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**DESCRIPTION OF SILC USER DATABASE SECONDARY TARGET  
VARIABLES:  
MODULE 2005  
Inter-generational transmission of poverty**

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**The following variables are enclosed in the "UDB\_c05P..." data file**

## Unit

The information will be provided for all current household members or if applicable for all selected respondents, aged over 24 and less than 66.

## Mode of Data Collection

Owing to the characteristics of the information to be collected, only personal interviews (proxy interviews as an exception for persons temporarily away or in incapacity) or extracted information from registers are allowed.

## Reference Period

The reference period is when the interviewee was a young teenager, between the ages of 12 and 16. If the respondent hesitates or asks for a specific age, the age of 14 should be used. Any changes that occurred after the reference period should not be taken into account; the interviewer must accentuate the fact that the reference period is when the interviewee was a young teenager

## Definitions

(a) Father: the male person the interviewee considered to be his/her father, when the interviewee was a young teenager. In general the father will be the biological father, but if the interviewee considers someone else to be the father, during the reference period, the answers should be about him, even if the biological father is alive and known

(b) Mother: the female person the interviewee considered to be his/her mother, when the interviewee was a young teenager. In general the mother will be the biological mother, but if the interviewee considers someone else to be the mother, during the reference period, the answers should be about her, even if the biological mother is alive and known

(c) Sibling: brothers and sisters who lived in the same household as the interviewee, during the reference period. Siblings can be biological, half siblings or step siblings, the age of the siblings are not important but they should have lived in the same household.

(d) Main: (in *main* family composition, *main* number of siblings, *main* activity status and *main* occupation) refers to the situation that lasted for the longest time when the interviewee was a young teenager. If uncertain which situation lasted for the longest time, the situation which made most impression.

<b>PM005: Personal intergenerational cross-sectional weight</b>
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Values
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<i>0+ (Format 2.5) weight</i>
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## PM010: Main family composition

Values	
1	<i>Lived with both parents</i>
2	<i>Lived with single mother (single parent family)</i>
3	<i>Lived with single father (single parent family)</i>
4	<i>Lived with mother and mother's new partner/husband</i>
5	<i>Lived with father and father's new partner/wife</i>
6	<i>Lived in another private household, foster -home</i>
7	<i>Lived in a collective household or institution</i>

  

Flags	
-5	<i>not in age range (25-65)</i>
-3	<i>not selected respondent</i>
-1	<i>missing</i>
1	<i>filled</i>

### **Lived with both parents**

Lived with two adults which both considered as parents, the adults could have been the biological parents, stepparents, adoptive parents or other adult regarded as a parent

### **Lived with single mother**

Lived with a single mother, the parents can be divorced, the father dead or father unknown.

### **Lived with single father**

Lived with a single father, the parents can be divorced, the mother dead or mother unknown.

### **Lived with mother and mother's new partner/husband**

Lived with the mother and the mother's new partner/husband, but the new partner/husband is not considered as the father.

### **Lived with father and father's new partner/wife**

Lived with the father and the father's new partner/wife, but the new partner/wife is not considered as the mother.

### **Lived in another private household, foster -home**

Lived in another private household or foster -home. None of the adults in the household considered to be a parent

### **Lived in a collective household or institution**

Lived in a collective household or institutions with out adults regarded as parents

<b>PM020: Year of birth of father</b>
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Values
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<i>Year (4 digits)</i>
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Flags
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-5	<i>not in age range (25-65)</i>
-3	<i>not selected respondent</i>
-2	<i>N/A (no father)</i>
-1	<i>missing</i>
1	<i>filled</i>

**Note:** for SI: A person born in 1925 or before is coded 1925  
A person born in 1958 or after is coded 1958

**Year**

The year the person considered to be the father was born.

<b>PM030: Year of birth of mother</b>
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<i>Year (4 digits)</i>
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Flags
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-5	<i>not in age range (25-65)</i>
-3	<i>not selected respondent</i>
-2	<i>N/A (no mother)</i>
-1	<i>missing</i>
1	<i>filled</i>

**Note:** for SI: A person born in 1925 or before is coded 1925  
A person born in 1958 or after is coded 1958

**Year**

The year the person considered to be the mother was born.

<b>PM035: Main Number of siblings</b>
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Values
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<i>Number (2 digits) 0-99</i>
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Flags
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<i>-5</i>	<i>not in age range (25-65)</i>
<i>-3</i>	<i>not selected respondent</i>
<i>-1</i>	<i>missing</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>filled</i>

**Note:** for SI: 10 or more siblings is coded 10

**Number**

The number of siblings living in the household (0-99).

**PM040: Highest ISCED level of education attained by father**

Values	
0	<i>Less than primary education</i>
1	<i>Primary education</i>
2	<i>Lower secondary education</i>
3	<i>Upper secondary education</i>
4	<i>Post-secondary non -tertiary education</i>
5	<i>First stage of tertiary education and Second stage of tertiary education (grouping of 5 and 6 isced levels)</i>

  

Flags	
-5	<i>not in age range (25-65)</i>
-3	<i>not selected respondent</i>
-2	<i>N/A (no father)</i>
-1	<i>missing</i>
1	<i>filled</i>

The highest education the father had attained before or during the period when the respondent was a young teenager. Level is recorded according to the International Standard Classification of Education 1997 and consists of only levels without destination or orientation.

**PM050: Highest ISCED level of education attained by mother**

Values	
0	<i>Less than primary education</i>
1	<i>Primary education</i>
2	<i>Lower secondary education</i>
3	<i>Upper secondary education</i>
4	<i>Post-secondary non -tertiary education</i>
5	<i>First stage of tertiary education and Second stage of tertiary education (grouping of 5 and 6 isced levels)</i>

  

Flags	
-5	<i>not in age range (25-65)</i>
-3	<i>not selected respondent</i>
-2	<i>N/A (no mother)</i>
-1	<i>missing</i>
1	<i>filled</i>

The highest education the mother had attained before or during the period when the respondent was a young teenager. Level is recorded according to the International Standard Classification of Education 1997 and consists of only levels without destination or orientation.

## PM060: Main activity status of father

Values	
1	<i>Employee</i>
2	<i>Self-employed</i>
3	<i>Unpaid family-worker</i>
4	<i>Unemployed</i>
5	<i>Retired, early retired</i>
6	<i>Full time housework</i>
7	<i>Other</i>

  

Flags	
-5	<i>not in age range (25-65)</i>
-3	<i>not selected respondent</i>
-2	<i>N/A (no father)</i>
-1	<i>missing</i>
1	<i>filled</i>

### **Employee**

The father had a definite and pre-scheduled arrangement between him and an employer for regular work (that is, every week or every month), whether the work was full-time or part-time, he should be considered as an employee.

### **Self-employed**

The father worked in his own business, professional practice or farm for the purpose of earning a profit

### **Unpaid family -worker**

The father worked with helping another member of the family to run an agricultural holding or other business.

### **Unemployed**

The father had a no definite and pre -scheduled arrangement between him and an employer for regular work and the father couldn't earn a profit from his own business.

### **Retired, early retired**

If the father had left his work because of age, sickness or handicap.

### **Full time housework**

If the father worked in the home taking care of the household and/or other persons, without getting paid and without being 'unemployed'.

## PM070: Main occupation of father

### Values

*ISCO-88(COM) code (2 digits / see annex in "UDB variable description" doc*

### Flags

*-5 not in age range (25-65)*  
*-3 not selected respondent*  
*-2 N/A (no father)*  
*-1 missing*  
*1 filled*

The father's main occupation should be coded according to the ISCO -88 (COM) classification (International Standard Classification of Occupations, published by the International Labour Force (Geneva, 1990)).

If father's had simultaneously more than one job, the occupation refers to the corresponded with the main job.

If during the reference period, father's didn't have a job (i.e. PM060 or PM080 =4, 5, 6, 7), the variable PM070, PM090 refers to the main last occupation.

## PM080: Main activity status of mother

Values	
1	<i>Employee</i>
2	<i>Self-employed</i>
3	<i>Unpaid family-worker</i>
4	<i>Unemployed</i>
5	<i>Retired, early retired</i>
6	<i>Full time housework</i>
7	<i>Other</i>

  

Flags	
-5	<i>not in age range (25-65)</i>
-3	<i>not selected respondent</i>
-2	<i>N/A (no mother)</i>
-1	<i>missing</i>
1	<i>filled</i>

### **Employee**

The mother had a definite and pre-scheduled arrangement between her and an employer for regular work (that is, every week or every month), whether the work was full-time or part-time, she should be considered as an employee.

### **Self-employed**

The mother worked in /her own business, professional practice or farm for the purpose of earning a profit

### **Unpaid family -worker**

The mother worked with helping another member of the family to run an agricultural holding or other business.

### **Unemployed**

The mother had a no definite and pre-scheduled arrangement between her and an employer for regular work and the mother couldn't earn a profit from her own business.

### **Retired, early retired**

If the mother had left her work because of age, sickness or handicap.

### **Full time housework**

If the mother worked in the home taking care of the household and/or other persons, without getting paid and without being 'unemployed'.

## PM090: Main occupation of mother

### Values

*ISCO-88(COM) code (2 digits / see annex in "UDB variable description" doc*

### Flags

*-5 not in age range (25-65)*  
*-3 not selected respondent*  
*-2 N/A (no mother)*  
*-1 missing*  
*1 filled*

The mother's main occupation should be coded according to the ISCO -88 (COM) classification (International Standard Classification of Occupations, published by the International Labour Force (Geneva, 1990)).

If mother's had simultaneously more than one job, the occupation refers to the corresponded with the main job.

If during the reference period, mother's didn't have a job (i.e. PM060 or PM080 =4, 5, 6, 7), the variable PM070, PM090 refers to the main last occupation.

## PM100: Financial problems in household when young teenager

Values	
1	<i>Most of the time</i>
2	<i>Often</i>
3	<i>Occasionally</i>
4	<i>Rarely</i>
5	<i>Never</i>
Flags	
-5	<i>not in age range (25-65)</i>
-3	<i>not selected respondent</i>
-2	<i>N/A (lived in a collective household or institution)</i>
-1	<i>missing</i>
1	<i>filled</i>

Wording and values according to countries

COUNTRY	ENGLISH TRANSLATION
<b>AT:</b> Austria	<p>Please think of the financial situation of your household when you were 14 years old. Would you say the financial situation then was</p> <p>Very bad            1  Bad                    2  Fair                    3  Good                   4  Very good            5</p>
<b>BE:</b> Belgium	<p><b>When you were 14 years old, did your household have financial problems ?</b></p> <p>Most of the time    1  Often                    2  Occasionally        3  Rarely                   4  Never                    5</p>
<b>CY:</b> Cyprus	<p>How would you describe the economical situation of your household when you were at the age of 12-16 considering the standard of living of that time?</p> <p>Very poor            1  Poor                    2  Middle income       3  Wealthy                4  Very wealthy        5</p>
<b>CZ:</b> Czech Republic	<p>Did the household you were living in at the age of 12-16 experience financial problems? (Please assess carefully the prevailing financial situation of your household at that time)</p>

	<p>Most of the time / almost always      1</p> <p>Often      2</p> <p>Occasionally      3</p> <p>Rarely      4</p> <p>Never      5</p>
<b>DE:</b> Germany	Not provided
<b>DK:</b> Denmark	<p>Did your family have financial problems, when you were a young teenager?</p> <p>Most of the time      1</p> <p>Often      2</p> <p>Occasionally      3</p> <p>Rarely      4</p> <p>Never      5</p>
<b>EE:</b> Estonia	<p>Did the household have financial difficulties when you were in yearly teens (12-16 year-old)?</p> <p>Always or almost always      1</p> <p>Often or regularly      2</p> <p>Sometimes      3</p> <p>Seldom      4</p> <p>Never      5</p>
<b>EL:</b> Greece	Question is not included in the SILC 2005 module in Greece
<b>ES:</b> Spain	<p>When you were a young teenager, how often did the household you were living in have financial problems at that time?</p> <p>Most of the time      1</p> <p>Often      2</p> <p>Occasionally      3</p> <p>Rarely      4</p> <p>Never      5</p>
<b>FI:</b> Finland	<p>When you think about the times when you were young, i.e. when you were 12-16 years of age, did your family have difficulties in making ends meet:</p> <p>Always or almost always, at that time      1</p> <p>Often or repeatedly      2</p> <p>Sometimes      3</p> <p>Seldom      4</p> <p>No difficulties at all      5</p> <p>Note: Question was asked from selected respondents only</p>
<b>FR:</b> France	<p>When you were a young teenager, how often did your family have financial problems ?</p> <p>Most of the time      1</p> <p>Often      2</p> <p>Occasionally      3</p> <p>Rarely      4</p> <p>Never      5</p>

<b>HU:</b> Hungary	<p>How often did your family have financial difficulties during your childhood, when your age was 12-16 years?</p> <p>Mostly all the time      1  Very often                    2  Occasionally                3  Rarely                         4  Never                            5</p>
<b>IE:</b> Ireland	<p>When you were a young teenager (i.e. between the ages of 12 and 16) did the household you were living in have severe financial problems?</p> <p>Most of the time          1  Often                            2  Occasionally                3  Rarely                         4  Never                            5</p>
<b>IS:</b> Iceland	<p>Introduction  Next are few questions on your household when you were a teenager, that is at the age between twelve and sixteen</p> <p>Did your household have financial problems when you were a teenager?</p> <p>Always                         1  Often                            2  Sometimes                    3  Seldom                         4  Never                            5</p>
<b>IT:</b> Italy	<p>Think about the time when you were between 12 and 16 years old. How frequently was your household obliged to cope with economic problems?</p> <p>Very often                  1  Often                            2  Sometimes                    3  Rarely                         4  Never                            5</p>
<b>LT:</b> Lithuania	<p>When you were a young teenager, how often did the household you were living in have financial problems?</p> <p>Always, most of the time    1  Often                            2  Occasionally                3  Rarely                         4  Never                            5</p>
<b>LU:</b> Luxembourg	<p>When M. has been between 12 and 16 years old, h as the household in which M lived been subject to financial problems?</p> <p>Most of the time          1  Often                            2  Occasionally                3</p>

	Rarely 4 Never 5
<b>LV: Latvia</b>	Did the household you lived in when you were a teenager, i.e. were 12 – 16 (14) years old, have financial problems?  Always/most of the time 1 Often 2 Occasionally 3 Rarely 4 Never 5
<b>NL: The Netherlands</b>	Next question is about the financial situation of the household you were living then. How often did financial problems occur?  Most of the time 1 Often 2 Occasionally 3 Rarely 4 Never 5
<b>NO: Norway</b>	How often was your household in economic difficulties when you were 12 - 16 years old? Would you say...  Most of the time 1 Often 2 Now and then/ Occasionally 3 Rarely 4 Never 5
<b>PL: Poland</b>	The meaning of the Polish question is the same as recommended (word order is different only). The answer categories and flags are  Most of the time 1 Often 2 Occasionally 3 Rarely 4 Never 5
<b>PT Portugal</b>	Not provided
<b>SE: Sweden</b>	During those years, when You were between 12 – 16 years, how often did it happen that You had economical difficulties?  Mostly the whole time 1 Often 2 Now and then 3 Seldom 4 Never 5
<b>SI: Slovenia</b>	How often did the household in which selected person aged from 12 to 16 lived had financial difficulties

	<p>Always, most of the time      1</p> <p>Often/regularly                2</p> <p>Sometimes                        3</p> <p>Seldom                            4</p> <p>Never                                5</p>
<b>SK:</b> The Slovak Republic	<p>How often did your household have financial problems in time you were 12 – 16 years old?</p> <p>Never                            1</p> <p>Rarely                            2</p> <p>Sometimes                      3</p> <p>Often                             4</p> <p>Always                            5</p>
<b>UK:</b> The United Kingdom	<p>When you were a young teenager, how often did the household you were living in have financial problems at that time. Was it...</p> <p>Most of the time            1</p> <p>Often                            2</p> <p>Occasionally                3</p> <p>Rarely                            4</p> <p>Never                             5</p>