

## PL080: NUMBER OF MONTHS SPENT IN UNEMPLOYMENT

**Topic and detailed topic:** Labour market participation / Detailed labour market situation

**Variable type:** Annual

**Unit:** All current household members aged 16 years and over

**Reference period:** Income reference period

**Mode of collection:** Derived

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

**Series' differences:** Yes, 2009

### VALUES AND FORMAT

0 -12 Number of months

### FLAGS

1	Collected via survey/interview
2	Collected from administrative data
3	Imputed
4	Not possible to establish a source
-1	Missing

### DESCRIPTION

This variable can be derived from the calendar of activity.

For the selected respondent countries, or when this is not possible, part of the information can be derived (selected respondent 16+) and part of it can be asked through interview (other household members aged 16+).

The status is self-defined, and the same definitions apply as for the variable 'self-defined current economic status'

The target variable captures the person's own perception of their main activity. It differs from the ILO concept to the extent that people's own perception of their main status differs from the strict definitions used in the ILO definitions.

Respondents can see themselves as being unemployed irrespective of an official status or a registration with the public employment agency. Unemployed can also have "small" jobs while seeking for a main job.

Early retirement for economic reasons can be included as unemployed according to the respondent's perception i.e., a person in early retirement for economic reasons will be included as unemployed if they classify themselves as being unemployed.

Note: The total number of months recorded for the respondent in PL073+ PL074+ PL075+ PL076+ PL080+ PL085+ PL086+ PL087+ PL087+PL089+ PL090 cannot exceed 12.