

RB081: AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS (AT THE END OF INCOME REFERENCE PERIOD)

Topic and detailed topic: Person and household characteristics / Demography

Variable type: Core Variable/ Annual

Unit: All current household members (of any age)

Reference period: Current

Mode of collection: Derived

In use (period): From 2021

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

Age

FLAGS

1	Filled
-1	Missing
-7	Not applicable (RB010 < 2021)

DESCRIPTION

RB081 records the age at the end of the income reference period.

The EU-SILC has two reference dates used for defining person's age in completed years: end of income reference period (RB081) and the date of interview (RB082).

Age at the end of income reference period is used to define statistical population, sample person, etc. Age in completed years at the end of income reference period (end of previous calendar year or tax year) is the age of the person at his/her last birthday before the reference date. I.e. the interval of time between the date of birth and the date of end of the income reference period expressed in completed years.

RB081 and RB082 are different for individuals who have their birthday before the date of the interview and is the same for individuals that have their birthday after the date of the interview.

For example, respondent turns 35 years old on 29 May 2017 and the interview is conducted on 10 June 2017. He/she is 35 years old at the time of the interview (RB082=35). However, when referring to income reference period (in that case December 2016) respondent is 34 years old (RB081 =34).

For example, respondent turns 35 years old on 29 September 2017 and the interview is conducted on 10 June 2017. He/she is 34 years old at the time of the interview (RB082=34) and when referring to income reference period (in that case December 2016) respondent is also 34 years old (RB081 =34).

Children born after the end of reference income period should be recorded as '0'. Also, children that are months old at the end of income reference period should have the value '0'.

The quality reporting related to the variable 'age in completed years' should contain information on the number of records for which information on the age in completed years is imputed and this imputed value should be reported in the flags.

When asking whether the birthday has passed at the time of the interview, it is recommended to use the following question: "What is your year of birth? Have you already had your birthday this year?"