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# Questionnaire

## Catch-up Questionnaire

### Dear Participant,

Our study aims above all at depicting the changes that occur in personal and professional contexts over the course of people's lives. To achieve this goal, we need complete information on some aspects of life, without any gaps.

This short supplementary questionnaire is only intended for people who did not take part in the 2020 survey. Please help us fill in the gaps that occurred as a result of missing this year.

Thank you very much!

Your participation is voluntary, but the scientific relevance of this study depends crucially on the participation of every member of every household.

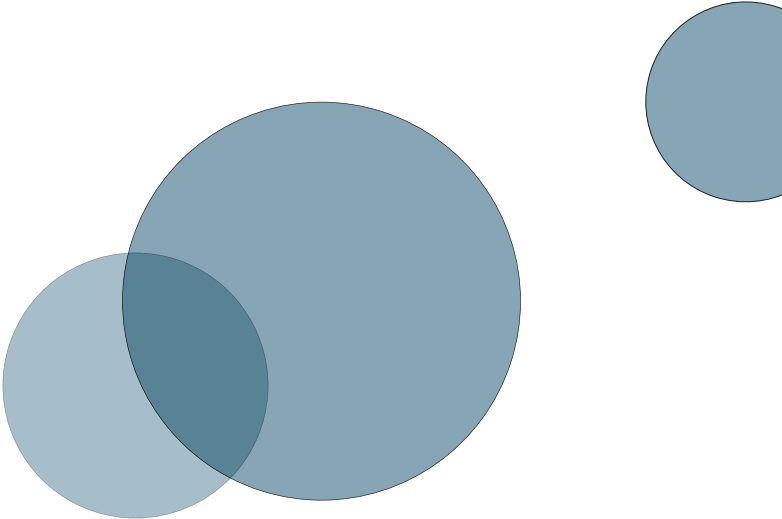
We therefore cordially request that you either  
– allow our staff member to interview you or  
– carefully fill out this questionnaire yourself.

**This questionnaire is to be filled out by**  
*(may also be filled out by Interviewer):*

First name:

<Vorname>





## Questionnaire

# Catch-up Questionnaire

**We also offer an online questionnaire as an alternative to the paper version.**


To complete the questionnaire online, please enter the following address into your Internet browser:

<LinkCAWI>

Your personal access code is:

<PWD-CAWI>

If you completed the questionnaire online, you don't need to return this printed questionnaire.

 *If an interviewer is present, please enter:*

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## How should the questionnaire be filled out?

Make an X in the box next to the answer option that you think comes the closest. If you make a mistake, clearly cross out the wrong answer and make an X in the correct box.

*Example:*

Yes ☒

No ☐

If you change your mind and decide that you want to select the answer that you just crossed out, you will need to clearly cross out the second mistake and then make a circle around the box you had crossed out first.

*Example:*

Yes ☒

No ☒


When filling out the questionnaire, please pay attention to the instructions for each question:

*Example:*

 Please select one answer only.

If there is a blank for you to write your answer in, please print your answer in the blank:

*Example:*

Country: 

Sometimes you are asked to give numerical answers.

Please enter your answer by aligning numbers to the right in the spaces provided:

*Example:*

Number:

If you should skip certain questions, there will be specific instructions:

*Example:*

Yes ☐ → Continue with question 11

**Please make sure:**

 that you fill out the questionnaire in black pen only.

 that your answers are clearly legible.

 and that your answers are inside the boxes.

**This makes our work much easier. Thank you very much!**

## Further information

If you have any questions about filling out the questionnaire or about your participation in the study, you are welcome to contact us at infas.

You can call us during normal business hours at our toll-free number, 0800-6677876, or send us an e-mail at LiD@infas.de. We will respond to e-mails as quickly as possible. For more information on the study, please see the infas homepage at: [www.leben-in-deutschland.de](http://www.leben-in-deutschland.de)



## A Please state your date of birth.

fgebt  
birthm  
birthy

Day		Month		Year			

## B Are you...


sex\_n

... male ☐ 1

... female ☐ 2

... divers ☐ 3

## 1 Please remember once again 2019. We have illustrated here a sort of calendar. On the left stand, what you could have been in 2019. Please go through that list and state all months when you have been for example employed, unemployed etc.

 Please mind that there has to be a statement for every month!  
For unemployment, even if it was shorter than a month, please mark the relevant month.


2019												
I was ...	Jan 1	Feb 2	Mar 3	Apr 4	May 5	Jun 6	Jul 7	Aug 8	Sep 9	Oct 10	Nov 11	Dec 12
... employed full-time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... employed part-time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... working at a Mini-Job (up to 450€)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... in first-time in-service training (betriebliche Erstausbildung) / apprenticeship (Lehre)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... in further training (Fortbildung) / retraining (Umschulung), further occupational training (berufliche Weiterbildung)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... registered unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... in retirement / early retirement (Vorruhestand)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... on maternity leave (Mutterschutz) / childcare leave (Erziehungsurlaub) / parental leave (Elternzeit)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... attending school / university / or vocational school (Fachschule)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... military service, community service, voluntary social year, voluntary ecological year, federal volunteer service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... Homemaker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

↓ please specify:



## 2 Have you left a job since 2019?

gl0001

 This includes leaving a job due to leave of absence (Beurlaubung)/ maternity leave (Mutterschutz)/ parental leave (Elternzeit)!

Yes ☐ <sup>1</sup> No ☐ <sup>2</sup> → Continue with question 6



## 3 In which month did you leave your job?

gl0003

Month:

## 4 How long were you employed at that job?

gl0004  
gl0005

years   months

## 5 How did that job end?

gl0006\_v15

 Please select one answer only.

My place of work or office closed ☐ <sup>1</sup>

I resigned ☐ <sup>2</sup>

I was dismissed by my employer ☐ <sup>3</sup>

Mutual agreement with employer ☐ <sup>4</sup>

I completed a temporary job or apprenticeship ☐ <sup>5</sup>

I reached retirement age / retired ☐ <sup>6</sup>

I took a leave of absence (Beurlaubung) / maternity leave (Mutterschutz) / parental leave (Elternzeit) ☐ <sup>7</sup>

I gave up self-employment / closed my business ☐ <sup>8</sup>

## 6 Have you got sometime in the course of 2019 one of the following social benefits or financial support? If so, how many months?

gl0039\_v2  
gl0057

 Please give an answer in each line.

gl0041\_v2  
gl0042

gl0215  
gl0216

gl0045\_v2  
gl0046

	No <sup>2</sup>	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Months in 2019
Unemployment benefit (also while attending further education / re-/training or while receiving a transitional allowance)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Unemployment benefit II / social benefit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Parental allowance (Elterngeld) / maternity allowance (Mutterschaftsgeld)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
BAföG grant / scholarship / vocational training allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	→ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

## 7 Did you finish school, vocational training, or university / higher education 2019?

gl0068

gl0069

Yes ☐ <sup>1</sup> No ☐ <sup>2</sup> → Continue with question 11



Which month?

## 8 Did you complete this education / training with a degree, certificate, or diploma?

gl0071

Yes

1 ☐

No

2 ☐

→ Continue with question 11



## 9 Did you obtain this degree / certificate / diploma in Germany or in another country?

gl0072

Germany

1 ☐

→ Continue with question 10

gl0073

In another country

2 ☐



### Is this degree / certificate / diploma recognized in Germany?

Yes, it is automatically recognized (e.g., Bachelor, Master, PhD)

1 ☐

Yes, it has been recognized after successful completion of a recognition procedure

2 ☐

No

3 ☐

## 10 What type of a degree / certificate / diploma did you obtain?

gl0001

General education certificate / diploma

1 ☐

→ Continue with question 10a

Higher education degree

2 ☐

→ Continue with question 10b

Vocational degree

3 ☐

→ Continue with question 10c

### 10a What type of general-education school degree is that exactly?

gl0075

pab5so

Lower secondary school-leaving Certificate  
("Hauptschulabschluss")

1 ☐

Intermediate secondary school-leaving certificate  
("Realschulabschluss", "Mittlere Reife")

2 ☐

Specialized upper secondary school-leaving certificate  
("Fachoberschule")

3 ☐

Upper secondary leaving certificate ("Abitur")

4 ☐

Other Degree

5 ☐

↓ please specify:



→ Continue with question 11

### 10b What type of completed college / university education is that exactly?

gl0078\_v3

pab6x1

pab6x2

Dual degree college / university of cooperative education

4 ☐

University of applied sciences

1 ☐

Other college / university  
(e.g. art or music college / university)

5 ☐

University / Technical university

2 ☐

Doctorate, PhD / postdoctoral dissertation

3 ☐

Please state: type:



Please also state: field of study:



→ Continue with question 11

## 10c What type of vocational training is that exactly?

pab7x  
pab7x\_l2

- |   |   |                          |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| Apprenticeship                                  | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Full-time vocational school, commercial college | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Health sector school                            | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Technical college                               | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Training for civil servants                     | 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In-service retraining                           | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other, for example, further training            | 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*Please state:* type of vocational training



# 11

Has your family situation changed 2019? Please indicate if any of the following apply to you and if so, when this change occurred.

 If an item occurred more than once in 2019, please refer to the last change in 2019.

 Please select all that apply.

	1	2019 in month
Started a new relationship	<input type="checkbox"/> →	<input type="text"/>
Moved in with my partner	<input type="checkbox"/> →	<input type="text"/>
Got married / also same-sex partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> →	<input type="text"/>
Became a father / mother (again)	<input type="checkbox"/> →	<input type="text"/>
A child entered the household	<input type="checkbox"/> →	<input type="text"/>
My son / daughter left the household	<input type="checkbox"/> →	<input type="text"/>
I separated from my spouse / partner	<input type="checkbox"/> →	<input type="text"/>
I got divorced / also same-sex partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> →	<input type="text"/>
My spouse / partner died	<input type="checkbox"/> →	<input type="text"/>
Father died	<input type="checkbox"/> →	<input type="text"/>
Mother died	<input type="checkbox"/> →	<input type="text"/>
Child died	<input type="checkbox"/> →	<input type="text"/>
Another person who lived in the household died	<input type="checkbox"/> →	<input type="text"/>
Other family changes	<input type="checkbox"/> →	<input type="text"/>
 please specify:	<input type="text"/>	
No, none of these	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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**A** When did you finish filling out the questionnaire?

datt, datm  
datst, datmi

Date:          Time:   :    
Day      Month      Hour      Minute

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**B** Approximately how long did it take you to complete this questionnaire?

dauer2

Minutes

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**C** Were other persons present while you were filling out the questionnaire?

anw1  
anw2  
anw3  
anw4

 Please select all answers that apply.


1


Yes, spouse / partner ☐

Yes, other person who is living in the same household ☐

Yes, other person who does not live in the same household ☐

No ☐

 Continue with question D

 End of questionnaire

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

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Yes ☐ 1

No ☐ 2

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**Thank you for taking part.**

Please give the completed questionnaire to our interviewer or send it back to infas in the enclosed postage-paid envelope:

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