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Microcensus Ad-hoc module 2018 „Reconciliation between work and family life“

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Executive Summary

Equal opportunities for men and women in the labour market are a key objective of the European Union. Current initiatives for equal opportunities between men and women are formulated e.g. in the Women's Charter and the Strategic Commitment to Gender Equality 2016-2019 with the focus on the "Increase in the labour force participation of women and equal economic independence".

The module "Reconciliation of work and family life" has three main focal points: first, the assessment of care obligations for children under 15 years of age or relatives in need of care from 15 years onwards and their effect on the participation in the labour force; second, the measurement of working time flexibility, and third, career breaks to care for children or relatives. The module enriches the existing data on this topic and supplies data for scientific purpose and political decision-making, which aims for equal opportunities and better integration of people with care responsibilities in the labour market.

The questions of the 2018 ad hoc module were surveyed in all four quarters of 2018, following the core questionnaire of the Labour Force Survey. The target group for the 2018 module covered all first-time (first wave) respondents who were between 18 and 64 years of age. The total target population of the module were thus all persons of this age group living in private households in Austria. The survey was carried out continuously over all calendar weeks of the entire year.

A total of 22,604 persons aged between 18 and 64 were interviewed for the ad-hoc module "reconciliation between work and family life". As in the Labour Force Survey, proxy interviews were accepted. A member of the household could provide information for another household member, if he/she 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 24.8% for the module in 2018 (76.2% 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. 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 December 2019, the volume "[Vereinbarkeit von Beruf und Familie. Modul der Arbeitskräfteerhebung 2018](#)" 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 2018 "Reconciliation between work and family life" –
Main Features**

Subject Matter	Questions on care obligations for adults and children, working time flexibility and career breaks to reconcile work and family life
Population	Austrian residential population in private households aged between 18 and 64 years.
Type of statistics	Primary statistics
Data sources/Survey techniques	Sample survey: computer-assisted personal interviews with standardized questionnaire.
Reference period or due day	2018
Periodicity	Ad hoc
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	Compulsory
Main legal acts	Commission Regulation 2236/2016 BGBl. II Nr. 304/2017: Statistik über Vereinbarkeit von Beruf und Familie
Most detailed regional breakdown	Austria / Federal States (NUTS 2)
Availability of results	17 December 2019
Other	Sub-sample of the Austrian Labour Force Survey