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**Synoptic Table:  
How do national household sources  
measure working time?**

Census and household surveys  
In 96 countries and territories



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## Background

This synopsis presents the questions asked in national statistical surveys of households or persons to measure working time through the concepts of hours actually worked and hours usually worked. The synopsis was compiled on the basis of national questionnaires from household surveys, labour force surveys or population censuses in 96 countries and territories around the world, to address the question: **How are national household-based surveys measuring working time?**

Statistics on hours of work from surveys of establishments and of persons/households for a short reference period, such as a week, have been produced in a large number of countries for many years. The type and scope of these statistics differ between countries as regards the coverage of persons working, the activities included and the reference period used. These differences depend to a large extent on the measurement methodologies used in countries. Establishment surveys will mainly produce statistics on “paid working hours” for a subset of employees, as well as statistics on paid “overtime hours of work” or “absence hours from work”.

Statistics for the whole target population, that is for both paid and self-employment, are more readily available from household-based surveys and have begun to be collected in a growing number of countries. To learn how many countries include what kinds of questions on “hours usually worked” and “hours actually worked” and the important components they include, survey questionnaires for as many countries as possible were examined. The following items are presented in the table below:

- Whether the questionnaire distinguishes between, or asks separate questions for persons in paid employment and in self-employment;
- The reference period used, and the concept(s) to which it refers;
- The values (or time units) asked;
- Whether data is collected for the main job only, and/or other jobs;
- Whether separate questions are asked concerning:
  - overtime,
  - absences, or
  - treatment of other non-work periods, during the workday;
- How the total number of hours is aggregated.

Where information is not available for a specific country or territory, this does not mean that there is no national statistical data source, or that the national source does not include questions on working time. Rather the relevant survey questionnaire and information was unavailable to the ILO at the time of preparation.



## SYNOPTIC TABLE: How do national household-based sources measure working time?

Country	Year	Type of Survey	Distinguish paid employees/ self-employed?	Questions asked regarding Hours Usually Worked						
				Reference period	Units in Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Usual Hours
Angola	1992		No	None						
Anguila	2001	Census	No	None						
Argentina	2003	Permanent household survey	No	None						
Armenia	2003	LFS	Yes	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Asked
Australia	2001	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Asked
Bangladesh	1996		No	None						
Barbados		LFS	No	None						
Belgium	2004	LFS	No	Contractual and Usual hours worked per week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Belize	2000		No	None						
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2001		No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Botswana	1984	LFS	No	None						

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Brazil	2003	Census	No	Hours normally worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Bulgaria	1993	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
Canada	2006	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Excluded from question; paid, unpaid asked separately	Not mentioned	Asked
Chile	1999	National Employment Survey	No	Hours normally worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
Columbia	2005	Census	No	None						
Costa Rica	2005	Household Survey	No	None						
Cote d'Ivoire	?	Household Survey	No	None						
Croatia	2001	Census	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question

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				Reference period	Units in Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Usual Hours
Cuba	2000	National Employment Survey	No	None						
Cyprus	2004	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Czech Republic	1995	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Multiple choice in 5 hour increments	Frequency asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Ecuador	'90s	National Employment Survey	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
Egypt	'90s	LFS	No	"Average" work hours per day in the week						Unified question
El Salvador	?	LFS	No	Hours normally worked in the week	More or less than 35 hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
Estonia	1995	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Separate
Finland	1995	LFS	Yes	Regular or normal working week		Asked	Asked	Separate question	Not mentioned	Separate
France	1995	National Employment Survey	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question

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				Reference period	Units in Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Usual Hours
Guam	?	Current LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	More or less than 35 hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
Guatemala	?	Household Survey	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
Honduras	2003	Household Survey	No	Hours normally worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Hong Kong	2006	General household survey	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	In all jobs	Not distinguished	Included in question	Meal breaks excluded	Unified question
Hungary	1997 - 1998	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
India	1988	Socio-economic survey	No	None						
Ireland	2005	Household Survey	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Included in question	Commute and meal breaks excluded	Not asked
Israel	2003	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Included in question	Preparation hours of teachers and artists included	Unified question



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				Reference period	Units in Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Usual Hours
Italy	2003	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Days and Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Jamaica	2000	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
Japan	2004	LFS	No	None						
Jordan	2001	LFS	No	None						
Kenya	1986	Household Survey	Yes	Year	Hours per day, days per week, weeks per year	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
Korea	2006	Economically Active Population Survey	No	None						
Latvia	1996	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Days and Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Lesotho	1985	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	More or less than 30 hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question

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				Reference period	Units in Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Usual Hours
Lithuania	1996	LFS	No	Frequency employed	Choice of full-time, part-time, extended-time, including overtime and for incomplete month	Asked	Not asked	Part of question	Not mentioned	Not asked
Luxembourg	1989	LFS	No	Hours normally worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Macau	1995	Household Survey	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Days and Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Included in question	Meal breaks excluded	Not asked
Macedonia	1996	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Malawi	1983	LFS	No	Hours per week, during past year	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
Malaysia	?	LFS	No	None						
Malta	2005	LFS	No	Average and normal weekly hours	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked

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				Reference period	Units in Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Usual Hours
Martinique	1986	Household Survey	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
Mauritius	2006	Household Survey	No	None						
Mexico	2000	LFS	No	Hours regularly or usually worked in a week	Hours by day of the week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Mongolia	2004	LFS	No	Average hours worked per week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Myanmar	1990	LFS	No	None						
Namibia	1997	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours by day of the week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Totalled
Nepal	1998	LFS	No	None						
Netherlands	2003	LFS	No	Hours according to contract, or average hours	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
Netherlands Antilles	1988	LFS	No	Contractual and normal hours worked per week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked

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				Reference period	Units in Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Usual Hours
New Zealand	2005	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Totalled
Nigeria	1986	LFS	No	None						
Norway	2006	LFSS	No	Contractual "settled" hours and average hours	Hours and minutes per week	Asked	Separate questions for persons with more than one job	Not asked	Not mentioned	Separate
Pakistan	2003	LFS	No	None						
Panama	2002	Household Survey	No	None						
Paraguay	?		No	Hours normally worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Separate and total
Peru	1999	Household Survey	No	Hours normally worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
Philippines	1994	LFS	No	Hours normally worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Poland	?	Current LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	More or less than 40 hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked

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				Reference period	Units in Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Usual Hours
Portugal	1986	National Employment Survey	No	Hours normally worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Frequency asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Puerto Rico	?	LFS	No	None						
Reunion	1993	LFS	No	None						
Romania	2006	Short-term indicators Questionnaire		None						
Rwanda	1988	National Employment Survey	No	None						
Seychelles	1992	LFS	No	Hours normally worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Included in question	Tea/coffee breaks included, meal breaks excluded	Not asked
Sierra Leone	?	National household survey	No	None						
Singapore	1981	LFS	No	Full or part time						
Slovak Republic	1996	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Asked	Not mentioned	Not asked

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				Reference period	Units in Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Usual Hours
Slovenia	1996	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
South Africa	?	Current Population Survey	No	None						
Spain	2002	Economically Active Population Survey		Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
Sri Lanka	2004	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Sweden	2005	LFS	No	Contractual and usual hours per week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Switzerland	2005	Economically Active Population Survey	No	Usual weekly hours and average weekly hours		Asked	Not asked	Average asked	Not mentioned	Asked
Taiwan	2005	LFS	No	None						
Tanzania	1990	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Separate
Thailand	2004	LFS	No	Regular working hours	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question

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				Reference period	Units in Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Usual Hours
Tunisia	1986	National Employment Survey	No	None						
Turkey	2000	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Totalled
Ukraine	2000	LFS	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Meal breaks excluded	Unified question
United Kingdom	2006	LFS	Yes	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Paid, unpaid asked separately	Meal breaks excluded	Not asked
Uruguay	1992	Household Survey	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Not distinguished	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
USA	2002	Current Population Survey	No	Hours usually worked in the week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Venezuela	?		No	Hours normally worked in the week	Hours per week	Not distinguished	Separate questions for persons with more than one job	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified question
Yemen	1999	LFS	No	None						
Zimbabwe	1999	LFS	No	None						

Country	Year	Type of Survey	Distinguish paid employees/ self-employed?	Questions asked regarding Hours Actually Worked							
				Reference period	Values for Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Absences	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Actual Hours
Angola	1992		No	Previous week	Multiple choice	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Anguila	2001	Census	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Argentina	2003	Permanent household survey	No	Previous week	Hours by day of the week	Asked	Asked	Asked separately	Not asked	Not mentioned	Asked
Armenia	2003	LFS	Yes	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Totalled
Australia	2001	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Asked
Bangladesh	1996		No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Barbados		LFS	No	Previous week	Multiple choice in 5 hour increments						
Belgium	2004	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Belize	2000		No	A given week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2001		No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked



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				Reference period	Values for Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Absences	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Actual Hours
Botswana	1984	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours and minutes per day	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Included in question		Meal breaks, approved time-off excluded	Separate by day then totalled
Brazil	2003	Census	No	A given week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Bulgaria	1993	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Canada	2006	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Paid and unpaid asked separately	Separate question	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Chile	1999	National Employment Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Columbia	2005	Census	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Different activities distinguished	Different activities distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Costa Rica	2005	Household Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked, and broken down into specific activities	Asked, and broken down into specific activities	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Asked
Cote d'Ivoire	?	Household Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per day and days per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question

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				Reference period	Values for Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Absences	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Actual Hours	
Croatia	2001	Census	No	None								
Cuba		National Employment Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not asked	Distinction between hours at workplace and hours worked		
Cyprus	2004	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Included in question	Excluded in question	Not mentioned	Not asked	
Czech Republic	1995	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked	
Ecuador	90'S	National Employment Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question	
Egypt	90'S	LFS	No	Past 3 months, and previous week	Days per week, average hours per day, total weeks in past 3 months	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked	
El Salvador	?	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question	
Estonia	1995	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours by day of the week	Asked	Asked	Included in question	Not asked	Short pauses included, meal breaks excluded	Totalled	

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				Reference period	Values for Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Absences	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Actual Hours
Finland	1995	LFS	Yes	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Separate for paid and unpaid, on duty at work and on duty at home	Annual leave, Bank holiday, illness	Not mentioned	Separate
France	1995	National Employment Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Included in question	Paid and unpaid excluded	Commute and meal breaks excluded	Not asked
Guam	?	Current LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Separate question, then added if needed	Separate question, then deducted as needed	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Guatemala	?	Household Survey	No	A given week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Separate
Honduras	2003	Household Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Hong Kong	2006	General household survey	No	A given week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked in all	Included in question	Not asked	Meal breaks excluded	Unified Question
Hungary	1997 – 1998	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Included in question	Time off excluded	Time off excluded	Not asked
India	1988	Socio-economic survey	No	A given week	Intensity per day of the week	Distinguished	Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Always equals 1

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				Reference period	Values for Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Absences	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Actual Hours
Ireland	2005	Household Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Paid and unpaid asked separately	Paid excluded	Meal breaks excluded	Not asked
Israel	2003	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Separate question	Separate question	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Italy	2003	LFS	No	A given week	Days and hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Jamaica	2000	LFS	No	A given week	Multiple choice in 8 hour increments	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Japan	2004	LFS	No	A given week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Jordan	2001	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Kenya	1986	Household Survey	Yes	None							
Korea	2006	Economically Active Population Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Totalled
Latvia	1996	LFS	No	A given week	Days and hours per week	Asked	Asked	Included in question	Not asked	Meal breaks excluded	Not asked

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				Reference period	Values for Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Absences	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Actual Hours
Lesotho	1985	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours by day of the week	Different Activities distinguished	Different activities distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Different activities distinguished
Lithuania	1996	LFS	No	A given week	Days and hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Luxembourg	1989	LFS	No	A given week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Macau	1995	Household Survey	No	A given week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Included in question	Not asked	Meal breaks excluded	Asked
Macedonia	1996	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Hours not asked	List of reasons worked fewer hours than usual	Not mentioned	Not asked
Malawi	1983	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours by day of the week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Included in question	Excluded in question	Waiting time included, meal breaks excluded,	Separate
Malaysia	?	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Included in question	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Malta	2005	LFS	No	A given week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Separate Question	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Martinique	1986	Household Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked

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				Reference period	Values for Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Absences	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Actual Hours	
Mauritius	2006	Household Survey	No	A given week	Hours by day of the week	Asked	Asked	Included in question	Excluded in question	Meal breaks excluded	Totalled	
Mexico	2000	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours by day of the week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked	
Mongolia	2004	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked	
Myanmar	1990	LFS	No	A given week	Hours by day of the week	Different Activities distinguished	Different activities distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Different activities distinguished	
Namibia	1997	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours by day of the week	Asked	Asked	Included in question	Not asked	Hours paid but not worked; meal breaks, commute, excluded	Totalled	
Nepal	1998	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per specific activity	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Totalled	
Netherlands	1985	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Subtracted from contractual hours	Not mentioned	Not asked	
Netherlands Antilles	1988	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Separate Question	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked	
New Zealand	2005	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Included in question	Excluded in question	Not mentioned	Totalled	
Nigeria	1986	LFS	No	Not indicated	Hours	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked	

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				Reference period	Values for Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Absences	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Actual Hours
Norway	2006	LFSS	No	A given week	Hours and minutes per week	Asked	Separate questions for persons with more than one job	Included in question	Excluded in question	Not mentioned	Separate
Pakistan	2003	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours by day of the week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Panama	2002	Household Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Paraguay	?		No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Separate
Peru	1999	Household Survey	No	Previous week	Main job: Hours each day, then Total; Other jobs: Total	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Filled out by surveyor
Philippines	1994	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Poland	?	Current LFS	No	A given week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Portugal	1986	National Employment Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Separate question	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Puerto Rico	?	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question

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Reunion	1993	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Included in question	Paid excluded	Commute and meal breaks excluded	Not asked
Romania	2006	Short-term indicators Questionnaire									
Rwanda	1988	National Employment Survey	No	Previous week	Hours by day of the week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Breaks and meal breaks excluded, pauses included	Separate
Seychelles	1992	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours by day of the week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Included in question	Excluded in question	Tea/coffee breaks included, meal breaks excluded	Totalled
Sierra Leone	?	National household survey	No	Previous week	Hours by day of the week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Totalled
Singapore	1981	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Slovak Republic	1996	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Separate question	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Slovenia	1996	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked



Country	Year	Type of Survey	Distinguish paid employees/self-employed?	Questions asked regarding Hours Actually Worked							
				Reference period	Values for Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Absences	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Actual Hours
South Africa	?	Current Population Survey	No	Previous 7 days	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Spain	2002	Economically Active Population Survey		A given week	Hours per week	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Sri Lanka	2004	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Sweden	2005	LFS	No	A given week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Paid and unpaid asked separately	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Switzerland	2005	Economically Active Population Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Work done at home, coffee breaks, included	Unified Question
Taiwan	2005	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Tanzania	1990	LFS	No	Previous week and year	Complete-incomplete months, hours by day of the week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Separate
Thailand	2004	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per day, days per week, hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Separate question	Excluded in question		

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				Reference period	Values for Reference period	Main Job	Other Jobs	Overtime	Absences	Non-work periods during the work day	Total Actual Hours
Tunisia	1986	National Employment Survey	No	Previous week, month and year	Days by season, by weeks of month; hours by day of the week	Different Activities distinguished	Different activities distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Different activities distinguished
Turkey	2000	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours by day of the week	Asked	Asked	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Totalled
Ukraine	2000	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Included in question	Not asked	Meal breaks excluded	Unified Question
United Kingdom	2006	LFS	Yes	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Paid, unpaid asked separately	Not asked	Meal breaks excluded	Not asked
Uruguay	1992	Household Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Included in question	Not asked	Not mentioned	Separate
USA	2002	Current Population Survey	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Asked	Asked	Separate Question	Separate Question	Not mentioned	Not asked
Venezuela	?		No	Previous week	Hours per week	In all jobs	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Separate Question	Not mentioned	Unified Question
Yemen	1999	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours by day of the week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Not asked	Not asked	Not mentioned	Not asked
Zimbabwe	1999	LFS	No	Previous week	Hours per week	Not Distinguished	Not Distinguished	Included in question	Not asked	Not mentioned	Unified Question