

RB080: YEAR OF BIRTH

Topic and detailed topic: Person and household characteristics / Demography

Variable type: First wave/ Annual

Unit: All current household members (of any age)

Reference period: Constant

Mode of collection: Household respondent or register

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

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

1890 – year of the survey

FLAGS

From 2021 onwards

1	Collected via survey/interview
2	Collected from administrative data
3	Imputed
4	Not possible to establish a source
-1	Missing

DESCRIPTION

Year of birth together with the passing of birthday and reference date of the interview gives information needed to calculate age.

When asking for the passing of birthday at the time of the interview, the following questions are recommended:

"What is your year of birth? Have you already had your birthday this year?"

At data collection level, the exact date of birth might be asked directly to the respondents. In this case the recommended question is:

"What is your date of birth?" (DD/MM/YYYY).

This variable is supposed to be collected during the first interview (the first wave), however needs to be transmitted to Eurostat annually.