

9 METHODOLOGICAL INSTRUCTIONS

LFS 2009 AD HOC MODULE

Entry of young people into labour market

The 2009 ad hoc module survey will be conducted at the first visit (according to the quarter of inclusion of relevant Census Area to sample respectively) in household in all quarters of 2009.

The AHM 2009 questionnaire is part of the standard LFS survey programme equipment. A programme controls the selection method of individual respondents. Interviewing on the AHM 2009, compulsory in accordance with Eurostat regulation, follow the standard survey after the question on NformHod (Number of hours in the non-formal education).

The target group for the AHM indicators is composed by all persons in the household aged 15 to 34.

F0901, F0904 - Highest level of education attained by mother and father of a respondent

If mother and father live in the same household with the respondent, this information is automatically available from the core LFS.

In exceptional cases, i.e. other persons with caring responsibility for respondent (e.g. a step-parent, grandparents) living in the household, it is not primarily biological parents but household, in which the person grew up, was taken care of, with whom s/he spent most childhood. If the respondent still does not know, persons living with the respondent at the age of 15 are referred.

The level of education attained is reduced into three principal levels regarding, similarly like the standard LFS survey, the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED 97).

F0902, F0903, F0905, F0906 – Country of birth of mother and father

The methodology for these questions corresponds with the one for a question ZemNar (Country of birth) as used in the standard LFS. The *Country of birth* is defined by the residence of mother or father of respondent's parents in the time of their birth. The interviewer indicates a code of relevant country in current national boundaries, not any applying at the time of the birth of respondent's mother/father. The code of the country is to be used.

F0907 – Orientation of the highest level of education attained

Only persons with the medium level of education attained are interviewed in this question. In case of respondents with a basic level of formal education attained it is assumed that orientation of the education was general and will be automatically coded 1 (general education).

Code 1: **General education** - the ratio of the vocational or working activities was less than 25% of the total educational programme.

If at least 25% of the programme content was vocational education or apprentices specifically oriented towards a specific occupations or trades, leading to a labour-market relevant qualification, this should be considered as **vocational education** (codes 2, 3, 4):

Code 2: Vocational education and training solely (mainly) **school-based** - at least 75% of the vocational education spent in a school or a training centre.

Code 3: **Combination** of school and workplace based vocational education and training – vocational education and school-based education do not form more than 75%, the rest is a working practice.

Code 4: Vocational education and training solely (mainly) **workplace based** - At least 75% of the vocational education spent in a working environment, training hours or enterprise.

F0908, F0909 – Month and year of leaving formal education for the last time

The question indicates, when respondent left or interrupted studies in formal educational process for the last time before the interview. **In comparison with the previous question, objective of this question should not be a successful completion of level of education, but leaving of the formal education for the last time, including early school-leaving.**

The question relates as the basis to other group of following variables. The code *Refusal* and *Not know* cannot be used. If respondent does not remember the exact month of leaving the formal education, the code 00 (unknown month) may be coded. It is necessary to estimate as accurate as possible the year of leaving the formal education. The first two digits should be used for the month of leaving (code 00 for the unknown month), and the 4 following digits for the year of leaving. Example: to June 2005 coding 062005.

It refers to **the last leaving of formal education**. Any temporarily interruption during educational process in the past are not referred in this question.

Leaving formal education means also the on-going **interruption** for the last time, even though the interviewee responds that s/he has the intention to return to formal education in the future.

Exceptionally, if respondent categorically refuses to answer this question, the option "Quit AHM" may be used. This person will not be included in the AHM 2009.

F0910-F0912 - Work during studies in formal education

The question should be asked both to the current students and the persons who have already finished their formal education. The whole period of studies should be taken into account, i.e. both the last level of education and the previous ones.

The purpose of the question is to detect work for pay or profit, of a minimal duration of about 1 month in any year. Not the summary of employment spells for the whole period of studies is concerned, but the specific year. Calendar or academic year is not distinguished; therefore, it is dependent on respondent and his/her situation.

Work can be expressed as approximately **150 hours within a year**, minimum of 4 weeks full-time work or approximately 8 weeks part-time. For minor jobs a reference to at least 150 working hours for a given year would be acceptable.

"Work as part of educational programme" is considered in the question F0909. Most of answers will be compulsory part of the curriculum, such as in paid practice, apprenticeship or compulsory internships.

The question F0910 describes work outside any educational programme and includes also working during **school holidays**.

Interruptions of studies in the question F0911 should be those of at least one school/academic year.

F0913-F0916 – Month and year of start of the first job of more than 3 months after leaving formal education for the last time

Before interviewing on month and year of start of the first job, two questions that set filters should be asked. First of all, if respondent have worked in any job for more than 3 month; secondly, the current job is the first job. If both are answered "Yes" then subsequent questions, but the question F0916, can be imputed from the standard LFS questionnaire.

The question relates as the basis to other group of following variables. The code *Refusal* and *Not know* cannot be used. If respondent does not remember the exact month of start of the first job, the code 00 (unknown month) may be coded. It is necessary to estimate as accurate as possible the start of the first job. The first two digits should be used for the month of leaving (code 00 for the unknown month), and the 4 following digits for the year of leaving. Example: to June 2005 coding 062005.

Exceptionally, if respondent categorically refuses to answer this question, the option "Quit AHM" may be used. This person will not be included in the AHM 2009.

This job could have started before leaving education although it was still the first job after leaving education.

F0917 – Duration of the first job

The question is coded in number of months. If interviewee has difficulties, it is recommended to ask in time **bands of 3 months** and the middle month of those should be coded in the questionnaire.

F0918 – Method which allowed to find the first job

The objective of the question is the valued by respondent as the main successful method which allowed to find the first job. Should there be more methods, the respondent chooses the one method considered as the main.

Code 2: Applies also to the information published via the Internet sites of the public employment office.

Code 7: The code should be used also for the respondents who have taken over the family business or a business with a friend.

F0919-F0923 – Characteristics of the first job (occupation, professional status, full/part-time job, type of contract)

The methodologies of the questions on the first job as well as coding correspond with the standard LFS survey questionnaire.

F0924-F0927 – Main activity after leaving formal education for the last time and before starting the first job of duration of at least 3 months

The question is addressed to persons who did not find a long-term first job (of more than 3 months) with the first three months after leaving the formal education for the last time. It aims to the main activity after leaving, interrupting or finishing the formal education. In case of various activities, respondent could choose the activity with the **longest duration**.

Excluded from the activities are **holidays** after stopping education, if the person took them after leaving the formal education for the last time.