

## PL073: NUMBER OF MONTHS SPENT IN FULL-TIME WORK AS EMPLOYEE

**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 is derived from calendar activity status. The condition is full-time job (see PL145). Nevertheless, 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 (the remain individuals 16+).

The status is self-defined, and the same definitions apply as for the variable 'self-defined current economic status'. If the person combines different part-time jobs as an employee that result in the equivalent hours of a full-time job, the person should consider themselves as an employee working full-time (modality 1). The same holds if the person has a main job as an employee and an additional "small" (in terms of hours) second job as a self-employed person, both jobs being remunerated in what would be considered, together, as the remuneration for a full-time equivalent role.

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 or inactivity.

If the respondent worked, at least two weeks of the month, then the variables PL073 '*Number of months spent at full-time work as employee*'; should be filled.

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

**The self-declared 'main activity status'** is self-assessed by the respondent and the chosen category should appropriately describe how a person mainly perceives themselves.

The self-declared main activity status is determined on the basis of how most time is spent, but no criteria have been specified explicitly.

**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 in the calendar activity reported. 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 with 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.

**Work** means any work for pay or profit. Pay includes cash payments or 'payment in kind'.

Self-employed persons with a business, farm or professional practice are also considered to be working if one of the following applies: