

## PL032: SELF-DEFINED CURRENT ECONOMIC STATUS

**Topic and detailed topic:** Labour market participation / Main activity status (self-defined)

**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)

**In use (period):** Yes, since 2009 (new identifier from 2021)

**Series' differences:** Yes 2009 replies PL030 and in 2021 changed modalities and variable identifier from PL031 to PL032

### VALUES AND FORMAT

From 2021 operation onwards (PL032)

- 1 Employed
- 2 Unemployed
- 3 Retired
- 4 Unable to work due to long-standing health problems
- 5 Student, pupil
- 6 Fulfilling domestic tasks
- 7 Compulsory military or civilian service
- 8 Other

Before 2021 (PL031<sup>54</sup>)

- 1 Employee working full-time
- 2 Employee working part-time
- 3 Self-employed working full-time (including family worker)
- 4 Self-employed working part-time (including family worker)
- 5 Unemployed
- 6 Pupil, student, further training, unpaid work experience
- 7 In retirement or in early retirement or has given up business
- 8 Permanently disabled or/and unfit to work
- 9 In compulsory military or community service
- 10 Fulfilling domestic tasks and care responsibilities
- 11 Other inactive person

### FLAGS

- 1 Filled
- 1 Missing
- 7 Not applicable (PB010 < 2021)

### DESCRIPTION

From 2021 operation onwards, the variable PL032 replaces PL031 where modalities are changed according to standardised social variables. This variable should only be collected from interviewees and information should not be obtained from registers.

**The self-declared current 'main activity status':** the main status refers to the current situation (situation at the moment of the data collection/interview). The concept of 'current' implies that any definitive changes in

<sup>(54)</sup> An agreement was reached during the Living Conditions Working Group meeting in June 2008 that the variable PL030 will be replaced by the variable PL031 with slightly different answering categories in order to harmonise labour variables. In 2010, the LC WG agreed that from the 2011 operation onwards, they would suppress PL030 and retain only PL031.