holen?  
 BI: Bring Friends/Relatives from Abroad to Germany?

BIO Question: Q16

German: Personen in der Heimat: Gibt es darunter Personen, die auch nach Deutschland kommen wollen bzw. die Sie gerne nachholen möchten?  
 "[1] Ja"  
 "[2] Nein"

English: Persons in country of origin: Of those mentioned above, do some want to come to Germany or would you like to bring them to Germany?  
 "[1] Yes"  
 "[2] No"

See also: **BIRELH, BIRELHP, BIRELHGP, BIRELHC, BIRELHBS, BIRELHDR, BIRELHSP, BIRELHFR, BIRELHMI, BIRELHS2, BIRELHC2**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P200Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P200Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB200Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB200Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB200Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB200Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB200Z
Since 2001	\$LELA	n/a
2016 BG	BGP_REFUGEES	BGPR_L_406, BGPR_L_410, BGPR_L_414, BGPR_L_418, BGPR_L_422, BGPR_L_426, BGPR_L_430, BGPR_L_434, BGPR392, BGPR395
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ68
Since 2001	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIRELHS2** BI: Ehepartner in Deutschland  
BI: Spouse in Germany

BIO Question: Q15f

German: Lebt Ihr Ehepartner in Deutschland?  
"[1] Ja, lebt hier im Haushalt"  
"[2] Ja, aber nicht im Haushalt"  
"[3] Nicht in Deutschland"

English: Does your spouse live in Germany?  
"[1] Yes, here in the household"  
"[2] Yes, but not with me in the household"  
"[3] Not in Germany"

See also: **BIRELH, BIRELHP, BIRELHGP, BIRELHC, BIRELHBS, BIRELHDR, BIRELHSP, BIRELHFR, BIRELHMI, BIRELHS2, BIRELHC2**

Year	File	Variable
1984 A	APAUSL	AP58A02
1985 B	BPAUSL	n/a
1986 C	CPAUSL	CP90A01
1987 D	DPAUSL	DP92A01
1988 E	EPAUSL	EP85A01
1989 F	FPAUSL	FP102A01
1990 G	GPAUSL	GP102A01
1991 H	HPAUSL	HP102A01
1992 I	IPAUSL	IP102A01
1993 J	JPAUSL	JP102A01
1994 K	KPAUSL	KP102A01
1995 L	LPAUSL	LP110A01
1996 – 2015	\$P	n/a
2016 BG	BGP_REFUGEES	BGPR391, BGPR394
	BIOLELA/\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

**BIRELHC2** BI: Kinder unter 18 J. nicht in Deutschland  
 BI: Children under 18 not in Germany

BIO Question: Q15c

German: Haben Sie Kinder unter 18 Jahren, die nicht in Deutschland leben?  
 "[1] Ja"  
 "[2] Nein"

English: Do you have children under 18 who do not live in Germany?  
 "[1] Yes"  
 "[2] No"

See also: **BIRELH, BIRELHP, BIRELHGP, BIRELHC, BIRELHBS, BIRELHDR, BIRELHSP, BIRELHFR, BIRELHMI, BIRELHS2, BIRELHC2**

Year	File	Variable
1984 A	APAU SL	AP66A01
1985 B	BPAU SL	BP95A01
1986 C	CPAU SL	CP86A01
1987 D	DPAU SL	DP88A01
1988 E	EPAU SL	n/a
1989 F	FPAU SL	FP98A01
1990 G	GPAU SL	n/a
1991 H	HPAU SL	HP98A01
1992 I	IPAU SL	n/a
1993 J	JPAU SL	JP98A01
1994 K	KPAU SL	n/a
1995 L	LPAU SL	LP106A01
1996 M	MP	MP7406
1997 N	NP	NP111A04
1998 O	OP	n/a
1999 P	PP	PP12904
Since 2000	\$P	n/a
	BIOLELA / \$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BIGOBACK** BI: Rueckkehr Heimat  
 BI: Return to Country of Origin

BIO Question: Q17

Comment: The question BIGOBACK asks whether respondents intend to return to their country of origin, whereas BISTAY asks whether they intend to stay in Germany. The wording and the answer options differ between the two questions. Furthermore, there is no reason to assume that the two variables are consistent.

German: Planen Sie selbst, in Ihr Herkunftsland wieder zurückzukehren?  
 "[1] Ja, ganz sicher"  
 "[2] Ja, wahrscheinlich"  
 "[3] Eher unwahrscheinlich"  
 "[4] Nein, sicher nicht"

English: Do you plan to return to live in your country of origin?  
 "[1] Yes, definitely"  
 "[2] Yes, probably"  
 "[3] Probably not"  
 "[4] No, definitely not"

See also: **BIGOBACK, BISTAY, BISTAYY**

Year	File	Variable
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	n/a
1994 K	BIOLELA	P230Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P230Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB230Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB230Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB230Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB230Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB230Z
Since 2001	\$LELA	n/a
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ69
Since 2001	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.



**BISTAY**                      BI: Wunsch in Dt. zu bleiben  
 BI: Desire to Stay in Germany

BIO Question:                Q17

Comment:                      If the respondent replies "[2] Several years, specifically...", then the number of years can be found in BISTAYY.

German:                        Wie lange wollen Sie in Deutschland bleiben?  
 "[1] Kehre innerhalb eines Jahres zurück"  
 "[2] Einige Jahre und zwar..."  
 "[3] Für immer in Deutschland bleiben"

English:                        How long would you like to stay in Germany?  
 "[1] One year maximum"  
 "[2] Several years, specifically..."  
 "[3] Stay in Germany permanently"

See also:                        **BIGOBACK, BISTAY, BISTAYY**

Year	File	Variable
1984 A	APAUSL	AP67A01
1985 B	BPAUSL	BP96A01
1986 C	CPAUSL	CP87A01
1987 D	DPAUSL	DP89A01
1988 E	EPAUSL	EP77A01
1989 F	FPAUSL	FP99A01
1990 G	GPAUSL	GP96A01
1991 H	HPAUSL	HP99A01
1992 I	IPAUSL	IP99A01
1993 J	JPAUSL	JP99A01
1994 K	KPAUSL	KP96A01
1995 L	LPAUSL	LP107A01
1996 M	MP	MP101A01, MP100A
1997 N	NP	NP109A01, NP108A
1998 O	OP	OP11401, OP113
1999 P	PP	PP12601, PP125
2000 Q	QP	QP13401, QP133
2001 R	RP	RP12701, RP126
2002 S	SP	SP12601, SP125
2003 T	TP	TP13301, TP132
2004 U	UP	UP13501, UP134
2005 V	VP	VP14601, VP145
2006 W	WP	WP13601, WP135
2007 X	XP	XP14601, XP145
2008 Y	YP	YP14501, YP144
2009 Z	ZP	ZP14401, ZP143
2010 BA	BAP	BAP14601, BAP145
2011 BB	BBP	BBP14701, BBP146
2012 BC	BCP	n/a
2013 BD	BDP	BDP15001, BDP149
2014 BE	BEP	n/a
2015 BF	BFP	BFP16401 BFP163

2016 BG	BGP	BGPM_P_5201 BGPM_P_51
2013 BD	BDP_MIG	BDPM_P_3701 BDPM_P_36
2014 BE	BEP_MIG	n/a
2015 BF	BFP_MIG	BFPM_P_5201 BFPM_P_51
	\$JUGEND	n/a

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Source: SOEP v33.

**BISTAYY** Bl: Dauer des geplanten Aufenthalts  
Bl: Planned Duration of Stay in Germany

BIO Question: Q17

Comment: Only available if the respondent replied "[2] Several years, specifically..." on the variable BISTAY.

German: Wie lange wollen Sie in Deutschland bleiben? Einige Jahre und zwar...

English: How long would you like to stay in Germany? Several years, specifically...

See also: **BIGOBACK, BISTAY, BISTAYY**

Year	File	Variable
1984 A	APAUSL	AP67A02
1985 B	BPAUSL	BP96A02
1986 C	CPAUSL	CP87A02
1987 D	DPAUSL	DP89A02
1988 E	EPAUSL	EP77A02
1989 F	FPAUSL	FP99A02
1990 G	GPAUSL	GP96A02
1991 H	HPAUSL	HP99A02
1992 I	IPAUSL	IP99A02
1993 J	JPAUSL	JP99A02
1994 K	KPAUSL	KP96A02
1995 L	LPAUSL	LP107A02
1996 M	MP	MP101A02
1997 N	NP	NP109A02
1998 O	OP	OP11402
1999 P	PP	PP12602
2000 Q	QP	QP13402
2001 R	RP	RP12702
2002 S	SP	SP12602
2003 T	TP	TP13302
2004 U	UP	UP13502
2005 V	VP	VP14602
2006 W	WP	WP13602
2007 X	XP	XP14602
2008 Y	YP	YP14502
2009 Z	ZP	ZP14402
2010 BA	BAP	BAP14602
2011 BB	BBP	BBP14702
2012 BC	BCP	n/a
2013 BD	BDP	BDP15002
2014 BE	BEP	n/a
2015 BF	BFP	BFP16402
2016 BG	BGP	BGPM_P_5202
2013 BD	BDP_MIG	BDPM_P_3702
2014 BE	BEP_MIG	n/a
2015 BF	BFP_MIG	BFPM_P_5202
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BISCGER** BI: In Dt. Schule besucht?  
 BI: Attended School in Germany

BIO Question: Q18

Comment: This question asks only if respondents ever attended (primary/secondary) school in Germany, but not whether they graduated with a certificate/diploma, such as the generated variable \$PSBIL in the file \$PGEN. Since 2014 in SOEP-Core and in the IAB-SOEP migration samples, the question asks what the last school was that respondents attended.

German: Haben Sie in Deutschland eine Schule besucht?  
 "[1] Ja"  
 "[2] Nein"

English: Did you attend school in Germany?  
 "[1] Yes"  
 "[2] No"

See also: **BISCGER, BISCGRAD, BISCGERC, BISCGC, BISCGCF, BISCGCFN**

Year	File	Variable
1984 A	APAU SL	AP06A01
1985 B	BPAU SL	BP100A01
1986 C	CPAU SL	CP100B01
1987 D	DPAU SL	DP97A01
1988 E	EPAU SL	EP90A01
1989 F	FPAU SL	FP107A
1990 G	GPAU SL	GP107A
1991 H	HPAU SL	HP107A
1992 I	IPAU SL	IP107A
1993 J	JPAU SL	JP107A
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	B46A
1994 K	BIOLELA	P280Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P280Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB280Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB280Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB280Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB280Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB280Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB280Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB11
2003 T	TLELA	TB11
2004 U	ULELA	UB11
2005 V	VLELA	VB11
2006 W	WLELA	WB11
2007 X	XLELA	XB11
2008 Y	YLELA	YB11
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB11
2010-2012 B\$	B\$LELA	B\$B11
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB12

2014 BE	BELELA	BEB45
2015 BF	BFLELA	BFB47
2016 BG	BGLELA	BGB47
2013 BD	BDP_MIG	BDPM_L_70
2014 BE	BEP_MIG	BEPM_L_61
2015 BF	BFP_MIG	BFPM_L_136
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ63
2001 R	RJUGEND	RJ65
2002 S	SJUGEND	SJ65
2003 T	TJUGEND	TJ65
2004 U	UJUGEND	UJ65
2005 V	VJUGEND	VJ65
2006-2015	\$JUGEND	n/a
2016	BGJUGEND	BGJ32

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Source: SOEP v33.

**BISCGRAD** BI: Schulklasse bei Ankunft in Dt.  
BI: Grade on Arrival in Germany

BIO Question: Q19

German: In welche Klasse sind Sie in Deutschland in die Schule gekommen?

English: What grade were you in when you started school in Germany?

See also: **BISCGER, BISCGRAD, BISCGERC, BISCGC, BISCGCF, BISCGCFN**

Year	File	Variable
1984 A	APAU SL	n/a
1985 B	BPAU SL	n/a
1986 C	CPAU SL	n/a
1987 D	DPAU SL	n/a
1988 E	EPAU SL	n/a
1989 F	FPAU SL	FP108A
1990 G	GPAU SL	GP108A
1991 H	HPAU SL	HP108A
1992 I	IPAU SL	IP108A
1993 J	JPAU SL	JP108A
Since 1994	\$P	n/a
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	B47A
1994 K	BIOLELA	P290Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P290Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB290Z
1997 N	NLELA	NB290Z
1998 O	OLELA	OB290Z
1999 P	PLELA	PB290Z
2000 Q	QLELA	QB290Z
2001 R	RLELA	RB290Z
2002 S	SLELA	SB12
2003 T	TLELA	TB12
2004 U	ULELA	UB12
2005 V	VLELA	VB12
2006 W	WLELA	WB12
2007 X	XLELA	XB12
2008 Y	YLELA	YB12
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB12
2010-2012 B\$	B\$LELA	B\$B12
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB13
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ64
2001 R	RJUGEND	RJ6601
2002 S	SJUGEND	SJ6601
2003 T	TJUGEND	TJ6601
2004 U	UJUGEND	UJ6601
2005 V	VJUGEND	VJ6601
Since 2006	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BISCGERC** BI: Besuch spezieller Vorbereitung  
 BI: Attended Special Preparatory Class

BIO Question: Q20

German: Haben Sie vorher eine spezielle Vorbereitungs-klasse für Ausländer in Deutschland besucht?  
 "[1] Ja"  
 "[2] Nein"

English: Did you attend a special preparatory class for foreigners in Germany ahead of time?  
 "[1] Yes"  
 "[2] No"

See also: **BISCGER, BISCGRAD, BISCGERC, BISC GC, BISC GCF, BISC GCFN**

Year	File	Variable
1984 A	APAU SL	n/a
1985 B	BPAU SL	n/a
1986 C	CPAU SL	n/a
1987 D	DPAU SL	n/a
1988 E	EPAU SL	n/a
1989 F	FPAU SL	FP109A
1990 G	GPAU SL	GP109A
1991 H	HPAU SL	HP109A
1992 I	IPAU SL	IP109A
1993 J	JPAU SL	JP109A
Since 1994	\$P	n/a
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	B48A
1994 K	BIOLELA	P300Z
1995 L	BIOLELA	P300Z
1996 M	MLELA	MB48A
1997 N	NLELA	NB48A
1998 O	OLELA	OB48A
1999 P	PLELA	PB48A
2000 Q	QLELA	QB48A
2001 R	RLELA	RB48A
2002 S	SLELA	SB13
2003 T	TLELA	TB13
2004 U	ULELA	UB13
2005 V	VLELA	VB13
2006 W	WLELA	WB13
2007 X	XLELA	XB13
2008 Y	YLELA	YB13
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB13
2010-2012 B\$	B\$LELA	B\$B13
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB14
Since 2014	\$LELA	n/a
2000 Q	QJUGEND	QJ65

2001 R	RJUGEND	RJ6602
2002 S	SJUGEND	SJ6602
2003 T	TJUGEND	TJ6602
2004 U	UJUGEND	UJ6602
2005 V	VJUGEND	VJ6602
Since 2006	\$JUGEND	n/a

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Source: SOEP v33.



**BISCGC** BI: Auch dt. Schueler in Schulklasse  
 BI: German Students in Class, Too

BIO Question: Q21a

German: Gab es in der Schulklasse, die Sie zuletzt in Deutschland besucht haben, auch deutsche Schüler?  
 "[1] Ja"  
 "[2] Nein"

English: Were there German students in your class in the last grade of school you attended?  
 "[1] Yes"  
 "[2] No"

See also: **BISCGER, BISCGRAD, BISCGERC, BISCGC, BISCGCF, BISCGCFN**

Year	File	Variable
1984 A	APAU SL	n/a
1985 B	BPAU SL	n/a
1986 C	CPAU SL	n/a
1987 D	DPAU SL	n/a
1988 E	EPAU SL	n/a
1989 F	FPAU SL	FP110A01
1990 G	GPAU SL	GP110A01
1991 H	HPAU SL	HP110A01
1992 I	IPAU SL	IP110A01
1993 J	JPAU SL	JP110A01
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	B49A
1994 K	BIOLELA	B49A
1995 L	BIOLELA	B49A
1996 M	MLELA	MB49A
1997 N	NLELA	NB49A
1998 O	OLELA	OB49A
1999 P	PLELA	PB49A
Since 2000	\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.

**BISCGCF** BI: Wieviele Mitschueler Auslaender  
 BI: How Many Foreign Students

BIO Question: Q21b

German: Wie viele Ihrer Mitschüler waren Ausländer?  
 "[1] Die meisten"  
 "[2] Etwa 1/2"  
 "[3] Etwa 1/4"  
 "[4] Weniger als 1/4"  
 "[5] Ausser mir niemand"

English: How many of your fellow students were foreigners?  
 "[1] Most of them"  
 "[2] Around 1/2"  
 "[3] Around 1/4"  
 "[4] Less than 1/4"  
 "[5] I was the only one"

See also: **BISCGER, BISCGRAD, BISCGERC, BISCGC, BISCGCF, BISCFCFN**

Year	File	Variable
1984-88 A-E	\$PAUSL	n/a
1989 F	FPAUSL	FP110A02
1990 G	GPAUSL	GP110A02
1991 H	HPAUSL	HP110A02
1992 I	IPAUSL	IP110A02
1993 J	JPAUSL	JP110A02
Since 1994	\$P	n/a
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	B50A
1994 K	BIOLELA	B50A
1995 L	BIOLELA	B50A
1996 M	MLELA	MB50A
1997 N	NLELA	NB50A
1998 O	OLELA	OB50A
1999 P	PLELA	PB50A
2000 Q	QLELA	QB50A
2001 R	RLELA	RB50A
2002 S	SLELA	SB43
2003 T	TLELA	TB43
2004 U	ULELA	UB43
2005 V	VLELA	VB43
2006 W	WLELA	WB43
2007 X	XLELA	XB43
2008 Y	YLELA	YB43
2009 Z	ZLELA	ZB43
2010 BA	BALELA	BAB43
2011 BB	BBLELA	BBB43
2012 BC	BCLELA	BCB44
2013 BD	BDLELA	BDB46
2014 BE	BELELA	BEB50
2015 BF	BFLELA	BFB52

2016 BG	BGLELA	BGB52
2013 BD	BDP_MIG	BDPM_L_75
2014 BE	BEP_MIG	BEPM_L_66
2015 BF	BFP_MIG	BFPM_L_143
2000 Q	QJUGEND	n/a
2001 R	RJUGEND	RJ43
2002 S	SJUGEND	SJ43
2003 T	TJUGEND	TJ43
2004 U	UJUGEND	UJ43
2005 V	VJUGEND	VJ43
2006 W	WJUGEND	WJ45
2007 X	XJUGEND	XJ45
2008 Y	YJUGEND	YJ45
2009 Z	ZJUGEND	ZJ45
2010-2015	B\$JUGEND	B\$J45
2016 BG	BGJUGEND	BGJ53

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Source: SOEP v33.

**BISCGCFN** BI: Eine oder mehrere Nationalitäten in Schulklasse  
 BI: Mix of Nationalities in Class

BIO Question: Q21c

German: Gab es in dieser Klasse nur Schüler Ihrer Nationalität oder waren verschieden Nationalitäten gemischt?  
 "[1] Nur meine Nationalität"  
 "[2] Gemischt"

English: Were there only children of your nationality in your class, or was there a mix of nationalities?  
 "[1] Only my nationality"  
 "[2] Mixed"

See also: **BISCGER, BISCGRAD, BISCGERC, BISCGC, BISCGCF, BISCGCFN**

Year	File	Variable
1984 A	APAU SL	n/a
1985 B	BPAU SL	n/a
1986 C	CPAU SL	n/a
1987 D	DPAU SL	n/a
1988 E	EPAU SL	n/a
1989 F	FPAU SL	FP110A03
1990 G	GPAU SL	GP110A03
1991 H	HPAU SL	HP110A03
1992 I	IPAU SL	IP110A03
1993 J	JPAU SL	JP110A03
Since 1994	\$P	n/a
1984-93 A-J	BIOLELA	B51A
1994 K	BIOLELA	B51A
1995 L	BIOLELA	B51A
1996 M	MLELA	MB51A
1997 N	NLELA	NB51A
1998 O	OLELA	OB51A
1999 P	PLELA	PB51A
Since 2000	\$LELA	n/a
	\$JUGEND	n/a

Source: SOEP v33.