

## PL025: AVAILABLE FOR WORK

**Topic and detailed topic:** Labour market participation / Employment status

**Variable type:** Every 3 years

**Unit:** All current household members or selected respondent (where applies) aged 16-74

**Reference period:** Current

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

**In use (period):** Yes, nucleus until 2020, 2023

**Series' differences:** Yes, 2023 using PL035 as filter variable

### VALUES AND FORMAT

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

### FLAGS

- 1 Filled
- 1 Missing
- 2 Not applicable (PL035=1 or RB081 ≠ 16-74)
- 3 Not selected respondent
- 7 Not applicable (not collected according to the implementation of the “multiannual rolling planning” and year > 2020)

### DESCRIPTION

This covers a person who is currently available for work, i.e. was available for paid employment or self-employment before the end of the 2 weeks following the reference week.

‘Currently available’ means that if a job were found at the time of the interview, the person would be able to start working within 2 weeks. Testing for availability in the 2 weeks after the interview is considered more appropriate than testing during the reference week, because some persons may be unavailable for work during the reference week due to obstacles that might have been overcome had they known that a job was available to them.

Persons who found a job to start later, i.e. within 3 months, should be encoded ‘Yes’.

Suggested question:

FILTER: If PL035=1 >> go to the next question

PL025\_Q1: If a job became available, would you be able to start within the next 2 weeks?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No