Fig. B 1-8 Reasons for leaving employment by age group in percent

Answer to question: Why did you stop working full-time in your primary occupation? What are the main reasons for you? Question was changed in 2021, therefore categories simplified. No distinction between self-employed or employed possible. Personal reasons include: quitting as early as possible, double burden otherwise too high, partner/spouse is retired, enough time for myself, taking care of sick person, family reasons, health reasons, taking care of children, taking care of grandchildren, preparing for retirement. Company and labour market reasons include: became unemployed, internal company reasons, dissatisfied with labour market situation.
Multiple answers possible. No differentiation between self-employed and employed persons before retirement.
Legend: In 2021, 56.6 percent of retired persons gave reaching the age limit as the reason for retirement.
Source: German Ageing Survey 2014, 2017 and 2021. Own calculations. Own representation.
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