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## **Microcensus Ad-hoc module 2010 „Reconciliation between work and family life“**

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## Executive Summary

Following the [Commission Regulation 20/2009](#), EU Member States are required to implement the ad-hoc module 2010 "Reconciliation between work and family life" within the framework of the European Labour Force Survey (LFS). The regulation determines a detailed list of variables to be collected in 2010; however, the specific question formulation and any extension of the list of variables are left to the Member States. In Austria, the Microcensus – Labour Force Survey (microcensus) is carried out under the national regulation [EWStV, BGBl. II Nr. 549/2003](#). The questions of the ad-hoc module 2010 were implemented following the core questionnaire of the microcensus. The module targeted all households that were in the sample of the microcensus for the first time in each quarter of 2010, respectively. Participation in the ad-hoc module was compulsory as in the core program of the LFS. The implementation of the survey was financially supported by the European Commission.

Equal labor market opportunities for men and women are a key objective of the European Union. This is demonstrated in the Council Decision 2008/618 / EC of 15 July 2008 in the guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States as well as the European Commission roadmap for equality between women and men and the European Pact for Gender Equality in the EU Conclusions of the Presidency of the European Council. The Member States are therefore encouraged to adopt measures to improve the reconciliation of work and family life for all.

For monitoring developments as well as for decision-making good statistical information is needed, which is why it was decided to collect data on the topic "reconciliation between work and family life" in all EU Member States. Thus the already existing data material from the labor force survey on this topic could be considerably extended. Nationally added variables focussed on the care of elderly, dependent adults or other needy persons over 15 years of age and childcare and the extent to which these childcare obligations affect participation in the working life. Furthermore, the module gathered information on the degree of flexibility in the labour market with regard to care obligations as well as information on career breaks after the birth of a child.

The questions of the 2010 ad hoc module were surveyed in all four quarters of 2010, following the core questionnaire of the microcensus. The target group for the 2010 module covered all first-time (first wave) respondents who were between 15 and 64 years of age. The total target population of the module was thus all persons of this age group living in private households in Austria. The sampling frame for the module was the microcensus sample of 2010.

A total of 24,617 persons aged between 15 and 64 were interviewed for the ad-hoc module "reconciliation between work and family life". As in the microcensus, proxy interviewing was accepted. A member of the household could provide information for another household member, if he was not available or was not available for a personal interview. The proportion of persons who did not provide information themselves (i.e. proxy interviews), was 32.0% for the module in 2010 (68.0% self-reported interviews). The survey was carried out using computer-assisted standardized face-to-face interviews (as is the normal case for households of the first survey wave).

The collected data were checked for completeness and plausibility. If more than half of the module questions were not answered, the entire data set was excluded. Subsequently, implausible and missing information was imputed. Finally, as in the core program of the labour force survey, the entire data set was extrapolated to match the total population according to the population register of Statistics Austria.

In November, the volume ["Vereinbarkeit von Beruf und Familie. Modul der Arbeitskräfteerhebung 2010"](#) was published, including detailed results of the ad-hoc module. The results of all EU countries are made available in the Eurostat database.

**Microcensus – Ad-hoc Module 2010 "Reconciliation between work and family life" –  
Main Features**

<b>Subject Matter</b>	Questions on care obligations for adults and children, flexible working hours to reconcile work and family life. Problems with childcare facilities.
<b>Population</b>	Austrian residential population in private households aged between 15 and 64 years. 5.6 million
<b>Type of statistics</b>	Primary statistics
<b>Data sources/Survey techniques</b>	Sample survey: computer-assisted personal interviews with standardized questionnaire.
<b>Reference period or due day</b>	2010
<b>Periodicity</b>	Ad hoc
<b>Survey participation (in case of a survey)</b>	Compulsory
<b>Main legal acts</b>	<a href="#">Commission Regulation 20/2009</a> <a href="#">EWStV, BGBl. II Nr. 111/2010</a>
<b>Most detailed regional breakdown</b>	Austria / Federal States (NUTS 2)
<b>Availability of results</b>	22 November 2011
<b>Other</b>	