

► Benefits of using the ILO model LFS toolkit

Since 2015 the ILO has engaged in a [process to develop and test model questionnaire content](#) to apply the latest international statistical standards and good measurement practices. This process has culminated in the publication and refinement of an expanding set of [questionnaire content and guidance](#) designed to support the implementation of a Labour Force Survey (LFS). The use of ILO guidance and tools brings several significant advantages, including:

- **Comprehensive application of the latest international statistical standards on work and labour**, particularly those adopted by the [19th, 20th and 21st International Conferences of Labour Statisticians \(ICLS\)](#);
- **Quality assurance and ongoing improvement** through extensive development and testing, and increasing national use;
- **Minimised response burden** through careful design of question flows that adapt to each respondent's context;
- **Availability of applications to collect data through Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI)** that can be deployed on Android devices;
- **Flexible content through a modular design** allowing the inclusion of specific modules such as a light time-use module, a module on skills mismatch and a module on volunteer work;
- **Extensive supporting guidance for implementation** including a national adaptation guide, variable derivation guides, standard STATA syntaxes and others, all linked to the ILO model questionnaire content and comprising [a comprehensive support package](#);
- **Ongoing update of the questionnaire content and guidance** to cover additional topics and support needs over time with a focus on building on existing guidance to allow for smooth transitions for countries working with earlier versions; and
- **Availability of ILO technical assistance and capacity building** to support countries through the LFS process through the ILO's network of regional statisticians, supported by the experts of the STATISTICS branch based in the Geneva headquarters.

Overall, although the successful implementation of an LFS always requires significant resources and efforts by the leading agency (typically the National Statistical Office), the use of the ILO LFS toolkit alongside the related guidance and support can significantly reduce resource requirements, while significantly enhancing data quality.