

PHD03: MAIN REASON FOR PAST HOUSING DIFFICULTIES

Topic and detailed topic: Living conditions, including material deprivation, housing, living environment, access to services / Housing difficulties (including renting difficulties) and reasons

Variable type: Every 6 years

Unit: All current household members aged 16 and over or selected respondent (where applicable)

Reference period: Lifetime

Mode of collection: Interview in person (proxy as an exception for persons aged 16-24)

In use (period): Yes, 2018, 2023 (tested and collected as optional in 2018)

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

- 1 Relationship or family problems
- 2 Health problems
- 3 Unemployment
- 4 End of rental contract
- 5 Uninhabitable accommodation
- 6 Leaving an institution after a long stay and no home to go to
- 7 Financial problems / insufficient income
- 8 Other

FLAGS

- 1 Filled
- 1 Missing
- 2 Not applicable (PHD01=5)
- 3 Not selected respondent
- 7 Not applicable (not collected according to the implementation of the “multiannual rolling planning”)

DESCRIPTION

This variable aims to capture the main cause of past housing difficulties.

Housing difficulties are a complex multidimensional issue and often a consequence of multiple events. Nevertheless, respondents are asked to select the main reason for it, meaning the one which, in their opinion, was the most important factor and the most influential one.

If the respondent is currently experiencing housing difficulties, then they should indicate the main reason for this too. In addition to the suggested procedures, countries are encouraged to obtain information on the other reasons for housing difficulties and share it with Eurostat as information outside of the data transmission. Based on experiences from the 2018 survey, some countries reported that they were considering additional categories for this variable in their national survey. Here, these additional categories are included under ‘8 Other’. They are:

- Arriving or returning from abroad
- New job or studies in another city

Substance abuse and addiction as the main reason for past housing difficulties should be considered under health problems.

Suggested question:

FILTER: IF PHD01_Q1=5 >> go to the end

IF PHD01_Q1 in (1, 2, 3, 4) >> go to PHD03_Q1