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**: ≥50% quarter-on-quarter, ≥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 ≥ yearly ≥ biennial ≥ 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

Modules 2022 and 2023:
Commission Regulation 2020/1642

“Statistics Explained”:
Thank you