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## Microcensus – ad hoc module 2011 „Employment of disabled people“

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## Executive Summary

According to the Commission Regulation (EC) No 317/2010 it was obligatory for the member states to implement the “2011 Labour Force Survey (LFS) ad hoc module on employment of disabled people”. In this regulation the European Commission (EC) specifies the variables to be collected, yet the phrasing of the single questions and possible additional questions on national level are part of the tasks the member states have to fulfil.

To date, few data are available in Austria on employment of people with health impairments. The LFS ad hoc module is meant to improve availability of data, but also to contribute to a harmonizing of data on European level. For data collection, the EC granted financial aid to the member states.

On national level the legal basis of LFS is the current version of the regulation for employment and housing statistics (Erwerbs- und Wohnungsstatistik-Verordnung). The ad hoc module questionnaire was administered to the respondents immediately after the core set of LFS questions, – namely to all households of the quarterly rotating LFS sample which were in their first of five waves. In contrary to the core LFS-questions participation in the module interview was voluntary. The gross sample of the ad hoc module consisted of the working-age population, defined as 15 to 64 years old persons in private households in the respective first waves of LFS during the year 2011. As all households in the first wave were interviewed face to face using computer assisted personal interviews (CAPI) this was also applied to the module questions.

The sample size of the LFS sub-sample for module 2011 was 20,000 persons. Target group was the working-age population (15 to 64 years) with health impairments. The module 2011 used a far-ranging definition of “individuals with health impairments”, comprising people of working-age having either longstanding health problems or disorders, limitations in sensory or motor functions, or both.

The set of questions concerning the employment of people with health impairments covers health-related limitations at work (in the number of working hours, in the type of work, in getting to and from work) as well as work-related resources of impaired workers (special supportive equipment or workplace adaptations, special working arrangements, personal assistance by colleagues or the private social environment). Finally, questions concerning any further work-related restrictions apart from health problems were posed, e.g. care-giving duties for a family member. An additional question of the Austrian questionnaire was on the presence of any disability confirmed by the Social Welfare Office (Bundessozialamt), the Old Age Insurance Office (Pensionsversicherungsanstalt), the Austrian Worker’s Compensation Board (AUVA, Allgemeine Unfallversicherungsanstalt) or any other body.

In accordance with the LFS the module allowed proxy interviews by other household members in case the target person was not available or not to reach for a personal interview. The percentage of proxy interviews within the module 2011 was 25.8%, the rest were personal interviews.

The collected data set was checked for completeness and plausibility. Single data records with more than 50% of answers missing were excluded. Then implausible or missing data were imputed. Finally the module data – like the LFS – have been extrapolated according to the Population Register of Statistics Austria.

In November 2012 data were made public online. The publication “Employment of disabled people, ad hoc module of LFS 2011“ (German only) is a comprehensive report of the module results. Module data from all EU member states are available in the Eurostat database.

**Microcensus – Ad-hoc module 2011 “Employment of disabled people” – Main Features**

<b>Subject Matter</b>	Questions concerning health problems or diseases; problems with daily activities and limitations at work due to this problems; support received at work and at home; questions to limitations due to other, not health-related problems
<b>Population</b>	Austrian residents aged 15 to 64 years; about 5.6 mio. people
<b>Type of statistics</b>	Household survey
<b>Data sources/Survey techniques</b>	Sample survey: Computer-assisted personal interviews using a standardized questionnaire
<b>Reference period or due day</b>	2011
<b>Periodicity</b>	Ad hoc
<b>Survey participation (in case of a survey)</b>	Module: Voluntary; LFS: Obligatory
<b>Main legal acts</b>	<a href="#">European Commission Regulation (EC) No 317/2010</a>
<b>Most detailed regional breakdown</b>	Austria/Federal states
<b>Availability of results</b>	23.11.2012
<b>Other</b>	-