Ad hoc module on reconciliation between work and family life, LFS Q2 2005

Filter 1:  Interview if the respondent is the "mother" or "father" in the family and is aged 15-64 (see technical report for details on implementation of this filter)

Introduction: We have some additional questions on how work and family life can be combined (these questions are asked in all EU/EEA countries this year). It is voluntary to answer these questions, but we hope that you will help us make the statistics as reliable as possible by participating in the rest of the interview.

Respondent is willing to participate → Question 0
Respondent is not willing to participate → Question End

Answers "Value 8" and "Value 9" are included for all questions in the electronic questionnaire (Blaise) and are therefore not listed here.

Q0. Are there any children under the age of 15 in the household?
Instructions: Including adopted and foster children. If childcare is divided (between parents living in different households), the reference period should be the reference week. If the reference week is distorted, use the first week before the reference week that is not distorted.

1 Yes → Q1
2 No → Q2b

Filter 2:  Employed person with children in the household → Q1
Inactive or unemployed person with children in the household → Q2a
Else → Q2b

(C237)

Q1. During a usual week, who is mainly caring for these children (outside compulsory school hours) during a usual week?
Instructions: Outside compulsory school hours; usual week with no school holidays and emergency arrangements caused by sickness or other problems. More than one answer allowed.

1 Kindergarten, paid childminder, day-care facilities for school children (All paid childcare is to be included in this answer category.)
2 Spouse/partner who is living in the household
3 Relatives/neighbours/friends (unpaid)
4 No childcare used
5 Other

(C238)
Filter: Q0 = 1 (Children under the age of 15 in the household)
Introduction
Next, we will ask two questions about your caring for other persons' children or grown-ups in need of care. Care for your own children and paid care should be left aside.

Q2a. Do you regularly take care of other persons' children under the age of 15, who do not live in the household?
   1  Yes
   2  No

→ Q2c

Filter: Q0 = 2 (No children under the age of 15 in the household)

Introduction
Next, we will ask two questions about your caring for other persons' children or grown-ups in need of care. Care for your own children and paid care should be left aside.

Q2a. Do you regularly take care of other persons' children under the age of 15?
   1  Yes
   2  No

→ Q2c

Filter: All

Q2c. Do you regularly take care of relatives or other persons over the age of 14 in need of care?
   1  Yes
   2  No

Filter3:
   The respondent is employed and Q0=1 or Q2a=1 or Q2b=1 or Q2c=1
   → Q3a

   The respondent is employed and has already expressed a desire to work more (i.e. answered Yes to LFS question) and Q0=1 or Q2a=1 or Q2b=1 or Q2c=1
   → Q3a2

   The respondent is not employed and has already expressed a desire to work (i.e. answered Yes to LFS question) and Q0=1 or Q2a=1 or Q2b=1 or Q2c=1
   → Q3c2

   Else (does not have regular care for any persons)
   → Filter 6

(C239)

Q3a. Would you like to change your working hours in relation to your care responsibilities?
   1  Yes
   2  No

→ Q3b

Filter: 3a=1

Q3b. Would you like to...
   1  Work more
   2  Work less

→ Q4a

Q3a2. You have already answered that you would like to work more hours. Would you also like to spend less time on your care responsibilities?
   1  Yes
   2  No

→ Q4a

Filter 6

Q3c. Would you like to work, and thereby reduce the number of hours you spend on your care responsibilities?
   1  Yes
Q3c2. You have already answered that you would like to work. Would you also like to spend less time on your care responsibilities?

1 Yes ➔ Q4c
2 No ➔ Filter 6

Filter 4: If Q3b=1 and (Q0=1 or 2a=1 or 2b=1) ➔ Q4a
If Q3c=1 and (Q0=1 or Q2a=1 or Q2b=1) ➔ Q4c
Else ➔ Filter 5

(C240)

Q4a. Is the fact that you are working less than you want to related to the availability of childcare services/paid childminders?

1 Yes ➔ Q4b
2 No ➔ Filter 5

Q4b. Is the problem that childcare services/paid childminders are not available, that it is too expensive, or that the available childcare services/paid childminders are not of sufficient quality? (if impossible to choose, code in the order of the list)

1 Lack of childcare services/paid childminders ➔ Q4e
2 Childcare services/paid childminders too expensive ➔ Filter 5
3 Available childcare services/paid childminders are not of sufficient quality ➔ Filter 5
4 Other ➔ Filter 5

(Not employed, would like to work)

Q4c. Is the fact that you are not working related to the availability of childcare services/paid childminders?

1 Yes ➔ Q4d
2 No

Q4d. Is the problem that childcare services/paid childminders are not available, that it is too expensive, or that the available childcare services/paid childminders are not of sufficient quality? (if impossible to choose, code in the order of the list)

1 Lack of childcare services/paid childminders ➔ Q4e
2 Childcare services/paid childminders too expensive ➔ Filter 5
3 Available childcare services/paid childminders are not of sufficient quality ➔ Filter 5
4 Other ➔ Filter 5

Filter: Respondent who has given lack of childcare services/paid childminders as reason (Q4b=1 or Q4d=1)

Q4e. When is there a lack of childcare services/paid childminders, at daytime during the week, or outside of regular daytime? (if impossible to choose, code in the order of the list)

1 Ordinary working days, during the day (week days approximately from 7 am to 7 pm)
2 Outside of regular daytime (weekends, holidays, and week days before 7 am or after 7 pm)
3 Both
Filter 5: If 2c=1 and 3b=1 → Q5a
If 2c=1 and 3c=1 → Q5c
Else → Filter 6

(C242)
Filter: Employed persons

Q5a. Is the fact that you are working less than you want to related to the availability of care services /supervision?
1 Yes → Q5b
2 No → Filter 6

Q5b. Is the problem that care services /supervision is not available, that it is too expensive, or that the available care services /supervision is not of sufficient quality?
(if impossible to choose, code in the order of the list)
1 Lack of care services /supervision → Q5e
2 Care services /supervision are too expensive → Filter 6
3 Available care services /supervision are not of sufficient quality → Filter 6
4 Other → Filter 6

Filter: Persons not employed

Q5c. Is the fact that you are not working related to the availability of care services /supervision?
1 Yes → Q5d
2 No → Filter 6

Q5d. Is the problem that care services /supervision is not available, that it is too expensive, or that the available care services /supervision is not of sufficient quality?
(if impossible to choose, code in the order of the list)
1 Lack of care services /supervision → Q5e
2 Care services /supervision are too expensive → Filter 6
3 Available care services /supervision are not of sufficient quality → Filter 6
4 Other → Filter 6

Filter: Respondent who has given lack of childcare services/paid childminders as reason (Q4b=1 or Q4d=1)

Q5e. When is there a lack of care services /supervision, at daytime during the week, or outside of regular daytime?
(if impossible to choose, code in the order of the list)
1 Ordinary working days, during the day (week days approximately from 7 am to 7 pm)
2 Outside of regular daytime (weekends, holidays, and week days before 7 am or after 7 pm)
3 Both

Filter 6: If employed and Q0=1 → Q6a
Else → Filter 7

(C241)
The next question is about how you organise your work when childcare is not available, e.g. during weekends, evenings, or holidays.

Q6a. Over the last 12 months, did you take days off from work to care for the children in such situations?
1 Yes → Q6b
2 No → Filter 7
Q6b. Was it at least once because you could not find a suitable alternative childcare arrangement?
1 Yes → Q6c
2 No, because of other reasons → Filter 7

Q6c. What was the main reason you couldn’t find an alternative childcare arrangement?
1 Lack of childcare services during the day
2 Lack of alternative childcare services at special times of the day
3 too expensive childcare services, or
4 not of sufficient quality

Filter 7: If employed → Q7
Else → Filter 8

(C243), (C244), (C245)
Q7. Is it possible for you to vary the start and/or end of the working day by at least one hour for family reasons?
1 Yes, generally
2 Only exceptionally
3 No

Q9. Is it possible for you to organise your working time or your work in order to take whole days off for family reasons?
1 Yes, generally
2 Only exceptionally
3 No

Q10. Apart from holidays, did you take time off from work for some hours or some days over the last 12 months, because of sickness or family emergencies (e.g. to help a relative or a child that has caught a cold)?
1 Yes
2 No → Filter 8

Q11a. Did you take at least once special leave in case of family sickness or other care responsibilities? (either remunerated or not)
1 Yes
2 No, I used other arrangements → Filter 8

Q11b. Were you paid when on leave?
1 Yes (fully or partly)
2 No, was not paid

Filter 8: If respondent has at least one child (including adopted and foster children) under 13 years old (age limit for parental leave) → Q12
Else → End

(C246)
Q12a. Over the last 12 months, did you take parental leave, including both paid and unpaid leave?
   1. Yes → Q12b
   2. No → Q13

Instructions: Parental leave is the right to work less when one has children aged less than 12 years, in accordance with the Norwegian Working Environment Act or the Norwegian Basic Collective Agreement For The Civil Service.

Q12b. Were you paid when on leave?
   1. Yes (fully or partly)
   2. No, was not paid

Q12c. How did you take the leave over the last 12 months? Was it …
   1. full time
   2. part-time
   3. another arrangement or combinations of arrangements

(C247)

Q13a. Did you nonetheless need such leave?
   1. Yes → Q13b
   2. No → End

Q13b. What was the main reason for not taking leave?
   2. No legal rights
   3. Little or no financial coverage
   4. Lack of flexibility with regard to time and duration
   5. Negative effects on the career
   6. Prefer to work
   7. Other reasons