

HB070: PERSON RESPONDING TO THE HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE

Topic and detailed topic: Technical items / Identification

Variable type: Annual

Unit: Household

Reference period: Current

Mode of collection: Interviewer

In use (period): Yes, since first year of EU-SILC data collection

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

ID number Personal ID

FLAGS

1	Filled
-1	Missing

DESCRIPTION

The household respondent is the person from whom household-level information is obtained. Given that the household-level response is going to be attributed to all household members, it is essential that the information be collected from someone who can, in some sense, 'speak for' the household.

For instance, if the 'selected respondent' is the 16-year old son or daughter, this person is highly unlikely to be able to provide good quality information on such issues as mortgage or rent payments, housing costs, income from family and other benefits.

The household respondent will be chosen according to the following priorities:

Priority (1): the person responsible for the accommodation

Priority (2): a household member aged 16 and over who is the best placed to provide the information.

For the second and following waves, the household respondent will be chosen according to the following list of priority:

Priority (1): the household respondent in the last wave

Priority (2): a 'sample person' aged 16 and over giving priority to the person responsible for the accommodation or the best placed to provide the information.

Priority (3): a 'non-sample person' aged 16 and over.