

# PL076: NUMBER OF MONTHS SPENT IN PART-TIME WORK AS SELF-EMPLOYED [INCLUDING FAMILY WORKER]

**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 2009

**Series' differences:** No changes

## 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'. In particular, if the person combines different part-time jobs as an employee leading to an equivalent full-time work, the person should consider themselves as an employee working full-time.

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. On the basis of this principle, the following rules may be used:

If the respondent worked as self-employed, at least two weeks of the month, PL075 'Number of months spent in full-time work as self-employed (including family worker)' and/or PL076 'Number of months spent in part-time work as self-employed (including family worker)' should be filled in.

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

The target variable captures the person's own perception of their main activity.

**Full-time/part-time:** the distinction between full-time and part-time work should be made on the basis of a spontaneous answer provided by the respondent. It is impossible to establish a more exact distinction between part-time and full-time work, due to variations in working hours between countries and also between industry sectors. By checking the answer against the number of hours usually worked, it should be possible to detect and even to correct implausible answers, since part-time work will rarely exceed 35 hours, while full-time work will usually start at about 30 hours.

Only part-time and self-employed persons should be considered as PL076.

**Self-employed** means persons who work for their own business, professional practice or farm to earn a profit.

Members of producer co-operatives should be considered as self-employed if in the co-operative, each member takes part on an equal footing with other members in determining the organisation of production, sales and/or other work of the establishment, the investments and the distribution of the proceeds of the establishment among their members.

**Family worker** means persons who help another member of the family run an agricultural holding or other