

## PB270: INTERVIEWING MODE USED (PERSON)

**Topic and detailed topic:** Technical items / Interview characteristics

**Variable type:** Annual

**Unit:** All current household members aged 16 years and over or selected respondent (where applies)

**Reference period:** Current

**Mode of collection:** Interviewer

**In use (period):** From 2021

**Series' differences:** No changes

### VALUES AND FORMAT

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| 1 | Paper assisted personal interview (PAPI)     |
| 2 | Computer assisted personal interview (CAPI)  |
| 3 | Computer assisted telephone interview (CATI) |
| 4 | Computer assisted web-interview (CAWI)       |
| 5 | Other  |

### FLAGS

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| 1  | Filled   |
| -1 | Missing  |
| -3 | Not applicable (Non-selected respondent (RB245 equal to 3) or (RB250 equal to 12 or 14)) |
| -7 | Not applicable (PB010 < 2021)  |

### DESCRIPTION

The main interviewing mode used for the individual questionnaire should be recorded.

When part of the data is collected from registers, and EU-SILC is collected using CAPI questionnaire then the second option '2' should be recorded. The mode used for a household could be different from the mode used for individuals. Also, the members of the same household can be interviewed using different interview modes.

The category concepts describe the interviewing mode used to collect information from the respondent, whether PAPI, CAPI, CATI, CAWI, or other.

For PAPI, CAPI and CATI an interviewer is present. CAWI is self-administered and the respondent follows a script provided on a website.

The category 'other' should be chosen when the interviewing mode used is not covered by the other variable categories, e.g. paper assisted self-administered interview (PASI), or non-web-based computer assisted self-administered interview (CASI).

The category 'not applicable' should be used to count statistical units that are part of the population of the data source but for which it systematically does not report any information on the variable (e.g. persons below a certain age). It can also be used if all the information has been obtained from registers (i.e. administrative data) and/or imputed, and no interview has taken place.

In addition, different interviewing modes can be combined (i.e. mixed-mode interview). In such cases, the interviewing mode most used should be reported. For example, in a situation where a person has been first contacted by phone and some data (main part) has been collected via computer assisted web-interview (CAWI) but the missing data (remaining part) is collected at a later stage via computer assisted personal interview (CAPI), the variable should report on CAWI as the interviewing mode used. Specific rules on quality reporting may be provided for each micro-data collection.

In cases where administrative and survey data and/or different interviewing modes are combined, you should keep the information on the data collection mode and on the interviewing mode used at the variable level.