

## PH060: 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 Yes, there was at least one occasion when the person really needed examination or treatment but did not receive it
- 2 No, there was no occasion when the person really needed examination or treatment but did not receive it

### FLAGS

- 1 Filled
- 1 Missing
- 2 Not applicable (the person did not really need any dental examination or treatment)
- 3 Not applicable (Non-selected respondent (RB245 equal to 3))

### DESCRIPTION

#### From 2015 onwards

The aim of the variable is to capture unmet needs for dental care according to the person's own assessment of whether he or she needed dental examination or treatment, but didn't get it, experienced a delay in getting it or didn't seek for it.

Delay in getting care can be treated as unmet need if considered by respondents as important. It is up to respondents to consider if the delay was too long and if they consider it as unmet need.

Dental care refers to individual healthcare services provided by or under direct supervision of stomatologists (dentists) (ISCO-08 code 2261). Healthcare provided by orthodontists is included.

#### Included:

- Prevention if perceived by respondents as important. For example, a national healthcare system guarantees regular preventive medical check-ups but the respondent is not able to make an appointment and perceives the situation as jeopardising his/her health.

#### Excluded:

- Self-medication (taking prescribed or non-prescribed drugs).
- Medical care.

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

**PH060\_Q1: Was there any time during the last 12 months when you really needed a dental examination or treatment for yourself?**

Yes (I really needed at least at one occasion dental examination or treatment)  1

No (I did not need any dental examination or treatment)  2

**FILTER:** If PH060\_Q1 = 1 then GO TO PH060\_Q2. Else GO TO [next module].

**PH060\_Q2: Did you have a dental examination or treatment each time you really needed?**

Yes (I had a dental examination or treatment each time I needed)  1

No (there was at least one occasion when I did not have a dental examination or treatment)  2

**FILTER:** If PH060\_Q2 = 2 then GO TO PH070\_Q1. Else GO TO [next module].

Recommendations on the model question(s):