

PB020: COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Topic and detailed topic: Technical items / Data collection information

Variable type: Annual

Unit: All current household members aged 16 and over

Reference period: Constant

Mode of collection: Frame

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

Series' differences: Yes. Before 2012, Greece was abbreviated as GR.

Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Albania and Kosovo added (North Macedonia in 2010, Montenegro and Serbia in 2013, Albania in 2017, Kosovo in 2018 and **Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2022**)

VALUES AND FORMAT

SCL GEO Code

BE	Belgium	NL	Netherlands
BG	Bulgaria	AT	Austria
CZ	Czechia	PL	Poland
DK	Denmark	PT	Portugal
DE	Germany	RO	Romania
EE	Estonia	SI	Slovenia
IE	Ireland	SK	Slovakia
EL	Greece	FI	Finland
ES	Spain	SE	Sweden
FR	France	UK	United Kingdom
HR	Croatia	CH	Switzerland
IT	Italy	IS	Iceland
CY	Cyprus	NO	Norway
LV	Latvia	ME	Montenegro
LT	Lithuania	MK	North Macedonia
LU	Luxembourg	RS	Serbia
HU	Hungary	TR	Türkiye
MT	Malta	AL	Albania
		XK	Kosovo
		BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina

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DESCRIPTION

PB020 together with PB010 and PB030 are key variables and it is important to match different parts of the data. The country of residence is the country in which the person/household has their usual residence. The list of countries is defined according to the Eurostat Standard Code list (SCL) GEO which is largely based on the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 3166 country codes (3166-1 alpha-2). The SCL GEO is available here:

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM_DTL&StrNom=CL_GEO&StrLanguageCode=EN&IntPcKey=&StrLayoutCode=HIERARCHIC.

Information on the country of residence should be obtained in accordance with the current national boundaries.

To the extent to which all possible participants in a specific social micro data-collection need to be usual residents, the country of residence of all the reporting units should correspond with the reporting country. Therefore, a reference question is not needed for this variable.

Together with the year and ID, the country code is an important variable used to merge different files.