

## PL060: NUMBER OF HOURS USUALLY WORKED PER WEEK IN THE MAIN JOB

**Topic and detailed topic:** Working conditions including working hours and working time arrangements/  
Working hours

**Variable type:** Annual

**Unit:** All current household members aged 16 years and over

**Reference period:** Current

**Mode of collection:** Personal interview (proxy as an exception for persons temporarily away or in incapacity) or registers

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

**Series' differences:** Yes, 2009

### VALUES AND FORMAT

1–99 Number of hours

### FLAGS

- 1 Collected via survey/interview
- 2 Collected from administrative data
- 3 Imputed
- 4 Not possible to establish a main source
- 1 Missing
- 2 Not applicable (PL032 not equal to 1)
- 6 Hours varying (when an average of over four weeks is not possible)

### DESCRIPTION

If the respondent has multiple jobs, the main job is the one in which the most hours are usually worked. Persons who changed job during the reference week should regard the job at the end of the reference week as their main job.

The number of hours corresponds to the number of hours the person normally works in their main job. This covers all hours including extra hours, either paid or unpaid, which the person normally works, but excludes the travel time between the home and the place of work as well as the main meal break (normally taken at midday).

Persons who usually also work at home are asked to include the number of hours they usually work at home.

Some persons, particularly self-employed and family workers, may not have usual hours, in the sense that their hours vary considerably from week to week or month to month. When the respondent is unable to provide the number of usual hours for this reason, the average of the hours actually worked per week over the past four weeks is used as a measure of usual hours. Code '-6' is applied to those cases where neither the number of usual hours, nor an average number of hours worked over the past four weeks, can be established. For self-employed people, usual hours may also include work done at home, such as planning, record-keeping and so on.

In the case of teachers, hours worked should be considered as the hours of teaching, those dedicated to preparation of classes, study, research as well as hours of compulsory attendance in the centre of studies. Apprentices, trainees and other persons in vocational training should exclude the time spent in school or other special training centres.

Suggested question:

*'How many hours do you usually work per week in your main job?'*

*Please note that this question does not include hours worked in your second or third jobs.*

*Please write the number of hours:* \_\_\_\_\_