

Overview of the implementation of the GALI question in EU-SILC

The table contains information about the comparability of national PH030 questions with the standard English GALI (Global Activity Limitation Instrument), overtime changes in national questions and data on the prevalence of "no limitation" in usual activities for women and men for available years.

Legend:

- yes** the national PH030 question is comparable with the standard GALI question
- (yes)** the national PH030 question is partly comparable with the standard GALI question
- no** the national PH030 question is not comparable with the standard GALI question
- NA** Not applicable (the survey was not conducted the year; or the year before in case of describing overtime changes)
- No information is available

Country		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
AT	Comparable with standard GALI question	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	-
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no	no	no	yes	no	no	no	-
	% no limitation - women	71.3	69.6	70.7	70.8	68.5	70.1	69.5	-	-
	% no limitation - men	73.9	73.6	73.3	73.2	71.9	73.9	73.2	-	-
BE	Comparable with standard GALI question	(yes)	yes							
	Change compared to previous year	NA	yes	no						
	% no limitation - women	68.0	72.8	74.0	74.6	74.7	73.8	73.2	-	-
	% no limitation - men	73.5	78.9	79.6	79.9	79.5	79.7	79.9	-	-
BG	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	NA	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Change compared to previous year	NA	NA	NA	no	yes	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	NA	NA	92.8	95.4	82.1	81.0	82.8	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	NA	94.3	95.4	85.8	85.3	86.2	-	-
CH	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	NA	NA	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	-
	Change compared to previous year	NA	NA	NA	NA	yes	no	no	yes	-
	% no limitation - women	NA	NA	NA	NA	74.3	73.0	73.6	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	NA	NA	NA	80.6	80.1	80.0	-	-
CY	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	no	(yes)						
	Change compared to previous year	NA	NA	yes	no	yes	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	NA	73.1	78.6	78.1	80.7	81.1	79.4	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	77.8	82.4	81.4	82.6	83.5	83.1	-	-
CZ	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Change compared to previous year	NA	NA	no	yes	yes	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	NA	71.6	71.7	76.3	76.1	75.0	76.7	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	75.5	75.5	80.4	79.2	78.4	79.0	-	-
DE	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	no							
	Change compared to previous year	NA	NA	yes	no	yes	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	NA	60.9	65.9	66.1	65.3	65.9	66.4	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	66.0	72.2	72.2	68.2	68.9	69.5	-	-
DK	Comparable with standard GALI question	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no	no	no	yes	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	83.8	81.8	80.1	80.1	72.1	71.4	72.5	-	-
	% no limitation - men	89.1	88.9	87.1	86.1	78.3	77.1	77.8	-	-
EE	Comparable with standard GALI question	no	no	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no	yes	no	yes	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	62.1	59.9	62.3	63.0	66.6	68.6	67.2	-	-
	% no limitation - men	69.5	64.8	67.5	67.5	71.9	74.5	72.4	-	-
EL	Comparable with standard GALI question	(yes)	yes							
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no	no	no	yes	no	no	no	yes
	% no limitation - women	78.1	80.4	81.1	80.1	77.7	78.8	79.3	-	-
	% no limitation - men	81.3	83.9	84.2	83.8	82.7	83.5	83.0	-	-
ES	Comparable with standard GALI question	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no	no	no	yes	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	72.7	74.0	73.6	73.0	73.8	71.8	73.5	-	-
	% no limitation - men	79.3	80.5	80.8	79.8	80.5	78.6	80.3	-	-
FI	Comparable with standard GALI question	no	no	no	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no	no	yes	yes	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	59.9	58.8	59.0	66.8	67.8	66.8	65.1	-	-
	% no limitation - men	65.5	63.8	65.3	70.6	72.6	71.7	72.8	-	-
FR	Comparable with standard GALI question	yes								
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no							
	% no limitation - women	75.1	75.9	74.8	75.7	74.7	73.1	72.5	-	-
	% no limitation - men	77.9	79.2	79.7	79.8	78.7	78.4	76.7	-	-
HR	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	no	no	no
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no	no						
	% no limitation - women	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	64.4	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	64.8	-	-

Country		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
HU	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	no	no	no	no	-
	Change compared to previous year	NA	NA	no	yes	yes	no	no	no	-
	% no limitation - women	NA	63.4	67.3	68.4	68.5	68.0	68.5	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	69.7	73.1	73.8	73.0	74.0	74.4	-	-
IE	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	yes							
	Change compared to previous year	NA	NA	no						
	% no limitation - women	78.6	79.0	78.9	80.5	79.2	79.4	81.4	-	-
	% no limitation - men	81.1	81.4	81.3	81.3	81.0	81.1	83.0	-	-
IS	Comparable with standard GALI question	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no	no	yes	yes	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	74.5	76.8	77.9	84.7	83.9	82.5	80.4	-	-
	% no limitation - men	83.2	83.3	84.7	90.5	88.9	86.6	86.2	-	-
IT	Comparable with standard GALI question	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	82.9	78.4	73.3	69.7	68.5	69.3	76.3	-	-
	% no limitation - men	86.7	83.3	80.5	77.6	76.2	77.0	82.7	-	-
LT	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	(yes)	yes						
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	yes
	% no limitation - women	NA	64.3	67.8	69.8	71.5	73.8	75.4	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	73.1	75.3	77.0	77.6	80.7	81.5	-	-
LU	Comparable with standard GALI question	(yes)								
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no							
	% no limitation - women	72.0	75.4	74.6	76.7	76.9	78.1	78.8	-	-
	% no limitation - men	76.7	78.9	78.1	78.8	81.7	81.4	80.9	-	-
LV	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	no	(yes)						
	Change compared to previous year	NA	NA	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	NA	63.0	61.2	63.3	63.4	66.0	66.1	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	70.9	71.4	72.1	71.9	72.6	73.4	-	-
MT	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	no	yes						
	Change compared to previous year	NA	NA	no	no	no	no	no	no	yes
	% no limitation - women	NA	86.3	85.4	86.8	88.3	86.0	85.7	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	88.4	88.6	89.2	89.9	88.5	88.6	-	-
NL	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	(yes)							
	Change compared to previous year	NA	NA	no	no	yes	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	NA	74.8	74.2	75.4	69.0	69.2	69.6	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	83.0	82.6	83.0	77.5	76.2	75.4	-	-
NO	Comparable with standard GALI question	(yes)								
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no	no	no	yes	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	76.1	75.5	74.3	77.1	79.8	79.8	80.8	-	-
	% no limitation - men	83.6	82.7	81.9	83.6	87.9	86.2	86.1	-	-
PL	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Change compared to previous year	NA	NA	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	NA	82.9	77.1	75.1	76.7	75.0	74.3	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	84.6	80.1	78.6	79.9	78.4	77.8	-	-
PT	Comparable with standard GALI question	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	-
	Change compared to previous year	NA	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	no	-
	% no limitation - women	59.1	65.9	66.3	65.6	65.5	63.0	63.3	-	-
	% no limitation - men	70.3	75.2	76.1	73.9	74.2	72.8	73.8	-	-
RO	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	NA	NA	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	yes	-	-
	Change compared to previous year	NA	NA	NA	NA	no	no	yes	-	-
	% no limitation - women	NA	NA	NA	78.9	78.2	75.8	69.4	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	NA	NA	84.5	83.6	82.4	78.6	-	-
SE	Comparable with standard GALI question	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no	yes	no	yes	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	69.4	72.8	78.0	77.1	80.5	81.2	82.4	-	-
	% no limitation - men	75.8	79.7	82.3	83.3	86.3	87.7	88.2	-	-
SI	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	no	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no	no	no	no	no	yes	no	no
	% no limitation - women	NA	71.0	72.0	73.8	72.0	71.4	61.9	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	74.0	74.6	77.2	76.4	77.2	67.1	-	-
SK	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	no	(yes)						
	Change compared to previous year	NA	NA	yes	no	yes	no	no	no	no
	% no limitation - women	NA	70.0	66.1	67.8	61.7	62.5	61.9	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	75.9	75.0	76.0	70.3	70.5	70.0	-	-
UK	Comparable with standard GALI question	NA	no	(yes)						
	Change compared to previous year	NA	no	yes						
	% no limitation - women	NA	77.9	77.0	78.5	79.2	78.2	77.7	-	-
	% no limitation - men	NA	80.7	82.0	81.1	81.6	81.0	80.7	-	-

Comparability of concepts in the national PH030 questions with the standard GALI question

Note: Comparability with the standard GALI question as recommended by the Minimum European Health Module (MEHM) and European Health Interview (EHIS) and proposed in the EU-SILC guidelines from 2008 onwards.

Legend: The concept wording in the national PH030 question ...

yes is comparable with the standard English GALI question

(yes) is partly comparable with the standard English GALI question

no is not comparable with the standard English GALI question or the concept is not included in the question at all

NA Not applicable (the survey was not conducted the year)

- No information is available

Country	Concept	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
AT	being limited	yes								
	in activities people usually do	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	because of a health problem	yes								
	for at least the past 6 months	yes								
BE	being limited	yes								
	in activities people usually do	(yes)	yes							
	because of a health problem	yes								
	for at least the past 6 months	yes								
BG	being limited	NA	NA	yes						
	in activities people usually do	NA	NA	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	because of a health problem	NA	NA	yes						
	for at least the past 6 months	NA	NA	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
CH	being limited	NA	NA	NA	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	in activities people usually do	NA	NA	NA	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	because of a health problem	NA	NA	NA	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	for at least the past 6 months	NA	NA	NA	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
CY	being limited	NA	yes							
	in activities people usually do	NA	(yes)							
	because of a health problem	NA	yes							
	for at least the past 6 months	NA	no	yes						
CZ	being limited	NA	yes	yes	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	in activities people usually do	NA	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	because of a health problem	NA	yes							
	for at least the past 6 months	NA	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
DE	being limited	NA	no	no	no	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)
	in activities people usually do	NA	(yes)							
	because of a health problem	NA	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	no
	for at least the past 6 months	NA	yes							
DK	being limited	yes								
	in activities people usually do	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	because of a health problem	yes								
	for at least the past 6 months	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
EE	being limited	yes								
	in activities people usually do	no	no	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	because of a health problem	yes								
	for at least the past 6 months	yes								
EL	being limited	yes								
	in activities people usually do	(yes)	yes							
	because of a health problem	yes								
	for at least the past 6 months	yes								
ES	being limited	yes								
	in activities people usually do	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	because of a health problem	yes								
	for at least the past 6 months	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
FI	being limited	yes								
	in activities people usually do	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	because of a health problem	yes								
	for at least the past 6 months	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
FR	being limited	yes								
	in activities people usually do	yes								
	because of a health problem	yes								
	for at least the past 6 months	yes								
HR	being limited	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	yes	yes	yes
	in activities people usually do	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)
	because of a health problem	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	yes	yes	yes
	for at least the past 6 months	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	no	no	no

Notes:

AT

In 2004-2007: Wording "your daily activities".

In 2008-2012: Wording "activities of everyday life", "everyday activities".

BE

In 2004: Wording "your usual activities".

BG

In 2006-2007: A pilot survey of EU-SILC was launched and wording "your daily activities" was used.

2008 onwards: Wording "usual activities for people in private life or work".

CH

In 2008 and 2011: Several changes were made to improve the comprehension of the question.

CY

In 2005: Wording "your usual activities" and "during last 6 months or more".

In 2006-2012: Wording "your usual activities (by usual activities we mean those activities that people at your age)".

In 2006-2012: Wording "for the whole of the last 6 months until presently".

In 2008: Wording of answer categories slightly changed.

CZ

In 2005-2007: Wording "your activities".

In 2005-2007: Wording "during the past 6 months".

In 2007: Wording "limited on long-term basis".

DE

In 2005-2012: Wording "everyday work".

In 2006-2007: The concept "being limited" is incorporated into answer categories.

In 2008: Wording of questions significantly changed.

In 2008-2012: Wording "permanently limited" and "limited due to illness".

DK

In 2004-2007: Wording "your activities".

In 2004-2007: Only 2 response categories: Limited or not limited.

In 2004-2007: Wording 'longer time-periods within the past 6 months' used.

EE

In 2004-2005: Asking for different types of activities via three questions.

In 2004-2007: Wording "your everyday activities".

EL

In 2004-2007: Wording "your daily activities".

In 2008-2011: Wording "your own activities".

ES

In 2004-2007: Wording "your daily activities" and "during the last 6 months (or do you think you will be for at least 6 months)".

In 2008: Modification of answer categories and some question concepts.

FI

In 2004-2006: "Wording "your everyday activities" and "in the last 6 months".

In 2007: The concept "activity limitations/functional limitations" is included in answer categories.

HR

In 2010-2012: Wording "everyday activities", "health problems or disabilities" and "in the last 6 months".

HU

A significant difference of the global response rate between 2005 and 2006.

In 2005-2006: Wording "in any kind of activities".

In 2007: Wording "your usual activities".

In 2008-2011: Wording "your normal daily activities".

2008-2012: Wording "in the last 6 months".

IS

In 2004-2006: "at least 6 months" is related to health problems and not to the activity limitation.

In 2004-2007: Wording "your daily life".

In 2008 wording "daily activities" were changed by "what people usually do".

IT

In 2004-2006: Wording "usual activities of daily living".
In 2006 and 2007: Wording of answer categories changed.

LT

In 2005: Wording "your activities".
In 2006: Wording "your usual activities".
In 2007: Wording was slightly changed.

LU

In 2004-2010: Wording "activities that you usually do".

LV

In 2005-2011: Wording "your daily activities".
In 2005 wording "long-term problem".

MT

In 2005-2011: Wording "during the last 6 months" used.

NL

In 2005-2007: Wording "your daily task".
In 2008-2012: Wording "your health".

NO

In 2005-2012: Limitation in activities, its duration and severity is asked only to respondents with chronic problems.
In 2005-2007: Wording "your daily activities".
In 2008-2012: Wording "normal everyday activities".

PL

In 2005: Wording "activities of daily living (learning at school, work, maintaining a household or self-service).
In 2006-2008: Wording "daily activities" (defined as: learning at school, work, maintaining a household or self-service).

PT

In 2004: asking for "in the past 6 months or more".
In 2005-2007: Filter question asking for the duration of limitation ("less than 6 months" or "6 months or more").
In 2005-2007: In the concept of health problem, illness and incapacity are also included.
In 2008-2009: Wording "daily activities".

RO

In 2007-2009: Wording "your usual activities".

SE

Change of method of data collection: Since 2005 only CATI interview.
In 2004-2005: No time reference.
In 2006-2007: Concept of "during the last 6 months" used.
In 2004-2006: Limitation in activities is asked only to respondents with chronic problems.
In 2004-2007: Wording "your daily activities".

SI

In 2005-2009: Wording "in the last 6 months".
In 2005-2012: Wording "in usual activities".
In 2010-2012: "to what extent" moved before the concept "being limited".

SK

In 2005-2007 "your activities".
In 2008-2012 "your usual activities".

UK

In 2005-2011: A filter question is used to firstly ask for limitation and then for the severity of this limitation.
In 2005-2011: The concept of "for at least past 6 months" is missing.
still a filter: limitation in activities is asked only to respondents with longstanding illness or disability.