

## RL020: EDUCATION AT COMPULSORY 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

### 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 (person is not admitted to compulsory school because of his or her age or is more than 12 years); (RL010>0 and RL020>0) is not possible.

### DESCRIPTION

**Education at compulsory school:** “Compulsory” school shall be understood as a mean to separate school from pre-school, but all the school hours must be included; primary and eventually secondary schools shall be included (children up to 12 years old at the day of interview).

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 used is 99. The hours shall be rounded to the nearest hour. If the child spends per week in the compulsory school less than one hour, then one hour should be recorded.

**Children stay over at primary school during the lunch time:** If during the lunch time, children are usually cared for by their mother or father 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 not paid). 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 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.

In 2021 online lessons should not be included. Only number of hours a child spends in school (including during ‘school transportation’ and lunch break) during a typical week. If a typical week is not possible to establish due to different COVID- 19 measures and consequently hours vary considerably from week to week or month to month the average of the hours actually in school per week over the past four weeks could be used.

Suggested question:

*During a usual week how many hours does your child spend in compulsory school (primary or secondary school)?*