



Data Protection and Strict Confidentiality of Your Information

The infas Institute for Applied Social Science in Bonn is conducting the scientific study ‘**Zusammenleben in Deutschland – Living Together in Germany**’ with the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) and the University of Bremen. The three institutions are jointly responsible for ensuring that this study complies with the data protection provisions. The study will be conducted in compliance with the provisions of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (DSGVO) and the Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG).

The study is in the public interest. Your municipality has therefore provided infas with the name and address of a household member following Section 46 of the Federal Act on Registration. This person was randomly selected for participation from all residents aged 18 or over recorded in the population register of your municipality. In doing so, the municipality does not comment on the research project, this or potential other letters. If this randomly selected person provides information on other household members aged 18 or over, infas will also invite these other household members to participate in the study. Following Section 6(1)(e) GDPR, the invitation to the study is carried out in the public interest. Your participation in the interview is voluntary and conditional upon your consent as referred to in Section 6(1)(a) GDPR.

Your name and contact details will not be associated with the information you provide in the survey. The survey results will be kept strictly confidential and will be evaluated and presented exclusively in anonymous form without names and contact details.

This means: No one will be able to tell who provided this information from the survey results.

The same also applies to panel surveys, where it is important to interview the same person again after a certain period. The statistical evaluation is carried out so that the information from several surveys is linked by a code, i.e. without names and contact details.

After the study is completed, the responses without names and contact details will be kept in accordance with good scientific practice, made available for further scientific use in research and teaching, and disclosed to authorised researchers, a research data centre, and PhD students.

We do not share data with third parties that identifies you personally.

Responsibility for the processing of your data lies with:

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On page 2 of this declaration we show you the path of your data from the interview up to the completely anonymous table of results.

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What will your information be used for?

- 1 Whether you fill out a paper or an online survey, the following always applies: Your information from the interview will only be stored under a code, kept separate from your name and contact details.
- 2 The names and contact details remain at the infas Institute and are always kept strictly separate from your responses. infas will employ processors for mailings to you, researching addresses, and the electronic collection of paper surveys. The names and contact details will be deleted at the end of the study 'Zusammenleben in Deutschland – Living together in Germany'.
- 3 All responses are evaluated without names and contact details. For example, all responses on employment are counted and then used to calculate the percentage results.
- 4 The overall result and the results for subgroups (e.g. men and women) are printed in a tabular form. Personal information cannot be identified in result tables.
- 5 infas will only disclose your contact details to [DIW] if you consent to the storage of your address for a subsequent panel survey. infas and DIW will always keep your name and contact details separate from the interview data, even if you are interviewed again. Furthermore, they will delete them upon completion of the research project.

Example

	Men	Women	Total
employed	60,9%	50,8%	55,5%
unemployed	3,4%	2,8%	3,1%
in training	3,5%	2,5%	3,0%
a housewife/ house husband	0,4%	11,2%	6,2%
retired	29,1%	30,0%	29,5%
other	2,7%	2,7%	2,7%
total	100%	100%	100%

In any case, the following applies:

Your participation in the interview is completely voluntary. You will not suffer any disadvantages from not taking part. By submitting the questionnaire, you consent to the processing of your data as described here. You may revoke this consent at any time without giving reasons and without any further consequences with effect for the future, for example by phone at 0800-55 667 66 by email to zid@infas.de. You can of course take part, but leave individual questions unanswered. Your concerns will be processed by infas. In accordance with Art. 13 and Art. 14 GDPR, infas will provide you with information on the contact details available there on request and correct or delete them or limit the processing at your request. In certain cases there is a right to data portability. You can object to the further use of your contact details for the study. We also point out the statutory right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority

You can be absolutely sure that we ...

- do not merge your name and contact details with your answers, so that no one can find out which answers you have personally given;
- do not pass on your name and contact details to third parties;
- do not pass on any individual data that could be used to identify you to third parties;
- use the data only for scientific purposes.

We thank you for your cooperation and for your trust in our work!