



New Labour Force Survey from 2021

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Sampling

- **Fixed reference week**
- **Uniform distribution of**
 - the yearly sample over the reference quarters
 - the quarterly sample over the reference weeks in a quarter and, for each NUTS2 region, proportionally across months

Sampling

- **Overlaps of quarterly samples:** $\geq 50\%$ quarter-on-quarter, $\geq 20\%$ year-on-year
- Quarterly **precision requirements** (employment nationally, unemployment both nationally and NUTS level 2)
- **Subsampling** requirements and constraints:
 - Allowed for yearly, biennial, household information
 - Compulsory for regular modules/ad-hoc subjects

Sampling

- (Sub)-samples for results at individual level:
quarterly \geq yearly \geq biennial \geq module
- For results at household level:
Minimum set of variables (subset of quarterly and yearly variables)
- Certain modules (e.g. migrants, reconciliation of work and family life): some household composition information to be provided

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Modular LFS under IESS

- **9 topics:** e.g. labour market participation, educational attainment and background, working conditions,...
- Further subdivided into **detailed topics**, e.g. employment status, search for employment, educational attainment level
- **Detailed subjects:**
 - Biennial: reasons for migration, working time arrangements, participation in training, health, disability
 - Eight-yearly
- **Ad-hoc subjects:** one every four years

8-yearly and ad hoc subjects

2021: Labour market situation of migrants and their immediate descendants

2022: Job skills (ad hoc subject)

2023: Pensions and labour market participation

2024: Young people on the labour market

2025: Reconciliation between work and family life

2026: (ad hoc subject to be decided)

2027: Work organisation and working time arrangements

2028: Accidents at work and work-related health problems

New/improved variables

- Sampling information
- Unique person identifier
- Survey mode
- NACE 3 digit, ISCO 4 digit, NUTS 3 level compulsory
- Country of birth compulsory
- Country of birth of parents, country of previous residence, migration reason
- Self-declared main status (MAINSTAT) compulsory and quarterly
- Job attachment

New/improved variables

- Number of jobs
- (Dependent) self-employment (number and importance of clients, decision on working time)
- Contractual hours
- More detail and precision on working time (usual and actual for both first and second job) including days of absences
- Education and training 4 weeks AND 12 months (concepts aligned with AES but LFS excludes 'guided on the job')
- Work experience at workplace linked to highest educational attainment

New/improved variables

- Health and disability (self-perceived general health, limitation in activities because of health problems)
- New income variable (levels, not deciles)
- Harmonisation of codes e.g. across REASON- variables
- Further code, filter and periodicity changes

Deleted variables

- Marital status
- Situation one year before the survey (5 variables)
- (Optional) variables on non-formal education (4 variables)
- Detailed methods of job search activities

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Changes to scientific use files

- Inclusion of new variables
- Transcoding of changed variables to the new ones and their categories
- Modules included in yearly datasets from 2021
- Revision of anonymisation rules ongoing
- First implementation of new SUFs in 2022 release (latest reference year 2021)

LFS References

LFS implementing regulation:

Commission Regulation 2019/2240

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2019/2240/oj

Modules 2022 and 2023:

Commission Regulation 2020/1642

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/1642/oj

“Statistics Explained”:

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/EU_labour_force_survey

Thank you



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