

Question in Project:

PIAAC-Longitudinal (PIAAC-L) 2016 - Background Questionnaire (English Version)

Question Topic:

Social demographics

Construct:

Visit of a childcare facility

General Information:

Note: This item was tested in German. This is an English translation of the original German wording. The translation does not correspond exactly to the wording in the English [PIAAC source questionnaire](#).

Question Text:

Have you regularly attended a kindergarten, day-care center or similar institution?
[Wenn Sie sich einmal an Ihre frühe Kindheit zurückerinnern. Haben Sie regelmäßig einen Kindergarten, eine Kindertageseinrichtung oder eine ähnliche Einrichtung besucht?]

Instruction:

INT: Not the after-school care *[INT: Nicht gemeint ist der Schulhort]*

Answer Categories:

Yes *[Ja]*

No *[Nein]*

Can not remember *[Kann mich nicht erinnern]*

Cognitive Techniques:

Comprehension Probing, General Probing, Confidence Rating

Findings for Question:

Almost all test persons answered question 5a) with "yes". Only the test persons 06 and 15 state that they did not attend kindergarten or a similar institution in their early childhood. Both test persons are "very sure" that they did not.

Of particular interest at this point was the understanding of the concept of a "day-care center" and what "regularly attended" means to the test persons in connection with a day-care facility.

Four test persons (TP 02, 06, 09, 11) associate a kindergarten with the term day-care center. Six test persons associate the term with a kindergarten or a childcare facility where children are looked after all day:

- *"This will probably take longer."* (TP 10)
- *"A childcare facility. And it sounds like you could take it there all day."*(TP 03)
- *"Basically, something akin to kindergarten. But this can also mean that smaller children are accepted there, not only from 3 [years] as usual. And day-care also means longer childcare hours."*(TP 05)

Test person 05 understands the term to mean an institution in which smaller children could also be cared for. Three other test subjects (TP 04, 13, 14) also associate a day-care facility with the care of very small children *"who are not yet independent. Who are not yet walking around and still need diapers"* (TP 13), *"thus 2 to 5 years"* (TP 04).

Test person 12 associates this term with an after-school day-care center *"with homework help and such"*. Test person 15 uses the term: *"Either there is a day-care center, that is an after-school care center for me. Or there is a kindergarten that runs until noon"* (TP 15).

In understanding a "regular" visit to a childcare facility, the test persons are all very close. For eleven test persons (TP 01, 02, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15) a "regular" visit means every (week) day:

- *"Five times a week. Monday to Friday."* (TP 02)
- *"Monday to Friday. For half a day."* (TP 06)
- *"Monday to Friday."* (TP 15)

Test person 03 answers: *"In my case it was Monday to Friday. That's why I didn't give it much thought"*. She adds, however, that *"even twice a week, because the mother works twice a week"* could be regular. But her first thought was also the daily visit to a childcare facility. For test person 05, regular means *"either every day or at least most of the week"*, similar to test person 12, who understands regular to mean *"several times a week"*.

It can be summarized that the question did not cause any problems for the test persons. They interpret the terms "day-care center" and "regularly attended" in a similar way.

Recommendations:

Question: No changes recommended.

Answer options: No changes recommended.