

HS090: DO YOU HAVE A COMPUTER

Topic and detailed topic: Living conditions, including material deprivation, housing, living environment, access to services / Material deprivation

Variable type: Annual

Unit: Household

Reference period: Current

Mode of collection: Household respondent

In use (period): Yes, since first year of EU-SILC data collection

Series' differences: No changes

VALUES AND FORMAT

- 1 Yes
- 2 No, cannot afford
- 3 No, other reason

FLAGS

- 1 Filled
- 1 Missing

DESCRIPTION

The variable records whether the household has a computer or whether the household does not have a computer because it cannot afford it (enforced lack) or for other reasons. 'Enforced lack' implies that the item is something that the household would like to have but cannot afford.

Possessing the item does not necessarily imply ownership: the item may be rented, leased, provided on loan or shared with other households in (e.g.) a complex apartment and not necessarily owned. If the item is shared between households, the answer is 'YES' if there is adequate/easy access (i.e., household can use the durable whenever it wants) and 'NO' otherwise.

In the case of a computer, the household is considered to possess it if any member possesses it.

A computer includes a portable computer or a desktop computer but does not include machines dedicated to video games that do not have any broader functionality.

If a computer is provided ONLY for work purposes, this does not count as possessing the item.

Suggested question:

Does your household have a computer?

If you do not have a computer:

- *Would you like to have it but cannot afford it, or*
- *Do you not have one for other reasons e.g., you do not want it or need it.*