EMHA Access to Care survey findings in Germany



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Survey content

The "Access to Care III" survey consists on 39 items distributed in 4 dimensions:

- **SECTION I: ABOUT YOURSELF:** 7 items to obtain socio-demographic data.
- **SECTION II: ABOUT YOUR MIGRAINE:** 6 items focused on patient's migraine.
- SECTION III: ABOUT YOUR ACCESS TO CARE:
 - Access to healthcare professionals: 10 items
 - Access to treatments: 11 items
 - Impact on patient's life: 3 items
- SECTION IV: SOURCES OF INFORMATION: 2 items focused on identifying the main sources of information used by patients for general disease information and migraine treatment.



Languages

Survey was launched in 12 languages: Brazilian, Czech, English, Finish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latvian, Norwegian, Portuguese and Spanish.



Launch

Survey was launched on March 24th in 10 languages. Latvian and Brazilian were launched later, on April 8th and April 27th, respectively.



Time on life

Survey was available for migraine patients all along 12 weeks (from March to June 14th).



Response rate

The average response rate has remained homogeneous and considerable high all along the survey (around 65% of respondents)

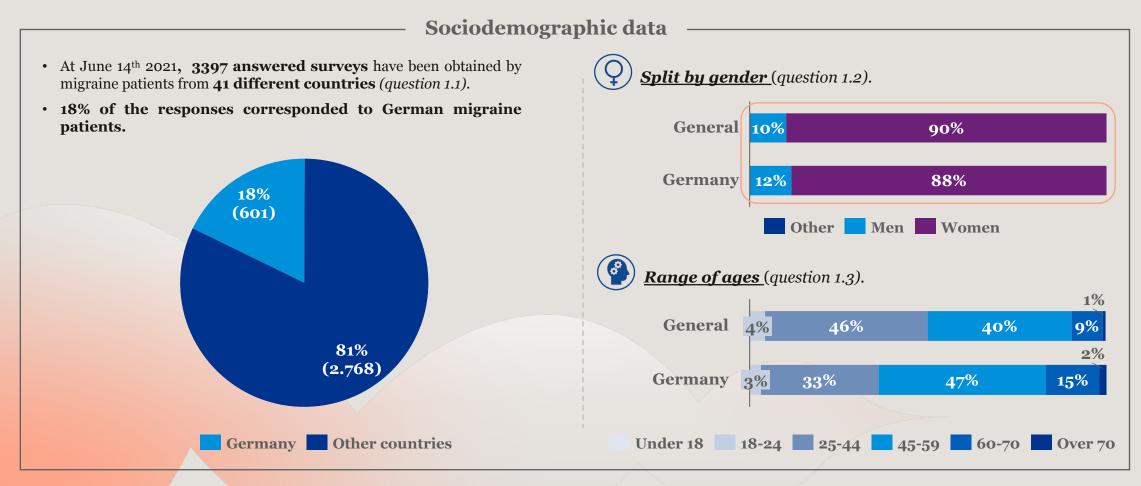


Total answers

Since the launch of the survey in March, we have reached a total number of 3,397 answers (601 from Germany).

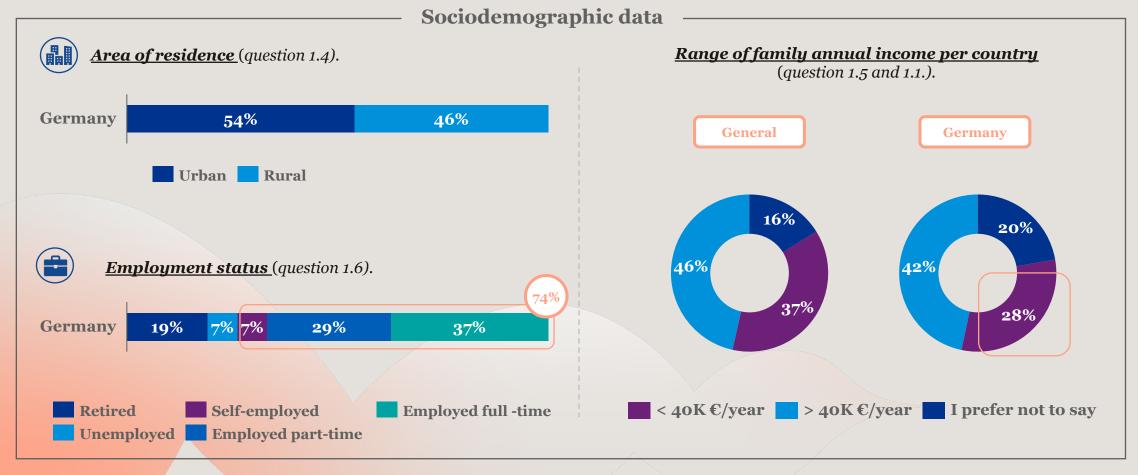


Data used for the analysis in Germany (18% of total responses) evidences that vast majority of respondents are women between 25 and 59 years old...



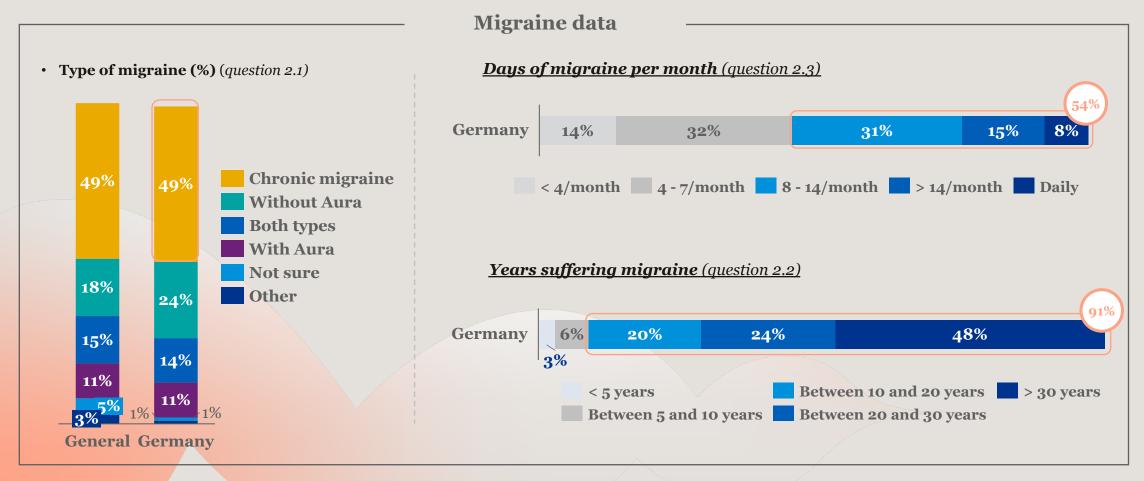
^{*}Sample size for question 1.1: 3370 respondents; sample size for question 1.2: 3354 respondents (599 in Germany); sample size for question 1.3: 3354 respondents (599 in Germany).





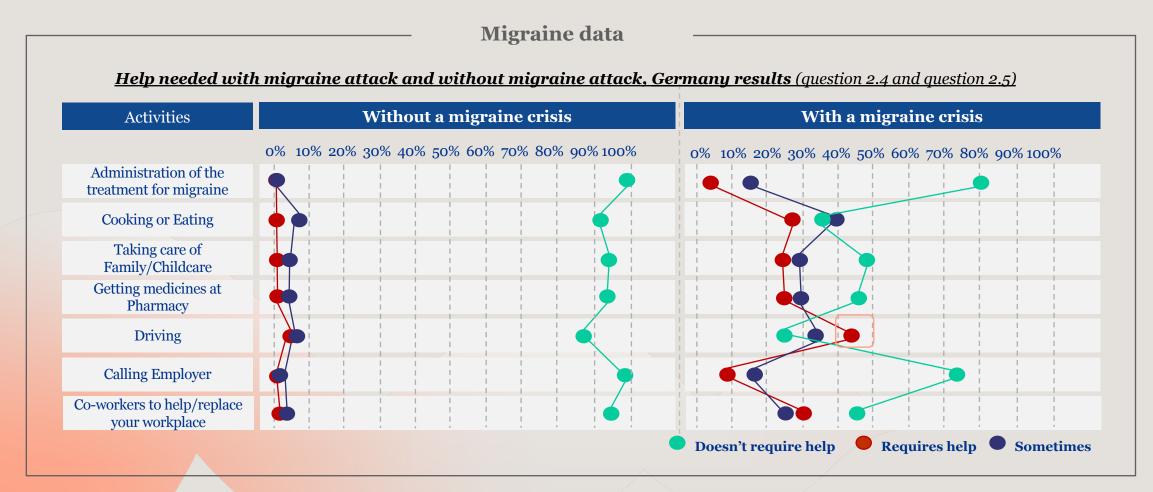
^{*}Sample size for question 1.4: 3363 respondents (599 in Germany); sample size for question 1.6: 3266 respondents (584 in Germany); sample size for question 1.5: 3338 respondents (594 in Germany).





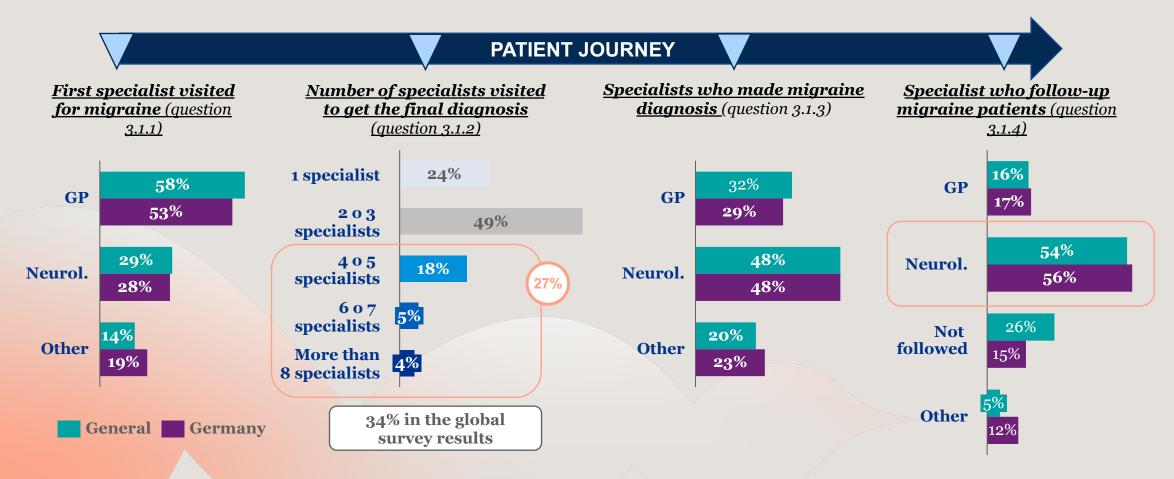
^{*}Sample size for question 2.1: 2831 respondents (552 in Germany); sample size for question 2.3: 2831 respondents (552 in Germany).

When patients suffer an attack, migraine is a disabling disease affecting daily activities such as driving



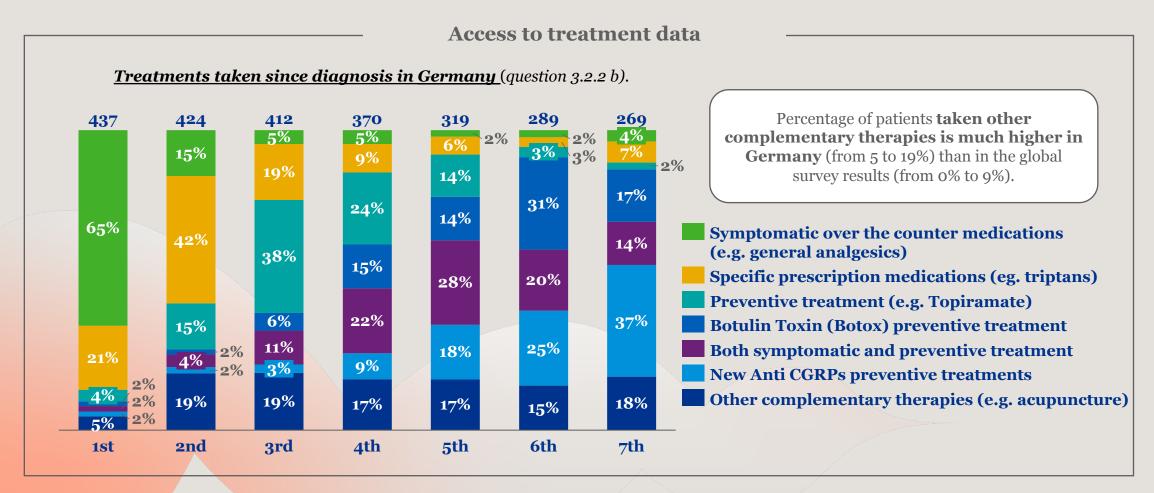
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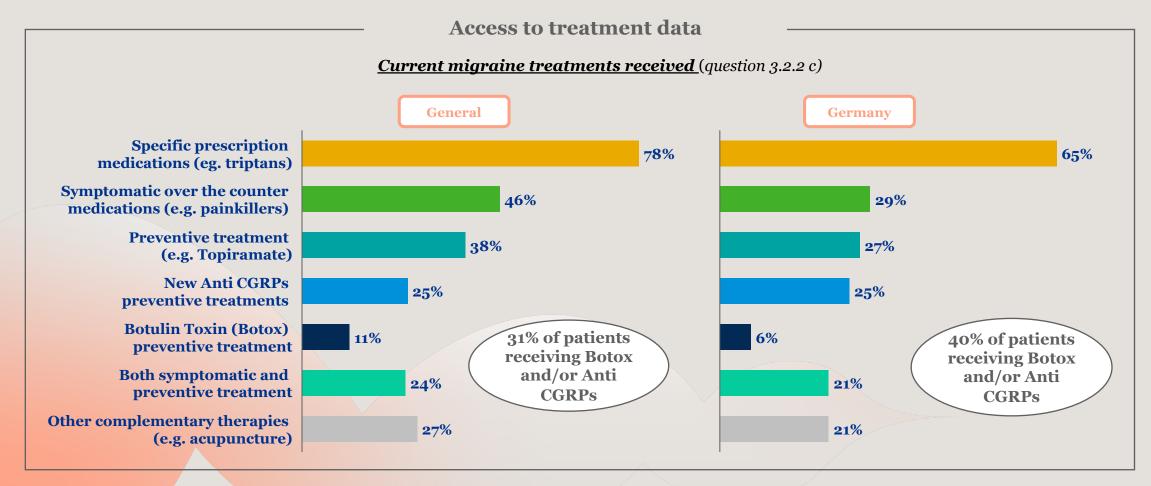
^{*}Sample size for question 3.1.1: 549 respondents in Germany; sample size for question 3.1.2: 546 respondents in Germany; sample size for question 3.1.4: 545 respondents in Germany.





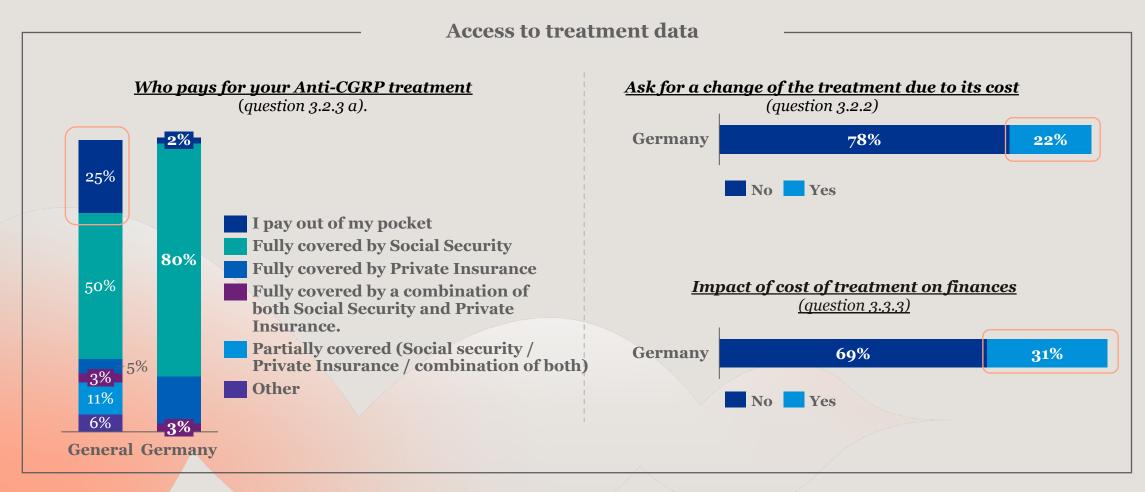
^{*}Sample size for question 3.2.2 b: 455 respondents in Germany.

When assessing current treatment, we observe that triptans are widely used, and innovation (Botox and/or Anti-CGRPs) reaches 40% of patients in Germany



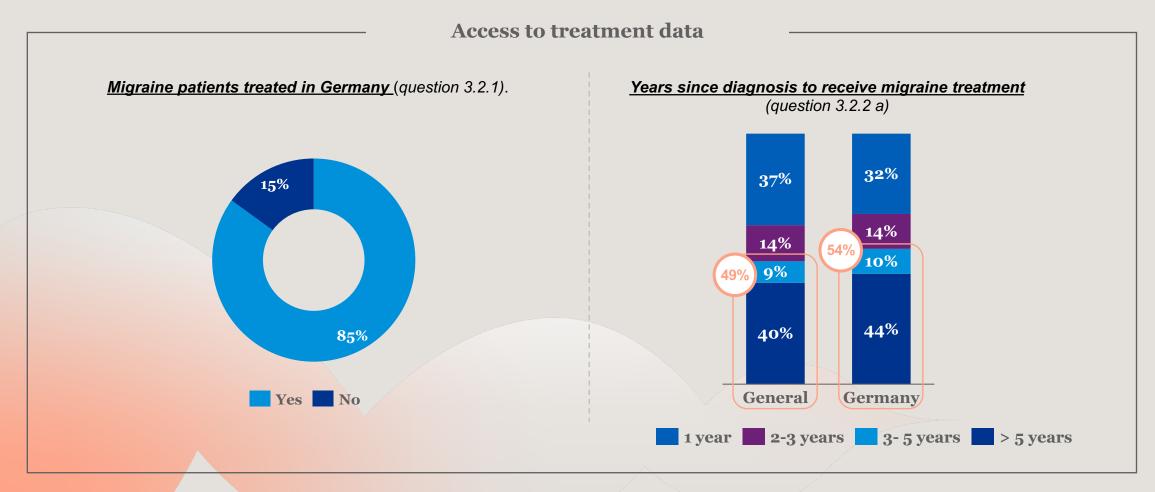
^{*}Sample size for question 3.2.2 c: 2228 respondents in the global survey and 458 respondents in Germany.





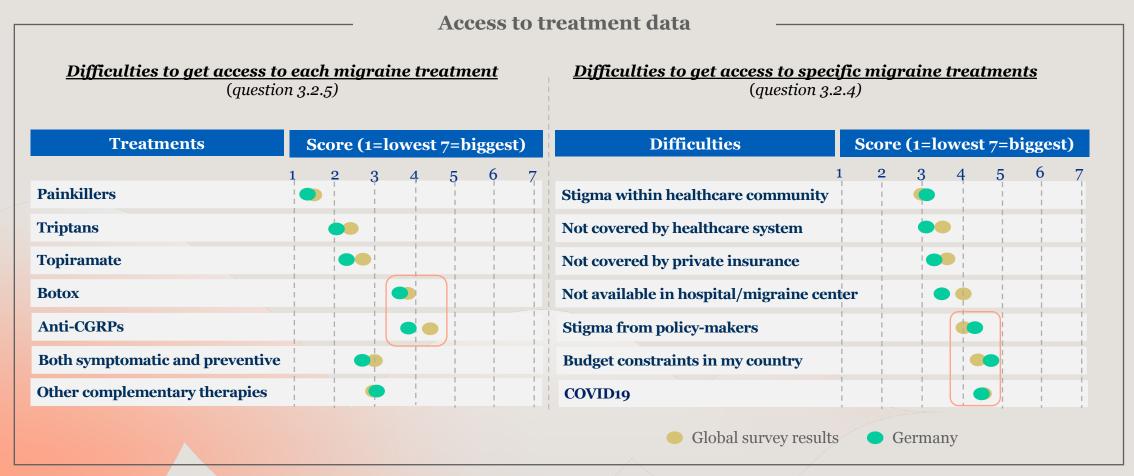
^{*}Sample size for question 3.2.3 a: 430 respondents in general and 116 respondents in Germany; Sample size for question 3.2.2 a in Germany: 481 respondents; Sample size for question 3.3.3 in Germany: 486 respondents.





^{*}Sample size for question 3.2.1 in Germany: 543 respondents; sample size for question 3.2.2 a: 1.951 patients (444 in Germany).

Anti-CGRPs & Botox are reported as the most difficult treatment to obtain, and main difficulties are that are due to country budget constraints and COVID19



^{*}Sample size for question 3.2.5: 466 respondents in Germany; sample size for question 3.2.4: 405 respondents in Germany.

Summary of the "Access to Care III" survey results for Germany

Main conclusions

- Majority of respondents are **women between 25 and 59 years** old, actively working and with **higher family incomes** in comparison to the total survey results (28% reported family annual incomes below 40K€ vs. 37% in the general analysis).
- 49% of respondents reported to suffer **chronic migraine in Germany**. Main indicators related to the type of migraine evidence that respondents are, in average, **patients suffering from mild-severe migraine** (54% with more than 8 days of migraine/month) **for many years** (91% respondents suffer migraine for more than 10 years).
- Patients reported that migraine affects their daily activities when suffering attacks, being driving the more critical.
- First visited specialist is the G.P in Germany (53%). The main specialist who made the diagnosis is the Neurologist (48%), who is also responsible for the current follow up (56%). It is worth noting that only 27% of patients still have to visit more than 4 specialists to get the final diagnosis (vs. 34% in the global analysis).

- Although 85% of patients are treated, time since diagnosis to treatment still evidences difficulties to access to migraine treatments (54% needed more than 3 years since diagnosis in Germany and 49% in global results).
- Since diagnosis, the **first treatments received are general analgesics followed by triptans**. The **last prescribed are Anti CGRPs**. Currently, the main treatments used are triptans (65% in Germany), and the least used Botox (6% in Germany).
- Moreover, **polymedication is highly frequent** and multiple drug combinations have been reported, being specific prescription mediations (e.g. triptans) together with anti-CGRPs, topiramate or painkillers the main received. However, innovative treatments such as **Botox and anti-CGRPs reach up to 40% of patients in Germany** (vs. 31% in the global analysis).
- Although innovative treatment reach an important percentage of patients, Botox and Anti-CGRPs had been identified as the most difficulties treatments to get access in Germany and the main reasons for this difficulties reported had been: budget constraints in the country, the COVID19 situation and stigma between policy-makers.

Thank you

