

## HS022: REDUCED UTILITY COSTS

**Topic and detailed topic:** Living conditions, including material deprivation, housing, living environment, access to services / Housing cost including reduced utility costs

**Variable type:** Annual

**Unit:** Household

**Reference period:** Last 12 months

**Mode of collection:** Household respondent or registers

**In use (period):** New, from 2021

**Series' differences:** No changes

### VALUES AND FORMAT

1	Yes
2	No

### FLAGS

1	Collected via survey/interview
2	Collected from administrative data
3	Imputed
4	Not possible to establish a source
-1	Missing
-2	Not applicable (this does not exist in the country)
-7	Not applicable (HB010 < 2021)

### DESCRIPTION

HS022 is introduced from 2021 onwards.

The aim of this variable is to collect information if the household has their utility cost reduced or fully covered by central/local government or NPISHs.

The reduction could be for one item (e.g. electricity) or all of them. Even when household has subsidised one type of utility cost the answer 1 yes should be selected.

If other household covers part of the utility costs it should be not considered in this variable.

Not in all countries exist governmental schemes which reduce or cover the cost of utility bills for some groups of population. When it is not applicable in the country flag -2 should be used.