

PL220: WORKING FROM HOME DURING PANDEMIC (OPTIONAL)

Topic and detailed topic	Module/Measuring the impact of COVID-19 on households and living conditions
Variable type	Ad-hoc optional module 2021, 2022, 2023
Unit	All current household members aged 16 years and over or selected respondent (where applicable)
Reference period	Income reference period
Mode of collection	Personal interview (proxy as an exception for persons temporarily away or in incapacity)
In use (period)	New, 2021, 2022, 2023 (as optional)
Series' differences	Not applicable
Values and Format	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes, full time 2. Yes, but only partially 3. No, it was not possible because I have no or insufficient internet connection at home 4. No, it was not possible because my job is not adapted to teleworking 5. No, teleworking not allowed / proposed by my employer 6. No, it was not possible for another reason
Flags	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (PL211A-PL211L not in (1, 2, 3 or 4)) -3 Not applicable (Non-selected respondent (RB245 equal to 3)) -4 Not applicable (The work was finished before pandemic started) -7 Not applicable (PB010 ≠ 2021, 2022, 2023) -8 Not applicable (variable not collected)

DESCRIPTION

This variable provides information about work flexibility and the possibility of working from home. It indicates if working life has changed during the COVID-19 pandemic. It should be filled for persons declaring at least one month working in the calendar of activity, full or part time (PL211A to PL211L).

When respondents have more than one job, the information on their main work should be provided. This main job can be a full-time job or a part-time job. When respondents cannot spontaneously choose one category, particularly when several reasons apply to them, the main reason should be chosen. The distinction of main reason should be based on the respondent's own perception or select the one which is the most difficult to overcome. If more than one activity status applies in the same month, respondents should select answer based on their self-assessment. The criterion of most time spent may be useful where applicable.

Working '1 Full time' from home means that respondents moved fully to teleworking. Category '2. Yes, but only partially' refers to alternating working hours or days between working place and home. When work could not be adapted to teleworking due to its type (e.g. construction), then category '4. No, it was not possible because my job is not adapted to teleworking' should be chosen.

Suggested question

Were you able to work from home during the COVID-19 pandemic?

1. Yes, full time
2. Yes, but only partially
3. No, it was not possible because I have no or insufficient internet connection at home
4. No, it was not possible because my job is not adapted to teleworking
5. No, teleworking not allowed / proposed by my employer
6. No, it was not possible for another reason