

HC060: INABILITY TO KEEP THE DWELLING COMFORTABLY WARM DURING WINTER

Topic and detailed topic: New policy needs module / Household energy efficiency

Variable type: Ad hoc module

Unit: Household

Reference period: Usual

Mode of collection: Household respondent

In use (period): Yes, 2007, 2012, 2023

Series' differences: Yes, Identifier (MH050 in 2007)

VALUES AND FORMAT

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

FLAGS

- 1 Filled
- 1 Missing
- 7 Not applicable (not collected according to the implementation of the “multiannual rolling planning”)

DESCRIPTION

This variable identifies whether the household is able to keep the dwelling comfortably warm in winter, taking into account the insulation of the dwelling and the heating system in place.

The purpose for this variable is to address the following concerns: 'Is the heating system used enough to keep the dwelling warm?' and/or 'Is the dwelling sufficiently insulated against the cold?'. Interviewers should take into account these two questions even though they were not explicitly documented in the questionnaire.

This variable does not measure whether the household has the financial resources to keep the dwelling comfortably warm during the winter. Therefore, it should not be confused with the HH050 variable 'Ability to keep home adequately warm', which refers to the financial resources of the household and for which the concern could be expressed as: 'Does the household have sufficient financial resources to keep its dwelling sufficiently warm during the winter?' It also does not measure if the household is able to keep the dwelling comfortably warm during extreme weather situations, e.g. extreme cold spells.

Suggested question:

HC060_Q1: Apart from your household's ability to afford heating costs, do you consider that the dwelling's heating system and thermal insulation are adequate to keep the dwelling comfortably warm during the winter?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No