

Scientific study ‘Zusammenleben in Deutschland – Living Together in Germany’

General information

The scientific study ‘Zusammenleben in Deutschland – Living Together in Germany’ is conducted by infas Institute for Applied Social Sciences (infas Institut für angewandte Sozialwissenschaft) and the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) in cooperation with the University of Bremen.

The goal of the study is to gain knowledge about the way people live together in the German society. Therefore, we are interested in the full range of views and living conditions of people in Germany. Your participation is important to us and no one else can participate in your place.

The study started in 2021 and aims to survey around 15,000 adults across 200 municipalities in Germany. To explore changes and developments over time, future surveys within the study are planned.

How was my household selected?

At the beginning of the study in 2021, you or another member of your household were randomly selected for participation from the population register of your municipality (Section 45 Federal Act on Registration). This selected person was asked to provide information on all of their household members who are at least 18 years old. We then invited all adult members of your household to the study.

How can I participate?

We recently sent you an invitation letter in German. In this letter you can find the website address and the access code to the online questionnaire, which can be completed in German or English. Once you access the online questionnaire, you can select the language in the questionnaire header. We would like to highlight that your participation is both voluntary and highly appreciated.

We kindly ask you to complete the survey within 2 weeks of receiving the invitation letter. After taking part in the survey, you will receive a thank-you-letter with 10 euros in cash.

What about other people in my household?

At the end of the questionnaire, we ask some participants to name all of their household members who are at least 18 years old and have not yet received a questionnaire for our study. We then invite them to participate in the study, too. After completing the survey, they will receive a thank-you letter with 10 euros as well.

What will the information I provide be used for?

The information you provide will be processed anonymously and will be used for statistical and research purposes only. This ensures that no individual responses can be traced. All staff are bound to confidentiality and trained in line with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). For more details, see the Declaration on Data Protection, which can be downloaded [here](#).

Do you have any questions?

Please feel free to contact us at infas by calling our free-of-charge hotline **0800 55 667 66** during regular office hours. You can also send us an e-mail to **zid@infas.de**, and we will reply to you promptly.