

Module 2015: “Social and cultural participation and Material Deprivation”

Regulation (EU) № 67/2014 of the Commission shall submit the list of target secondary variables related to participation in social and cultural life and material deprivation. Module 2015 includes issues relating to personal time, social contacts, meetings with friends and family participation in sports activities and events, participation in charitable activities, as well as issues of material deprivation.

Basic characteristics of 2015 module – “Social and cultural participation and Material deprivation”:

- **Units of observation:**

The target variables relate to two different types of units:

All variables except for the one related to the “Financial stress” are applied for each current household member.

Variable related to the “Financial stress” is applied at household level and it is related to the household as a whole.

- **Mode of data collection:**

For the variable applying at household level, the mode of data collection is personal interview with the household respondent. For variables applying at individual level, the mode of data collection is personal interview with all current household members aged 16 and over.

Given the type of information to be collected, only personal interviews (proxy interviews as an exception for persons temporarily absent or incapacitated) are allowed.

The age refers to the age at the end of the income reference period.

- **Reference period:**

The variables related to the “Participation in cultural and sport event” and “Formal and informal social participation” refer to the last twelve months. The variables related to the “Practise of artistic activities” and “Integration with relatives, friends and neighbours” refer to the usual period. The variables related to the “Material deprivation” refer to the current period.

- **Target variables:**

Module 2015 contains 22 variables, 1 (HD080) which is applied at household level and the rest 21 variables (PS010 – PD080) are gathered at individual level and cover all members aged 16 or more.

The variables in the module are as follows:

Social and cultural participation

PS010 Going to the cinema

PS020 Going to live performances – this includes theatre plays, concerts, operas, ballet, dance performances, etc. Street performances should also be included. If the respondent is part of the live performances this should be excluded.

PS030 Visiting cultural sites – this refers to historical monuments, museums, art galleries, archaeological sites, etc.

PS040 Attendance to live sport events – only organized events are included, i.e. watching a sport event on TV/computer is excluded as well as if the respondent taking a place in the event.

The variables PS010, PS020, PS030 and PS040 refer to visiting cinema, live performances, cultural sites and sport events. If the answer is positive the respondent should say the count of the events he/she attended and if it is negative should say what is the main reason. The term “nearby” does not have to be understood only as a physical distance but also in terms of accessibility.

PS041 Practice of artistic activities – this includes artistic activities such as playing an instrument, composing music, singing, dancing, acting, photographing, making video, drawing, painting, carving or do other visual arts, handcraft, writing poems, short stories, fiction, etc. All activities performed as respondent's professional activity are excluded.

Integrating with family, friends and neighbours

PS050 Frequency of getting together with family (relatives)

PS060 Frequency of getting together with friends

PS070 Frequency of contacts with family (relatives)

PS080 Frequency of contacts with friends

The variables PS050, PS060, PS070 and PS080 refer to the frequency of the meetings/contacts with friends and family. This includes only persons living outside the household and the meeting is planned, casual meet does not count. Contacts with friends and family can be done by phone, text, internet, mail, etc.

PS081 Communication via social media - social media should be understood as any website that enables users to create public profiles within that website and form relationships with other users (not necessarily friends or people really close to him/her) of the same website who access their profile and is actively taking part in discussions, conversations and other online activities (sharing photos, web sites, writing messages, “likes”, etc.).

PS090 Help from others

PS091 Personal matters (anyone to discuss with)

The questions PS090 and PS091 refer to family, friends, neighbours from whom it can obtain support/help (moral, material or financial) in case it is needed, as well as the opportunity to discuss different personal matters with other person whether it is a member of the household or not.

Formal and informal participation in the social life

PS100 Participation in informal voluntary activities – this refers to any informal unpaid activities that are not arranged by any organization. It includes such activities as:

- helping other people, including family members not living in the same household (e.g. cooking for others; taking care of people in hospitals/at home; taking people for a walk, shopping, etc.);
- helping animals (e.g. taking care of homeless, wild animals);
- other informal voluntary activities such as cleaning a beach, a forest etc.

Any activity that respondent undertakes for his/her household or in his/her work are excluded. Activities undertaken within charitable organizations should also be excluded.

PS101 Participation in formal voluntary work – this includes any unpaid non-compulsory work for or through an organization, a formal group or a club. This work should be understood as volunteer work conducted to help other people, the environment, animals, the wider community, etc.

PS102 Active citizenship – this refers to participation to the activities of a political party or a local interest group, participation in a public consultation, peaceful protest including signing a petition, participation in a demonstration, writing a letter to a politician, writing a letter to the media, active participation via Internet (e.g. petition, letter, etc.). Voting should not be considered as active citizenship.

Material deprivation

Variables applicable at household level

Financial difficulties

HD080 Replacing worn-out furniture - the term "furniture" corresponds to the objects such as tables, chairs, beds, desks, dressers, cupboards, etc. kept in the dwelling to make it suitable or comfortable for living or working in. The focus is on the financial capacity for replacing old and worn-out furniture. The furniture can be new or second-hand.

Variables applicable at individual level (persons aged 16 and over)

Basic needs

PD020 Replace worn-out clothes by some new (not second-hand) ones – this question focuses on the replacement of the worn out clothes by some new clothes (such as suit, winter coat, pullover, etc.). The variable refers to worn out clothes, not to old-fashioned ones.

PD030 Two pairs of properly fitting shoes (including a pair of all-weather shoes) – the concept of shoes has to be understood in a broad sense. It could include boots, sandals, etc. All-weather shoes could be defined as any daily life shoes with the exception of sandals and boots.

Leisure and social activities

PD050 Get-together with friends/family (relatives) for a drink/meal at least once a month – to get-together for a drink/meal means spending time eating and/or drinking with friends or family (relatives) at home or elsewhere (restaurant, pub, etc.).

PD060 Regularly participate in a leisure activity – term "regularly" is linked to the considered activity(ies) and that implies that leisure activities (all together) are done several times per year. The considered activity(ies) should occur outside home. This(these) would cost some money for entrance and/or travel costs, for purchase costs or for participating costs in an organized play events.

PD070 Spend a small amount of money each week on yourself – this refer to the ability to spend a small amount of money on yourself means to freely spend money, e.g., to go to movies, to buy a small object, to buy a magazine, a small book, to go to the hairdresser, etc.

Durable goods

PD080 Internet connection for personal use at home – this refer to the **internet access** can be via Smartphone, other wireless handheld device (tablet, etc.), video games console, laptop, desktop computer, TV etc.