

## RL050: CHILDCARE BY A PROFESSIONAL CHILD-MINDER AT CHILD'S HOME OR AT CHILD-MINDER'S HOME

**Topic and detailed topic:** Living conditions, including material deprivation, housing, living environment, access to services / Childcare

**Variable type:** Annual

**Unit:** All current household members not over 12 years old (age at the date of interview)

**Reference period:** A typical week

**Mode of collection:** Household respondent

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

**Series' differences:** No changes

### VALUES AND FORMAT

0–99 Number of hours of education during a typical week

### FLAGS

1	Filled
-1	Missing
-2	Not applicable (person is more than 12 years old)

### DESCRIPTION

In **RL050** there are direct arrangements between the carer and the parents; there is no structure which organises or controls the care. Parents are often employers, pay the carer directly, but furthermore there are no controls over the qualification of the childminder by an organised structure. "Professional" childminder shall be understood as a person for whom looking after the child represents a job of work or paid activity. The term "professional" does not content a notion of qualification or of quality of the care.

Babysitters and "au pairs" are also included here.

The care can be at the child's home or at the childminder's home.

**RL060:** RL060 refers to unpaid care (free or informal arrangements such as exchange of services).

**Difference between RL050 and RL060:** RL050 globally refers to paid care (with rare exceptions, e.g. "au pairs" are not always paid with money but paid in kind, if the parents receive benefits which cover the amount of the care, the care is considered here as a paid care) whereas RL060 refers to unpaid care (free or exchange of services).

Example: if a neighbour or a friend is the carer and if he is paid for that, then the number of hours of care shall be reported in RL050.

The care can be at the child's home or at the relative, friend or neighbour's home.

Children up to 12 years old at the day of interview.

If more than 99 hours, the code used is 99. The hours shall be rounded to the nearest hour. If the child spends less than one hour in childcare, then one hour should be recorded.

**Children stay over at pre-school and primary school during the lunch time:** If during the lunch time, children are usually cared for by their mother or father at the school place (or elsewhere), these hours are not counted in the variables of childcare since their parents are present.

If during lunch time they are usually cared for by other parents at the school place (or elsewhere), these should be classified in RL060 (if parents not paid).

If during lunch time they are usually cared for by somebody belonging to the school organisation (e.g. canteen), the hours are classified in RL010/RL020.

If during lunch time they are usually cared for by a nanny, grandmother,..., they should be classified in the other variables (RL040-050-060) depending on the usual carer.

**School transportation:** The time spent on "school transportation" should be included in RL010/RL020 if someone belonging to the school organisation is taking care of the children during school transportation.

If children are usually cared for by a nanny, grandmother,..., during "school transportation" they should be classified in the other variables (RL040-050-060) depending on the usual carer.