

HS190: CRIME, VIOLENCE OR VANDALISM IN THE AREA

Topic and detailed topic: Living conditions, including material deprivation, housing, living environment, access to services / Housing conditions details, including deprivation and imputed rent

Variable type: Every 3 years

Unit: Household

Reference period: Current

Mode of collection: Household respondent

In use (period): Yes, nucleus until 2020, 2023

Series' differences: No changes

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” and year > 2020)

DESCRIPTION

The objective is to assess whether the respondent feels ‘crime, violence or vandalism’ to be a problem for the household (not whether they are bothered by the problem). No common standards as to what constitutes a problem are defined.

A reference to the area (situated close to the place where you live) should be clearly indicated both in the national questionnaires and in the national interviewers’ guidelines.

A clear definition is to be provided for ‘crime’: the translation of the word ‘crime’ is to be carefully checked as it has a different meaning in different languages.

Crime is to be defined as a deviant behaviour that violates prevailing norms, specifically, cultural standards prescribing how humans ought to behave normally. A legalistic approach is not to be used (this is not defined as any blameworthy act or omission prohibited by law and penalised by the state).

Examples are only to be given in the interviewers’ guidelines and can include thefts or illegal activities.

This question should be included as an item under a single question.

Suggested question:

HS190_Q1: Do you have any of the following problems related to the place where you live: crime, violence and vandalism in the local area?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No