

## HH021: TENURE STATUS

**Topic and detailed topic:** Living conditions, including material deprivation, housing, living environment, access to services / Main housing characteristics

**Variable type:** Annual

**Unit:** Household

**Reference period:** Current

**Mode of collection:** Household respondent or registers

**In use (period):** Yes, since first year of EU-SILC data collection

**Series' differences:** Yes, 2010 (HH020 was replaced by HH021)

### VALUES AND FORMAT

From 2010 onwards

- 1 Owner without outstanding mortgage
- 2 Owner with outstanding mortgage
- 3 Tenant, rent at market price
- 4 Tenant, rent at reduced price
- 5 Tenant, rent free

Before 2010

- 1 Owner
- 2 Tenant or subtenant paying rent at prevailing or market rate
- 3 Accommodation is rented at a reduced rate (lower price than the market price)
- 4 accommodation is provided free

### FLAGS

- 1 Collected via survey/interview
- 2 Collected from administrative data
- 3 Imputed
- 4 Not possible to establish a source
- 1 Missing

### DESCRIPTION

**This variable is a standardised variable.** From the 2010 operation onwards, it replaces the variable HH020<sup>30</sup>.

**Ownership:** The owner of the accommodation should be a member of the household. If for instance the accommodation is provided by a relative (such as by parents to their children) who is not a member of the household, then one of the other categories should be selected, depending on whether or not rent is paid by this household. A person is an owner if he/she possesses a title deed independently of whether the house is fully paid or not. A reversionary owner should be considered as the owner. In both variables HH070 and HH021 mortgage is taken into account only when it has been taken for the purpose of purchasing main dwelling.

**Outright owner:** The owner is considered as 'outright owner' when he/she has no mortgage to pay for his/her main dwelling.

An owner who has a mortgage only for a second dwelling and/or for repairs, renovation, maintenance, etc. should be treated as 'outright owner'.

**Owner paying mortgage:** An owner is considered as an 'owner paying mortgage' when he/she has to pay

<sup>30</sup> An agreement was made at the Living Conditions Working Group meeting in June 2009 that the variable HH020 will be replaced by the variable HH021 with five answer categories. In 2010, the LC WG agreed to suppress HH020 and to keep only HH021 from the 2011 operation onwards.