

**PL200: Number of years spent in paid work** [*Number of years spent in paid work (as employee or self-employee)*]

<b>Domain/Area</b>	Labour information / Activity history
<b>Transmission type</b>	Regular
<b>Reference period</b>	Working life
<b>Unit</b>	All current household members aged 16 and over or selected respondent (where applies)
<b>Mode of collection</b>	Personal interview (proxy as an exception) or registers
<b>Values</b>	0 - 65 Number of years
<b>Flags</b>	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (person never worked i.e. (PL031 not equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4 AND PL015 not equal to 1)) -3 Non-selected respondent

**Description**

This indicator provides a summary measure of the labour force experience of the individual.

This covers the number of years since the respondent started their first regular job, that they have spent at work, whether as an employee or self-employed.

When a person had a job, but was temporarily absent because of maternity leave, injury or temporary disability, slack work for technical or economic reasons, ... the related period is to be taken into account in the computation of the number of years spent in paid work.

‘At work’ is self-defined. In cases where there is doubt, such as when the person spent a number of years working on a part-time basis, the person’s own perception of whether their main activity was ‘at work’ or something else should be taken. If a person retires and continues to have a paid work at the same time, this time period should only be taken into account if the person declares him/herself as working. If this person considers him/herself as retired, then the computed number of years spent in paid work stops with the retirement of the person.

*See also* PL190: When began first regular job