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Microcensus – Ad-hoc module 2009 on the entry of young people into the labour market

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Executive Summary

Following the [Commission Regulation \(EC\) 2008/207](#) the LFS ad-hoc module 2009 on the entry of young people into the labour market has to be implemented in all EU member states. The Regulation determines a detailed list of variables to be collected in 2009. The elaboration of the questionnaire and a possible extension of the questionnaire are dedicated to the member states. The Austrian microcensus follows the national regulation [EWStV, BGBl. II Nr. 549/2003](#). The ad-hoc module 2009 was added at the end of the core LFS in the 2nd quarter of 2009. The sample of the ad-hoc module 2009 consisted of all households of the microcensus sample in this quarter. The participation in the ad-hoc module 2009 was voluntary for the respondents. The implementation of the ad-hoc module 2009 was financially supported by a grant of the European Commission.

Young people's entry into the labour market has been a topic of increasing social concern over the past few years. While ideally, the transition between school and work should be as fast as possible, young people are facing problems on the job market. These difficulties are reflected in unemployment rates that exceed those of the overall population. Policy goals aim to prepare best the young people to their professional and social life.

On a European level numerous documents dealing with policy goals for reducing youth unemployment exist. Since 2003 several targets are declared in the European Employment Strategy, such as reducing the number of early school leavers, increasing the educational level and the re-integration of unemployed young people. The European work programme "Education and Training 2010" contains the targets for education and helps monitoring the achievement of the targets.

In order to monitor the progress of the European initiatives statistical information is needed. With the implementation of the ad-hoc module 2009 in all EU member states a comprehensive data set on young people and their transition towards the labour market is provided. The ad-hoc module focuses on education, the first job of more than 3 months, characteristics of the first job, as well as information on the social background such as the education of the respondents' parents. In addition to the European questionnaire the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection requested additional questions for the ad-hoc module 2009 concerning internships after completing the education and concerning atypical employment.

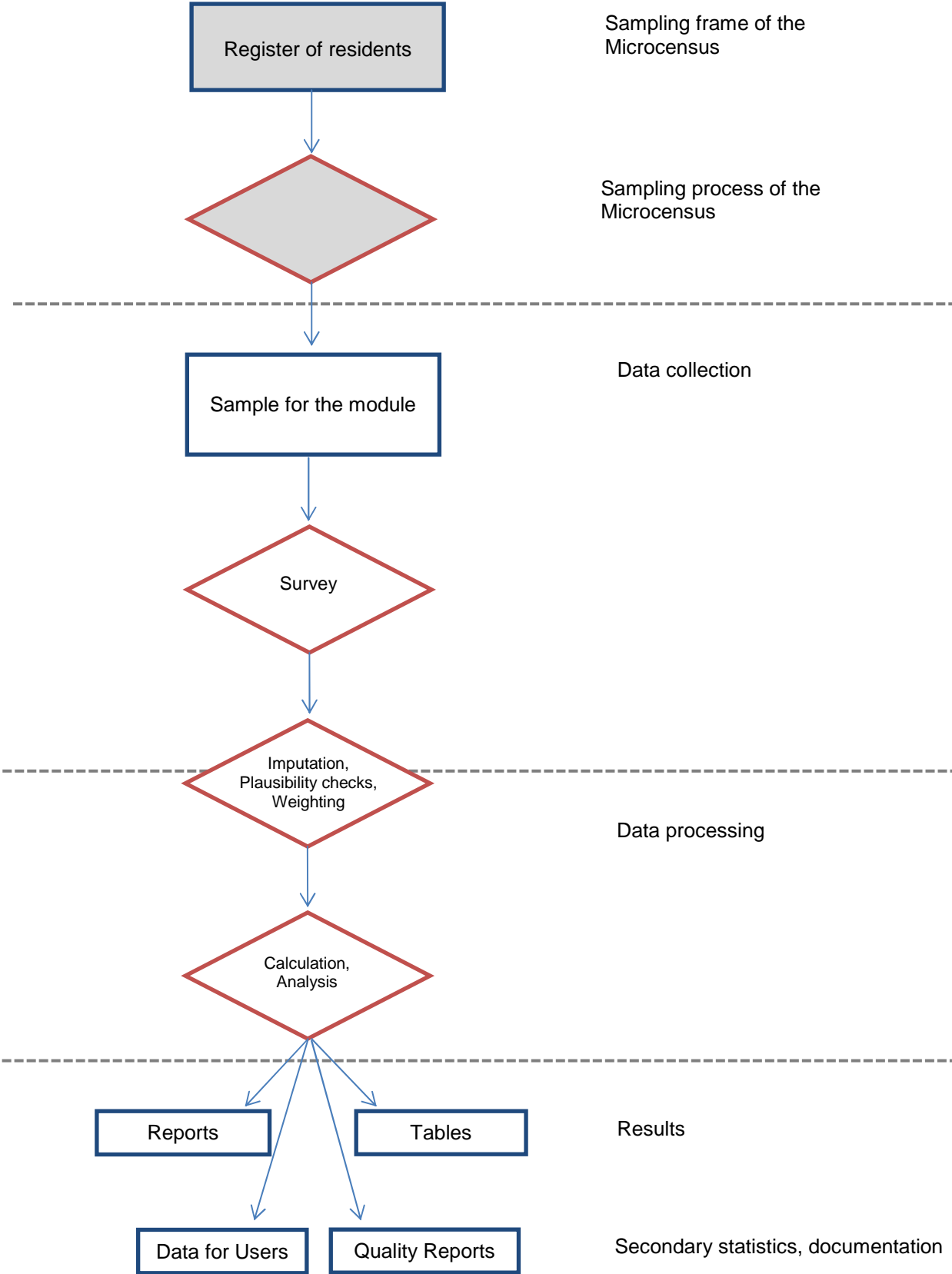
The target group of the ad-hoc module 2009 consisted of individuals aged 15 to 34 who were part of the microcensus sample of the 2nd quarter of 2009. In this quarter 46,328 respondents were surveyed for the Austrian microcensus, whereof 10,878 were aged between 15 and 34. 8,188 individuals answered the questionnaire of the ad-hoc module, i.e. the response rate was 75.3%. Like for the LFS core questionnaire proxy interviews were accepted for the ad-hoc module 2009. 32.0% of the interviews were carried out by proxy (interviewing other adult members of the household). 68.0% were direct interviews.

The interviews for the ad-hoc module were conducted by face-to-face interviewers using CAPI for the first wave and by telephone interviewers for the second to the fifth wave.

The collected data was checked for completeness and plausibility. In case more than half of the questions of the ad-hoc module were not answered the data set was excluded. Subsequently implausible and missing values were imputed. Finally the whole data set was weighted in order to receive frequency distributions which match the population of the population register at the beginning of the 2nd quarter of 2009.

In November 2009 the results of the ad-hoc module were presented in the publication ["Eintritt junger Menschen in den Arbeitsmarkt. Modul der Arbeitskräfteerhebung 2009"](#). The results of all member states can be found in the [Eurostat data base](#).

Figure 1: Process of data production of the Ad-hoc module 2009



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Subject Matter	Survey regarding the first job after leaving formal education, characteristics of the first job, work experience during studies, transition between education and the first job, method which allowed to find the first job.
Population	Persons aged 15 to 34 years living in private households (2009: 2,095,000 persons)
Type of statistics	Primary statistics
Data sources/Survey techniques	Sample survey: computer-assisted
Reference period or due day	2 nd quarter of 2009
Periodicity	Ad hoc
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	Voluntarily
Main legal acts	Regulation (EC) No 577/98, as amended EWStV, BGBl. II Nr. 549/2003 Regulation (EC) No. 384/2005 Regulation (EC) No. 207/2008
Most detailed regional breakdown	Austria/ NUTS 2
Availability of results	5 November 2010
Other	