

FFS QUESTIONNAIRE FOR WOMEN – BULGARIA 1998

*Translated by Dimiter Philipov**Last revision 6 April 1999***SECTION 0: HOUSEHOLD AND RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS**

001. To begin with the first question, I would like to ask how many persons, including yourself, usually live in your household?

Number ...

002 (003*)¹. Now would you please tell me about every member of your household, what is his or her relationship to you?
(Use definitions and code positions given in card 1. If household members are more than 7 use additional list.)

Member of household:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
...

The next three questions refer to the respondent and her husband (partner) if she has any.

003 (102). In what month and year were you born?
(Age is entered when the respondent does not know the month and year of birth)

(respondent = 1, husband (partner) = 2)

	1	2
- month	.....	.....
- year	.....	.....
- age	.....	.....

005 (008). What is your marital status?
(respondent = 1, husband (partner) = 2)

	1	2
Single	.....1	.....
Married	.....2	.....
Widowed	.....3	.....
Divorced	.....4	.....
Legally separated	.....5	.....

¹ A number in brackets indicates the number of the same question in the standard questionnaire, if not the same. A star indicates that the question is partially changed.

006 (009). What is your main activity?
 (respondent = 1, husband (partner) = 2)

		1	2
Employed	.....1	.....	.....
Unemployed	.....2	.....	.....
Housewife	.....3	.....	.....
Study	.....4	.....	.....
Retired	.....5	.....	.....
Other (please write)	.....	.....	.....

SECTION 1: PARENTAL HOME

Now I would like to ask a few questions about your parental home.

101. Including yourself, how many children has your mother had in all who were born alive?

(DK = 97)

Number

103. In which city, town, or village did you live most of the time up to age 15?
 (Enter name literally and show town or village)

.....

104. With whom did you live most of that time:

With both parents.....	1
With father only.....	2
With mother only.....	3
With neither parent.....	4

105. Did your parents ever separate or divorce?

Yes.....1	go to 106
No.....2	go to 201
Don't know.....7	go to 201

106. How old were you when that occurred?

(DK = 97)

Age

SECTION 2: PARTNERSHIPS

The following questions are about partners (including husband/s)

201. Check: has the respondent ever been married?

005=2 go to 202

005=1,3,4,5 go to 206

202. How many times have you been married altogether?

Number

202a (226*). What age were you when you married for the first time?

Age

204. Is your husband currently living with you in this household?

Yes..... 1 go to 206

Not any more..... 2 go to 205

Not yet..... 3 go to 205

205. Why not, if I may ask?

Marital discord..... 1

Forced "living apart together"..... 2

206. Have you ever lived in the same household with someone with whom you had an intimate relationship but did not marry?

Yes.....1 go to 207

No.....2 go to 210

207. How many such partnerships have you had altogether, including multiple partnerships with the same partner?

Number

210. Are you currently living in the same household with someone with whom you have an intimate relationship but to whom you are not married?

Yes..... 1

No 2

FFS CORE SECTION 3(a): CHILDREN

Now I would like to talk about children, including any adopted, step- or foster-children you may have had.

302. How many children have you born altogether?

Number

303 (303-308*). Have you ever had an adopted, or step-, or foster- child (children) as your own?

No 0

Yes:

- Adopted, number

- Step- child/ren, number

- Foster child/ren, number

309. SUM 302 + 303

TOTAL.....

SECTION 3(b): MATERNITY

(Use additional lists when number of children is larger than 3)

312. CHECK:

309 = 0 go to 405

309 > 0 go to 314

314. In what month and year was the (first, second,...) child born?

	Child:	1	2	3
Month	
Year	
Age	

315. Was it a boy or a girl?

	Child:	1	2	3
Boy .. 1	
Girl .. 2	

316. Does this child live with you now?

	Child:	1	2	3
Yes .. 1, go to 319	
No .. 2, go to 317	

317. What is the reason that this child does not live with you any longer?
(see codes in card 2)

Child	1	2	3

318. In what month and year did this happen?
(age is filled by the interviewer)

Child:	1	2	3
Month
Year
Age

319. Enter without asking

	Child:	1	2	3
Natural....	1, go to 320	.....	.....	.....
Adopted..	2, go to 322	.....	.....	.....
Step	3, go to 322	.....	.....	.....
Foster	4, go to 322	.....	.....	.....

320 (320, 321*). Before this child was born, did you have any pregnancy that was miscarried, was aborted, or ended in a stillbirth?

	Child:	1	2	3
Yes, number	
No.....2	

323. Check: If the total number of the filled columns is less than "total" in 309, continue with the next child starting at 314. First fill in a number of columns equal to "total" in 302; then fill in a number of columns equal to 303(a) + 303(b) + 303(c). If the total number of columns is equal to the total number of children go to 400.

SECTION 4: OTHER PREGNANCIES

400. CHECK: ANY LIVE BIRTHS?

YES (302 > 0) go to 402

NO (302 = 0) go to 405

402 (401,402*). After the birth of your last own child, did you have any pregnancy that miscarried, was aborted, or ended in a stillbirth?

Yes, number

No.....0

Does not wish to answer 98

403. SUM ALL ANSWERS TO 320 PLUS 402 (does not answer = 98)

TOTAL

404. CHECK: TOTAL NUMBER OF OTHER PREGNANCIES?

403 > 0 go to 407

403 = 0 go to 412

405 (405, 406*). Have you ever had a pregnancy that miscarried, was aborted, or ended in a stillbirth?

Yes, number go to 407

No0 go to 412

407 (410*). How many of all these pregnancies were:

1. Induced abortion, number

2. Miscarried, number

3. Stillbirth

412. Are you currently pregnant?

Yes..... 1 go to 414

No..... 2 go to 501

414. At the time you became pregnant, did you want to become pregnant, did you want to wait until later, or did you not want to become pregnant at all?

Wanted to become pregnant.....1 go to 502

Wanted to wait until later2 go to 502

Did not want to become pregnant at all.....3 go to 502

SECTION 5: FERTILITY REGULATION

501. To avoid unnecessary questions later I would like to ask: have you ever had sexual intercourse?

Yes.....1 go to 502

No2 go to 602

502. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the very first time in your life? (DK = 97)

Age

503. At this very first sexual intercourse, did you and/or the other person do or use anything to avoid your becoming pregnant, anything at all?

Yes..... 1 go to 506
 No..... 2 go to 504
 No answer..... 98

504*. *Later*, have you and/or the other person ever done or used anything to avoid your becoming pregnant, anything at all?

Yes..... 1 go to 505
 No..... 2 go to 507
 No answer 98

505. How old were you when you and/or the other person first did or used something to avoid your becoming pregnant?

Age

506. Which contraceptive method or combination of methods did you and/or the other person use at that time?

(please use card 3)

Method A

Method B if combination

507. CHECK 412:

NOT PREGNANT (412 = 1) go to 508

PREGNANT (412 = 1) go to 609

508. As far as you know, is it physically possible for you personally to have a child, supposing you wanted one?

Certainly yes 1
 Probably yes 2
 Probably not 3
 Certainly not 4
 Don't know 7

512. Have you had sexual intercourse in the last 4 weeks?

Yes..... 1
 No..... 2

513. CHECK 504: EVER USED CONTRACEPTION?

YES (504 = 1 OR BLANK) go to 514
 NO (504 = 2) go to 528

514. Have you and/or your partner used any contraceptive method or combination of methods in the last 4 weeks?

Yes..... 1
 No..... 2 go to 518

515. Which contraceptive method or combination of methods have you and/or your partner used in the last 4 weeks?
(please use card 3)

Method A.....
 Method B if combination.....

528. CHECK 412: CURRENTLY PREGNANT?

NO (412 = 2) go to 529
 YES (412 = 1): go to 609

529. CHECK 508: SELF FECUND?

NO (508 : 3,4,7) go to 609
 YES (508 :1,2) go to 601

SECTION 6: VIEWS ON HAVING CHILDREN**601. CHECK 301: ANY LIVE BIRTHS?**

NO (302 = 0) go to 602
 YES (302 > 1): go to 605

602. Do you want to have children of your own some time?

Yes..... 1 go to 603
 No 2 go to 609
 Don't know..... 7 go to 612

603. How many children of your own do you want in all?
(Enter exact number ("DK" = "97", "2 or 3" = "23", etc.))

Number

604. At what age do you want to have your first child, at the latest?

Enter exact age("DK" = "97") and skip to 614.

Age

605. Do you want to have another child sometime?

Yes..... 1 go to 606
 No..... 2 go to 609
 Don't know..... 7 go to 612

606. How many more children do you want?

(Enter exact number ("DK" = "97", "2 OR 3" = "23", ETC.) and skip to 613.)

Number go to 613

609. I am going to read out a number of possible reasons for not wanting a(nother) child. Could you please tell me for each of them whether, for you personally, that reason is important or not important at this time?

(Please answer each line)

(Important=1; Not important=2; DK=7)

(A) Children are expensive, especially when they grow up 1 2 7
 (B) Children make it harder for a woman to have a job 1 2 7
 (C) Pregnancies, births, and the care of children are hard on a woman...1 2 7
 (D) There would not be enough time for other important things in life.....1 2 7
 (E) Bringing up children entails many worries and problems1 2 7
 (F) My house is not suitable for a larger family 1 2 7

610. CHECK 609: HOW MANY REASONS IMPORTANT (CODE 1)?

IF ONE ONLY ONE OR NONE: go to 612

611. Of those reasons that you have indicated as important for not wanting a(nother) child, which one would you say is the single most important for you personally at this time?

(DK = 7)

A,B,C,D,E,F

612. If you became unintentionally pregnant anyway, what would you do:

(Please mark as many answers as the respondent wishes, then go to 617)

(A) Have the baby and keep it yourself..... 1
 (B) Have the baby and give it up for adoption..... 2
 (C) Maybe have an abortion..... 3
 (D) Certainly have an abortion..... 4
 (E) Don't know)..... 7

613. At what age do you want to have your next child, at the latest?

(Enter exact age, "DK" = "97")

Age

614. I am going to read out a number of possible reasons for wanting a(nother) child. Could you please tell me for each of them whether, for you personally, that reason is important or not important at this time?

(Please answer each line)

(Important=1; Not important=2; DK=7)

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| (A) Children make it less likely that one will be lonely in his old age | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| (B) Children give a sense of responsibility and help a person to develop | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| (C) It is a fine thing to see children grow up and develop..... | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| (D) It gives satisfaction to see the family carried on..... | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| (E) Having children imparts a special feeling of joy | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| (F) Having children strengthens the relationship with the partner | 1 | 2 | 7 |

615. CHECK NUMBER OF REASONS IN 614:

ONLY ONE OR NONE: go to 617

616. Of those reasons that you have indicated as important for wanting a(nother) child, which one would you say is the single most important for you personally at this time?

(DK = 7)

A,B,C,D,E,F

617. How many children do you think is the ideal number for a family to have in this country?

(Enter exact number ("DK" = "97", "2 or 3" = "23", etc.).)

Number.....

SECTION 7: OTHER VIEWS

Now I have a few questions on how you may look at some other things.

701*. Below are listed 7 different national goals. Which one of them would you say is the most important for this country to strive for in the next 10 years?

- | | |
|---|---|
| - Economic stabilization | 0 |
| - Fighting inflation | 1 |
| - Fighting corruption and crime | 2 |
| - Protecting freedom of speech and press..... | 3 |

- Giving people more say in important government decisions.... 4
- *Overcoming the demographic crisis* 5
- Maintaining order in the nation 6
- Don't know 7
- No answer 8

702. And which would you say is the second most important goal for this country to strive for in the next 10 years?
(same goals as in 701)

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703. Do you tend to agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
(Yes=1; No=2; DK=7)

- Marriage is an outdated institution1 2 7
- If a woman wants to have a child as a single parent and she does not want to have a stable relationship with a man, she should be able to have the child1 2 7
- It would be a good thing if in the future more emphasis was placed on family life.....1 2 7

704. Would you consider each of the following reasons sufficient or insufficient for splitting up?
(Answer each line)
(Yes = 1, No = 2 DK = 7)

- Husband (Partner) drinks too much 1 2 7
- Lack of love from husband (partner) 1 2 7
- Personality clashes with husband (partner) 1 2 7
- Aggressive behaviour from husband (partner) 1 2 7
- Unsatisfactory division of household tasks with husband (partner) 1 2 7
- Unfaithful behaviour by husband (partner) 1 2 7
- Unsatisfactory sexual relationship with husband (partner) 1 2 7
- Inability to have children with husband (partner) 1 2 7
- Disagreement about the number of children to have 1 2 7

705. Do you approve or disapprove of abortion under the following circumstances?
(mark as many answers as the respondent wishes)

- When the mother's health is at risk from the pregnancy 1
- When the child is likely to be born physically handicapped 2
- When the woman is not married 3
- When a married couple does not want to have any more children 4
- When the woman does not wish to have a child for the time being (E).. 5

706. Which of the two following statements describes best your view about parental responsibilities towards children?
(neither = 3, DK = 7)

- It is the parents' duty to do their best for their children,
even at the expense of their own well-being..... 1
- Parents have lives of their own and should not be asked
to sacrifice their own well-being for the sake of their children..... 2

707. Do you tend to agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
(Answer each line)
(Agree = 1; disagree = 2; DK = 7)

- Having a successful partnership is the most important thing in life
to me..... 1 2 7
- I work hard to build a good relationship with my partner, even if it
means limiting my opportunities to pursue other personal goals... 1 2 7
- It is important to me to have an occupational career where I can
achieve something valuable 1 2 7
- I make as many sacrifices as necessary to advance in my
occupational career..... 1 2 7

SECTION 8(a): EDUCATION

801*. What is the highest level/stage of education that you have successfully completed (and for which you have a diploma or other document)?

- Incomplete elementary 0
- Completed elementary..... 1
- Completed primary..... 2
- Completed secondary, general..... 3
- Completed secondary, specialized..... 4
- Completed semi-higher (college)..... 5
- Completed higher..... 6
- Educational scientific degree..... 7
- No answer 8

802 (806*). What was the subject-matter of your study in the last educational institution?
(please use card 4)

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803 (809*). How many years in all have you studied in an educational institution (from the first school class till the last school class or university course, including repeated years if you have any)?

- Total, years

SECTION 8(b): OCCUPATION

Now I would like to talk about your occupational career. I am interested in periods of 3 consecutive months or longer of paid employment, own-account work, unpaid work in family businesses or producers' cooperatives, and so on.

804 (812*). Do you have such a job at the moment?

- Yes..... 1 go to 805
- No 2 go to 901

805 (813). When did you start this job? (month, year, *what age were you*)?

- month
- year
- age

806 (816). What kind of work did/do you do exactly in this job?
(*please use card 5*)

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807 (817). What is your "status of employment" in this job?

- Employer..... 1
- Own-account..... 2
- Employee..... 3
- Unpaid..... 4
- Cooperative..... 5
- Other..... 6

SECTION 9: HUSBAND (PARTNER) CHARACTERISTICS

901. CHECK: CURRENTLY LIVING WITH HUSBAND (PARTNER)?

- Yes, go to 902
- No, go to 916

902. I would like to ask a few questions about you and your husband (partner).
 Could you indicate who usually performs each of the following household activities: mostly yourself, mostly your husband (partner), both of you equally, mostly other members of this household, or mostly other persons not belonging to this household?

(answer each line)
(please use codes in card 6)

- preparing the daily meals
- cleaning
- shopping
- keeping the household budget
- filling out the tax forms
- doing the dishes
- looking after the elderly

903. CHECK FOR PRESENCE OF CHILDREN, UNDER 15 YEARS OF AGE, OF RESPONDENT IN HOUSEHOLD (314 and 316 from section 3(b)):

- Yes, go to 904
- No, go to 905

904. And what about the care of children? Could you indicate who usually performs each of the following activities: mostly yourself, mostly your husband (partner), both of you equally, mostly other members of this household, or mostly other persons not belonging to this household?

(answer each line)
(please use codes in card 6)

- taking care of infants' meals
- getting them dressed
- looking after them when ill
- playing with them
- helping them with their homework

905. CHECK: HUSBAND (PARTNER) EMPLOYED?

- Yes, (006 = 1) go to 906
- No, (006 > 1) go to 909

906. What kind of work does your husband (partner) do exactly?
(please use codes in card 5)

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907. What is the 'employment status' of your husband (partner) in this job?

- Employer..... 1
- Own-account worker..... 2

Employee.....	3
Unpaid.....	4
Member of producers' cooperative.....	5
Other.....	6

909. What is the highest level/stage of education your husband (partner) has achieved (and for which he has a diploma or certificate)?

- Incomplete elementary	0
- Completed elementary.....	1
- Completed primary.....	2
- Completed secondary, general.....	3
- Completed secondary, specialized....	4
- Completed semi-higher (college).....	5
- Completed higher.....	6
- Educational scientific degree.....	7
- No answer	8

911. We have talked about your desire to have a(nother) child or not. Does your husband (partner) want the same number of children you want, or does he want more or fewer than you do?

Same.....	1, go to 612
More.....	2, go to 612
Fewer.....	3, go to 612
Don't know.....	7, go to 913

912. Can you indicate how many children your husband (partner) wants?
(Enter exact number)
("DK" = "97", "2 or 3" = "23", etc.)

Number.....

913. Is your husband (partner) religious?

Yes.....	1
Somewhat.....	2
No.....	3, go to 915
Don't know.....	7, go to 915

914. Which religion does he adhere to?
(“other” – please write)

Bulgarian orthodox.....	1
Islamic.....	2
Freethinking.....	3

Other.....

915. How often does your husband (partner) attend religious services (apart from weddings, funerals, baptisms, and the like)?

More than once a week.....	1
Once a week.....	2
About once a month.....	3
Only at official holidays.....	4
Once a year.....	5
(practically) never.....	6

916. Are you religious?

Yes.....	1, go to 917
Somewhat.....	2, go to 917
No.....	3, go to 919
Don't know.....	7, go to 919

917. Which religion do you adhere to?
(*"other" – please write*)

Bulgarian orthodox.....	1
Islamic.....	2
Freethinking.....	3
Other.....	

918. How often do you attend religious services (apart from weddings, funerals, baptisms, and the like)?

More than once a week.....	1
Once a week.....	2
About once a month.....	3
Only at official holidays.....	4
Once a year.....	5
(practically) never.....	6

919. What language do you speak in your family?
(*"other", please write*)

- Bulgarian	1
- Turkish.....	2
- Roma/Gypsy.....	3
- Other	

920. What is your ethnic group?

("other", please write)

- Bulgarian1
- Turkish.....2
- Roma/Gypsy 3
- Other

Note: the interviewer additionally notes the place of residence as being in one of the following groups:

- till 2,000 inhabitants (village)
- above 2,000 inhabitants (village)
- 2,000 to 9,999
- 10,000 to 99,999
- 100,000 to 999,999
- above 1,000,000 (capital city)

CODINGS

Card 1 *(Positions to be used for coding question 002)*

- 11 grandparent (grandmother, grandfather)
- 21 parent/step-parent (mother, father)
- 22 husband/partner's parent
- 31 partner that lives with you (whether in marriage or out of marriage)
- 32 husband/partner's son/daughter
- 33 brother/sister of the respondent
- 34 spouse (partner) of the brother/sister of the respondent
- 41 son/daughter
- 42 spouse (partner) of the son/daughter
- 43 adopted child by the respondent
- 44 son/daughter of the husband/partner (or step or foster child)
- 45 foster child
- 51 grandchild
- 61 other relative
- 71 non-relative

Card 2 *(Codes for the reasons that the child does not live with the respondent - question 317)*

- 1 Child died
- 2 Child given up for adoption
- 3 Child moved out to live on his/her own
- 4 Child moved in with other parent
- 5 Respondent moved, child staying behind
- 6 Other

Card 3 *(Codes for the methods used for preventing pregnancy)*

- 01 Sterilization self
- 02 Sterilization partner
- 03 Sterilization ex-partner
- 04 Pill
- 05 Intra-uterine device
- 06 Injection
- 07 Diaphragms, foam, jelly, sponge
- 08 Condom
- 09 Periodic abstinence, rhythm, safe period
- 10 Withdrawal
- 11 Any other method(s)
- 98 Not applicable

Card 4 *(Positions to be used for coding question 802)*

- 01 General programmes
- 02 Pedagogical programmes (incl. Pedagogy of language teaching, natural and technical sciences, etc.)
- 03 Arts
- 04 Philology
- 05 History (incl. Archeology and ethnography)
- 06 Philosophy and Theology
- 07 Psychology
- 08 Social sciences and social activities (Politology, public administration, sociology, culturology)
- 09 State, law, international relations
- 10 Economy and management
- 11 Tourism (incl. Guest service)
- 12 Mass communications and documentation (Journalism, public relations, librarian science, book printing and distribution)
- 13 Mathematics and natural sciences (mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, geography, ethnology, etc.)
- 14 Public health (medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, health care, obstetrics)
- 15 Sports
- 16 Techniques and technologies (machine engineering, textile engineering, shipbuilding, electrical engineering, construction, architecture, geodesy, mining engineering, metallurgy, chemical technology, biotechnology, wood processing)
- 17 Agriculture (plant-growing, cattle-breeding, veterinary medicine)
- 18 Military
- 19 Others

Card 5 *(Positions to be used for coding question 806)*

- 01 Leading positions in state institutions, enterprises and companies
- 02 Employed at state institutions, parties, social organizations, economic enterprises and companies
- 03 Engineers and technical specialists
- 04 Agronomists, zoo-technicians, veterinarians
- 05 Researchers in science and applied
- 06 Teachers and workers in culture
- 07 Physicians, health workers
- 08 Jurists
- 09 Police and guard
- 10 Financiers, bookkeepers, bank service
- 11 Programmers and operators on automated lines and systems
- 12 Miners, casters, metal workers, chemistry workers

- 13 Builders
- 14 Woodworkers and paper producers
- 15 Textile workers, tailors, fur workers, shoe workers, ceramic workers
- 16 Polygraphy workers
- 17 Agricultural workers, land and forest processing
- 18 Power engineers
- 19 Transport and communication workers
- 20 Traders and public utility workers
- 21 Others
- 22 No particular craft or profession

Card 6

- 1 I
- 2 The husband/partner
- 3 Both
- 4 Members of the household
- 5 Others
- 8 No answer