

## PH070: MAIN REASON FOR UNMET NEED FOR DENTAL EXAMINATION OR TREATMENT

**Topic and detailed topic:** Health: status and disability, access to, availability and use of healthcare and health determinants /Access to healthcare

**Variable type:** Annual

**Unit:** All current household members aged 16 years and over or selected respondent (where applies)

**Reference period:** Last 12 months

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

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

**Series' differences:** No changes

### VALUES AND FORMAT

- 1 Could not afford to (too expensive)
- 2 Waiting list
- 3 Could not take time because of work, care for children or for others
- 4 Too far to travel/no means of transportation
- 5 Fear of doctor (dentist)/hospitals/examination/ treatment
- 6 Wanted to wait and see if problem got better on its own
- 7 Did not know any good dentist
- 8 Other reasons

### FLAGS

- 1 Filled
- 1 Missing
- 2 Not applicable (PH060 not equal to 1)
- 3 Not applicable (Non-selected respondent (RB245 equal to 3))

### DESCRIPTION

#### From 2015 onwards

This variable aims to capture the main reason for unmet need for dental examination or treatment.

It is recommended that the question is implemented in the following way:

**PH070\_Q1: What was the main reason for not having a dental examination or treatment?**

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|--|----------------------------|
| Could not afford to (too expensive)                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 |
| Waiting list   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| Could not take time because of work, care for children or for others | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| Too far to travel or no means of transportation                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Fear of dentists, hospitals, examination or treatment                | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Wanted to wait and see if problem got better on its own              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |
| Did not know any good dentist  | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 |
| Other reasons  | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 |

**Recommendations on the model question(s):**

- To follow the proposed order of the answer options.
- All the answer options should be read out during the interview (to be sure that the main reason is answered based on all possible options).

**Explanations for the reasons of unmet needs:**

- Could not afford to (too expensive).