

RB040: CURRENT HOUSEHOLD IDENTIFICATION (ID)

Topic and detailed topic: Technical items / Identification

Variable type: Annual

Unit: All current household members (of any age) and former household members

Reference period: Current

Mode of collection: Frame or interviewer

In use (period): Yes, since 2005

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

ID number

ID number construction:

Household number 1 - 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 in the sample is allocated 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.

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

When there is no change in the household composition between waves, 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 shall 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.