HB030: HOUSEHOLD ID

Topic and detailed topic: Technical items / Identification

Variable type: Annual

Unit: Household

Reference period: Current

Mode of collection: Frame, register or interviewer

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

Series' differences:

VALUES AND FORMAT

Household ID (HB030) is the same with DB030. This variable is needed as part of the key variables to merge the different files together.

Household number ranges from 1 to 9999999 (maximum seven digits)

> **Household ID** = Household number + split number (two digits)

The split number for the first wave will always take value '00'.

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DESCRIPTION

Every household will receive a household number. This number is the base upon which to construct the Household ID and the Personal ID. It should be a sequential number and should not contain other information. It must NOT contain any information that conflicts with confidentiality rules. This number must be unique for all the years of the survey. This number is used as a key variable for analysis purpose, for sampling, tracking rules and followed up.

> **Household ID** (maximum nine digits) = Household number (maximum seven digits) + split number (two digits)

The split number for the first wave will always take value '00'.

In the case of the household remaining entire, it keeps the Household number and Split number from one wave to the next.

In the case of a split-off, the initial household will keep the Household number and Split number from one wave to the next. The other households, i.e. the split-off households will keep the same Household number, but will be assigned the next available unique Split number in sequence.

In the case of a fusion of two sample households, if the new household remains at a previous address, it must retain the Household number and Split number of the household that was at that address in the previous wave. If the new household is at a new address, the Household number and Split number of the household of the sample person who now has the lowest person number in 'the household register' will be retained.