

PH050: MAIN REASON FOR UNMET NEED FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION OR TREATMENT

Topic and detailed topic: Health: status and disability, access to, availability and use of healthcare and health determinants /Access to healthcare

Variable type: Annual

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

Reference period: Last 12 months

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

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

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

- 1 Could not afford to (too expensive)
- 2 Waiting list
- 3 Could not take time because of work, care for children or for others
- 4 Too far to travel/no means of transportation
- 5 Fear of doctor/hospitals/examination/ treatment
- 6 Wanted to wait and see if problem got better on its own
- 7 Did not know any good doctor or specialist
- 8 Other reasons

FLAGS

- 1 Filled
- 1 Missing
- 2 Not applicable (the person did not really need any medical examination or treatment (PH040 not equal to 1))
- 3 Not applicable (Non-selected respondent (RB245 equal to 3))

DESCRIPTION

From 2015 onwards

The purpose of this variable is to collect the main reason for unmet need for medical examination or treatment based on personal assessment.

This is follow-up variable to the PH040 Unmet need for medical examination or treatment. The purpose of the variable is to capture the reasons for a restricted access to medical care according to the person's own.

Included:

- Medical mental healthcare.
- Prevention if perceived by respondents as important. For example, a national healthcare system guarantees regular preventive medical check-ups but the respondent is not able to make an appointment and perceives the situation as jeopardising his/her health.
- Care provided for different purposes (curative, rehabilitative, long-term healthcare) and by different modes of provision (inpatient, outpatient, day, and home care).

Excluded:

- Self-medication (taking prescribed or non-prescribed drugs).
- Dental care.

It is recommended that the question is implemented in the following way:

PH040_Q1: *Was there any time during the last 12 months when you really needed a medical examination or treatment (excluding dental) for yourself?*