

RL010: EDUCATION AT PRE-SCHOOL

Topic and detailed topic: Participation in education and training / Participation in formal education activities (current)

Variable type: Annual

Unit: All current household members not over 12 years old (age at the date of interview)

Reference period: A typical week

Mode of collection: Household respondents or registers

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

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

0–99 Number of hours of education during a typical week

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| 1 | Collected via survey/interview |
| 2 | Collected from administrative data |
| 3 | Imputed |
| 4 | Not possible to establish a source |
| -1 | Missing |
| -2 | Not applicable (person is not admitted to pre-school because of his or her age, is at compulsory school, or is more than 12 years old); (RL010>0 and RL020>0) is not possible. |

DESCRIPTION

Education at pre-school: Pre-school or equivalent (e.g. kindergarten, nursery school ...). The educational classification to be used is ISCED Level 0. Special pre-schools or equivalents for children who have special needs (handicapped,...) shall be included in as far as they are considered as pre-school (level 0). If they are not, they shall not be reported here (reported for example in RL040 for day-care centre).

The meals at (pre-)school shall be included in the number of hours for the usual days the child eats at (pre-)school. If more than 99 hours, the code 99 should be used. The hours shall be rounded to the nearest hour. If the child spends per week in the pre-school or equivalent less than one hour, then one hour is coded.

Children stay over at pre-school during the lunch time: If during the lunch time, children are usually cared for by their parent at the school place (or elsewhere), these hours are not counted in the variables of childcare since their parents are present.

If during lunch time they are usually cared for by other parents at the school place (or elsewhere), these should be classified in RL060 (if parents have not paid for this help).

If during lunch time they are usually cared for by somebody belonging to the school organisation (e.g., canteen), the hours are classified in RL010/RL020.

If during lunch time they are usually cared for by a nanny, grandmother, they should be classified in the other variables (RL040-050-060) depending on who is the usual carer.

School transportation: The time spent on "school transportation" should be included in RL010/RL020 if someone belonging to the school organisation is taking care of the children during school transportation. If children are usually cared for by a nanny, grandmother, during "school transportation" they should be classified in the other variables (RL040-050-060) depending on the usual carer.

Suggested question:

During a usual week how many hours does your child spend in pre-school (or equivalent to a pre-primary service such as Kindergarten or Nursery School)?