

HS031: ARREARS ON HIRE PURCHASE INSTALMENTS OR OTHER LOAN PAYMENTS

Topic and detailed topic: Income, consumption and elements of wealth, including debts/ Arrears

Variable type: Annual

Unit: Household

Reference period: Last 12 months

Mode of collection: Household respondent

In use (period): Yes, since 2008

Series' differences: Yes, 2008 (replaces HS030 from 2008 onwards)

VALUES AND FORMAT

From 2008 onwards

- 1 Yes, once
- 2 Yes, twice or more
- 3 No

Before 2008

- 1 yes
- 2 no

FLAGS

- 1 Filled
- 1 Missing
- 2 Not applicable (no hire purchase instalments and no other loan payments)

DESCRIPTION

This variable replaces the variable HS030³⁷ from the 2008 operation onwards.

The variable records whether the household has been in arrears in the past 12 months, that is, unable to pay on time (as scheduled) repayments for hire purchase or other non-housing loans.

Other loans include all types of commercial credits, for instance for decoration, maintenance, refurbishment, credit cards/ store cards, catalogue mail order, loans of any kind of for technical equipment (i.e., cars, motorcycles), housing equipment, education loans, holidays (holiday packages plus time-share holidays).

Only situations when household was unable to cover the costs due to financial difficulties should be recorded. If household was late with payment e.g., as forgot to pay the bill but had required amount of money, it should not be recorded.

For further information or required technical details, a bank overdraft and a negative balance at the "end of the month statement" should not, normally, enter into consideration when estimating the arrears status of the household except if not paying has direct consequence for the household situation (fine, disruption of service in case the household does not ensure minimum/full repayment). Mortgage instalments for the main dwelling are excluded.

Suggested question: *In the past twelve months, has the household been in arrears on hire purchase instalments or other loan payments (for example, a car loan, consumer bills, bills from day-care, school, health...), i.e., has been unable to pay these on time due to financial difficulties?*

³⁷ The Living conditions Working Group agreed during its 2010 meeting to suppress HS030 and to keep only HS031 starting from the 2011 operation.