

PW191: TRUST IN OTHERS

Topic and detailed topic: Quality of life, including social civil, economic and cultural participation, inclusion and wellbeing/ Quality of life

Variable type: Annual

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

Reference period: Current

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

In use (period): Yes, (2018 and from 2021)

Series' differences: Yes, 2021 (proxy is allowed but should be limited as much as possible)

VALUES AND FORMAT

0-10 From 0 (Do not trust at all) to 10 (Trust completely)

FLAGS

1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not applicable (Non-selected respondent (RB245 equal to 3))
-7	Not applicable (PB010 < 2021)

DESCRIPTION

The variable refers to the respondent's opinion/feeling. 'Social trust is [...] a core value or belief; an abstract evaluation of the moral standards of the society in which we live' (Sturgis et al. 2012). Others should be treated as people with whom the respondent is not acquainted (family, friends, neighbours etc. should be excluded).

It should mean that "most people" can be trusted, but (as reported by interviewers) 10 is chosen when "all people can be trusted".

If there is no response or a refusal to respond, the value of the variable will be missing, and the record flag should be filled as '-1'.

Registers are not applicable and are not supposed to be used on wellbeing questions. Moreover, unit should include all current household members aged 16 years and over or selected respondent (where applicable).

The notion is restricted to an assessment coming from the individual and as far as possible not from anyone else.

Suggested question:

'Would you say that most people can be trusted?'

'To what extent do you trust other people?'

Please answer (circle) on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means that in general you do not trust any other person and 10 that you feel most people can be trusted.

Do not trust at all 0-----1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----7-----8-----9-----10 Trust completely (with the order 0 to 10 and not 10 to 0)