

SURVEY OF HEALTH, AGEING AND RETIREMENT IN EUROPE (SHARE)

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The European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) is an instrument aiming at collecting timely and comparable cross-sectional and longitudinal multidimensional microdata on income, poverty, social exclusion and living conditions. This instrument is anchored in the European Statistical System (ESS).

The EU-SILC instrument provides two types of data:

Cross-sectional data pertaining to a given time or a certain time period with variables on income, poverty, social exclusion and other living conditions

Longitudinal data pertaining to individual-level changes over time, observed periodically over a four-year period.

Social exclusion and housing condition information is collected mainly at household level while labour, education and health information is obtained for persons aged 16 and over. The core of the instrument, income at very detailed component level, is mainly collected at personal level.

For 2004 data are available for 13 MS (AT, BE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GR, IE, IT, LU, PT, SE).

For 2005 data are available for all EU25 Member States, Iceland and Norway.

For 2006 data are available for all EU25 Member States, Bulgaria, Iceland and Norway.

Since 2007, data are available for all EU27 Member States, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland

Since 2010, data are available for all EU28 Member States, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland

Health questions:

The implementation of the health questions in SILC is not yet fully harmonized and, thus, the comparability of the results is limited. New guidelines for this question were provided by Eurostat in October 2007 to the Member States, in order to improve the data comparability for the coming years.

see: Eurostat-EU Task Force on Health Expectancies common statement about the SILC data quality

The EU-SILC health questions used in the EHEMU_IS are gathered in the Minimum European Health Module (MEHM) made of three global questions on :

- General Perceived Health
- Chronic Health Problems

- Global Activity Limitation

The wording of these questions in the successive EU-SILC questionnaires since 2004 in each national language can be accessed hereunder.

Source:

[Questionnaires](#)

Additional information on SILC can be found at [Eurostat](#) or [The European Health Survey System](#)