

PL271: DURATION OF THE MOST RECENT UNEMPLOYMENT SPELL

Topic and detailed topic: Labour market participation / Detailed labour market situation

Variable type: First wave/Annual

Unit: Individual level - each current household member aged 16-74 and over or selected respondent aged 16-74 (where applicable)

Reference period: Last 5 years

Mode of collection: Personal interview (proxy as an exception for persons temporarily away or in incapacity) or registers

In use (period): New, from 2021

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

0-99 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
- 2 Not applicable (Respondent not in working age 16-74)
- 3 Not applicable (Non-selected respondent (RB245 equal to 3))
- 7 Not applicable (PB010 < 2021)

DESCRIPTION

The variable should capture the duration of respondent's most recent unemployment spell during the last 5 years from the date of the interview.

This variable should be collected during the first interview with the respondent but should be transmitted to Eurostat annually. The information for the next years can be obtained from registers or imputed based on other variables, however when not possible the variable should be collected from respondents directly also in following years.

The Unit to whom this information should be collected from refers to all current household members aged 16 years and over or selected respondent (where applicable) of working age. For the purpose of this variable the working age population includes persons aged 16-74. **The age of the person refers to the age at the end of income reference period. Age should be defined as RB081.**

This variable is helpful for Euromod as it is crucial for the correct modelling of unemployment benefit eligibility and entitlement conditions by identifying the duration of the most recent unemployment spell.

The status is self-defined, and the same definitions apply as for the variable 'self-defined current economic status'. Respondents can see themselves as being unemployed irrespective of an official status or a registration with the public employment agency. It differs from the ILO concept to the extent that people's own perception of their main status differs from the strict definitions used in the ILO definitions.

If the person is currently unemployed, then the most recent unemployment spell refers to the current one.

The Flag '**8**' is used when the variable is not collected in the respective year **and the flag '-7' if year <2021.**

Suggested question:

PL271_Q1: 'Have you been unemployed during last 60 months?'