

PL051B: OCCUPATION (LAST JOB)

Topic and detailed topic: Labour market participation / Elementary job characteristics

Variable type: Annual

Unit: All current household members aged 16 years and over

Reference period: Last situation

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

In use (period): New (split as A and B from 2021)

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

ISCO Code 08 (2 digits / see Annex: ISCO: International Standard Classification of Occupations)

FLAGS

- 1 Collected via survey/interview
- 2 Collected from administrative data
- 3 Imputed
- 4 Not possible to establish a source
- 1 Missing
- 2 Not applicable ((PL016 not equal to 3) or (PL032 = 1))
- 7 Not applicable (PB010 < 2021)

DESCRIPTION

This variable should be collected from respondents who have self-defined current activity status other than employed but have work experience (PL032 not = 1 and PL016 = 3).

If multiple jobs were held, the main job should be the one in which the greatest number of hours are usually worked, the same definition applies to persons who are currently employed.

Interviewers, when asking the ISCO code, should refer, if applicable, to the code given the preceding year(s) in order to avoid too many (and unjustified) changes in the value of this variable from one year to another.

The basis for the classification is the nature of the job itself and the level of skill required. A job is defined as the set of tasks and duties to be performed. Skills are the abilities to carry out the tasks and duties of a job. Skills consist of two dimensions: skill level and domain specialisation. The skill level is linked to the level of educational attainment. The questions needed for the classification by occupation are the job title associated with the main job and a further description of the tasks and duties. For a few occupations, information on the size of workplace (the local unit of activity) is needed). This should be coded according to the ISCO-08 (COM) classification provided in [Eurostat website](#).

Suggested question:

'What is your main occupation in your last job?'

Please write as full a description as possible: Occupation:_____