

Important notes on the dataset

Education (ilo_edu_isced97)

Given the definitions used for the ISCED-97 categories, “centro de alfabetización” (“teaching of basic literacy”) is included among primary education.

Labour Force Status (ilo_lfs)

The definition of unemployment used by the Statistical Office of Ecuador (INEC) differs from the international definition. The *national* definition is calculated as the sum of “open unemployment” (people without employment and looking for a job) and “hidden unemployment” (people that had no employment and were not actively looking for a job (either because they’re waiting to start a job or for a reply, or because they’re considered as discouraged job-seekers) and that are available to work).

Given the structure of the questionnaire, the international definition of unemployment cannot take into account the availability of people seeking for a job (and thereby it considers only people in working age not having a job and actively looking for a job). Nonetheless, the calculation of the unemployment rate also considered individuals that are neither working nor looking for a job, but that were either about to start with a new job, or waiting for a response regarding an own business, or waiting for a response from an employer regarding a job.

Time-related underemployment (ilo_tru)

For the definition of the variable, the national threshold of 40 hours per week as full-time employment is being taken into account.

Monthly earnings of employees in main job (ilo_job1_lri_ees)

There is no information about any kind of bonuses related to the job of a given person.

Informal economy: unit of production (ilo_job1_ife_prod)

Social security coverage: questions regarding paid sick leave and paid vacations only being asked to wage employees. Therefore, only question regarding social security coverage (in general) can be considered for self-employed, while all three can be considered for wage employees.

If the place of work is being used to identify domestic workers, as there is no option “employer’s dwelling”, the option “dwelling other than yours” is being used as a proxy.