

HB130: INTERVIEW MODE USED (HOUSEHOLD)

Topic and detailed topic: Technical items / Interview characteristics

Variable type: Annual

Unit: Household

Reference period: Current

Mode of collection: Interviewer

In use (period): New, from 2021

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

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| 1 | Paper assisted personal interview (PAPI) |
| 2 | Computer assisted personal interview (CAPI) |
| 3 | Computer assisted telephone interview (CATI) |
| 4 | Computer assisted web-interview (CAWI) |
| 5 | Other |

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| 1 | Filled |
| -1 | Missing |
| -7 | Not applicable (HB010 < 2021) |

DESCRIPTION

This variable is standardised variable. It will be implemented from 2021 onwards.

The category concepts describe the interviewing mode (more predominantly) used to collect information from the respondent, whether PAPI, CAPI, CATI, CAWI, or other.

The variable aims to collect the interviewing mode used for household questionnaire. When some variables are collected from administrative data and the main interview is done using CAPI mode then option '2' Computer assisted personal interview (CAPI) should be recorded.

The variable for personal interview time is included in P file - PB120: minutes to complete the personal questionnaire.

The category 'other' is to be chosen when the interviewing mode used is not covered by the given variable categories, e.g. paper assisted self-administered interview (PASI), or non-web-based computer assisted self-administered interview (CASI). For example, information may have been collected combining interview data with data obtained from registers (i.e. administrative data) or imputed data.

In addition, different interviewing modes may as well be combined (i.e. mixed-mode interview). In such cases, the interviewing mode more predominantly used should be reported. For example, in a situation where a person has been first contacted by phone and some data (main part) has been collected via computer assisted web-interview (CAWI) but the missing data (remaining part) is collected at a later stage via computer assisted personal interview (CAPI), the variable should report on CAWI as the interviewing mode used. Specific rules concerning quality reporting may be provided for each micro-data collection.

When administrative and survey data and/or different interviewing modes are combined–, it is recommended to retain the information on the data collection method and on the interviewing mode used at the variable level. This will help assessing impact of the interviewing mode on the survey results.