

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:

How old were you when you started visiting a childcare facility regularly?
[Wie alt waren Sie, als Sie mit dem regelmäßigen Besuch einer Einrichtung zur Kinderbetreuung begonnen haben?]

Instruction:

INT: Only if question 5a was answered with "Yes". *[INT: Nur wenn Frage 5a mit "Ja" geantwortet wurde.]*

Answer Categories:

0-2 years *[Jahre]*

3-4 years *[Jahre]*

5 years until school starts *[5 Jahre bis Schulantritt]*

Can not remember *[Kann mich nicht erinnern]*

Cognitive Techniques:

Confidence Rating

Findings for Question:

Question 5b) was only given to the 13 test persons who had previously answered "yes" to question 5a). Test person 07 chooses the answer "0-2 years", the other twelve test persons indicate that they started regular attendance of a kindergarten or day-care center at the age of "3-4 years". When asked how sure or unsure the test persons were about their age, ten test persons answered "very sure" and two test persons "rather sure". Test person 13 spontaneously answered question 5b) with "3 years" and was "rather unsure", however, when asked why he was rather unsure, it became clear that he was only unsure about the exact age, because *"if you want to know it exactly, I could have been 3 ½ years of age"* (TP 13).

To sum up, all the test persons could remember well how old they were when they started regular childcare. The answer category "can't remember" was not actively offered or specified by the interviewers. Again, no problems were encountered in answering the question.

Recommendations:

Question: No changes recommended.

Answer options: No changes recommended.