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1. Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:
   State Central Statistical Office, Hans-Beimler Str. 70/72, 1026 Berlin.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):
   1950, 1964, 1971 and 1981. The present description relates mainly to the 1981 census, but refer-
   ence is also made to earlier censuses (cf. para. 8), as well as to the next census (cf. para. 9).

3. Coverage of the census:
   (a) Geographical scope: Whole country.
   (b) Persons covered: All persons of all ages.

4. Reference period:
   The reference period used when asking questions on the economically active population is a
   short reference period, i.e. the day of the census.

5. Main topics:
   (a) Total population, by sex and age: yes
   (b) Economically active population, by sex and age group: yes
   (c) Economically active population, by industry and by sex: yes
   (d) Economically active population, by occupation and by sex: yes
   (e) Economically active population, by status in employment and by sex: yes
   (f) Hours of work: no
   (g) Other information collected relating to persons' economic activity: yes

   Re. (a) The age is defined in terms of year of birth.
   Re. (g) The census also covers information on kind of income.

6. Concepts and definitions:
   (a) Economically active population: It comprises all persons aged 14 years and over who, during
   the reference period, were employed according to the definition given below. Excluded are re-
   cipients of certain kinds of income, such as apprentice recompense, scholarship, pension, etc.
   (b) Employment: Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 14 years and over (except
   those mentioned under 6 (a) above) who, during the reference period, performed any work of
   an economic value. Persons who changed job but did not yet start their new job during the
   reference period are considered as employed. Also included are the following categories:
   (i) persons doing unpaid work in family firm or business;
   (ii) employed persons, temporarily absent from work; persons on maternity leave are con-
   sidered as employed (the maternity leave may be taken until the child's completed first
   year of age);
   (iii) working students with a part time job;
   (iv) seasonal or occasional workers;
   (v) conscripts for military/civilian service;
   (vi) multiple job holders.

   Apprentices and trainees are excluded from this definition and considered as economically in-
   active; however, they can be identified separately by means of a specific question, that is "Are
   you presently a pupil, apprentice or student?".

7. Classifications used:
   Employed persons are classified by industry, by occupation and by status in employment.
(a) **Industry:** Specific questions were asked of employed persons concerning their real activity, their position at work and the name and address of workplace, to determine the industry group to which they belong. For coding industry, 10 codes were used concerning the following industries, namely: energy and fuel; chemicals; smelting; construction materials; water industry; machines and transports means; electrotechnics, electronics and related industries; light industries (excluding textiles); textile industry; food processing. Links to the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) have not been established.

(b) **Occupation:** Specific questions were asked of employed persons concerning their qualification and the title of their profession, their position at work, the name and address of workplace, as well as their completed professional education or field of study. For coding occupation, 442 groups of the Classification of Occupations and Activities (Systematik der Berufe und Tätigkeiten) were used. Links to the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) have not been established.

(c) **Status in employment:** Specific questions were asked of employed persons to determine their status in employment. For coding status in employment, 6 groups were used, namely: employee (i.e. wage earner and salaried employee); member of an agricultural producers’ co-operative; member of other producers’ co-operatives; liberal professions; employer and own-account worker; unpaid family worker.

8. **The previous population censuses:**

   Essentially, the same questions and reference periods were used to determine and describe the economically active population and its components.

9. **The next population census:**

   It is planned for 1993; however, no final decision has been yet taken.