

RB010: Year of the survey

Domain/Area	Basic data/Basic personal data
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Interviewer
Values	year (4 digits)
Flags	-

Description

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RB020: Country	
Domain/Area	Basic data/Basic personal data
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Constant
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Frame
Values	BE Belgique/België BG Bulgaria CZ Czech republic DK Denmark DE Deutschland EE Estonia IE Ireland EL Ελλάδα ES España FR France HR Croatia IT Italia CY Cyprus LV Latvia LT Lithuania LU Luxembourg HU Hungary MT Malta NL Nederland AT Österreich PL Poland PT Portugal RO Romania SI Slovenia SK Slovak republic FI Suomi SE Sverige UK United Kingdom CH Switzerland IS Iceland NO Norway ME Montenegro MK FYROM RS Serbia TR Turkey
Flags	-

RB030: Personal ID

Domain/Area	Basic data/Basic personal data
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Constant
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Frame, register or interviewer
Values	<i>ID number</i> See construction in chapter 'General description'
Flags	-

Description

RB031: Year of immigration	
Domain/Area	Basic data/Basic personal data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Constant
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Frame, register or interviewer
Values	<i>1890-year of the survey</i>
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (no immigration for the person)

Description
<p>Note: If the person immigrated before 1890 the variable will be filled in with the value 1890.</p> <p>The purpose of this variable is two-fold¹:</p> <p>To identify the people who entered the country in the last years (maximum duration = length of the rotational panel) to know if these people were in the sample frame at the time of the sample selection (for longitudinal weighting purposes);</p> <p>To study the population of migrants in a broad sense, i.e. to evaluate the size and major characteristics of the people who entered the country when recording the last entry in the country.</p> <p>The considered period of immigration should be the period since the person was born. If there are major problems encountered in obtaining the information, the considered period can be limited to the panel duration of EU-SILC survey (i.e. the [revious four years).</p> <p>In the case of an altered boundary where the person lives at the same address, this is not considered as immigration and the flag -2 should be used.</p> <p>Reintegration into the country of origin or into the country of birth is considered as immigration for this variable.</p> <p>Only immigration between countries should be considered, immigration between regions within a country should not be taken into account.</p>

¹ It was agreed during the 2009 Living Conditions Working Group meeting that the collection of this variable would start from the 2010 operation onwards. Nevertheless, it was kindly asked that countries fill in this variable from the 2008 operation onwards as much as possible, given the knowledge that in the majority of cases this information should be easily obtained from population registers.

RB040: Current household ID

Domain/Area	Basic data/Basic personal data
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Frame, register or interviewer
Values	<i>ID number</i> see DB030
Flags	-

Description

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RB050: Personal cross-sectional weight	
Domain/Area	Basic data/Basic personal data
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Constant
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Constructed
Values	0+ (format 2.5) weight (see below the required format)
Flags	1 filled -2 Not applicable (RB110 not equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4) -7 Not applicable RB010 ≠ last year

Description
<p>See construction of weights in chapter 'Error! Reference source not found.'</p> <p>Required format</p> <p>In principle, according to the regulation, these weights had to be coded with 2 integers and 5 decimals. But, that cause problems if the weights have at least 3 integers. That's why, in practice, personal cross-sectional weights will be coded with at least one integer and 5 decimals.</p> <p>In the regular transmission (reconciled file format) this variables should be filled in only for the records related to the last year of operation.</p>

RB060: Personal base weight

Domain/Area	Basic data/Basic personal data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Constant
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Constructed
Values	0+ (format 2.5) weight (see the required format below)
Flags	1 Filled

Description

The personal base weight can have the value 0, namely for non-panel persons and for first wave.

Required format

In principle, according to the regulation, these weights must be coded with two integers and five decimals. However, doing so would cause problems where the weights have at least three integers. Therefore, in practice, personal base weights will be coded with at least one integer and five decimals.

RB062: Longitudinal weight (two-year duration)

Domain/Area	Basic data/Basic personal data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Constant
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Constructed
Values	0+ (format 2.5) weight
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (only 1 year trajectory for the individual, i.e. individual in first wave)

Description

See construction of weights in chapter "Weights"

RB063: Longitudinal weight (three-year duration)

Domain/Area	Basic data/Basic personal data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Constant
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Constructed
Values	0+ (format 2.5) weight
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (less than three-year trajectory for the individual, i.e. individual in first or second wave)

Description

See construction of weights in chapter "Weights"

RB064: Longitudinal weight (four-year duration)

Domain/Area	Basic data/Basic personal data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Constant
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Constructed
Values	0+ (format 2.5) weight
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (less than four-year trajectory for the individual, i.e. individual in first, second or third wave)

Description

See construction of weights in chapter "Weights"

RB070: Month of birth

Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Constant
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	1 - 12 month
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing

Description

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RB080: Year of birth

Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Constant
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	1890 – year of the survey
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing

Description

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RB090: Sex	
Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Constant
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	1 Male 2 Female
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing

Description
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RB100: Sample person or co-resident

Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data	
Transmission type	Regular	
Reference period	Current	
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members	
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register	
Values	1	Sample person
	2	Co-resident
Flags	1	Filled
	-1	Missing

Description

Sample persons: This refers to all, or a subset of, the members of the households in the initial sample who are over a certain age.

Initial sample: Refers to the sample of households or persons at the time it is selected for inclusion in EU-SILC.

Age limit used to define sample persons: In the case of a four-year panel, this age limit shall not be higher than 14 years. In countries with a four-year panel using a sample of addresses or of households, all household members aged 14 and over in the initial sample shall be sample persons.

In countries with a four-year panel using a sample of persons, this shall involve the selection of at least one such person per household. For an initial sample of persons, the term applies only to the individuals selected (normally one per sample household).

The above-mentioned minimum age limit shall be lower in the case of a longer panel duration. For a panel duration that exceeds eight years, members of all ages in the initial sample shall be sample persons, and children born to sample women during the time the mother is in the panel shall be included as sample persons.

Co-residents or non-sample persons are all current residents of a sample household other than those defined above as sample persons.

Sample household means a household containing at least one sample person.

Implementation

For countries selecting a sample of households (addresses) and using the Eurostat integrated design, each sub-sample will be a panel and it will be followed over the course of four years.

In the first wave of each four-year panel, all household members aged 14 and over will be a **sample person**. Household members aged less than 14 will be **co-residents**.

In the second wave and so forth, the co-residents will be those household members that are aged less than 14 (at the moment of the sample selection) plus household members who joined a sample household after the first wave.

RB110: Membership status	
Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	<p><i>For current household members</i></p> <p>1 Was in this household in previous waves or current household member</p> <p>2 Moved into this household from another sample household since previous wave</p> <p>3 Moved into this household from outside sample since previous wave</p> <p>4 Newly born into this household since last wave</p> <p><i>Not current household members</i></p> <p>5 Moved out since previous wave or last interview if not contacted in previous wave</p> <p>6 Died</p> <p>7 Lived in the household at least three months during the income reference period and was not recorded in the register of this household</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-1 Missing</p>

Description
<p>First year that the initial household is included in the survey</p> <p>1 For current household members</p> <p>Following years</p> <p><u>Initial household</u></p> <p>1 For current household members that were household members in previous waves.</p> <p>2 For current household members that were not household members of this household in previous waves but who moved into this household from another sample household since the previous wave.</p> <p>3 For current household members that were not household members of this household in previous waves but who have moved into this household from outside the sample since the previous wave.</p> <p>4 For those newly born into this household since previous wave.</p> <p>5 Not current household members that were household members of this household in previous waves but have moved out since previous wave or last interview if not contacted in previous wave.</p> <p>6 Those who were household members in previous waves and who have died since previous wave or last interview if not contacted in previous wave.</p> <p>7 For former household members that have never been recorded as current household members in previous waves.</p>

Split-off households

2 For current household members that moved into this household from another sample household since previous wave.

3 For current household members that moved into this household from outside sample since previous wave.

The code 7 is not to be used for former household members in the case of split-off households because it is too difficult to handle in this case.

Note:

Why introduce the former household members? In order to assess the impact of changes in household composition on social exclusion, it is important to have basic information on changes in composition. This would allow the classification of changes due to death, marital breakdown, young adults leaving home, birth of children, etc.

However, the code 7 must be only used from wave 2 onwards (it is not for use in wave 1) and only for the initial household (not split-off households).

The term 'former household member' refers to a person who is not a current member of the household and was not recorded as a household member in that household in previous wave, but who lived in the household for at least three months during the income reference period.

Persons who have not registered by mistake at the moment of data collection will be coded as 3.

RB120: Moved to [*Location where the person moved*]

Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members (of any age)
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	1 To a private household in the country 2 To a collective household or institution in the country 3 Abroad 4 Lost
Flags	1 Filled -2 Not applicable (RB110 not equal to 5)

Description

People moving to a private/collective household or institution within the country but to national territories excluded from EU-SILC will be coded as 3.

RB140: Month moved out or died [*Month when the person moved out or died*]

Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members (of any age)
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	1 -12 month
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (RB110 not equal to 5 or 6)

Description

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RB150: Year moved out or died [*Year when the person moved out or died*]

Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members (of any age)
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	year (4 digits)
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (RB110 not equal to 5 or 6)

Description

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RB160: Number of months in household during the income reference period

Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Income reference period
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	0 - 12 number of months
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (RB110 not equal to 5 or 6 or 7)

Description

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RB170: Main activity status during the income reference period

Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Income reference period
Unit	All current household members (of any age) and former household members
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	1 At work 2 Unemployed 3 In retirement or early retirement or has given up business 4 Other inactive person
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (RB110 not equal to 5 or 6 or 7)

Description

The status should be self-defined (see explanations given for variable PL031).

Work: See explanations provided for variable PL031.

Unemployed: Early retirement for economic reasons can be included here according to the respondent's feeling, i.e. a person in early retirement for economic reasons will be included here if he/she classifies him/herself as being unemployed.

Retirement, early retirement: A person is in retirement or early retirement if he/she left his/her work for age. Early retirement due to enough seniority is also to be included.

However, early retirement due to economic reasons is classified according to the respondent's feeling, i.e. a person in early retirement for economic reasons will be included here only if he/she classifies him/herself as being retired.

Other inactive:

This category includes the corresponding categories from variables PL031:

Pupil, student, further training, unpaid work experience

Permanently disabled or/and unfit to work

In compulsory military or community service

Fulfilling domestic tasks and care responsibilities

Other inactive person

RB180: Month moved in [<i>Month when the person moved in</i>]	
Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members (of any age)
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	1 -12 month
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (RB110 not equal to 3)
Description	
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RB190: Year moved in [*Year when the person moved in*]

Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members (of any age)
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	year (4 digits)
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (RB110 not equal to 3)

Description

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RB200: Residential status	
Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members (of any age)
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	1 Currently living in the household 2 Temporarily absent
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (RB110 not equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4)

Description
<p>Currently living in the household: A household member is currently living in the household if he/she spends at least a night-rest in the household during the interview duration.</p> <p>Temporarily absent: A household member is temporarily absent if he/she does not spend at least a night-rest in the household during the interview duration because he/she is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In hospital/nursing home In full-time educational institute Military service or equivalent Other institution (prison etc.) Working out of town On travel Other reasons

RB210: Basic activity status

Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members (of any age)
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	1 At work 2 Unemployed 3 In retirement or early retirement or has given up business 4 Other inactive person
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (RB110 not equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4)

Description

The status should be self-defined (see explanations given for variable PL031).
 For explanations of categories, see RB170.

RB220: Father ID	
Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members (of any age)
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	<i>Personal ID</i> of father
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable ((father is not a household member) OR (RB110 not equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4))

Description
<p>The variables RB220 and RB230 have been included in EU-SILC in order to calculate the household composition. RB220 includes step/adoptive/foster fathers.</p> <p>If a person is living in the household with his/her step-father, the personal ID of his/her step-father will be provided as the personal ID of the father.</p> <p>In the case of same-sex couples, the notion of father and mother can be replaced by parent 1 and parent 2 (ignore then the error on the sex in the error lists). Nevertheless the children in these couples must be treated the same way as for heterosexual couples and therefore the law plays a major role in terms of determining when a partner can be considered as a parent.</p>

RB230: Mother ID	
Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members (of any age)
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	<i>Personal ID</i> of mother
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable ((mother is not a household member) OR (RB110 not equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4))

Description
<p>The variables RB220 and RB230 have been included in EU-SILC in order to calculate the household composition. RB230 includes step/adoptive/foster mothers.</p> <p>If a person is living in the household with his/her step-mother, the personal ID of his/her step-mother will be provided as the personal ID of the mother.</p> <p>In the case of same-sex couples, the notion of father and mother can be replaced by parent 1 and parent 2 (ignore then the error on the sex in the error lists). Nevertheless the children in these couples must be treated the same way as for heterosexual couples and therefore the law plays a major role in terms of determining when a partner can be considered as a parent.</p>

RB240: Spouse/partner ID

Domain/Area	Basic data/Demographic data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members (of any age)
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	<i>Personal ID</i> of spouse/partner
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable ((spouse/partner is not a household member) OR (RB110 not equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4))

Description

Includes married people and partners in a consensual union (with or without a legal basis).

RB245: Respondent status	
Domain/Area	Basic data/Basic personal data
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members (of any age)
Mode of collection	Household respondent or register
Values	<p>All household members aged 16 and over are interviewed</p> <p>1 Current household member aged 16 and over</p> <p>Only selected household member aged 16 and over is interviewed</p> <p>2 Selected respondent</p> <p>3 Non-selected respondent</p> <p>Households members aged less than 16 at the end of the income reference period</p> <p>4 Ineligible person</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-2 Not applicable (RB110 not equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4)</p>

Description
<p>For countries using a sample of households or addresses, only values 1 and 4 are applicable.</p> <p>For countries using a sample of persons (selected respondent), only the values 2, 3 and 4 are applicable.</p> <p>The age refers to the age at the end on the income reference period.</p> <p><i>The new-born will be coded as 4</i></p>

RB250: Data status	
Domain/Area	Basic data/Basic personal data
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members aged 16 and over or selected respondent where applies
Mode of collection	Interviewer
Values	<p>Information or interview completed:</p> <p>11 Information completed only from interview</p> <p>12 Information completed only from registers</p> <p>13 Information completed from both: interview and registers</p> <p>14 Information completed from full-record imputation</p> <p>Interview not completed, though contact made:</p> <p>21 Individual unable to respond (illness, incapacity, etc) and no proxy possible</p> <p>22 Failed to return self-completed questionnaire</p> <p>23 Refusal to co-operate</p> <p>Individual not contacted because:</p> <p>31 Person temporarily away and no proxy possible</p> <p>32 No contact for other reasons</p> <p>Information or interview not completed:</p> <p>33 Information not completed: reason unknown</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-2 Not applicable (RB245 not equal to 1, 2 or 3)</p>
Description	
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RB260: Type of interview	
Domain/Area	Basic data/Basic personal data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members aged 16 and over or selected respondent where applies
Mode of collection	Interviewer
Values	<p><i>Before 2014 (RB010<2014)</i></p> <p>1 <i>face to face interview-PAPI</i> 2 <i>face to face interview-CAPI</i> 3 <i>CATI, telephone interview</i> 4 <i>self-administered by respondent</i> 5 <i>proxy interview</i></p> <p><i>From 2014 onwards (RB010>2013)</i></p> <p>1 Face to face interview-PAPI 2 Face to face interview-CAPI 3 CATI, telephone interview 4 Self-administered by respondent 5 Computer assisted web interviewing-CAWI 6 Face to face interview-PAPI with proxy 7 Face to face interview-CAPI with proxy 8 CATI, telephone interview with proxy 9 Self-administered by respondent with proxy 10 Computer assisted web interviewing-CAWI with proxy</p>
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (RB250 not equal to 11 or 13) or RB245=3

Description
Proxy interview refers to personal interview with another member of the household.

RB270: Personal ID of proxy [*Personal ID of person who filled in the individual questionnaire*]

Domain/Area	Basic data/Basic personal data
Transmission type	Regular
Reference period	Current
Unit	All current household members aged 16 and over or selected respondent where applies
Mode of collection	Interviewer
Values	<i>Personal ID of proxy</i>
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable ((RB260 not equal to 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) AND RB010 > 2013) OR (RB260 ne 5 AND RB010 < 2014))