

HS140: FINANCIAL BURDEN OF THE TOTAL HOUSING COST

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 A heavy burden
- 2 A slight burden
- 3 Not a burden at all

FLAGS

- 1 Filled
- 1 Missing
- 2 Not applicable (no housing cost)
- 7 Not applicable (not collected according to the implementation of the “multiannual rolling planning” and year > 2020)

DESCRIPTION

The objective is to assess the respondent's feelings about the extent to which housing costs are a financial burden on the household. That should be clearly indicated/specified both in the national questionnaires and in the related interviewers' guidelines.

Total mortgage repayments, including instalments and interest, are to be taken into account for owners. For renters, actual rent is to be taken into account. In addition, service charges (sewage removal, rubbish collection, regular maintenance, repairs and other charges) are to be taken into account.

Only those housing costs that are actually paid have to be taken into account, i.e. the variable should cover what the household should actually pay and should not take into account the accumulation of arrears over past periods.

For the definition of housing costs, please refer to explanations given for variable HH070.

Suggested question:

HS140_Q1: Please consider your total housing costs including mortgage repayments (instalments and interest) or rent, insurance and service charges (sewage removal, rubbish collection, regular maintenance, repairs and other charges). To what extent are these costs a financial burden on you?

[Please note: only actual paid housing costs have to be taken into account]

Would you say they are:

- 1. A heavy burden;
- 2. A slight burden;
- 3. No burden at all.