

at national level, or they constitute a significant component of the income of particular groups of households.

This value does not include:

— value of household services, and

— any production for sale and any withdrawals from a business by a self-employed person (these values are included under 'Gross income benefits or losses from self-employment' (including royalties) (PY050G))

This variable 'value of goods produced for own consumption (HY170)' only refers to alimentation products (food and beverages). Other products which can be used for own consumption, like wood, should be excluded from this variable.

Net value of goods produced for own consumption (HY170N): The net income component corresponds to the gross income components, but the tax at source, the social insurance contributions or both (if applicable) are deducted.

Comments

This income component includes the value of all goods produced and consumed within the same household. Any households may engage in such production without being categorised as an unincorporated enterprise, but any production for sale (and any withdrawals from a business by a self-employed person) are included in PY050G/PY050N.

Thus, this item should include, e.g., the value of potatoes produced in the family garden and then consumed by the household, but not the value of any potatoes which are sold (or given) to a neighbour. The value of any sales should be classified as (monetary) self-employment income (any gifts are inter-household transfers in kind and therefore excluded from the EU-SILC).

Any remunerative hobbies, from which the household makes profit e.g., pigeon keeping, water-colour painting – should be regarded as a form of casual self-employment and any profits should be recorded as such.

There are very few goods other than fruit and vegetables that EU households produce and consume themselves. Some hobbies, for example weaving cloth, painting pictures, may result in additional goods for the household, however the value is likely to be very small once all costs have been deducted.

Indeed, there is a fine line between regarding such activities purely as leisure or as productive. This may also be true for fruit and vegetable growing. Although for some households in some countries, the ability to produce and consume their own garden produce may appear to make a real contribution to their economic well-being, even then it is debatable whether the level of profit is significant once the cost of all inputs has been deducted. Note that if the household is in fact running a farm or small-holding then the value of any of their own produce which they consume themselves will already have been taken into account in the measurement of their (monetary) income from self-employment.

In principle the valuation of goods produced for own consumption is relatively straightforward. Respondents are usually asked to provide information on the quantities of each type of good consumed and a market price is then applied. However, this involves additional data collection and office editing.

For some countries and for some categories of households, the value of goods produced for own consumption does not constitute a significant component of income. In this case, related information does not need to be collected for this category of households and reported in the EU-SILC variable. The importance of this component should be assessed on an objective and empirical basis using for instance HBS results or National Accounts. **If the variable is not collected it needs to be transmitted to Eurostat as an empty value, flag '-8' and imputation factor missing (More information is provided in the [transmission guidelines](#)).** This should be documented in the Quality Report.

Description of flags

This income source uses two-digit flags.

In case of two-digit flag used, the first digit collects information for 'most common source or method' used, the second digit collects information for the 'type of collected value'.

In such cases that a household does not have own consumption products then the value of HY170 should