

PL085: NUMBER OF MONTHS SPENT IN RETIREMENT

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.

Respondents can consider themselves as retired if they receive a pension or if they have finally stopped working or given up their business because of their age or age related health condition. Still, they could work e.g., in a "small" job. Persons in early retirement that is not connected to health issues can also choose this category.

However, early retirement due to economic reasons is classified according to the respondent's feeling, i.e., a person in early retirement for economic reasons will be included here only if they classify themselves as being retired.

If early retirement for economic reasons and according to the respondent's perception, they include themselves as unemployed then the early retirement for economic reasons should be included as unemployed if they classify themselves as being unemployed.

If more than one of the other situations applies in the same month, the respondent should select one on the basis of self-assessment. The criterion of most time spent may be useful where applicable.

The self-declared main activity status is determined on the basis of how most time is spent, but no criteria have been specified explicitly.

If more than one type of activity occurs in the same month, priority should be given to economic activity ("main activity: work") over non-economic activity and over inactivity.

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.