

years' does not provide information on interrupted stays). In case of an interruption in the period of residence, the starting point should be the end of this interruption only if the length of this interruption was at least one year.

Suggested question

Different questions need to be asked depending on whether a person was born in the country or not.

For native-born persons the following questions are recommended:

Did you ever live [have your usual residence] abroad for a period of at least 1 year? y/n

If yes: *Considering the date you last arrived in this country (established your usual residence in this country) – for how many years have you lived in this country since then?* [Please consider whole/completed years only]

For foreign-born persons the following question is recommended:

Considering the date you last arrived in this country (established your usual residence in this country) – for how many years have you lived in this country since then? [Please consider whole/completed years only]

Alternatively, the following question may be used:

In which date [year and month] did you last arrived in this country (established your usual residence in this country)? [It is recommended to ask also for the month so that the calculation of the duration of stay can be more precise].

It is to be noted that, regardless of the question used, information on the duration of stay in the country of residence should be transmitted to Eurostat in completed years.

Also, *this variable is supposed to be collected only in the first wave and for new co-residents and should be reported annually.*