

Important notes on the dataset *DOM_LFS_2014Q2_ILO*

Time (Gregorian calendar) (ilo_time)

For technical reasons, the time variable indicated considers a given quarter of the year. Note that since the LFS is being done twice per year in the Dominican Republic, the period covered by each LFS is in reality one semester and not only one quarter.

Labour Force Status (ilo_lfs)

Given the structure of the questionnaire, the international definition of unemployment cannot take into account the availability of people seeking for a job or trying to start an own business (and thereby it considers only people in working age not having a job and actively looking for a job). Individuals having replied that they were either waiting for a reply or waiting for the next season and at the same time would have been able to accept a job if they were offered one or if they had the necessary time and conditions to work were also considered as unemployed.

Geographical coverage (ilo_geo)

The dataset allows for three options, being 'urban', 'rural' and 'abroad' ('extranjero'). Given that the definition for "ilo_geo" does not consider this third option, the associated observations had to be forced into the two other categories, which was done based on the geographical area associated to the rest of the household, or to the household head, if the answer was not homogenous across the rest of the members of a household. If these two methods were still not allowing to associate these individuals with a given area, then people answering that they were active in the agricultural sector were associated with the rural area. Eventually, the remaining observations were forced into the urban area.

Time-related underemployment (ilo_tru)

For the definition of the variable, two separate thresholds are being considered, such as defined in the questionnaire: 40 h per week set as threshold for public employees and 44 h per week for private employees.

Informal economy: unit of production (ilo_job1_ife_prod)

As there is no question asking directly whether the enterprise is registered or not, the question asking whether the establishment has a licence/permit to operate is being taken as a proxy.

Furthermore, as there is no question asking directly whether the person is entitled to paid leave, the question asking about the amount received for any paid vacation is being considered for determining whether a person had a social security coverage or not.