

HS170: NOISE FROM NEIGHBOURS OR FROM THE STREET

Topic and detailed topic: Living conditions, including material deprivation, housing, living environment, access to services / Housing conditions details, including deprivation and imputed rent

Variable type: Every 3 years

Unit: Household

Reference period: Current

Mode of collection: Household respondent

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

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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| 1 | Filled |
| -1 | Missing |
| -7 | Not applicable (not collected according to the implementation of the “multiannual rolling planning” and year > 2020) |

DESCRIPTION

The objective is to assess whether the respondent feels that ‘noise from neighbours or from outside’ is a problem for the household (not whether they are bothered by the problem). No common standards as to what constitutes a problem are defined.

A reference to the dwelling should be clearly indicated both in the national questionnaires and in the national interviewers’ guidelines.

Both aspects of noise from neighbours and outside are to be covered and specified in the question as well as in the interviewers’ guidelines.

In relation to ‘noise from neighbours’, no details are to be included in the question itself. In the interviewers’ guidelines, noise from neighbours could be described as noise from a neighbouring apartment, staircase or water pipe, for example.

Reference is to be made to ‘noise from outside’ and not to ‘noise from the street’.

‘Noise from outside’ should be made explicit in the question.

In the national questionnaires, traffic, businesses, factories, etc. should be specified in brackets.

In the interviewers’ guidelines, ‘noise from outside’ should be described as noise linked to traffic (street or road, plane, railway), linked to businesses, factories, agricultural activities, clubs and yard.

This information should be included as an item under a single question.

Suggested question:

HS170_Q1: Do you have any of the following problems related to the place where you live: too much noise in your dwelling from neighbours or from outside (traffic, a business, a factory, etc.)?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No