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**STATISTICS ON INCOME AND LIVING CONDITIONS (EU-SILC):  
AD HOC REQUEST AND DETAILED GUIDELINES**

**I. AD-HOC REQUEST FORM [PLEASE SEND BACK THE FORM ONLY]**

<b>USER Name:</b> _____	<b>Company:</b> _____
<b>Date:</b> _____	<b>Version:</b> (in case the request form has been modified): _____
<b>Project type and duration:</b> please indicate the size and the duration of the research project: _____ _____	

**EXISTING DATASETS** (if applicable) ([check here](#)): \_\_\_\_\_

**N.B.** PLEASE CHOOSE ONLY 1 DATASET PER FORM

**YEARS** ([check the list here](#)): \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTRY (CTRY):** ([check the list here](#)): \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIT:** (different from dataset to dataset): \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRIBUTIONAL VARIABLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Selected variables on household level: ([check the possibilities here](#))

Selected variables on individual level: ([check the possibilities here](#))

Selected variables on individuals aged 16+ ([check the possibilities here](#))

**BREAKDOWN VARIABLES:** (different from dataset to dataset)

See [example 1](#) if you request minor changes in an existing dataset

See [example 2](#) for a tailor-made request

- Breakdown 1: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Categories: \_\_\_\_\_
- Breakdown 2: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Categories: \_\_\_\_\_

# GUIDELINES

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## II. WHERE IS EU-SILC DESCRIBED?

EU-SILC is a survey on **income, social inclusion and living conditions** and covers objective and subjective aspects of these themes in both monetary and non-monetary terms for both households and individuals.

A [general description of EU-SILC](#) can be found in [Eurostat website](#)

It collects comparable multidimensional micro-data on:

- Income
- Poverty
- Social exclusion
- Housing
- Labour
- Education
- Health

Additional data on living conditions can be found in other domains, notably population statistics, health statistics, education and training statistics and labour market statistics.

A [number of datasets](#) are calculated from EU-SILC data to monitor different EU policies, in particular [the Europe 2020 strategy](#). A detailed description of the datasets and its methodological concepts can be found in the document ["Description of datasets on income and living conditions"](#) on the Income and Living conditions dedicated section of the Eurostat website /but also available on the CIRABC platform, EUROSTAT, EU-SILC interest group / Library /04.Data and indicators dissemination/ Indicators/.

A [summary of methodological concepts](#) used within EU-SILC is provided on our EU-SILC web pages. You can find information on:

- [Main concepts and definitions](#)
- [Classifications](#)
- [List of variables](#)
- [Legislation](#)

EU-SILC is an output harmonised survey. In order to have harmonised target variables, Eurostat publishes every year [EU-SILC methodological guidelines](#) /CIRABC platform, EUROSTAT, EU-SILC interest group / Library /02.Guidelines/ which describes in details methodological concepts and description of variables collected.

## III. HOW TO PREPARE YOUR REQUEST?

**An empty order form is available at the start of this document.**

### A. WHAT IS ALREADY AVAILABLE ([back to form](#))

We publish on our website a lot of datasets covering all dimensions of EU-SILC. The data you are looking for may already be at your disposal. It is also possible that a table contains approximately the data you expect but need some changes. In that case, please specify which table fits the best your needs and which changes you would like. It would greatly ease the extraction process and speed up the delivery of your data.

**EXAMPLE 1:** ([back to form](#))

You wish to have slight changes to a dataset already existing on Eurostat website (Eurostat Data Navigation Tree) under [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/statistics/search\\_database](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/statistics/search_database)

**Distribution of population aged 18 and over by education level and age group (Source: EU-SILC) [ilc\_lvps04]**

Your request is for changes to be applied on the age groups (under the tab Select Data on each dataset you can find the breakdown variables and all their dimensions currently published online)

The order form should be filled in as following:

DATASET: ilc\_lvps04

YEAR: same

CTRY: same

UNIT: same

DISTRIBUTIONAL VARIABLE: same

BREAKDOWN VARIABLES: **change in**

- AGE

- Categories needed Y-GE18, Y18-64, Y18-34, Y35-54, Y55-64, Y-GE65

## B. DESIGN YOUR REQUEST

Before starting to design your request you have to be aware of the complexity of EU-SILC, the different methodological concepts and the changes which have occurred over the years. It is highly recommended to read the "[Description of datasets on income and living conditions](#)" which gives you information on concepts and definitions and the methodological [guidelines](#) which describe the recommendations for yearly data collection and variable construction.

Please pay attention to:

- the data availability by country (see point III / B)
- the possible changes on data collection - see methodological guidelines per EU-SILC operation: [guidelines](#))
- the reference period - variables don't refer to the same reference period and by crossing some of them, it can create some inconsistencies
- the level of detail - the more the population is split in small cells, the more chance you have to get unreliable data
- The EU-SILC data is collected at mainly 2 unit levels: Household and individual (and some data only collected for persons aged 16 and more). Make sure the unit level you have chosen and the data variable you want to cross-tabulate is compatible. Characteristics collected at household level can be used at individual level but the other way round is not possible.

We encourage you to make use of variables described in point III. It would help you to design your own request

For more experienced users, some other variables collected in EU-SILC and described in the [guidelines](#) can be used.

### EXAMPLE 2 ([back to form](#))

I'd like to have at risk of poverty rate (60% of median equivalised disposable income) by gender and consensual union for all years and all aggregates at disposal. I'd like as well a group of categories 1 and 2 of consensual union in my dataset (this has to be written [1-2])

The order form should be filled in as following:

DATASET: not available online

YEAR: ALL

CTRY: ALL EU-27-countries plus ALL EU-aggregates

UNIT: individuals 16 and over

DISTRIBUTIONAL VARIABLE: ARPT60I

BREAKDOWN VARIABLES:

- GENDER (= RB090):
  - Categories: Total 1, 2
- Consensual union (= PB200)
  - Categories: 1, 2, 3, [1-2]

## IV. WHAT IS POSSIBLE TO ASK FOR?

### A. YEARS: (CODE: YEAR) ([BACK TO FORM](#))

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	ALL

### B. COUNTRIES: (CODE: CTRY) ([BACK TO FORM](#))

#### 1. EU 27 countries

AT from 2003		BE from 2003		BG from 2007		CY from 2005		CZ from 2005		DE from 2005		DK from 2003
EE from 2003		ES from 2004		FI from 2004		FR from 2004		EL from 2003		HU from 2005		IE from 2003
IT from 2004		LT from 2005		LU from 2003		LV from 2005		MT from 2005		NL from 2005		PL from 2005
PT from 2004		RO from 2007		SE from 2004		SI from 2005		SK from 2005		UK from 2005		ALL EU-27

## 2. Non EU countries

CH from 2007	HR from 2010	IS from 2004	NO from 2003	TR from 2006
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## 3. EU Aggregates

EU-15	EU-27	NMS12	EA15	EA16	EA	ALL
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### C. SELECTED VARIABLES ON HOUSEHOLD LEVEL

As the variables below are on household level, the results Eurostat produces are expressed as share of people living in households with given characteristics.

#### 1. Degree of urbanisation: (code: DEG\_URB)

List of European areas with "degree of urbanisation" codes can be found [here](#)  
Information in yearly [guidelines](#) (variable DB100)

DEG1	Densely-populated area (at least 500 inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> )
DEG2	Intermediate urbanized area (between 100 and 499 inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> )
DEG3	Thinly-populated area (less than 100 inhabitants/Km <sup>2</sup> )

#### 2. Household Size (code: HHSIZE)

Number of [household members](#)  
[Reference period](#): current (interview)

1	1 person
2	2 persons
3	3 persons
4	4 persons
5+	5 persons and more

#### 3. Household type (code: HHTYP)

[Reference period](#): end of income reference period  
Information: "[Description of datasets on income and living conditions](#)" point 3.2.2.11

TOTAL	Total
A1	Single person
A1_LT64	One adult younger than 64 years
A1_LT65	One adult younger than 65 years
A1_GE65	One adult 65 years or over
A1_DCH	Single person with dependent children
A1F	Single female
A1M	Single male
A2	Two adults
A2_2LT65	Two adults younger than 65 years
A2_GE1_GE65	Two adults, at least one aged 65 years or over
A2_1DCH	Two adults with one dependent child
A2_2DCH	Two adults with two dependent children
A2_GE3DCH	Two adults with three or more dependent children
A_GE2_NDCH	Two or more adults without dependent children
A_GE2_DCH	Two or more adults with dependent children
A_GE3	Three or more adults
A_GE3_DCH	Three or more adults with dependent children
HH_NDCH	Households without dependent children
HH_DCH	Households with dependent children

#### 4. Work Intensity of the household (code: WORKINT)

Reference period: end of income reference period

Information: "[Description of datasets on income and living conditions](#)" point 3.2.2.19 (see WORK\_INT)

NVLOW	Work intensity other than very low ]0.2 - 1]
VHIGH	Very high work intensity ]0.85 - 1]
HIGH	High work intensity ]0.55 - 0.85]
MED	Medium work intensity [0.45 - 0.55]
LOW	Low work intensity ]0.2 -0.45[
VLOW	Very low work intensity [0 - 0.2]

#### 5. Low Work Intensity of the household (code: LWI)

Reference period: end of income reference period

Information: "[Description of datasets on income and living conditions](#)" point 3.2.2.19 (see LWI)

0	Work intensity other than very low ]0.2 - 1]
1	Very low work intensity [0 - 0.2]
2	excluded from computation (>59 and students 18-24)

#### 6. At-risk-of poverty (code: ARPT60i)

Reference period: end of income reference period

Threshold: 60% of median equivalised disposable income

Information: "[Description of datasets on income and living conditions](#)" point 3.2.2.22 and 3.2.2.9

0	Non at risk of poverty (above threshold)
1	At risk of poverty (below threshold)

#### 7. Material Deprivation (code: MD)

Reference period: end of income reference period

Information: "[Description of datasets on income and living conditions](#)" point 3.2.2.20

0	not deprived (< lack of 3 items out of 9)
1	deprived (>=lack of 3 items out of 9)

#### 8. Severe Material Deprivation (code SEV\_DEP)

Reference period: end of income reference period

Information: "[Description of datasets on income and living conditions](#)" point 3.2.2.20

0	not deprived (< lack of 4 items out of 9)
1	deprived (>=lack of 4 items out of 9)

#### 9. At-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion (code AROPE)

Reference period: end of income reference period

Information: "[Description of datasets on income and living conditions](#)" point 3.2.2.21

0	not at risk of poverty or social exclusion
1	at risk of poverty or social exclusion

#### 10. Overcrowding (code: OVERCROWDED)

Reference period: end of income reference period

Information: "[Description of datasets on income and living conditions](#)" point 3.2.2.24

0	not overcrowded (needed rooms <= number of rooms available)
1	overcrowded (needed rooms > number of rooms available)

### 11. Equivalised income quintile (code: QUANTILE)

Reference period: end of income reference period

Information: "[Description of datasets on income and living conditions](#)" point 3.2.2.12

TOTAL	Total
QUINTILE1	First quintile
QUINTILE2	Second quintile
QUINTILE3	Third quintile
QUINTILE4	Fourth quintile
QUINTILE5	Fifth quintile

### 12. Problems with the dwelling: too dark, not enough light (code: HS160)

Reference period: (current, interview) Information in yearly [guidelines](#)

Yes	
No	

### 13. Noise from neighbours or from the street (code: HS170)

Reference period: (current, interview)

Information in yearly [guidelines](#)

Yes	
No	

### 14. Pollution, grime or other environmental problems (code: HS180)

Reference period: (current, interview)

Information in yearly [guidelines](#)

Yes	
No	

### 15. Crime violence or vandalism in the area (code: HS190)

Reference period: (current, interview)

Information in yearly [guidelines](#)

Yes	
No	

### 16. Dwelling type (code: HH010)

Reference period: (current, interview)

Information in yearly [guidelines](#)

Yes	
No	

### 17. Tenure status (code: TENURE)

Reference period: (current, interview)

Information: "[Description of datasets on income and living conditions](#)" point 3.2.2.23

TOTAL	Total
OWN	Owner
OWN_L	Owner, with mortgage or loan
OWN_NL	Owner, no outstanding mortgage or housing loan
RENT	Tenant
RENT_MKT	Tenant, rent at market price
RENT_FR	Tenant, rent at reduced price or free

## 18. Number of rooms (code: HH030)

[Reference period](#): (current, interview)  
Information in yearly [guidelines](#)

1	1 room
2	2 rooms
3	3 rooms
4	4 rooms
5	5 rooms
6+	6 rooms and more

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### D. SELECTED VARIABLES ON INDIVIDUAL LEVEL (ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS)

#### 1. Age (code: AGE)

[Reference period](#): end of income reference period  
Information: "[Description of datasets on income and living conditions](#)" point 3.2.2.1

Total	All ages
Y_LT6	Less than 6 years
Y6-10	From 6 to 10 years
Y6-11	From 6 to 11 years
Y11-15	From 11 to 15 years
Y12-17	From 12 to 17 years
Y_LT16	Less than 16 years
Y16-24	From 16 to 24 years
Y16-64	From 16 to 64 years
Y_GE16	16 years or over
Y_LT18	Less than 18 years
Y18-24	From 18 to 24 years
Y18-64	From 18 to 64 years
Y_GE18	18 years or over
Y25-49	From 25 to 49 years
Y25-54	From 25 to 54 years
Y50-64	From 50 to 64 years
Y55-64	From 55 to 64 years
Y_LT60	Less than 60 years
Y_GE60	60 years or over
Y_LT65	Less than 65 years
Y65-74	From 65 to 74 years
Y_GE65	65 years or over
Y_LT75	Less than 75 years
Y_GE75	75 years or over

#### 2. Sex (code: RB090)

Information in yearly [guidelines](#)

Total	All
M	Male
F	Female

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## E. SELECTED VARIABLES ON INDIVIDUALS AGED 16+

### 1. Consensual union (code: PB200)

[Reference period:](#) (current, interview)

Information in yearly [guidelines](#)

YES_LB	Yes with legal basis
YES_NLB	Yes without legal basis
NO	No

### 2. Country of birth (code: PB210)

[Reference period:](#) (current, interview)

Information in yearly [guidelines](#)

EU-27_FOR	EU-27-countries except declaring country
N EU-27_FOR	Non EU-27-countries nor declaring country
FOR	Foreign country
NAT	Declaring country

### 3. Citizenship (code: PB220a)

[Reference period:](#) (current, interview)

Information in yearly [guidelines](#)

EU-27_FOR	EU-27-countries except declaring country
N EU-27_FOR	Non EU-27-countries nor declaring country
FOR	Foreign country
NAT	Declaring country

### 4. Highest ISCED level attained (code: PE040)

[Reference period:](#) (current, interview)

Based on ISCED-97 classification

Information in yearly [guidelines](#)

ED0-2	Pre-primary, primary and lower secondary education (levels 0-2)
ED3_4	Upper secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary education (levels 3 and 4)
ED5_6	First and second stage of tertiary education (levels 5 and 6)

### 5. Self-defined current activity status (code: PL030)

[Reference period:](#) (current, interview)

Information in yearly [guidelines](#) also under code PL031

EMP_FT	Employed persons working full-time
EMP_PT	Employed persons working part-time
UNE	Unemployed persons
EDUC	Students
INAC_OTH	Other inactive persons

### 6. Most frequent activity status (Code: ACTSTA)

[Reference period:](#) (income reference period)

Information: "[Description of datasets on income and living conditions](#)" point 3.2.2.10

POP	Population
EMP	Employed persons
SAL	Employees
NSAL	Employed persons except employees
NEMP	Not employed persons
UNE	Unemployed persons
RET	Retired persons
INAC_OTH	Other inactive persons

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