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- All cells shaded in orange indicate country-specific information, standard values generated by ERF or values of a scale variable
- All variables' names are in upper cases in the data dictionary and the SPSS format data files, and in lower cases in the STATA format data files
- Under column "Key":
  - -A: indicates a variable that is available in/can be generated from the survey dataset
  - -/: indicates a variable that is not available in/cannot be generated from the survey dataset

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FILE LEVEL: ALL **IDEAL UNIVERSE: ALL OBSERVATIONS (HOUSEHOLDS/INDIVIDUALS)** The variables in this section exist in both the household and the individual data files. **CATEGORY: FILE IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMATION**										
COUNTRY	Country	A numeric variable representing the country **and coded per the UN's Dec. 2012, country classification.**	This variable exists in both the household and the individual files and is necessary when concatenating different data files.	Numeric discrete variable			All HHs/ All INDs	A	-	Generated by ERF
YEAR	Survey year	Year during which the survey was performed.	This variable exists in both the household and the individual files and is necessary when concatenating cross-sectional data. In the case of panel data, the Panel Identifier should be used to merge the datasets across years.	Ordered discrete variable			All HHs/ All INDs	A	-	Generated by ERF
ROUND	Survey round	This variable indicates the round during which the household was observed.	The data collection of the LFSs might be conducted over several rounds during the survey year. This variable will be then generated in the datasets for which the collection was done over at least 2 rounds to indicate the round number during which each household was observed. In the case of panel data, the same household ID may have different round numbers indicating different observations of the same household during the survey year.	Ordered discrete variable			All HHs/ All INDs	A	-	Generated by ERF
DTYPE	Data type	This variable should indicate whether the survey data is cross-sectional or panel.	The value of this variable should be constant for the same dataset, indicating one type of data (cross-sectional or panel). This variable might be useful when combining datasets to identify different types of data before using them for analysis.	Categorical variable	1 Cross-sectional 2 Panel		All HHs/ All INDs	A	-	Generated by ERF taking the code 2 since the data is panel. A check on paneled households and individuals was conducted. Some inconsistencies were detected across rounds in paneled observations. Only some cases could be corrected, particularly in time-invariant characteristics, however the most appropriate method to deal with the rest was left to the user's judgement.
DREP	Household repetition over rounds	For the panel as well as the fresh sample, this variable should indicate the round(s) over which a certain household was interviewed.	This variable is generated only in the case of panel data. In case of cross-sectional data, this variable should typically be similar to the "ROUND" variable.	Harmonized Categorical variable	1 First round only 2 Second round only 3 Third round only 4 Fourth round only 12 First and second rounds 13 First and third rounds 14 First and fourth rounds 23 Second and third rounds 24 Second and fourth rounds 34 Third and fourth rounds		All HHs/ All INDs	A	-	Generated by ERF
CASESER	Unique household identifier	Sequential anonymous household identifier, usually provided in the dataset.	This variable exists both in the household and the individual files and is necessary when merging the two files. When combining different countries or years, it is necessary to use the CASESER variable in combination with the COUNTRY, YEAR and ROUND variables in order to uniquely identify the households. When merging household and individual level files from the same dataset, this variable can be used to link each individual to the right household.	Ordered discrete variable			All HHs/ All INDs	A	idsam	
HPNLID	Household panel identifier	This variable should indicate the identifiers of paneled households only, either those observed across different rounds during the survey year or across two successive years, depending on the sampling design.	This identifier should be available for the paneled households only, and is unique within EACH round. It should be used to merge the panel data of households observed over several rounds. In some datasets, for the paneled households only, this variable might be similar to CASESER.	Ordered discrete variable			Paneled HHs/ Paneled INDs	A	hhid	Provided for paneled households and individuals only
HWEIGHT	Household weight	Data provider household weight.	The household weight can correct just for sample bias, or also for non-sampling errors (such as response bias and adjustment to population distribution). In many cases, the weight is a population weight, which means that the weight will inflate the result to reflect the total population. We strongly recommend that all statistical analysis be performed using the data weights.	Continuous variable			All HHs/ All INDs	/		Only individuals' weights are provided and they are available in the individuals data file.

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REG	Region	Region of residence.	To generate the Region and Area of residence, the original variables will be recoded to include the country UN standardized 3 digits code (already used in COUNTRY) in addition to the REG or AREA code, standardized on 3 digits as well. This is to avoid possible mismatches between these two variables' codes across different countries when the datasets are merged.	Categorical variable	CNT+COD Country (UN 3 digits) + Region codes (3 digits code)		All HHs/ All INDs	A	wbgs
AREA	Area	Second geographical variable identifying another aspect of the location of the unit not described in REG such as city or village.		Categorical variable	CNT+COD Country (UN 3 digits) + Area codes (3 digits code)		All HHs/ All INDs	A	id06
PSUNUM	Primary Sampling Unit identifier	Anonymous Primary Sampling Unit identifier provided in the dataset.		Ordered discrete variable			All HHs/ All INDs	/	
RURURB	Urban/Rural residence	Indicates whether the region is urban/rural.	In case the country has refugee camps (as in Palestine), the "refugee camp" category is coded "2".	Harmonized categorical/ dummy variable	0 Rural	2 Rural	All HHs/ All INDs	A	id07
					1 Urban	1 Urban			
					2 Refugee camps	3 Camp			

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CATEGORY: HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

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TPNUM	Total number of household members		The variables should count all household members (males/females), including those reported as head's non-relative (including domestic workers).				All HHs	A		Generated by ERF
MALNUM	Total number of males in the household		These variables should be constructed by aggregating the data provided on the individual-level.	Ordered discrete variable			All HHs	A	sex	Generated by ERF
FEMNUM	Total number of females in the household		In general, summation over all individuals in the household. TPNUM = FEMNUM + MALNUM				All HHs	A	sex	Generated by ERF

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IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW
CATEGORY: LFS CLASSIFICATION OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

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MALUNEMP_PW	Number of unemployed 15+ males who have previously worked		These variables should be generated for household members who are in the working age population (aged 15 years or older). In the case where no identification can be done between those who have previously worked and those who have never worked before, the household members who are unemployed but reported a previous work experience are identified as "unemployed who have previously worked," and those with no work experience are identified as "never worked before." These variables should be constructed by aggregating the data provided on the individual-level. In general, summation over all unemployed individuals in the household aged 15+ (worked previously and never worked before). HUNEMP_PW=FEMUNEMP_PW+MALUNEMP_PW HUNEMP_NW=FEMUNEMP_NW+MALUNEMP_NW	Ordered discrete variable			All HHs	A		Generated by ERF
MALUNEMP_NW	Number of unemployed 15+ males who have never worked						All HHs	A		Generated by ERF
FEMUNEMP_PW	Number of unemployed 15+ females who have previously worked						All HHs	A	sex age pw01 pw02 pw03 pw14 pw16 pw17	Generated by ERF
FEMUNEMP_NW	Number of unemployed 15+ females who have never worked						All HHs	A		Generated by ERF
HUNEMP_PW	Number of 15+ unemployed household members who have previously worked						All HHs	A		Generated by ERF
HUNEMP_NW	Number of 15+ unemployed household members who have never worked						All HHs	A		Generated by ERF
MALINLF	Number of 15+ males in the labor force		These variables should be generated for household members who are in the working age population (aged 15 years or older), and reported to be either employed or unemployed and seeking a job (active) during the short reference period. These variables should be constructed by aggregating the data provided on the individual-level. In general, summation over all individuals 15+ in the labor force in the household. HINLF = FEMINLF + MALINLF	Ordered discrete variable			All HHs	A	sex age pw01 pw02 pw03 pw14 pw16	Generated by ERF
FEMINLF	Number of 15+ females in the labor force						All HHs	A		Generated by ERF
HINLF	Number of 15+ household members in the labor force						All HHs	A		Generated by ERF
MALOUTLF	Number of 15+ males out of labor force		These variables should be generated for household members who are in the working age population (aged 15 years or older) and inactive with respect to their relation to the labor force during the short reference period (unemployed and able to work but neither want nor seeking work, student, housewife, homemaker, retired, disabled, old age, etc.). These variables should be constructed by aggregating the data provided on the individual-level. In general, summation over all individuals 15+ and out of labor force in the household. HOUTLF = FEMOUTLF + MALOUTLF	Ordered discrete variable			All HHs	A	sex age pw01 pw02 pw03 pw14 pw16	Generated by ERF
FEMOUTLF	Number of 15+ females out of labor force						All HHs	A		Generated by ERF
HOUTLF	Number of 15+ household members out of labor force						All HHs	A		Generated by ERF

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FILE LEVEL: HOUSEHOLD IDEAL UNIVERSE: ALL HOUSEHOLDS IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW CATEGORY: HEAD'S AND SPOUSE'S CHARACTERISTICS			Information on Heads and Spouses are constructed from the individual-level files. For more information about a specific variable, refer to the individual-level variable. All heads and spouses for whom a "not stated" status is reported in any of the variables are those within the variable universe but whose information was not provided in the original data. Some inconsistencies were detected across rounds in paneled observations. Only some cases could be corrected, particularly in time-invariant characteristics, however the most appropriate method to deal with the rest was left to the user's judgement.							
AGEHD	Age of the head	Age in completed years.	See AGE When the original dataset has only age categories, age is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Ordered discrete variable			All Heads	A	age hr04	
AGESP	Age of the spouse		If the head has multiple spouses, a variable for each spouse will be generated, and named AGESP_# where # is the spouse number.				All Spouses			
SEXHD	Gender of the head	Gender.	See SEX	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Male	Structured the same as SEX	All Heads	A	sex hr04	
SEXSP	Gender of the spouse		If the head is male and has multiple spouses, a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named SEXSP_# where # is the spouse number. For all spouses except the first spouse, the gender will be always 2 (female).		2 Female		All Spouses			
MARTHD	Marital status of the head [Standardized version]	Legal administrative status concerning marriage.	This variable should not be imputed for household members for whom the information was not collected (i.e. it can only be generated for those to whom the question was asked since the youngest age at which the information is collected may differ depending on the survey). Married only refers to formal marriages (including legally married). Polygamous unions include males with multiple spouses. The number of spouses in the household can be used to indicate polygamy.	Harmonized Categorical variable	1 Never married 2 Married monogamous 3 Married polygamous 4 Divorced/Separated 5 Widowed 99 Not stated	Structured the same as MART	Heads aged 12+	A	maritals hr04	In the raw data, an aggregated "other" category is provided to indicate the divorced, separated or widowed. To split the original category, those younger than 60 years of age were assumed to be divorced/separated, while those aged 60 years or older were assumed to be widowed.
MARTHD_D	Marital status of the head [Detailed version]	Legal administrative status concerning marriage (detailed version of coding).		Harmonized Categorical variable		Structured the same as MART_D	Heads aged 12+	A		
NATHD	Ethnicity/nationality of the head [Standardized version]	Ethnicity or nationality.	See ETHNAT	Categorical variable	0 Non-citizen	Structured the same as ETHNAT	All Heads	/		
NATSP	Ethnicity/nationality of the spouse [Standardized version]		In the case that the head has multiple spouses, a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named NATSP_# where # is the spouse number.		1 Citizen 99 Not stated		All Spouses			
NATHD_D	Ethnicity/nationality of the head [Detailed version]	Ethnicity or nationality (detailed version of coding).	See ETHNAT_D	Harmonized Categorical variable	001-894 Standardized UN country codes 990 Other Arab countries 991 Other non-Arab countries 998 Without citizenship 999 Not stated	Structured the same as ETHNAT_D	All Heads	/		
NATSP_D	Ethnicity/nationality of the spouse [Detailed version]		In the case that the head has multiple spouses, a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named NATSP_#_D where # is the spouse number.				All Spouses			
IMMIGRHD	Immigration status of the head	Ideally indicates whether an individual is born in the country or has an immigrant background, and, if possible, how recently he/she arrived. Other migration status information may be included if available.	See IMMIGR	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Immigrant (from abroad)	Structured the same as IMMIGR	All Heads	/		
IMMIGRSP	Immigration status of the spouse		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named IMMIGRSP_# where # is the spouse number.		2 Migrant (from another region inside the country) 3 No		All Spouses			
BIRHD	Is the head born in his residence place	This variable indicates whether the individual is born in his/her current place of residence.	See BIR	Dummy variable	0 No	Structured the same as BIR	All Heads	/		
BIRSP	Is the spouse born in her residence place		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named BIRSP_# where # is the spouse number.		1 Yes		All Spouses			

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BIRPLHD	Place of birth of the head	This variable includes the country or the region/ governorate where the individual was born.	See BIRPL Very few surveys contain this information	Categorical variable	001-894 Standardized UN country codes (for immigrants) CNT+COD Country (UN 3 digits)+Birth place codes (for migrants and residents)	Structured the same as BIRPL	All Heads	/		
BIRPLSP	Place of birth of the spouse		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named BIRPLSP_# where # is the spouse number.				All Spouses			
LITHD	Literacy status of the head	This variable indicates whether the person is literate (can read and write) or not.	See LIT	Dummy variable	0 No	Structured the same as LIT	Heads aged 10+	A	edu_qual hr04	
LITSP	Literacy status of the spouse		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named LITSP_# where # is the spouse number.		1 Can read & write 99 Not stated		Spouses aged 10+			
EDUHD	Educational level of the head [Standardized version]	Highest level of education attained.	See EDUC	Harmonized categorical variable	1 None 2 Primary/Lower secondary 3 Secondary	Structured the same as EDUC	Heads aged 10+	A	edu_qual hr04	
EDUSP	Educational level of the spouse [Standardized version]		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named EDUSP_# where # is the spouse number.		4 Post secondary or equivalent 5 University 6 Postgraduate 99 Not stated		Spouses aged 10+			
EDUHD_D	Educational level of the head [Detailed version]	Highest level of education attained (detailed version of coding).	See EDUC_D	Harmonized categorical variable		Structured the same as EDUC_D	Heads aged 10+	A	edu_qual hr04	
EDUSP_D	Educational level of the spouse [Detailed version]		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named EDUSP_#_D where # is the spouse number.				Spouses aged 10+			
MASHD	Main activity status of the head [Standardized version]	Main activity status during the survey period.	See MAS	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Employed 2 Unemployed 3 Homemaker (Housewife)	Structured the same as MAS	Heads aged 10+	A	pw01 pw02 pw03 pw11 pw12 pw14 pw16 hr04	
MASSP	Main activity status of the spouse [Standardized version]		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named MASSP_# where # is the spouse number.		4 Student 5 Pensioners/retired/disabled 6 Others 99 Not stated		Spouses aged 10+			
MASHD_D	Main activity status of the head [Detailed version]	Main activity status during the survey period (detailed version of coding).	See MAS_D	Harmonized categorical variable		Structured the same as MAS_D	Heads aged 10+	A	pw01 pw02 pw03 pw11 pw12 pw14 pw16 pw17 hr04	The category 530, indicating those who are inactive because of disability, identifies as well some respondents who have been abroad at the time of survey, as defined in the raw data, those could not be separately classified. For those employed but temporary unpaid because of waiting for the start date of an agreed work (MAS_D=132), all main job characteristics were recoded "not stated" since they did not effectively start working.
MASSP_D	Main activity status of the spouse [Detailed version]		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named MASSP_#_D where # is the spouse number.				Spouses aged 10+			
EMPSHD	Status of employment of the head [Standardized version]	Detailed description of the employment status.	See EMPS	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Employee 2 Employer 3 Own account, self-employed	Structured the same as EMPS	Employed Heads aged 10+	A	pw23 hr04	For those employed but temporary unpaid because of waiting for the start date of an agreed work (MAS_D=132), all main job characteristics were recoded "not stated" since they did not effectively start working.
EMPSSP	Status of employment of the spouse [Standardized version]		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named EMPSSP_# where # is the spouse number.		4 Contributing (unpaid) family workers 5 Member of producers cooperatives 6 Workers not classifiable by status (other) 99 Not stated		Employed Spouses aged 10+			

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OCCHD	Occupation classification of the main job of the head [Standardized version]	Standardized occupation classification of the main job.	See OCC	Harmonized categorical variable	10 Legislators, senior officials and managers 20 Professionals 30 Technicians and associate professionals 40 Clerks 50 Service workers and shop and market sales workers 60 Skilled agricultural and fishery workers 70 Craft and related trades workers 80 Plant and machine operators and assemblers 90 Elementary occupations 100 Armed Forces 998 Other/unspecified 999 Not stated	Structured the same as OCC	Employed Heads aged 10+	A	pw22 hr04	
OCCSP	Occupation classification of the main job of the spouse [Standardized version]		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named OCCSP_# where # is the spouse number.				Employed Spouses aged 10+			For those employed but temporary unpaid because of waiting for the start date of an agreed work (MAS_D=132), all main job characteristics were recoded "not stated" since they did not effectively start working.
OCCHD_ISCO88_2	Occupation classification of the main job of the head [ISCO 1988-2 digits]	Occupation classification of the main job, following the 2-digits International Standard Classification of Occupations for the year 1988 (ISCO-88).		Harmonized categorical variable	-- ISCO 1988-2 digits coding 9998 Unspecified codes 9999 Not Stated	Structured the same as OCC_ISCO88_2	Employed Heads aged 10+	A	pw22 hr04	
OCCSP_ISCO88_2	Occupation classification of the main job of the spouse [ISCO 1988-2 digits]		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named OCCSP_#_xxx where # is the spouse number and xxx is the occupation classification.				Employed Spouses aged 10+			
INDHD	Economic activity classification of the main job of the head [Standardized version]	Standardized economic activity classification of the main job.	See IND	Harmonized categorical variable	10 Agriculture, forestry and fishing 20 Mining and quarrying 30 Manufacturing 40 Electricity, gas and water supply 50 Construction 60 Wholesale and retail trade 70 Transportation and storage 80 Accommodation and food service activities 90 Information and communication 100 Financial and insurance activities 110 Real estate, professional and support service activities 120 Public administration and defence 130 Education 140 Human health and social work activities 150 Other activities 998 Unspecified 999 Not stated	Structured the same as IND	Employed Heads aged 10+	A	pw20 hr04	
INDSP	Economic activity classification of the main job of the spouse [Standardized version]		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named INDSP_# where # is the spouse number.				Employed Spouses aged 10+			For those employed but temporary unpaid because of waiting for the start date of an agreed work (MAS_D=132), all main job characteristics were recoded "not stated" since they did not effectively start working.
INDHD_ISIC3_2	Economic activity classification of the main job of the head [ISIC Rev.3-2 digits]	Economic activity classification of the main job, following the 2-digits International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities, Revision 3 (ISIC Rev.3).		Harmonized categorical variable	--- ISIC-Rev. 3-2 digits coding 9998 Unspecified codes 9999 Not Stated	Structured the same as IND_ISIC3_2	Employed Heads aged 10+	A	pw20 hr04	
INDSP_ISIC3_2	Economic activity classification of the main job of the spouse [ISIC Rev.3-2 digits]		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named INDSP_#_xxx where # is the spouse number and xxx is the economic activity classification.				Employed Spouses aged 10+			
SECTORHD	Sector of employment of the head [Standardized version]	Sector of employment (i.e. private versus public sector workers) in the main job.	See SECTOR	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Government 2 Public sector 3 Private sector 4 Joint/Cooperative 5 Foreign sector 6 Other 99 Not stated	Structured the same as SECTOR	Employed Heads aged 10+	A	pw23 hr04	The sector of employment generated using the variable pw23, originally indicating the employment status, is not reported for those who found a job and waiting to start, in addition to all other employed individuals for whom the employment status is employer or self-employed. Thus, the generated variable for those who found a job is recoded "not stated", and the sector was assumed to be private for all employers and self-employed.
SECTORSP	Sector of employment of the spouse [Standardized version]		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named SECTORSP_# where # is the spouse number.				Employed Spouses aged 10+			
SECTORHD_D	Sector of employment of the head [Detailed version]	These variables distinguish between different types of public and private sector employment, as well as other types of sectors (foreign, cooperative, etc.).	See SECTOR_D	Harmonized categorical variable		Structured the same as SECTOR_D	Employed Heads aged 10+	A	pw23 hr04	Regular private sector was assumed to be inside an establishment; while the irregular one was coded private sector outside an establishment. The sector for unpaid family workers was assumed to be private-families. For those employed but temporary unpaid because of waiting for the start date of an agreed work (MAS_D=132), all main job characteristics were recoded "not stated" since they did not effectively start working.
SECTORSP_D	Sector of employment of the spouse [Detailed version]		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named SECTORSP_#_D where # is the spouse number.				Employed Spouses aged 10+			

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EMPSTABHD	Employment stability in the main job of the head	These variables indicate whether the employed individual is engaged in a regular or an irregular job.	See EMPSTAB	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Full time/Regular	Structured the same as EMPSTAB	Employed Heads aged …+	/		
					2 Part time/Temporary					
EMPSTABSP	Employment stability in the main job of the spouse		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named EMPSTABSP_# where # is the spouse number.		3 Seasonal/Irregular		Employed Spouses aged …+			
					99 Not stated					
TOTWAGHD	Total monthly wage from the regular main job of the head	This variable indicates the total monthly wage the employee received from the main job, including bonuses, benefits, allowances, profits, etc.	See TOTWAG When the original dataset has only wage categories, the total wage is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable		Structured the same as TOTWAG	Waged Workers Heads aged 10+	A	pw25 dwage hr04	Only daily wages in shekel are provided. The daily wages were multiplied by the number of paid working days during the month preceding the survey (pw25) to generate monthly wages.
TOTWAGSP	Total monthly wage from the regular main job of the spouse		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named TOTWAGSP_# where # is the spouse number.				Waged Workers Spouses aged 10+			
IRRGWAGHD	Total daily wages from seasonal/irregular jobs of the head		See IRRGWAG When the original dataset has only wage categories, the total wage is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable		Structured the same as IRRGWAG	Irregular Waged Workers Heads aged …+	/		
IRRGWAGSP	Total daily wages from seasonal/irregular jobs of the spouse		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named IRRGWAGSP_# where # is the spouse number.				Irregular Waged Workers Spouses aged …+			
EMPINCHD	Total monthly income of the head if reported employer		See EMPINC When the original dataset has only income categories, the total income is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable		Structured the same as EMPINC	Heads reported employers aged …+	/		
EMPINCSP	Total monthly income of the spouse if reported employer		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named EMPINCSP_# where # is the spouse number.				Spouses reported employers aged …+			
SEMPINCHD	Total monthly income of the head if reported self-employed		See SEMPINC When the original dataset has only income categories, the total income is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable		Structured the same as SEMPINC	Self-employed Heads aged …+	/		
SEMPINCSP	Total monthly income of the spouse if reported self-employed		In the case that the head has multiple spouses a variable for each spouse will be generated and will be named SEMPINCSP_# where # is the spouse number.				Self-employed Spouses aged …+			

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IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW
CATEGORY: DWELLING CHARACTERISTICS

Variable Name	Variable Label	Contents	General Comments	Variable type	Standardized Values and Value Labels	Survey Values	Universe	Key	Var(s)	Country comments
HHTYPE	Household type	Identifying collective and non-collective households.	Collective households are mostly composed of a number of non-relatives (residents/non-residents) who are of the same gender, living together, and employed and/or students. No head is identified for collective households and the relationship to the head variable will be recoded as missing for all household members. Non-collective households are mostly residents who have the regular structure of a family (head, spouse, etc.).	Dummy variable	0 Non-collective 1 Collective		All HHs	/		
DWLTYP	Type of dwelling [Standardized version]	Type of the dwelling.	This variable mainly distinguishes between villas, apartments and others. "House" includes traditional, modern, or Arabic houses etc. "Villa" includes palaces, villas, floor in a villa, or duplex etc. "Others" includes clay/reed house, primitive houses, caravans, etc.	Harmonized categorical variable	1 House 2 Villa 3 Apartment 4 Others		All HHs	/		

DWLTYP_D	Type of dwelling [Detailed version]	Type of the dwelling (detailed version of coding).	This variable is the detailed version of the above type of dwelling variable (DWLTYP). It mainly distinguishes between different types of houses, villas, apartments and other residential units.	Harmonized categorical variable	100 House
					  110 Countryside house
					  120 Arabic house
					  130 Traditional house
					  140 Modern house
					  150 Public or part of a public house
					  160 Small house (part of a villa)
					  170 House in an agency
					  180 House built in bricks or rocks or concrete
					  190 "1" Floor building
					200 Villa
					  210 Villa or floor in a villa
					  220 Part of a villa
					  230 Palace
					300 Apartment
					  310 More than one apartment
					  320 Studio
					400 Others
					  410 One or more separate rooms
					  420 One or more rooms in a housing unit
					  430 Tent, hut, shack, slum, grotto, shebra, caravan, Barakia (marginal), …
					  440 Clay or reed house
					  450 Other place not suitable for residence
					  460 Residence in cemetery area
							All HHs	/		

DWLTEN	Tenure of dwelling [Standardized version]	Type of tenure.	This variable distinguishes between owned or rented living quarters.	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Rented 2 Owned 3 Provided free 4 Others		All HHs	/		

DWLTEN_D	Tenure of dwelling [Detailed version]	Type of tenure (detailed version of coding).	This variable distinguishes between different types of owned, rented, provided free or other forms of tenure for living quarters.	Harmonized categorical variable	100 Rented
					  110 Unfurnished rent
					  120 Furnished rent
					  130 Old law rent
					  140 New law rent
					  150 Rent with key money
					200 Owned
					  210 Unit owned (privately or jointly)
					  220 Unit bought
					  230 In the process of being acquired
					  240 Mortgage with or without rent
					300 Provided free
					  310 Provided free by employer or by work
					  320 Subsidized rent, without payment, from work
					  330 Gift/granted
					  340 In-kind benefit
					  350 Without payment
					400 Others
					  410 Free agreement
					  420 No agreement
					  430 Provided for work
							All HHs	/		

ARHOUS	Actual rentals for housing	Actual rentals paid by tenants and other actual rentals.	Rentals include payment for the use of the land on which the property stands, the dwelling occupied, the fixtures and fittings for heating, plumbing, lighting, etc., and, in the case of a furnished dwelling, rented furniture.	Continuous variable			All HHs	/		
IMPREN	Imputed rentals for housing	Imputed rentals of owners occupying their main residence and other imputed rentals.	Also includes imputed rentals for secondary residences and imputed rentals for households paying a reduced rental or who are housed free.	Continuous variable			All HHs	/		

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						Survey Values and Value Labels	Universe	Key	Var(s) used from the survey	Country specific comments
ROOM	Number of rooms	Number of rooms excluding bathroom and kitchen.	In some surveys, there is no indication whether the bathroom and the kitchen are counted in the number of rooms or not. We assume they are excluded.	Ordered discrete variable			All HHs	/		
ELECT	Connection to electricity	This variable indicates if the dwelling is connected to electricity or not.	This variable is often generated from the source of lighting. Dwellings having a private generator, are considered connected to electricity.	Dummy variable	0 No 1 Electricity		All HHs	/		
SLIGHT	Source of energy for lighting	This variable distinguishes between public and private sources of electricity and other sources of energy used for lighting.	Private sources of electricity include community and private generators and cooperative networks. "Others" may include sources that are presented independently in the standardized value if the survey is not detailed enough (examples are gas and kerosene).	Harmonized categorical variable	0 No lighting 1 Public network 2 Private 3 Gas 4 Kerosene 8 Others		All HHs	/		
SCOOK	Source of energy for cooking	This variable distinguishes between different sources of energy used for cooking.		Harmonized categorical variable	0 No cooking 1 Electricity 2 Gas 3 Kerosene 4 Wood & coal 8 Others		All HHs	/		
SHEAT	Source of energy for heating	This variable distinguishes between different sources of energy used for heating.		Harmonized categorical variable	0 No heating 1 Electricity 2 Gas 3 Kerosene 4 Wood & coal 8 Others		All HHs	/		
WAT	Water facility [Standardized version]	This variable should indicate the main source of drinking water for the dwelling.	Piped supply includes public and private networks; public tap includes fountains and springs; wells are either with or without private or public pumps etc.; Tanker includes water purchased indoor or outdoor; others include lakes, rivers, rainwater, etc.	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Piped supply 2 Public tap 3 Well 4 Tanker 8 Others		All HHs	/		

WAT_D	Water facility [Detailed version]	This variable should indicate the main source of drinking water for the dwelling (detailed version of coding).		Harmonized Categorical variable	100 Piped supply
					   110 Public network
					   120 Private network
					200 Public tap
					   210 Public tap connected to public network
					   220 Public tap not connected to public network
					   230 Fountains
					   240 Unequipped fountains
					   250 Equipped fountains
					   260 Springs
					300 Well
					   305 Covered/protected well
					   310 Uncovered/unprotected well
					   315 Well with pump
					   320 Well without pump
					   325 Covered/protected well with pump
					   330 Uncovered/unprotected well with pump
					   335 Covered/protected well without pump
					   340 Uncovered/unprotected well without pump
					   345 Public well
					   350 Equipped public well
					   355 Unequipped public well
					   360 Private well
					   365 Equipped private well
					   370 Unequipped private well
					400 Tanker
					   410 Public tanker
					   420 Private tanker
					   430 Water vendor
					800 Others
					   810 River
					   820 Lake
					   830 Rain water
					   840 Valley
					   850 Water tap, spring or well at the disposal of water association
							All HHs	/		

SEWAGE	Sewage Facility	This variable should indicate the type of household connection to sewage facility.		Harmonized categorical variable	0 No sewage facility 1 Public network 2 Private network 3 Septic tank 4 Pit or latrine 5 Other		All HHs	/		

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TOIF	Toilet facility	This variable should indicate whether the household has access to a toilet facility.		Dummy variable	0 No		All HHs	/		
					1 Yes					
TOIF_SH	Toilet facility shared	This variable should indicate whether or not the household shares the toilet facility.	In case we don't have information on whether the toilet is shared or no but we do know if the toilet is inside or outside the dwelling we can consider that all toilets outside the dwelling are shared toilets	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Private toilet		All HHs	/		
					2 Shared toilet					
					3 No toilet facility					
BATHF_SH	Bathroom facility shared	This variable should indicate whether the household has access to a private or shared bath facility.	If no information is provided on whether the facility is private or shared, it should be considered private.	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Private bath		All HHs	/		
					2 Shared bath					
					3 No bath facility					
KTCHF_SH	Kitchen facility shared	This variable should indicate whether the household has access to a private or shared kitchen facility.	If no information is provided on whether the facility is private or shared, it should be considered private.	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Private kitchen		All HHs	/		
					2 Shared kitchen					
					3 No kitchen facility					

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FILE LEVEL: HOUSEHOLD IDEAL UNIVERSE: ALL HOUSEHOLDS IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW CATEGORY: OWNERSHIP OF DURABLES										
CAR	Has a car, van, taxi, cart, etc.	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more cars, vans, taxis, carts etc., or any other type of vehicles.		Dummy variable	0 None		All HHs	/		
					1 One or more					
CAR_N	Number of cars, vans, taxies, carts, etc.	Indicates the number of cars, taxis, carts etc., or any other type of vehicles the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
TRUCK	Has a truck, tractor, etc.	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more trucks, tractors, etc.		Dummy variable	0 None		All HHs	/		
					1 One or more					
TRUCK_N	Number of trucks, tractors, etc.	Indicates the number of trucks, tractors, etc. the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
MBCYCLE	Has a bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, etc.	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more bicycles, scooters, motorcycles, etc.		Dummy variable	0 None		All HHs	/		
					1 One or more					
MBCYCLE_N	Number of bicycles, scooters, motorcycles, etc.	Indicates the number of bicycles, scooters, motorcycles, etc. the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
TELV	Has a TV, LCD, LED, etc.	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more TVs, LCDs, LEDs, etc.		Dummy variable	0 None		All HHs	/		
					1 One or more					
TELV_N	Number of TVs, LCDs, LEDs, etc.	Indicates the number of TVs, LCDs, LEDs, etc. the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
RADIO	Has a radio or radio-cassette	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more radios or radio-cassettes.		Dummy variable	0 None		All HHs	/		
					1 One or more					
RADIO_N	Number of radios or radio-cassettes	Indicates the number of radios, radio-cassettes the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
SATD_REC	Has a satellite dish, receiver, etc.	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more satellite dishes, receivers, etc.		Dummy variable	0 None		All HHs	/		
					1 One or more					
SATD_REC_N	Number of satellite dishes, receivers, etc.	Indicates the number of satellite dishes, receivers etc. the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
PLAYER	Has a DVD, VCR, CD player, audio player, etc.	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more DVDs, VCRs, CD players, recorders, audio players etc.		Dummy variable	0 None		All HHs	/		
					1 One or more					
PLAYER_N	Number of VCRs/CD players, audio players, etc.	Indicates the number of DVDs, VCRs, CD players, recorders, audio players, etc. the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		

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CAMERA	Has a photo or video camera	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more photo or video cameras.		Dummy variable	0 None 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
CAMERA_N	Number of photo or video cameras	Indicates the number of photo or video cameras the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
GAME	Has any type of video or electronic games	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to any type of video or electronic games (Play Station, Gameboy, Wii, etc.).		Dummy variable	0 None 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
GAME_N	Number of video or electronic games	Indicates the number of any type of video or electronic games (Play Station, Gameboy, Wii, etc.) the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
TELPH	Has a landline or cell phone	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more landlines or cell phones.	These variables are generated when the original data does not distinguish between the type of telephones owned (landline/cell)	Dummy variable	0 None 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
TELPH_N	Number of landline or cell phones	Indicates the number of landlines or cell phones the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
TELPHL	Has a landline phone	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more landline phones		Dummy variable	0 None 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
TELPHL_N	Number of landline phones	Indicates the number of landline phones the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
TELPHC	Has a cell phone	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more cell phones		Dummy variable	0 None 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
TELPHC_N	Number of cell phones	Indicates the number of cell phones the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
FAX	Has a fax line or fax machine	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more fax lines or fax machines		Dummy variable	0 None 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
FAX_N	Number of fax lines or fax machines	Indicates the number of fax lines or fax machines the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
COMPUTER	Has a computer or laptop connected or not to an internet connection	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more computers or laptops connected or not connected to an internet connection.		Dummy variable	0 None 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
COMPUTER_N	Number of computers or laptops connected or not connected to an internet connection	Indicates the number of computers or laptops, connected or not connected to an internet connection, the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		

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INTERNET	Has an internet line and related equipment	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more internet connections and related equipment (router, USB, etc.).		Dummy variable	0 None		All HHs	/		
					1 One or more					
INTERNET_N	Number of internet lines and related equipment	Indicates the number of internet connections and related equipment (router, USB, etc.) the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
REFRG	Has a refrigerator, freezer, water cooler, etc.	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more refrigerators, freezers, water coolers, etc.		Dummy variable	0 None		All HHs	/		
					1 One or more					
REFRG_N	Number of refrigerators, freezers, water coolers, etc.	Indicates the number of refrigerators, freezers, water coolers, etc. the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
COOKER	Has a cooker, stove, oven, etc.	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more gas or electric cookers, stoves, ovens, etc.		Dummy variable	0 None		All HHs	/		
					1 One or more					
COOKER_N	Number of cookers, stoves, ovens, etc.	Indicates the number of gas or electric cookers, stoves, ovens, etc. the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
MICROWAVE	Has a microwave, grill, fryer etc.	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more microwaves, grills, fryers, etc.		Dummy variable	0 None		All HHs	/		
					1 One or more					
MICROWAVE_N	Number of microwaves, grills, fryers, etc.	Indicates the number of microwaves, grills, fryers, etc. the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
SKITAPP	Has a food processor, kitchen machine, blender, grinder etc.	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to any of small kitchen appliances like a food processor, kitchen machine, blender, grinder etc.		Dummy variable	0 None		All HHs	/		
					1 One or more					
SKITAPP_N	Number of food processors, kitchen machines, blenders, grinders, etc.	Indicates the number of small kitchen appliances like a food processor, kitchen machine, blender, grinder etc. the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
WASH	Has a washing machine	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more manual or automatic washing machines.		Dummy variable	0 None		All HHs	/		
					1 One or more					
WASH_N	Number of washing machines	Indicates the number of manual or automatic washing machines the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
DRYER	Has a clothes dryer	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more clothes dryers.		Dummy variable	0 None		All HHs	/		
					1 One or more					
DRYER_N	Number of clothes dryers	Indicates the number of clothes dryers the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		

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DSHWSH	Has a dishwasher	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more dishwashers.		Dummy variable	0 None / 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
DSHWSH_N	Number of dishwashers	Indicates the number of dishwashers the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
COND	Has an air conditioner	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more air conditioners.		Dummy variable	0 None / 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
COND_N	Number of air conditioners	Indicates the number of air conditioners the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
FAN	Has an electric fan	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more electric fans.		Dummy variable	0 None / 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
FAN_N	Number of electric fans	Indicates the number of electric fans the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
HEATER	Has a heater	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more gas, electric or solar heaters.		Dummy variable	0 None / 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
HEATER_N	Number of heaters	Indicates the number of gas, electric or solar heaters the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
WAHEAT	Has a water heater	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more solar, gas or electric water heaters.		Dummy variable	0 None / 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
WAHEAT_N	Number of water heaters	Indicates the number of solar, gas or electric water heaters the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
SEWING	Has a sewing machine	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more sewing machines.		Dummy variable	0 None / 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
SEWING_N	Number of sewing machines	Indicates the number of sewing machines the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
VACUUM	Has a vacuum cleaner	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more vacuum cleaners.		Dummy variable	0 None / 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
VACUUM_N	Number of vacuum cleaners	Indicates the number of vacuum cleaners the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
IRON	Has an iron	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to one or more irons.		Dummy variable	0 None / 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
IRON_N	Number of irons	Indicates the number of irons the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		
ODUR	Has other durables	Indicates if the household owns or has free access to any other household appliance.		Dummy variable	0 None / 1 One or more		All HHs	/		
ODUR_N	Number of other durables	Indicates the number of any other appliances the household owns or has free access to.		Continuous variable			HHs reported ownership	/		

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INDIVIDUAL-LEVEL VARIABLES										
FILE LEVEL: INDIVIDUAL IDEAL UNIVERSE: ALL INDIVIDUALS IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW CATEGORY: FILE IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMATION										
PNUM	Individual identifier	Individual identification number (usually the individual line number in the household).	This identifier is unique within each household. In cross-sectional datasets, both CASESER and PNUM are used to uniquely identify an individual. While in panel data, the ROUND, CASESER and PNUM are required to uniquely identify a certain individual.	Ordered discrete variable			All INDs	A	person	
PPNLID	Individual panel identifier	This variable contains the panel identification number of all surveyed individuals over more than one round during the survey year (or across two successive surveys).	This variable, in addition to HPNLID, is used to track paneled individuals only across the survey rounds/years. Thus, this identifier should be available for the paneled individuals only, and is unique within EACH round/household. It should be used, together with the HPNLID, to merge the panel data of the individuals interviewed over several rounds. In some datasets, for the paneled individuals only, this variable might be similar to PNUM.	Ordered discrete variable			Paneled INDs	A	person	Generated for paneled individuals only
PWEIGHT	Individual weight	Data-provider individual weight.	Very few data providers construct a different weight for each member of the household. If an individual weight exists in the original dataset, we do report it here (even though it turns out to be the same for all household members in most cases), otherwise we assign the household weight to all household members. All statistical analysis performed should use the appropriate weight.	Continuous variable			All INDs	A	wfinal	

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FILE LEVEL: INDIVIDUAL IDEAL UNIVERSE: ALL INDIVIDUALS IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW CATEGORY: DEMOGRAPHICS			All individuals for whom a "not stated" status is reported in any of the variables are those within the variable universe but whose information was not provided in the original data. Some inconsistencies were detected across rounds in paneled observations. Only some cases could be corrected, particularly in time-invariant characteristics, however the most appropriate method to deal with the rest was left to the user's judgement.							
AGE	Age	Age in completed years.	In some datasets, the age may be calculated at a certain reference date (e.g., 31 December of the year preceding the survey). When the original dataset has only age categories, age is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided. In some datasets, AGE is top coded by the data provider (e.g., a value of 95 represents 95 years of age or over). In some surveys, the date of birth is reported instead of reporting the age value. In such cases, it should be computed based on the date of birth and the survey year.	Ordered discrete variable			All INDs	A	age	
SEX	Gender	Indicator for the gender of the individual.		Harmonized Categorical variable	1 Male	1 Male	All INDs	A	sex	
					2 Female	2 Female				
MART	Marital status [Standardized version]	Legal administrative status concerning marriage & partnership (even if not married, an individual can still be legally recognized as being in a relationship).	There is no polygamous status for females. Generally the information about polygamous status is available only for the male head. For the other individuals, we consider those having the status married as monogamous.	Harmonized Categorical variable	1 Never married	1 Never married	INDs aged 12+	A	maritals	
					2 Married monogamous	2 Married				
					3 Married polygamous	2 Married heads if no. of spouses>1				
					4 Divorced/Separated	3 Other if age<60				
					5 Widowed	3 Other if age>=60				
					99 Not stated	INDS aged 12+ for whom maritals is missing				
MART_D	Marital status [Detailed version]	Detailed legal administrative status concerning marriage & partnership (even if not married, an individual can still be legally recognized as being in a relationship).	There is no polygamous status for females. Generally the information about polygamous status is available only for the male head. For the other individuals we consider those having the status married as monogamous. This variable distinguishes also between legal marriage and marriage, and between separation and divorce.	Harmonized Categorical variable	100 Never married	1 Never married	INDs aged 12+	A	maritals	In the raw data, an aggregated "other" category is provided to indicate the divorced, separated or widowed. To split the original category, those younger than 60 years of age were assumed to be divorced/separated, while those aged 60 years or older were assumed to be widowed.
					200 Married monogamous	2 Married				
					210 Legally married					
					220 Married					
					300 Married polygamous	2 Married heads if no. of spouses>1				
					400 Divorced/Separated	3 Other if age<60				
					410 Separated					
					420 Divorced					
					500 Widowed	3 Other if age>=60				
					999 Not stated	INDS aged 12+ for whom maritals is missing				
REL	Relationship to head [Standardized version]	Relationship to the head of household, where the value '1' always stands for the head of the household him/herself. The value "other relatives" includes nephew and niece, grandparents, sons/daughters in law, etc.		Harmonized Categorical variable	1 Head of household	1 Head of household	All INDs	A	hr04	
					2 Spouse	2 spouse				
					3 Son/daughter	3 Son/daughter				
					4 Father/mother (parents)	4 Father/mother (parent)				
					5 Brother/sister	5 Brother/sister				
					6 Grandchildren	7 Grandchild				
					7 Other relatives	6 Grand father/mother 8 Son/daughter in law 9 Other relatives				
					8 Other non-relatives	10 Others				
REL_D	Relationship to head [Detailed version]	Relationship to the head of household, where the value '100' always stands for the head of the household him/herself. Detailed coding indicates different relations for other relatives and other non-relatives to the head.		Harmonized Categorical variable	100 Head of household	1 Head of household	All INDs	A	hr04	
					200 Spouse	2 spouse				
					300 Son/daughter	3 Son/daughter				
					310 Adopted children					
					400 Father/mother (parents)	4 Father/mother (parent)				
					500 Brother/sister	5 Brother/sister				
					600 Grandchildren	7 Grandchild				
					700 Other relatives	9 Other relatives				
					710 Son/daughter in law	8 Son/daughter in law				
					720 Grandparents	6 Grand father/mother				
					730 Father/mother in law					
					740 Brother/sister in law					
					750 Nephew/niece					
					800 Other non-relatives	10 Others				
					810 Servants					
					820 Doorkeeper					
					830 Driver					
					840 Shepherd					
					850 Farmer					

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FILE LEVEL: INDIVIDUAL IDEAL UNIVERSE: ALL INDIVIDUALS IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW CATEGORY: NATIONALITY AND IMMIGRATION			All individuals for whom a "not stated" status is reported in any of the variables are those within the variable universe but whose information was not provided in the original data. Some inconsistencies were detected across rounds in paneled observations. Only some cases could be corrected, particularly in time-invariant characteristics, however the most appropriate method to deal with the rest was left to the user's judgement.							
ETHNAT	Ethnicity/nationality [Standardized version]	Ethnicity or nationality.	The content of this variable is not uniform. In many datasets where information on ethnicity or nationality is not available in the original survey, this variable may be indicated by country of birth, race, ancestry or mother tongue.	Harmonized Categorical variable	0 Non-citizen 1 Citizen 99 Not stated		All INDs	/		
ETHNAT_D	Ethnicity/nationality [Detailed version]	**Coded per the UN's Dec.** 2012 country classification.		Harmonized categorical variable	001-894 Standardized UN country codes 990 Other Arab countries 991 Other non-Arab countries 998 Without citizenship 999 Not stated		All INDs	/		
IMMIGR	Immigration status	Ideally indicates whether an individual is born in the country or has an immigrant background, and if possible, how recently he/she arrived. Other migration status information may be included if available.	The content of this variable is not uniform. Through other migration statuses we attempt to capture those who migrate from one region to another inside the country (if the place of birth is different from the place of residence inside the country).	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Immigrant (from abroad) 2 Migrant (from another region inside the country) 3 No		All INDs	/		
BIR	Is the individual born in his/her current residence place	This variable indicates whether the individual is born in his/her current place of residence.	The code "0" indicates individuals who have changed their place of residence since birth.	Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes		All INDs	/		
BIRPL	Place of Birth	This variable includes the country or the region/governorate where the individual was born	This variable indicates the code of the country of birth for immigrant individuals, while it indicates the code of the region/governorate of birth for individuals born in the survey country.	Categorical variable	001-894 Standardized UN country codes (for immigrants) CNT+COD Country (UN 3 digits)+Birth place codes (for migrants and residents)		All INDs	/		
CURRESD_Y	Moving year to the current place of residence	This variable indicates the year during which the individual has moved to his/her current place of residence.	The universe of this variable should cover those who previously changed their place of residence, whether from the place of birth or from another residence place preceding the current one (for whom BIR=0).	Ordered discrete variable			INDs who changed their place of residence	/		
CURRESD_R	Reason for moving to the current place of residence	This variable indicates the reason for which the individual has moved to his/her current place of residence.	The universe of this variable should cover those who previously changed their place of residence, whether from the place of birth or from other residence place preceding the current one (for whom BIR=0).	Harmonized categorical variable	10 Work 20 Study 30 Marriage 40 Divorce/Widowhood 50 Accompany 60 Immigration 90 Others		INDs who changed their place of residence	/		
PRVRESD	Moved to a previous place of residence before the current one	This variable indicates whether the individual previously moved to a residence place different from his/her place of birth before moving to his/her current place of residence.	The universe of this variable covers those for whom BIR=0. The code "1" indicates individuals whose previous residence place is not the place of birth or the current place of residence. For those who were born in the current residence place and never moved, this variable is coded missing (for whom BIR=1).	Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes		INDs who have moved from their place of birth	/		
PRVRESDPL	Previous place of residence before the current one	This variable includes the country or region/ governorate of the previous residence that precedes the current one.	This variable universe are those for whom PRVRESD=1.	Categorical variable	001-894 Standardized UN country codes (for immigrants) CNT+COD Country (UN 3 digits) + Previous Residence place codes		INDs who have moved from their place of birth and reported a previous place of residence	/		

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FILE LEVEL: INDIVIDUAL **IDEAL UNIVERSE: ALL INDIVIDUALS** **IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW** **CATEGORY: EDUCATION**			All individuals for whom a "not stated" status is reported in any of the variables are those within the variable universe but whose information was not provided in the original data. Some inconsistencies were detected across rounds in paneled observations. Only some cases could be corrected, particularly in time-invariant characteristics, however the most appropriate method to deal with the rest was left to the user's judgement.							
LIT	Literacy status	This variable indicates whether the individual is or is not literate (can read and write).	An individual is considered literate if he/she can both read and write and not just one or the other. A semi-literate individual (one who can read, but cannot write) is said to be illiterate. In the case where the survey only asks whether an individual can read but does not ask if they can write, and in the case that there is no information in the questionnaire about the reading and writing ability, the literacy status cannot be determined, and these are coded as missing. If there are no questions about the reading and writing abilities, but the educational attainment is elementary or upper, the individual is considered literate.	Dummy variable	0 No 1 Can read & write 99 Not stated	1 Illiterate 2 Can read and write 3 Elementary 4 Preparatory 5 Secondary 6 Associate diploma 7 BA\ BSc 8 Higher Diploma 9 Master Degree 10 Ph.D. INDS aged 10+ for whom edu_qual is missing	INDs aged 10+	A	edu_qual	
EVERATTD	Ever attended school	This variable indicates whether the individual has ever attended school - academic, *Koranic*, or any other formal or informal education.	This variable is valid for all individuals in the pre-primary school age or above while it is coded missing for others. Primary school age will vary by country. This is a country-specific standard that depends on how school attendance is defined. Pre-school may be included here. Also, in some countries, the ever attended school variable could be coded yes even if the individual has attended school for a minimum amount of time. The differences need to be carefully documented. One is not required to have completed any level of education to answer this question positively. By logic, EVERATTD, EDUC and ATTSCH have the following relationship: If ATTSCH=1, EVERATTD=1 **If EDUC>=2 (and ≠ 99), EVERATTD=1** If EDUC=99 & ATTSCH=0, EVERATTD=0	Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes 99 Not stated	1 Illiterate 2 Can read and write 3 Elementary 4 Preparatory 5 Secondary 6 Associate diploma 7 BA\ BSc 8 Higher Diploma 9 Master Degree 10 Ph.D. INDS aged 10+ for whom edu_qual is missing	INDs aged 10+	A	edu_qual	
ATTSCH	School attendance status	This variable indicates whether the individual is attending school at the time of the survey.	If a person is on a short school holiday when interviewed, he or she is considered to be at school. However, if the person is on the holiday between two years of schooling, one cannot assume that he/she will continue schooling into the next year. The variable can be created using either the attendance or the enrolment question (since typically just one of them is available in each survey). The generation of this variable does not require one to have completed any level to be considered currently attending school. Adults currently attending literacy programs are considered as attending school (ATTSCH = 1). In the case that the person is not currently attending school but there is no information on whether he/she attended school and left or never attended school use information from EDUC to impute the right value.	Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes 99 Not stated	2 No 1 Yes INDS aged 10+ for whom atten is missing	INDs aged 10+	A	atten	
TYPSCH	Type of school attended	Type of school attended by the individual.		Harmonized categorical variable	1 *Koranic* 2 Academic 3 Adult education or literacy program 4 Vocational or other		INDs aged ...+	/		

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EDUC	Educational level [Standardized version]	This variable should indicate the highest level of education attained/ completed.	This variable is generated based on the highest educational attainment variable. Primary corresponds to elementary, and lower secondary to preparatory/second stage of basic education. If there is no information on the highest level of education completed, the variable can be constructed using the diploma level, and the years of education, if available. When using currently attending information (level or grade) to construct the variable, it must correspond to the grade (or level) presently attended minus one (1). This is country specific - not all countries require the same number of school years to complete a given level. The value "None" does not mean that the individual never attended school: it means that the individual did not complete the first level of education (elementary). **"None" corresponds either to those currently** enrolled in primary but didn't get the diploma, those illiterate or can read and write, and those in informal schools, such as *Koranic* schools, traditional schools, vocational training or adult programs etc. If there is no question on the highest level of education completed for those not attending school and there is no information on diploma and/or years of education completed, then the variable cannot be constructed.	Harmonized categorical variable	1 None 2 Primary/Lower secondary 3 Secondary 4 Post secondary or equivalent 5 University 6 Postgraduate 99 Not stated	1 Illiterate 2 Can read and write 3 Elementary 4 Preparatory 5 Secondary 6 Associate diploma 7 BA\ BSc 8 Higher Diploma 9 Master Degree 10 Ph.D. INDS aged 10+ for whom edu_qual is missing	INDs aged 10+	A	edu_qual	

EDUC_D	Educational level [Detailed version]	Highest level of education attained (detailed version of coding).		Harmonized categorical variable	100 None
					   110 Illiterate
					   120 Read only
					   130 Read & write
					   140 Literacy classes/certificate
					   150 Never attended school
					   160 KG
					   170 *Koranic* KG (Kouttab)
					   180 Attending elementary school and did not complete first level
					200 Primary /Lower secondary
					   210 Primary
					   220 Preparatory
					   230 Lower secondary
					   240 Professional/Vocational below secondary education
					300 Secondary
					   310 Academic secondary
					   320 Professional/Vocational secondary
					400 Post secondary or equivalent
					500 University
					600 Postgraduate
					   610 High diploma
					   620 Masters
					   630 PhD
					999 Not stated
						1 Illiterate
						
						2 Can read and write
						
						3 Elementary
						4 Preparatory
						
						5 Secondary
						
						6 Associate diploma
						7 BA\BSc
						
						8 Higher Diploma
						9 Master Degree
						10 Ph.D.
						INDS aged 10+ for whom edu_qual is missing
							INDs aged 10+	A	edu_qual	

CERTIF	Certificate specialization	This variable provides information on the specialization of the highest certificate attained.	This variable usually follows a country specific coding classification. Therefore, it is not harmonized across countries, and in some datasets across years. This variable covers those holding either a below secondary or a secondary certificate or higher. This is country specific information that is always indicated in the variable universe column.	Categorical variable	xxxxxx Certificate classification (country specific) 999999 Not stated		INDs aged ....+ holding a below secondary/ secondary certificate or higher	/		
GRADYR	Year of graduation	This variable provides information on the year in which the individual successfully attained his/her highest certificate.		Ordered discrete variable			INDs aged ...+ who completed at least one level of education	/		
YEDUC	Number of effective years of schooling	This is variable should indicate the total number of years of formal schooling successfully completed	If the variable is not available in the original data, it can be generated using the highest level of education attained. However, the number of years of schooling required to complete different education levels is country specific. If the level of education attained is also not provided, this variable will be missing. Only the years of schooling successfully completed should be counted. Thus, those repeated should not be taken into consideration while generating this variable	Ordered discrete variable			INDs aged 10+	A	yerschol	

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						Survey Values and Value Labels	Universe	Key	Var(s) used from the survey	Country specific comments
ENROL	Level of schooling presently attending	This variable ideally provides information on the level of education in which the individual is enrolled.	The universe of this variable covers the individuals attending school at the time of the survey (ATTSCH=1), and will be coded missing for others. If the type of secondary school is not specified, it is assumed to be academic (Code 3). For the surveys in which no distinction is provided between university and post university, they are considered to be university.	Harmonized Categorical variable	1 Primary	1 Illiterate (if age<=16) 2 Can read and write (if age<=16)	Currently enrolled INDs aged 10+	A	edu_qual	Generated for those reported as currently attending school in the school attendance status. The variable is generated using the highest level of education attained+1, therefore it is only generated for individuals aged 10+, i.e., if the highest level attained is primary for example, normally the individual should be attending in preparatory, except for postgraduates who remained postgraduates since no higher levels could be attained Those who were illiterate and are currently students were recoded into "other" education together with those indicated "read and write" in the educational status, except for individuals aged 16 years of age or younger still eligible to enroll in primary education, were reported to be in primary education. "Secondary" and "Intermediate college" graduates" were classified into "university" since no distinction between academic/vocational/ technical secondary is available.
					2 Lower secondary	3 Elementary				
					3 Higher secondary-academic	4 Preparatory				
					4 Higher Secondary-technical/vocational					
					5 Post secondary technical					
					6 University	5 Secondary 6 Associate diploma				
					7 Postgraduate	7 BA\BSc 8 Higher Diploma 9 Master Degree 10 Ph.D.				
					8 Others	1 Illiterate (if age>16) 2 Can read and write (if age>16)				
					99 Not stated	Currently enrolled INDS aged 10+ for whom edu_qual is missing				
ATYPSCH	Type of school presently attending	This variable provides information on the type of school where the individual is enrolled at the time of the survey.	"Public" includes fully government-owned schools as well as semi-public organizations. "Private" indicates the facilities run by non-governmental organizations (e.g., NGOs, religious institutions, etc.) or by private entities. "Others" refers to schools that cannot be categorized elsewhere such as community schools run by local parental groups.	Harmonized Categorical variable	1 Public		Currently enrolled INDs aged ...+	/		
					2 Private					
					3 Koranic					
					4 Adult literacy					
					8 Others					
VOC	Received any vocational training	The variable provides information on whether the individual received any type of vocational training even if received outside the formal schooling system.		Dummy variable	0 No		INDS aged ...+	/		
					1 Yes					
TYPVOC	Type of vocational training received	This variable should identify the type of vocational training received even if received outside the formal schooling system.		Harmonized Categorical variable	100 Carpentry 200 Construction 210 Brick laying 300 Computer 400 Motor mechanics 500 Electrical 600 Catering 700 Sewing/tailoring 800 Nursing/first aid 900 Other 999 Not stated		INDs aged ...+ who received a vocational training	/		

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FILE LEVEL: INDIVIDUAL										
IDEAL UNIVERSE: ALL INDIVIDUALS			The definitions/standards adopted for most of the employment related variables follow the ILO definitions, in addition to the latest resolutions of the 19th International Conference of Labor Statisticians (ICLS), held in 2013.							
IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE INTERVIEW			All individuals for whom a "not stated" status is reported in any of the variables are those within the variable universe but whose information was not provided in the original data.							
CATEGORY: CURRENT LABOR STATUS										

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LFS	Labor force status in the reference period	The current labor force status should distinguish between the active (employed or unemployed) and inactive individuals (out of the labor force).	Individuals are considered "active" in the labor force if they presently have a job (formal or informal, i.e. are employed) or do not have a job but are actively seeking work (i.e. unemployed). Those unemployed and do not seek a job are considered inactive.	Harmonized Categorical variable	1 Active	pw01=1 or pw02=1 or pw03=1 Employed pw16=4 Found/established a job which starts later pw11=1 & pw14=1 Unemployed. pw16=5, 6, 7 Unemployed (not seeking a job)	INDS aged 10+		pw01 pw02 pw03 pw11 pw12 pw14 pw16	
					2 Inactive	pw11>1 Not available for work pw14>1 & (pw16<4 or pw16>7) Not working nor seeking pw01=2, 3 Abroad, disabled or detained pw12>1 Not ready for work				
					99 Not stated	INDS aged 10+ for whom all relevant variables are missing				
MAS	Main activity status in the reference period [Standardized version]	Main activity status with respect to the labor force, which distinguishes between the employed and the not employed. The employed are those for whom work is the main activity, while for all the others the main activity should attempt to distinguish between pensioners, students, and homemakers.	Unlike LFS, the main distinction in MAS is **between "employed" and "not employed."** - **"Employed": refers to those who, during the** reference period, experienced any employment (any type or any extent) - even just one occasional hour of paid work or irregular unpaid family work (ILO definition). - **"Not Employed": The rationale is that the** individuals do not generally spend their time **"being unemployed," but use the unemployment** time to participate in other activities (e.g., attending school or being a housewife). Unemployment will generally be considered the primary activity only if the individual states that unemployment is his/her primary activity (e.g., unemployed and actively searching for a job) or if the individual is registered as unemployed and does not indicate significant participation in any other activity. In these cases, the individuals will **be assigned their own category among the "Not Employed."** Accordingly, "Not Employed" is classified into: - Unemployed - individuals who are not employed comprise all who are "not in employment" but "currently available to take up employment" and carry out "activities to seek employment", and who report that they are unemployed. - Not in Labor Force / Inactive – individuals identifiable as being neither employed nor unemployed, by the definitions above. If possible, the inactive category should distinguish between the retired, students, homemakers, pensioners, disabled, etc.	Harmonized Categorical variable	1 Employed	pw01=1 or pw02=1 or pw03=1 Employed pw16=4 Found/established a job which starts later	INDS aged 10+		pw01 pw02 pw03 pw11 pw12 pw14 pw16	
					2 Unemployed	pw11=1 & pw14=1 Unemployed. pw16=5, 6, 7 Unemployed (not seeking a job)				
					3 Homemaker (Housewife)	pw11=4 Not available: home duties pw12=3 Not ready: home duties pw16=2 Not seeking: home duties				
					4 Student	pw11=3 Not available: studying pw12=2 Not ready: studying pw16=1 Not seeking: studying/ training				
					5 Pensioners/retired/disabled	pw01=2 Not working: Disable pw11=2 Not available: Old/illness pw12=4 Not ready: Old/illness pw16=3 Not seeking: Old/illness				
					6 Others	pw01=3 Not working: Detained pw11=5 Not available: Others pw12=5 Not ready: Others pw16= 8 thru 12 Not seeking: other reasons				
					99 Not stated	INDS aged 10+ for whom all relevant variables are missing				

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MAS_D	Main activity status in the reference period [Detailed version]	Main activity status with respect to the labor force, which distinguishes between the employed and the not employed. The employed are those for whom work is the main activity, while for all the others the main activity should attempt to distinguish between pensioners, students, and homemakers. This detailed variable also distinguishes between different types of employment and unemployment.	Among the employed, the variable should distinguish between those who are actually employed, those who are temporarily absent from work (by reason of absence if available), those managing their own properties and those who are engaged in a job opportunity but are temporarily unpaid. Similarly, for the unemployed, the variable, if possible, should identify those who have worked before and those who have never worked, in addition to the unemployed who are not seeking a job, with the reason for why the individual is not looking for a job opportunity. The code 113 indicating temporary stoppage of the industry may also indicate an activity reduction or a temporary closure, which means that the employing entity might not be working in full capacity. This might be due to a lack in the number of customers or to a shortage in demand. In both cases, this should always imply that the individual is still employed (temporarily absent) since he/she is still paid/earn income. The reasons for which the person is identified to be a discouraged unemployed (Code 620) are reported in detail in the variable (NOTSRCH_R). Discouraged unemployment includes those who are available and want to work but given up on searching for a job because they found no suitable employment options and/or were met with lack of success when applying. Family responsibilities includes taking caring for children, the incapacitated or elderly.	Harmonized Categorical variable	100 Employed	pw01=1 or pw02=1	INDS aged 10+		pw01 pw02 pw03 pw04 pw11 pw12 pw14 pw16 pw17	The category 530, indicating those who are inactive because of disability, identifies as well some respondents who have been abroad at the time of survey, as defined in the raw data, those could not be separately classified. For those employed but temporary unpaid because of waiting for the start date of an agreed work (MAS_D=132), all main job characteristics were recoded "not stated" since they did not effectively start working.
					110 Employed but temporary absent from work	pw03=1 & pw04=4 or 6 Absent from work				
					111 Sick leave/Ill	pw03=1 & pw04=1 Ill				
					112 Vacation/Official vacation	pw03=1 & pw04=2 Vacation				
					113 Temporary stoppage of the industry	pw03=1 & pw04=5 Temporary stoppage				
					114 Travel					
					115 Strike/Curfew	pw03=1 & pw04=3 Strike/Closure/Curfew				
					120 Managing own properties					
					130 Employed but temporary unpaid					
					131 Arranges to take up paid/self-employment activity					
					132 Waiting for the start date of an agreed work	pw16=4 Found/established a job which starts				
					133 Waiting to have clients					
					134 Unpaid leave for more than one year					
					135 Waiting to go back to previous job					
					200 Unemployed					
					210 Unemployed ever worked (seeking a job)	pw14=1 & pw17<4 Seeking job, ever worked				
					220 Unemployed never worked (seeking a job)	pw14=1 & pw17=4 Seeking job, never worked				
					230 Unemployed (not seeking a job)					
					231 Awaiting a recall to a previous job (temporary laid off)					
					232 Awaiting work applications/interviews/competitions results	pw16=5 Waiting results from previous job/ application				
					233 Unable to issue work permission due to political circumstances	pw16=7 Cannot get a work permit				
					234 Not able to seek a job due to closure/curfew	pw16=6 Closure (with work permit)				
					235 In military service					
					300 Homemaker (Housewife)	pw11=4 Not available: home duties pw12=3 Not ready: home duties pw16=2 Not seeking: home duties				
					310 Homemaker					
					320 Housewife					
					400 Student	pw11=3 Not available: studying pw12=2 Not ready: studying pw16=1 Not seeking: studying/ training				
					500 Pensioners/retired/disabled					
					510 Pensioners					
					520 Retired					
					530 Disabled	pw01=2 Not working: Disabled/Abroad				
					540 Unable to work					
					550 Old					
					560 Disabled/Old/Ill	pw11=2 Not available: Old/illness pw12=4 Not ready: Old/illness pw16=3 Not seeking: Old/illness				
					600 Others	pw11=5 Not available: Others pw12=5 Not ready: Others pw16=12 Not seeking: Other reasons				
					610 Out of labor force					
					620 Discouraged unemployment	pw16=8 Could not find a job pw16=9 Found a job not suitable for qualification pw16=10 Did not search due to low wages				
					630 Not working and not looking for a job					
					640 Have income/revenue/means	pw16=11 Not interested in job finding due to other income sources				
					650 In prison	pw01=3 Not working: Detained				
					660 In hospital					
					670 Landlord					
					680 Family responsibilities					
					999 Not stated	INDS aged 10+ for whom all relevant variables are missing				

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FILE LEVEL: INDIVIDUAL
IDEAL UNIVERSE: EMPLOYED
IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE INTERVIEW
CATEGORY: EMPLOYMENT IN MAIN JOB

All individuals for whom a "not stated" status is reported in any of the variables are those within the variable universe but whose information was not provided in the original data.

EMPS	Status of employment in the main job during the reference period	Detailed description of the employment status (employee, own-account workers, employer, unpaid family worker, etc.) in the main job, ideally following the ICSE classification (1993).	Definitions are taken from the ILO Classification of Status in Employment with some revisions to take into account the available data. - Employee includes anyone who works for a public or private employer and whose basic remuneration is not directly dependent on the revenue of the unit they work for, typically remunerated by wages and salaries but may be paid for piece work or in-kind. The payment is based on an explicit (written or oral) or implicit employment contract. The continuous criteria used in the ILO definition is not used here as data are often absent and due to country specificity. Public includes quasi-government organizations. - Employer is a business owner (whether alone or in partnership) with employees. If the only people working in the business are the owner and contributing family workers, the individual is not considered an employer (as they have no employees) and is, instead classified as own account. Employer is termed as a self-employed worker with hired employees. - Own account or self-employment: jobs are those where remuneration is directly dependent on the goods and services produced (where home consumption is considered to be part of the profits) and have not engaged any permanent employees to work for them on a continuous basis during the reference period (e.g., freelancer, individual who gives private lessons or apprentices without payment). - Members of producers' cooperatives are workers who hold a self-employment job in a cooperative that produces goods and services. In the cooperative, hired workers and these workers have an employment contract that gives them a basic remuneration that does not depend on the revenue of the cooperative. Such workers are defined as employees and the members of the cooperative are considered as self-employed while the cooperative as an institution is defined to be the employer. - Contributing family workers are those workers who hold a self-employment job in a market-oriented establishment operated by a related individual living in the same household (or in a house located on the same plot of land and has the same household interests) who cannot be regarded as a partner because of their degree of commitment to the operation of the establishment, in terms of working time or other factors, is not at a level comparable to that of the head of the establishment. These workers often receive remuneration in a form of fringe benefits and payments in kind when the business is owned or operated by the individuals themselves or a relative. This category does not include: unpaid voluntary work done for charity or a relative living elsewhere but coming to help with the business without pay in cash or in kind. Relatives who receive any remuneration (including payments in kind) should be classified as employees. - Workers not classifiable by status (code 6) include those for whom insufficient relevant information is available and/or who cannot be included in any of the preceding categories.	Harmonized Categorical variable	1 Employee	4 Employee- National government 5 Employee- Foreign government 6 Employee- UNRWA 7 Employee- International organization 8 Employee- Nonprofit organization 9 Regular employee- Private sector 10 Irregular employee- Private sector	Employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw23	For those employed but temporary unpaid because of waiting for the start date of an agreed work (MAS_D=132), all main job characteristics were recoded "not stated" since they did not effectively start working.
					2 Employer	1 Employer				
					3 Own account, self-employed	2 Self-employed				
					4 Contributing (unpaid) family worker	3 Unpaid family worker				
					5 Member of producers cooperatives					
					6 Workers not classifiable by status (Others)	11 Others				
					99 Not stated	Employed INDS aged 10+ for whom pw23 is missing				

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OCC	Occupation classification of the main job [Standardized version]	Standardized occupation classification of the main job.	In many datasets, national classifications are used to code the detailed data collected. In such cases, if the aggregated data is provided by the statistical office, no attempt to correct the original variable is done.	Harmonized Categorical variable	10 Legislators, senior officials and managers 20 Professionals 30 Technicians and associate professionals 40 Clerks 50 Service workers and shop and market sales workers 60 Skilled agricultural and fishery workers 70 Craft and related trades workers 80 Plant and machine operators and assemblers 90 Elementary occupations 100 Armed Forces 998 Other/unspecified 999 Not stated	11 thru 13 21 thru 24 31 thru 34 41 thru 42 51 thru 52 61 thru 62 71 thru 74 81 thru 83 91 thru 93 20, 99 Employed INDS aged 10+ for whom pw22 is missing	Employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw22	For those employed but temporary unpaid because of waiting for the start date of an agreed work (MAS_D=132), all main job characteristics were recoded "not stated" since they did not effectively start working.
OCC_ISCO88_2	Occupation classification of the main job [ISCO 1988-2 digits]	Occupation classification of the main job, following the 2 digits International Standard Classification of Occupations for the year 1988 (ISCO-88).		Harmonized Categorical variable	-- ISCO 1988-2 digits coding 9998 Unspecified codes 9999 Not Stated		Employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw22	
IND	Economic activity classification of the main job [Standardized version]	Standardized economic activity classification of the main job.	In many datasets, national classifications are used to code the detailed data collected. In such cases, if the aggregated data is provided by the statistical office, no attempt to correct the original variable is done. The category "Wholesale and retail trade" includes the repair activities of motor vehicles and motorcycles. The category "Real estate, administrative, professional and support service activities" includes: Real estate, renting and business activities: professional, scientific and technical activities: in addition to administrative and support service activities.	Harmonized categorical variable	10 Agriculture, forestry and fishing 20 Mining and quarrying 30 Manufacturing 40 Electricity, gas and water supply 50 Construction 60 Wholesale and retail trade 70 Transportation and storage 80 Accommodation and food service activities 90 Information and communication 100 Financial and insurance activities 110 Real estate, professional and support service activities 120 Public administration and defense 130 Education 140 Human health and social work activities 150 Other activities 998 Unspecified 999 Not stated	1 thru 5 14 15 thru 36 40 thru 41 45 50 thru 52 60 thru 63 55 64 65 thru 67 70 thru 74 75 80 85 90 thru 99 Employed INDS aged 10+ for whom pw20 is missing	Employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw20	For those employed but temporary unpaid because of waiting for the start date of an agreed work (MAS_D=132), all main job characteristics were recoded "not stated" since they did not effectively start working.
IND_ISIC3_2	Economic activity classification of the main job [ISIC Rev.3-2 digits]	Economic activity classification of the main job, following the 2-digits International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities, Revision 3 (ISIC Rev.3).		Harmonized categorical variable	--- ISIC-Rev. 3-2 digits coding 9998 Unspecified codes 9999 Not Stated		Employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw20	

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SECTOR	Sector of employment of the main job [Standardized version]	Sector of employment (i.e. private versus public sector workers) in the main job.	Quasi-public sectors are considered as public. In the case that there is no distinction between Government and Public, in the original survey, we use the classification as provided. Cooperative includes employees in joint ventures. Foreign includes workers in international NGOs. Others includes workers in national NGOs and in private households.	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Government	4 Employee- National government 5 Employee- Foreign government	Employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw23	
					2 Public sector					
					3 Private sector	1 Employer 2 Self-employed 3 Unpaid family worker 9 Regular employee- Private sector 10 Irregular employee- Private sector				
					4 Joint/Cooperative					
					5 Foreign sector	7 Employee- International organization				
					6 Others	6 Employee- UNRWA 8 Employee- Nonprofit organization				
					99 Not stated	Employed INDS aged 10+ for whom pw23 is missing				

SECTOR_D	Sector of employment of the main job [Detailed version]	This variable distinguishes between different types of public and private sectors as well as other types of sectors (foreign, cooperative, etc.).	The classification of those working inside or outside an establishment in different sectors can be further studied using the variable "ESTAB".	Harmonized categorical variable	100 Government
					  110 Government-National
					  120 Government-Foreign
					  130 Government-Federal
					  140 Government-Local
					200 Public sector
					  210 Economic institutions
					300 Private sector
						4 Employee- National government
						5 Employee- Foreign government
							Employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw23	The sector of employment generated using the variable pw23, originally indicating the employment status, is not reported for those who found a job and waiting to start, in addition to all other employed individuals for whom the employment status is employer or self-employed. Thus, the generated variable for those who found a job is recoded "not stated", and the sector was assumed to be private for all employers and self-employed. Regular private sector was assumed to be inside an establishment; while the irregular one was coded private sector outside an establishment. The sector for unpaid family workers was assumed to be private-families. For those employed but temporary unpaid because of waiting for the start date of an agreed work (MAS_D=132), all main job characteristics were recoded "not stated" since they did not effectively start working.

						1 Employer 2 Self-employed				

					310 Private-Investment
					  320 Private-National
					    321 Private-National inside establishment
					    322 Private-National outside establishment
					  330 Private-Foreign
					    331 Private-Foreign inside establishment
					    332 Private-Foreign outside establishment
					  340 Private-Inside establishment
					  350 Private-Outside establishment
					  360 Private-Families
					400 Joint/Cooperative
					  410 Joint
					  420 Cooperative
					  430 Joint local sector
					500 Foreign sector
					  510 Diplomatic bodies
					600 Others
					  610 Non-governmental organizations
					  620 Non-profit associations
					  630 Charitable associations
					  640 Outside establishment
					  650 Outside the country
					  660 UNRWA
						9 Regular employee- Private sector
						10 Irregular employee- Private sector
						3 Unpaid family worker				

						7 Employee- International organization				
						8 Employee- Nonprofit organization				
						6 Employee- UNRWA				
					999 Not stated	Employed INDS aged 10+ for whom pw23 is missing				
WRKPLC	Workplace of the main job	This variable provides information on the place where the individual actually carries out the main job work, whether it is inside or outside an establishment.	- All individuals working at/from their own homes or at someone else's home can be denoted home-based workers or home workers. - The typical workplace for domestic workers is "someone else's home." -Premises adjacent to home are a separate unit **attached to the respondent's home (e.g. a doctor's clinic, or farmer's field or building,** adjacent to the place of residence). - Exclusive premises include ministry, department, commercial store, office, factory, school, hospital, hotel, restaurant, workshop, company etc. Most of the exclusive premises, except for the governmental entities, might be public, private, foreign or mixed. - Workers in transportation and construction sites, codes 8 and 9, undertake their activities in the streets but they should not be combined with street vendors. For those working outside an establishment, this variable can serve in identifying those working in the informal sector.	Harmonized categorical variable	1 In individual's home		Employed INDs aged …+	/		
					2 In someone else's home					
					3 In premises adjacent to home					
					4 In exclusive premises					
					5 Street vendor with fixed/semi-fixed location					
					6 Street vendor with mobile location					
					7 Kiosk/hut					
					8 Transportation vehicle					
					9 Construction site					
					10 Agriculture land/maritime area					
					90 Others					
					99 Not stated					
GWRKPLC	Geographical workplace of the main job	This variable provides information about the geographical place of work (e.g. district/ governorate/ region) of the main job.	The geographical workplace is generated using the highest level of aggregation provided in the original data, and broke down by urban/rural if possible.	categorical variable	CNT+COD Country (UN 3 digits) + Work place codes 777777 Working abroad 888888 Mobile workers 999999 Not stated		Employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw18	The variable pw18, as provided in the raw data, identifies those who are working in the west bank, Gaza strip, Israel or abroad. For those employed but temporary unpaid because of waiting for the start date of an agreed work (MAS_D=132), all main job characteristics were recoded "not stated" since they did not effectively start working

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TENURE	Tenure in the main job	Duration of time worked in main job.		Semi-standardized continuous variable when information is provided in continuous years			Employed INDs **aged ...+**	/		
EMPSTAB	Employment stability in the main job	This variable indicates whether the employed individual is engaged in a regular or an irregular job.		Harmonized categorical variable	1 Full time/Regular 2 Part time/Temporary 3 Seasonal/Irregular 99 Not stated		Employed INDs **aged ...+**	/		

EMPCONT	Employment contract in the main job	This variable should indicate whether the individual has an explicit (written or oral) or an implicit employment contract.	- Those reported to be officially hired are permanent workers at their main job. However, no official contract should be signed between them and their employers (e.g., governmental employees).
			- Employees with a written contract for a limited duration are those for whom the main job will terminate after a fixed period of time or upon completion of a certain project/task.
			- Employees with verbal or oral contracts are those for whom the main job started on the basis of a spoken agreement. Oral contracts are difficult to prove and enforce.
			- The individuals for whom an employment contract would not be applicable given their employment status, should be coded 200 "No contract."
			-This variable is important for measuring work stability, quality and decency.
				Harmonized categorical variable	100 Yes
					   110 Officially hired
					   120 Written contract for an unlimited duration
					   130 Written contract for a limited duration
					   140 Collective agreement
					   150 Verbal agreement
					200 No contract
					999 Not stated
							Employed INDs **aged ...+**	/		

BENEFIT_X	Individual benefits **from/receives X ... from** employer	This variable provides information on the types of benefits the employed individual may receive from his/her employer. *X denotes the type of benefit.*		Dummy variables (0 No, 1 Yes)	X=1 Contribution to the pension/end of service funding X=2 Leave in-lieu/paid annual leave X=3 Paid sick leave X=4 Paid maternity vacation (women only) X=90 Others		Employed INDs **aged ...+**	/		
HLTHINS	Has health insurance	This variable indicates whether the employed individual has health insurance.		Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes 99 Not stated		Employed INDs **aged ...+**	/		
SOCSEC	Has social security coverage	This variable indicates whether the employed individual is covered by a social security/insurance system.		Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes 99 Not stated		Employed INDs **aged ...+**	/		
SYDUN	Affiliated to a syndicate or a vocational union	This variable indicates whether the employed individual is affiliated to syndicates or vocational unions.		Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes 99 Not stated		Employed INDs **aged ...+**	/		
ESTAB	Working in an establishment at the main job	This variable indicates whether the individual is working in an establishment in his/her main job.		Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes 99 Not stated		Employed INDs **aged ...+**	/		
ESTTAX	Establishment registered in tax administration	This variable indicates whether the enterprise where the individual works is registered in a tax administration.	The enterprises which are still in the process of being registered are coded "1"- yes.	Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes 99 Not stated		Employed in establishment INDs aged ...+	/		

NUMWRK	Number of workers in establishment of the main job	This variable indicates the number of workers in the enterprise/establishment in which the respondent is employed in his/her main job.		Categorical variable	100 1 thru 9
					  110 1
					  120 1 thru 4
					  130 2 thru 4
					  140 5 thru 9
					200 10 thru 49
					  210 10 thru 19
					  220 20+
					  230 10 thru 24
					  240 25 thru 49
					300 50 thru 99
					400 100+
					999 Not stated
							Employed in establishment INDs aged ...+	/		

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HRSWK	Total weekly working hours in the main job	This variable reports the total number of hours the individual usually works during the week on his/her main job.	The number of hours usually worked, as defined by the ILO, is the typical value (may be the modal value) of hours actually worked in the job during a certain reference period. This variable can help in assessing time-related underemployment (visible underemployment).	Continuous variable			Employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw06	The number of weekly working hours provided in variable pw06 aggregates the total number of hours worked in all jobs (main, secondary, irregular, ...etc.). It is not reported for those who are employed but temporary absent from their work (MAS_D=110), or temporary unpaid (MAS_D=132). Thus, the generated variable for those cases is recoded "0".
FHRSWK_R_X	Reason for few weekly working hours is X	This set of variables should provide the reason(s) for which an individual reported weekly working hours below a country specific threshold. *X indicates the reason.*	The threshold used in such a variable may vary from one dataset to another. The variable's universe will denote the threshold used in each country. Some of the reasons reported are called "involuntary reasons." They can be used with the criterion of usually working for hours below a certain threshold to define the "visible underemployment."	Dummy variables (0 No, 1 Yes)	X=1 Official working hours < threshold X=2 Work conditions X=3 Strike/Closure X=4 Unavailability of additional work X=5 Unsatisfactory wages X=6 Time allocated to education or training X=7 Family/Personal responsibilities X=8 Temporary absence from work X=9 Unwillingness to do extra work X=90 Others	3 Regular working hours 4 Strike / 5 Closure 6 No extra work 1 Personal reasons 2 No desire to work 7 Other	Employed INDs aged 10+ and working weekly less than 35 hours	A	pw07	The original variable indicating the reason for which an employee is working less than 35 hours weekly (pw07) is not reported for those who are employed but temporary absent from their work (MAS_D=110), or temporary unpaid (MAS_D=132). Thus, the main reason for the "zero" number of working hours reported for those cases will be "temporary absent from work".
SEEKWRK	Seeking additional employment during the reference period	This variable should identify those who are looking for additional work during the reference period.	The search reference period may be 1 week, 4 weeks or 6 months preceding the survey. This is country specific information, and is denoted in the comments.	Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes 99 Not stated		Employed INDs aged ....+	/		
WNTCHJ	Want to change the main job/get an additional job	The variable indicates whether the individual wants to change his/her main job or wants to have an additional one.		Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes 99 Not stated	2 No 1 Yes Employed INDs aged 10+ for whom pw08 is missing	Employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw08	
WNTCHJ_R	Reason for desiring to change the main job/get an additional job	The variable provides the main reason for which an individual reported desire to change his/her main job or get an additional one.	The "work place location" might be a reason for the desire to change the job if it is too far from the individual's residence area or if the transportation is too difficult.	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Insufficient earnings 2 Does not match the educational qualification 3 Bad work conditions 4 Inappropriate work place location 5 Present job is seasonal/casual 6 Occupation is not suitable 7 Does not like present job 8 Inappropriate working hours 90 Others 99 Not stated	1 Insufficient salary 3 Bad work conditions 4 Work far from home 2 Occupation is not suitable 5 Other Employed INDs aged 10+ who reported desire to change job/get additional one for whom pw09 is missing	Employed INDs aged 10+ reported desire to change job/get additional one	A	pw09	The original variable indicating the willingness to change the job or get an additional one (pw08) is not reported for those who are employed but temporary unpaid (MAS_D=132). Thus, the generated variable for those cases is recoded 99 "not stated".
DAYMNTH	Total number of working days per month in the main job	The total number of days usually worked during a month on the main job.		Continuous variable			Employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw25	The original variable indicates the number of "paid" working days, thus the total number of days worked might exceed the usual number of monthly working days if double paid days are counted. In the raw data, the number of working days is provided for employees only, while for the employers and self-employed, the data is not collected.
WKMNTH	Total number of working weeks per month in the main job	The total number of weeks usually worked during a month on the main job.		Continuous variable			Employed INDs aged ....+	/		

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FILE LEVEL: INDIVIDUAL **IDEAL UNIVERSE: EMPLOYED HAVING A MAIN JOB** **IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE INTERVIEW** **CATEGORY: WAGES AND INCOMES**			All wages and incomes variables are recorded as monthly amounts. ERF unified the amounts, provided that they had not already been unified in the original data. Monthly amounts should be reported in a country's national currency. A check for outliers is necessary before conducting any analysis on the wages/incomes variables. Extreme cases were detected in the original variables: however, the appropriate method to deal with it was left to the user's judgment.							
BASWAG	Total monthly basic wage from the main regular job		When the original dataset has only wage categories, the variable's value is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable			Waged workers aged ...+	/		
ADDWAG	Total monthly additional work wage from the main regular job		When the original dataset has only wage categories, the variable's value is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable			Waged workers aged ...+	/		
ALLWNC	Total monthly allowances from the main regular job	This variable includes both cash and in-kind allowances.	When the original dataset has only wage categories, the variable's value is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable			Waged workers aged ...+	/		
BONUS	Total monthly bonus from the main regular job		When the original dataset has only wage categories, the variable's value is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable			Waged workers aged ...+	/		
INCENTV	Total monthly incentives from the main regular job	This variable includes both cash and in-kind incentives.	When the original dataset has only wage categories, the variable's value is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable			Waged workers aged ...+	/		
PROFIT	Total monthly profits from the main regular job		When the original dataset has only wage categories, the variable's value is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable			Waged workers aged ...+	/		
OTHEARN	Total other monthly earnings from the main regular job		When the original dataset has only wage categories, the variable's value is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable			Waged workers aged ...+	/		
TOTWAG	Total monthly wage from the regular main job	This variable indicates the total monthly wage the employee receives from his/her main job.	The value of the total wage reported in this variable should equal the value of the basic wage in addition to bonuses, benefits, allowances, profits, etc. TOTWAG=BASWAG+ADDWAG+ALLWNC+BONUS +INCENTV+PROFIT+OTHEARN When the original dataset has only wage categories, the total wage is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable			Waged workers aged 10+	A	pw25 dwage	Only daily wages in shekel are provided. The daily wages were multiplied by the number of paid working days during the month preceding the survey (pw25) to generate monthly wages.
IRRGWAG	Total daily wages from seasonal/irregular jobs	This variable should provide the value of earnings for employed individuals in seasonal or irregular jobs.	This variable should typically cover the individuals reported to have irregular/seasonal jobs in EMPSTAB (code 3). When the original dataset has only wage categories, the total wage is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable			Irregular waged workers aged ...+	/		
EMPINC	Total monthly income (for employers) from the main job		When the original dataset has only income categories, the total income is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable			Employer INDs aged ...+	/		
SEMPINC	Total monthly income (for self-employed) from the main job		When the original dataset has only income categories, the total income is calculated as the midpoint of the range provided.	Continuous variable			Self-employed INDs aged ...+	/		

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FILE LEVEL: INDIVIDUAL IDEAL UNIVERSE: EMPLOYED IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE INTERVIEW CATEGORY: EMPLOYMENT IN SECONDARY JOB			All individuals for whom a "not stated" status is reported in any of the variables are those within the variable universe but whose information was not provided in the original data.							
SECJOB	Has a secondary job during the reference period	This variable should identify those who have a secondary job.		Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes	2 No 1 Yes	Employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw05	This variable is only generated for those who were effectively working at the time of the survey, while for those employed but were absent from work or employed but did not start working yet, the information was not provided in the raw data, thus the variable is recoded missing. All secondary job characteristics were not provided in the raw data, thus the remaining variables of this section were not generated.
EMPSSC	Status of employment in the secondary job during the reference period	Detailed description of the employment status (employee, own-account workers, employer, unpaid family worker, etc.) in the secondary job, ideally following the ICSE classification (1993).	See EMPS	Harmonized Categorical variable	1 Employee 2 Employer 3 Own account, self-employed 4 Contributing (unpaid) family worker 5 Member of producers cooperatives 6 Workers not classifiable by status (Others) 99 Not stated		INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		
OCCSC	Occupation classification of the secondary job [Standardized version]	Standardized occupation classification of the secondary job.	In many datasets, national classifications are used to code the detailed data collected. In such cases, if the aggregated data is provided by the statistical office, no attempt to correct the original variable is done.	Harmonized Categorical variable	10 Legislators, senior officials and managers 20 Professionals 30 Technicians and associate professionals 40 Clerks 50 Service workers and shop and market sales workers 60 Skilled agricultural and fishery workers 70 Craft and related trades workers 80 Plant and machine operators and assemblers 90 Elementary occupations 100 Armed Forces 998 Other/unspecified 999 Not stated		INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		
OCCSC_ISCO88_2	Occupation classification of the secondary job [ISCO 1988-2 digits]	Occupation classification of the secondary job, following the 2-digits International Standard Classification of Occupations for the year 1988 (ISCO-88).		Harmonized Categorical variable	-- ISCO 1988-2 digits coding 9998 Unspecified codes 9999 Not Stated		INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		
INDSC	Economic activity classification of the secondary job [Standardized version]	Standardized economic activity classification of the secondary job.	In many datasets, national classifications are used to code the detailed data collected. In such cases, if the aggregated data is provided by the statistical office, no attempt to correct the original variable is done. The category "Wholesale and retail trade" includes the repair activities of motor vehicles and motorcycles. The category "Real estate, administrative, professional and support service activities" includes: Real estate, renting and business activities: professional, scientific and technical activities: in addition to administrative and support service activities.	Harmonized categorical variable	10 Agriculture, forestry and fishing 20 Mining and quarrying 30 Manufacturing 40 Electricity, gas and water supply 50 Construction 60 Wholesale and retail trade 70 Transportation and storage 80 Accommodation and food service activities 90 Information and communication 100 Financial and insurance activities 110 Real estate, professional and support service activities 120 Public administration and defense 130 Education 140 Human health and social work activities 150 Other activities 998 Unspecified 999 Not stated		INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		
INDSC_ISIC3_2	Economic activity classification of the secondary job [ISIC Rev.3-2 digits]	Economic activity classification of the secondary job, following the 2-digits International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities, Revision 3 (ISIC Rev.3).		Harmonized categorical variable	--- ISIC-Rev. 3-2 digits coding 9998 Unspecified codes 9999 Not Stated		INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		
SECTORSC	Sector of employment of the secondary job [Standardized version]	Sector of employment (i.e. private versus public sector workers) in the secondary job.	Quasi-public sectors are considered as public. In the case that there is no distinction between Government and Public, in the original survey, we use the classification as provided. Cooperative includes employees in joint ventures. Foreign includes workers in international NGOs. Others includes workers in national NGOs and in private households.	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Government 2 Public sector 3 Private sector 4 Joint/Cooperative 5 Foreign sector 6 Others 99 Not stated		INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		

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						Survey Values and Value Labels	Universe	Key	Var(s) used from the survey	Country specific comments
SECTORSC_D	Sector of employment of the secondary job [Detailed version]	This variable distinguishes between different types of public and private sectors as well as other types of sectors (foreign, cooperative, etc.).	The classification of those working inside or outside an establishment in different sectors can be further studied using the variable "ESTABSC".	Harmonized categorical variable	100 Government 110 Government-National 120 Government-Foreign 130 Government-Federal 140 Government-Local 200 Public sector 210 Economic institutions 300 Private sector 310 Private-Investment 320 Private-National 321 Private-National inside establishment 322 Private-National outside establishment 330 Private-Foreign 331 Private-Foreign inside establishment 332 Private-Foreign outside establishment 340 Private-Inside establishment 350 Private-Outside establishment 360 Private-Families 400 Joint/Cooperative 410 Joint 420 Cooperative 430 Joint local sector 500 Foreign sector 510 Diplomatic bodies 600 Others 610 Non-governmental organizations 620 Non-profit associations 630 Charitable associations 640 Outside establishment 650 Outside the country 660 UNRWA 999 Not stated		INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		
WRKPLCSC	Workplace of the secondary job	This variable provides information on the place where the individual actually carries out the secondary job work, whether it is inside or outside an establishment.	See WRKPLC	Harmonized categorical variable	1 In individual's home 2 In someone else's home 3 In premises adjacent to home 4 In exclusive premises 5 Street vendor with fixed/semi-fixed location 6 Street vendor with mobile location 7 Kiosk/hut 8 Transportation vehicle 9 Construction site 10 Agriculture land/maritime area 90 Others 99 Not stated		INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		
TENURESC	Tenure in the secondary job	Duration of time worked in secondary job.		Semi-standardized continuous variable when information is provided in continuous years			INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		
EMPSTABSC	Employment stability in the secondary job	This variable indicates whether the employed individual is engaged in a regular or an irregular job.		Harmonized categorical variable	1 Full time/Regular 2 Part time/Temporary 3 Seasonal/Irregular 99 Not stated		INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		
EMPCONTSC	Employment contract in the secondary job	This variable should indicate whether the individual has an explicit (written or oral) or an implicit employment contract.	See EMPCONT	Harmonized categorical variable	100 Yes 110 Officially hired 120 Written contract for an unlimited duration 130 Written contract for a limited duration 140 Collective agreement 150 Verbal agreement 200 No contract 999 Not stated		INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		
ESTABSC	Working in an establishment at the secondary job	This variable indicates whether the individual is working in an establishment in his/her secondary job.		Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes 99 Not stated		INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		
ESTTAXSC	Establishment registered in tax administration	This variable indicates whether the enterprise where the individual works is registered in a tax administration.	The enterprises which are still in the process of being registered are coded "1"- yes.	Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes 99 Not stated		INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job in establishment	/		

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						Survey Values and Value Labels	Universe	Key	Var(s) used from the survey	Country specific comments
NUMWRKSC	Number of workers in the secondary job establishment	This variable indicates the number of workers in the enterprise/establishment in which the respondent is employed in his/her secondary job.	See NUMWRK	Categorical variable	100 1 thru 9 110 1 120 1 thru 4 130 2 thru 4 140 5 thru 9 200 10 thru 49 210 10 thru 19 220 20+ 230 10 thru 24 240 25 thru 49 300 50 thru 99 400 100+ 999 Not stated		Employed in establishment INDs aged ...+	/		
HRSWKSC	Total weekly working hours in the secondary job	This variable reports the total number of hours the individual usually works during the week on his/her secondary job.	See HRSWK	Continuous variable			INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		
DAYMNTHSC	Total number of working days per month in the secondary job	The total number of days usually worked during a month on the secondary job.		Continuous variable			INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		
WKMNTHSC	Total number of working weeks per month in the secondary job	The total number of weeks usually worked during a month on the secondary job.		Continuous variable			INDs aged ...+ having a secondary job	/		

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FILE LEVEL: INDIVIDUAL IDEAL UNIVERSE: PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST 2 WEEKS IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: WITHIN LESS THAN 12 MONTHS OF THE INTERVIEW CATEGORY: LAST HELD JOB CHARACTERISTICS					This section provides information on the employment characteristics of the previous/last held job for all individuals who have previously been employed, whether employed, unemployed or inactive at the time of the survey. For the employed individuals, the last held job is the job preceding the present one (and is denoted previous job). All individuals for whom a "not stated" status is reported in any of the variables are those within the variable universe but whose information was not provided in the original data.					
PRVWRK	Previously worked during the reference period	This variable should identify those who have previously been employed for pay or for profit for a continuous period of time. In many surveys, the data is not collected for employed individuals, in such cases they are recoded "1".	This information is provided for all individuals in the working-age population to identify those who have previously experienced any employment during the reference period. In many surveys, the data is not collected for employed individuals, in such cases they are recoded "1".	Harmonized categorical variable	0 Never worked during the reference period	pw17=2 Yes, more than 1 year and less than 5 years pw17=3 Yes, more than 5 years pw17=4 No	INDS aged 10+	A	pw01 pw02 pw03 pw16 pw17	Data on previous job is only collected for employed but temporary unpaid, unemployed and inactive individuals indicating last held job characteristics. No data on previous job for the rest of the employed individuals is provided. Those who reported previous work experience during more than 1 year preceding the survey were recoded "0" indicating that they never worked during the reference period.
					1 Employed but previous job is not reported	pw01=1 or pw02=1 or pw03=1				
					2 Employed & reported a previous job	pw17=1 & pw16=4 Found/established a job which starts later pw16=6 Waiting for customers pw16=9 Vacation/Official holiday				
					3 Not working & reported a last held job	pw17=1 Yes, during last 12 months				
EMPSPRV	Status of employment in the previous/last held job	Detailed description of the employment status (employee, own-account workers, employer, unpaid family worker, etc.) in the previous/last held job, ideally following the ICSE classification (1993).	See EMPS	Harmonized Categorical variable	1 Employee	4 Employee- National government 5 Employee- Foreign government 6 Employee- UNRWA 7 Employee- International organization 8 Employee- Nonprofit organization 9 Regular employee- Private sector 10 Irregular employee- Private sector	Ever-employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw23	
					2 Employer	1 Employer				
					3 Own account, self-employed	2 Self-employed				
					4 Contributing (unpaid) family workers	3 Unpaid family worker				
					5 Member of producers cooperatives					
					6 Workers not classifiable by status (other)	11 Others				
					99 Not stated	Ever-employed INDs aged 10+ for whom pw23 is missing				
OCCPRV	Occupation classification of the previous/last held job [Standardized version]	Standardized occupation classification of the previous/last held job.	In many datasets, national classifications are used to code the detailed data collected. In such cases, if the aggregated data is provided by the statistical office, no attempt to correct the original variable is done.	Harmonized Categorical variable	10 Legislators, senior officials and managers 20 Professionals 30 Technicians and associate professionals 40 Clerks 50 Service workers and shop and market sales workers 60 Skilled agricultural and fishery workers 70 Craft and related trades workers 80 Plant and machine operators and assemblers 90 Elementary occupations 100 Armed Forces 998 Other/unspecified	11 thru 13 21 thru 24 31 thru 34 41 thru 42 51 thru 52 61 thru 62 71 thru 74 81 thru 83 91 thru 93 20, 99	Ever-employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw22	
					999 Not stated	Ever-employed INDS aged 10+ for whom pw22 is missing				
OCCPRV_ISCO88_2	Occupation classification of the previous/last held job [ISCO 1988-2 digits]	Occupation classification of the previous/last held job, following the 2-digits International Standard Classification of Occupations for the year 1988 (ISCO-88).		Harmonized Categorical variable	-- ISCO 1988-2 digits coding 9998 Unspecified codes 9999 Not Stated		Ever-employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw22	
INDPRV	Economic activity classification of the previous/last held job [Standardized version]	Standardized economic activity classification of the previous/last held job.	In many datasets, national classifications are used to code the detailed data collected. In such cases, if the aggregated data is provided by the statistical office, no attempt to correct the original variable is done. The category "Wholesale and retail trade" includes the repair activities of motor vehicles and motorcycles. The category "Real estate, administrative, professional and support service activities" includes: Real estate, renting and business activities: professional, scientific and technical activities: in addition to administrative and support service activities.	Harmonized categorical variable	10 Agriculture, forestry and fishing 20 Mining and quarrying 30 Manufacturing 40 Electricity, gas and water supply 50 Construction 60 Wholesale and retail trade 70 Transportation and storage 80 Accommodation and food service activities 90 Information and communication 100 Financial and insurance activities 110 Real estate, professional and support service activities 120 Public administration and defense 130 Education 140 Human health and social work activities 150 Other activities 998 Unspecified	1 thru 5 14 15 thru 36 40 thru 41 45 50 thru 52 60 thru 63 55 64 65 thru 67 70 thru 74 75 80 85 90 thru 99	Ever-employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw20	
					999 Not stated	Ever-employed INDS aged 10+ for whom pw20 is missing				
INDPRV_ISIC3_2	Economic activity classification of the previous/last held job [ISIC Rev.3-2 digits]	Economic activity classification of the previous/last held job, following the 2-digits International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities, Revision 3 (ISIC Rev.3).		Harmonized categorical variable	--- ISIC-Rev. 3-2 digits coding 9998 Unspecified codes 9999 Not Stated		Ever-employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw20	

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SECTORPRV	Sector of employment of the previous/last held Job [Standardized version]	Sector of employment (i.e. private versus public sector workers) in the previous/last held job.	Quasi-public sectors are considered as public. In the case that there is no distinction between Government and Public, in the original survey, we use the classification as provided. Cooperative includes employees in joint ventures. Foreign includes workers in international NGOs. Others includes workers in national NGOs and in private households.	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Government	4 Employee- National government 5 Employee- Foreign government	Ever-employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw23	
					2 Public sector					
					3 Private sector	1 Employer 2 Self-employed 3 Unpaid family worker 9 Regular employee- Private sector 10 Irregular employee- Private sector				
					4 Joint/Cooperative					
					5 Foreign sector	7 Employee- International organization				
					6 Others	6 Employee- UNRWA 8 Employee- Nonprofit organization				
					99 Not stated	Ever-employed INDS aged 10+ for whom pw23 is missing				
SECTORPRV_D	Sector of employment of the previous/last held job [Detailed version]	This variable distinguishes between different types of public and private sectors as well as other types of sectors (foreign, cooperative, etc.).		Harmonized categorical variable	100 Government		Ever-employed INDs aged 10+	A	pw23	The sector of employment generated using the variable pw23, originally indicating the employment status, is not reported for those who found a job and waiting to start, in addition to all other employed individuals for whom the employment status is employer or self-employed. Thus, the generated variable for those who found a job is recoded "not stated", and the sector was assumed to be private for all employers and self-employed. Regular private sector was assumed to be inside an establishment; while the irregular one was coded private sector outside an establishment. The sector for unpaid family workers was assumed to be private-families.
					110 Government-National	4 Employee- National government				
					120 Government-Foreign	5 Employee- Foreign government				
					130 Government-Federal					
					140 Government-Local					
					200 Public sector					
					210 Economic institutions					
					300 Private sector	1 Employer 2 Self-employed				
					310 Private investment					
					320 Private-National					
					321 Private-National inside establishment					
					322 Private-National outside establishment					
					330 Private-Foreign					
					331 Private-Foreign inside establishment					
					332 Private-Foreign outside establishment					
					340 Private-Inside establishment	9 Regular employee- Private sector				
					350 Private-Outside establishment	10 Irregular employee- Private sector				
					360 Private-Families	3 Unpaid family worker				
					400 Joint/Cooperative					
					410 Joint					
					420 Cooperative					
					430 Joint local sector					
					500 Foreign sector	7 Employee- International organization				
					510 Diplomatic bodies					
					600 Others					
					610 Non-governmental organizations					
					620 Non-profit associations	8 Employee- Nonprofit organization				
					630 Charitable associations					
					640 Outside establishment					
					650 Outside the country					
					660 UNRWA	6 Employee- UNRWA				
					999 Not stated	Ever-employed INDS aged 10+ for whom pw23 is missing				
LVPRVJ_R	Reason for leaving the previous/last held job	This variable indicates the main reason for which a previously employed individual had stopped working in the previous/last held job.	Work conditions may include inappropriate work location, inappropriate working hours, mismatch between occupation and qualifications, etc.	Harmonized Categorical variable	1 Permanent/Temporary lay-off 2 Employer/Self-employed activity stoppage 3 Job contract ended 4 Resignation 5 Full-time education 6 Personal/Family conditions 7 Retirement 8 Illness or disability 9 Military services 10 Work conditions 90 Others 99 Not stated		Ever-employed INDs aged …+	/		

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FILE LEVEL: INDIVIDUAL
IDEAL UNIVERSE: UNEMPLOYED
IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: WITHIN 3 MONTHS OF THE INTERVIEW
CATEGORY: UNEMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

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UNEMPDUR	Unemployment duration in months	The variable reports the number of months during which the unemployed individual had stayed without work since graduation or since he/she left the last held job.		Continuous variable	xxx Unemployment duration in months		Unemployed INDs aged 10+	A	pw13	
SRCHACT_X	Seeking a job by ...x	This set of dummy variables should indicate the activity(ies) undertaken by the unemployed in their search efforts to find a job during the reference period.

X denotes the search activity. | "Searching for a private project" includes searching for a land, premises, machinery, supplies, farming inputs, etc. "Online search" includes placing or updating the résumé on professional or social networking sites. "Applying directly to the employer" includes checking worksites, farms, factories or other assembly places. | Dummy variables (0 No, 1 Yes) | X=1   Registering with government offices or ministries
X=2   Registering with a public or private employment service
X=3   Participating in employment competitions
X=4   Arranging for financial resources, and applying for permits and licenses
X=5   Searching for a private project
X=6   Seeking the assistance of friends, relatives or other intermediaries
X=7   Applying directly to the employer
X=8   Reading/watching and responding to advertisements in newspapers or TV
X=9   Online job searching
X=10 Waiting in a gathering place

X=90 Others not elsewhere classified | 4 Registered in labor office

1 Ask friends
3 Apply for employers
2 Ads

5 Other
6 Did nothing | Unemployed INDs aged 10+ | A | pw15 | For those who are reported unemployed but do not seek for a job in the main activity status (MAS_D=232, 233, 234), no data for search activity was collected, thus all the harmonized variables for those cases were reported missing. |
SRCHDUR	Job search duration in months	The variable reports the number of months during which the unemployed individual has been searching for a job.	The period of search reported should be the last continuous period of active search without significant interruption (significant may imply active search efforts for a continuous period of at least four weeks).	Continuous variable	xxx Search duration in months		Unemployed INDs aged ...+	/		
GVUPJ	Ever refused a job opportunity during the job searching period	This variable identifies individuals who have previously refused a job opportunity during the job searching period.		Dummy variable	0 No 1 Yes		Unemployed INDs aged ...+	/		
GVUPJ_R	Reason for refusing a job opportunity during the job searching period	This variable indicates the main reason for which the individual has given up a job opportunity during the job searching period.		Harmonized Categorical variable	1 Low wage 2 Distance to workplace 3 Work nature 4 Over qualified for the job 5 Waiting to find a better job opportunity 6 Work conditions 90 Others 99 Not stated		Unemployed INDs aged ...+ ever given up a job opportunity	/		

FILE LEVEL: INDIVIDUAL
IDEAL UNIVERSE: INACTIVE INDIVIDUALS
IDEAL REFERENCE PERIOD: WITHIN 4 WEEKS OF THE INTERVIEW
CATEGORY: INACTIVITY REASON(S)

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NOTSRCH_R	Reason for not seeking a job during the reference period	For the "inactive" in the working age population, this variable should identify the main reason for which the individual is not searching for a job.	All reasons are provided by the inactive individuals who are not working nor seeking a job because of discouragement or due to any of the known reasons of inactivity.	Harmonized categorical variable	1 Failed to find a suitable job 2 Lack of experience/qualifications 3 Lack of jobs matching personal skills or occupation 4 Lack of jobs with suitable wages 5 Considered too young or too old by prospective employers 6 Race/sex/religion discrimination 7 Lack of infrastructure (assets roads/transportations) 8 Lack of employment services 9 Lack of social relationships 10 Refusal by family 11 Do not know effective ways for job searching 12 Believed that no suitable job exists 13 No jobs are available 14 Tired of looking for work 15 Full time student 16 Homemaker/housewife 17 Pensioners/retired/disabled 18 Have income/revenue/means 90 Others not elsewhere classified reasons 99 Not stated	9 Found a job not suitable for qualification 10 Did not search due to low wages 8 Could not find a job 1 Studying/training 2 Home duties 3 Old/sick 11 Not interested to find a job (with means) 12 Other Inactive INDs aged 10+ for whom pw16 is missing	Inactive INDs aged 10+	A	pw16	For all inactive individuals who did not provide a reason for not searching for a job, the main activity status was used to fill this variable.