

There are mainly two possible approaches (questions) to identify the economic activity of the local unit. First, the respondent is asked for the name and address of the firm where they hold their main job, if this can be linked to a database of all firms in a country like a Statistical Business Register (SBR). Second, the respondent is asked to describe the economic activity and the kind of products or services supplied by the firm where they work.

If the local unit has more than one economic activity, the dominant one should be recorded. The ideal measure for determining the dominant activity would be the number of employees for the different activities, rather than more economic concepts like added value or turnover.

If a person works in more than one place (transport, construction, maintenance, surveillance, itinerant work, etc.) or at home, or in the customer's place (e.g., for surveillance, security, cleaning), the local unit is taken to be the place from where instructions emanate or from where the work is organised.

The economic activity of the local unit for persons with a contract with a temporary employment agency should be coded as the activity of the local unit where they actually work and not in the industry of the agency which employs them.

Suggested question:

*'What is the main activity of the business/organisation where you work your main job?'*