

PL020: ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR JOB

Topic and detailed topic: Labour market participation / Employment status

Variable type: Every 3 years

Unit: All current household members or selected respondent (where applies) aged 16-74

Reference period: Past four weeks

Mode of collection: Personal interview (proxy as an exception for persons temporarily away or in incapacity)

In use (period): Yes, nucleus until 2020, 2023

Series' differences: Yes, 2023 using PL035 as filter variable

VALUES AND FORMAT

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

FLAGS

- 1 Filled
- 1 Missing
- 2 Not applicable (PL035=1 or RB081 ≠ 16-74)
- 3 Not selected respondent
- 7 Not applicable (not collected according to the implementation of the “multiannual rolling planning” and year > 2020)

DESCRIPTION

This variable only applies to persons aged 16-74 who are not currently working, where ‘working’ refers to the self-defined status as recorded in PL035: worked at least 1 hour during the previous week.

However, people above the standard retirement age are not covered by this variable. In these cases, the filter is applied to skip over the question that asks for information in this variable.

The period of reference for this variable is the past 4 weeks, ending with the reference week.

The answer will be ‘Yes’ if the person has been actively looking for a job over the past 4 weeks.

The answer ‘Yes’ should be recorded only if the person has used an active method of looking for a job.

Education and training are considered as ways of improving employability but not as active method of looking for a job.

Persons who found a job that began later, i.e. within a period of at least 3 months, should be encoded ‘Yes’.

Active methods of looking for a job:

- having been in contact with a public employment office to find work, whoever took the initiative (renewing registration for administrative reasons only is not an active method);
- having been in contact with a private agency (temporary employment agency, firm specialising in recruitment, etc.) to find work;
- applying to employers directly;
- asking friends, relatives, trade unions, etc. to help find work;
- placing or answering job advertisements;
- studying job advertisements;
- taking a recruitment test or examination or sitting an interview;
- looking for land, premises or equipment;