LWS VARIABLE LIST
2024 Template

	H-FILE	P-FILE
TECHNICAL VARIABLES		
household identifier	hid	hid
person identifier		pid
unique country/year number	did	did
country/year identifier	dname	dname
country name	cname	cname
2-letter country abbreviation	iso2	iso2
3-letter country abbreviation	iso3	iso3
reference year	year	year
data wave	wave	wave
weight	hpopwgt	ppopwgt
normalised weight	hwgt	pwgt
additional weight	hwgta	pwgta
currency units	currency	currency
gross/net income information	grossnet	grossnet
implicate number	inum	inum
GEOGRAPHY AND HOUSING		
region: country specific	region_c	
rural area	rural	
size of locality: country specific	locsz_c	
type of area: country specific	area_c	
main residence tenure status	own	
type of dwelling	dweltyp	
number of rooms available to the household	nrooms	
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS		
household composition (discontinued)	hhtype	
household type	typehh	
reference person living with partner	hpartner	
number of household members	nhhmem	
number of household members 65 or older	nhhmem65	
number of household members 17 or younger	nhhmem17	
number of household members 13 or younger	nhhmem13	
number of household members 6 or younger	nhhmem6	
number of household members with labour income	nearn	
relationship to household reference person		relation
living with partner		partner
living with parents		parents
number of own children living in household		nchildren
age of youngest own child living in household		ageyoch
lone parent		oneparent
dependent child		depchild
pointer to the mother		momnum
pointer to the father		dadnum
pointer to the partner		partnum
SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS		
Demographic characteristics		
age in years		age
gender		sex
marital status		marital
Health		
indication of disability		disabled
subjective health status: country specific		health_c

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Immigration		
immigrant		immigr
citizenship		citizen
country of birth		ctrybrth
years since arrived in country		yrsresid
ethnicity: country specific		ethnic_c
internal migration: country specific		migrat_c
other immigration information: country specific		immigr_c
Education		
education (3-category recode)		educ
highest completed education level		educlev
highest education level: country specific		educ_c
enrolled in education		enroll
years of education		edyrs
illiterate		illiterate
education of mother: country specific		edmom_c
education of father: country specific		eddad_c
LABOUR MARKET		
Labour market activity		
employed		emp
employed (ILO definition)		emp_ilo
labour force status		lfs
farming activity	farming	
informal activity		informal
maternity/paternity/parental leave		parleave
worked full-year full-time		fyft
total weekly hours worked		hourstot
annual weeks worked		weeks
annual weeks worked full-time		weeksft
multiple jobs holder		secjob
years of total work experience		wexptl
Characteristics of main job		
status in employment		status1
economic activity (3 categories)		inda1
economic activity (9 categories)		indb1
economic activity (ISIC rev. 3.1: major groups)		indc1
economic activity (ISIC rev. 4: major groups)		indd1
economic activity: country specific		ind1_c
public sector		public1
occupation (3 categories)		occa1
occupation (ISCO-88: major groups)		occb1
occupation (ISCO-08: major groups)		occc1
occupation: country specific		occ1_c
temporary employment		temp1
part-time employment		ptime1
weekly hours worked in main job		hours1
monthly wage		wage1
hourly wage		hwage1

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WEALTH RELATED VARIABLES		
Contingent assets and liabilities		
expects to receive inheritance/gift		cir
amount of expected inheritance/gift		cia
expects to give inheritance/gift		cig
home equity line of credit (dummy)		chc
amount of home equity line of credit		cha
non-home equity lines of credit (dummy)		cnc
amount of non-home equity lines of credit		cna
Assets acquired in the past		
purchase price of principal residence		ppr
year of purchase of principal residence		ppy
inheritance/gift received (dummy)		pir
amount of inheritance/gift received (1/4)		pia1/4
year inheritance/gift received (1/4)		piy1/4
type of inheritance/gift received (1/4)		pit1/4
from whom inheritance/gift received (1/4)		piw1/4
household member who received inheritance/gift (1/4)	pim1/4	
Additional information		
years of contributions to social security system		ssyc
business indicator/type of business (1/3)	bus(1/3)_c	
BEHAVIORAL VARIABLES		
Attitudes toward household finance		
savings behaviour		basb
savings purpose (1/9)		basp1/9
financial risk taking (1/3)		bafr(1/3)_c
financial planning (1/2)		bafp(1/2)_c
financial literacy (1/4)		bafl(1/4)_c
financial information (1/5)		bafi(1/5)_c
Other behavioral variables		
possession of credit cards (dummy)		bopc
number of credit cards		bonc_c
amount needed to cover unexpected expenses		boue
ability to get emergency financial aid (dummy)		boea
loan consolidation (dummy)		bolc
objective credit constraints (1/2)		bocc(1/2)_c
subjective credit constraints		bocs_c
constraints in debt repayment (1/2)		bocd(1/2)_c
expectations about household finances		boef_c
expectations about the economy (1/2)		boee(1/2)_c

Variables suffixed by "_C" are not standardised and hence the contents and especially the value codes and labels may differ from dataset to dataset; please refer to the dataset-specific documentation.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS
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Non-financial assets	han
Real estate	hanr
Principal residence	hanrp
Other real estate	hanro
Non-housing assets	hann
Business equity	hannb
Consumer goods	hannc
Vehicles	hanncv
Other durables and valuables	hanncd
Other non-financial assets	hanno
Financial assets (excl. pensions)	haf
Deposit accounts and cash	hafc
transaction accounts and cash	hafct
saving accounts	hafcs
Financial investments	hafi
Bonds and other debt securities	hafib
Stocks and other equity	hafis
publicly traded stocks	hafiss
unlisted shares and other equity	hafiso
Investment funds and alternative investments	hafii
Other non-pension financial assets	hafo
money owed to household	hafom

Pension assets and other long-term savings	has	pas
Life insurance and voluntary individual pensions	hasi	pasi
Life insurance accounts	hasil	pasil
Individual voluntary pension accounts	hasip	pasip
Occupational pensions	haso	paso
Occupational pensions (DB schemes)	hasodb	pasodb
Occupational pensions (DC schemes)	hasodc	pasodc
Social security pension entitlements	hass	pass
Social security (DB schemes)	hassdb	passdb

LIABILITIES
hl

Main breakdown of liabilities (by purpose)

Real estate liabilities	hlr
Principal residence loans	hlrp
Other real estate loans	hlro
Non-housing liabilities	hln
Investment loans	hlni
Consumer goods loans	hlnc
Vehicle loans	hlncv
Other loans for goods and consumption	hlncd
Education loans	hlne
Other non-housing liabilities	hlno

Alternative breakdown of liabilities (by security)

Institutional loans secured by real estate	hlsr
Secured by principal residence	hlsrp
Secured by other real estate	hlsro
Loans not secured by real estate	hlsn
Guaranteed institutional loans	hlsng
Non-guaranteed institutional loans	hlsnn
Informal (non-insitutional) loans	hlsni

MAJOR ECONOMIC AGGREGATES

Income aggregates

Total current income	hitotal	pitotal	= hifactor + hitransfer
Disposable household income	dhi		= hitotal - hxitsc
Value of goods and serivices	hvalgs		= hi13 + hi14 + hi47 + hi53
Disposable household cash income	dhci		= hitotal - hvalgs - hxitsc
Factor income	hifactor		= hilabour + hicapital
Transfer income	hitransfer		= hipension + hipubsoc + hiprivate
Public transfers	hpublic		
Insurance transfers	hpub_i	ppub_i	
Universal transfers	hpub_u		
Assistance transfers	hpub_a		

Consumption aggregates

Consumption expenditure	hcexp	= hc1 + ... + hc12
Housing costs	hhouscost	= hc4 + hxptax + hxmort

Wealth aggregates

Total assets	ha	= han + haf + has
Total liabilities	hl	= hlr + hln
Disposable net worth	dnw	= han + haf - hl
Adjusted disposable net worth	anw	= dnw + hasi
Integrated net worth	inw	
Total net worth	tnw	= anw + haso + hass

CURRENT INCOME
hitotal pitotal

FACTOR INCOME
hifactor

LABOUR INCOME
hilabour pilabour

Wage income	hi11 pi11
Self-employment income	hi12 pi12
Farm income	hi121

CAPITAL INCOME
hicapital

Interest and dividends	hi21
Rental income	hi22

TRANSFER INCOME
hitransfer

PENSIONS
hipension pipension

Public non-contributory pensions	hi31	pi31
Universal pensions	hi311	pi311
Assistance pensions	hi312	pi312
Public contributory pensions	hi32	pi32
Private pensions	hi33	pi33
Occupational pensions	hi331	pi331
Individual pensions	hi332	pi332

PUBLIC SOCIAL BENEFITS (excl. pensions)
hipubsoc

Family benefits	hi41	
Maternity/paternity and parental leave payments	hi411	pi411
Child allowance	hi412	
Unemployment benefits	hi42	pi42
Unemployment insurance	hi421	pi421
Unemployment assistance	hi422	pi422
Sickness/temporary work injury payments	hi43	pi43
Disability/permanent work injury benefits	hi44	pi44
General assistance	hi45	
Housing benefits	hi46	

PRIVATE TRANSFERS
hiprivate

Cash transfers from private institutions	hi51
Scholarships	hi511 pi511
Inter-household cash transfers	hi52
Alimony and child support	hi521
Remittances	hi522

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Fringe benefits	hi13 pi13
Own consumption	hi14

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Public in-kind benefits	hi47
Food benefits	hi471

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Private in-kind transfers	hi53
In-kind transfers from private institutions	hi531
In-kind transfers from other households	hi532

INCOME DEDUCTIONS, TRANSFERS PAID AND LOANS REPAYMENTS

Income taxes and contributions	hxitsc	pxitsc
Income taxes	hxitax	pxitax
Social security contributions	hxscont	pxscont
Other direct taxes	hxotax	
Property taxes	hxptax	
Voluntary contributions	hxvcont	pxvcont
Inter-household transfers paid	hxiht	
Alimony and child support paid	hxalim	
Remittances paid	hxremit	
Mortgage installments	hxmort	
Mortgage interests paid	hxintm	
Installments for other loans	hxloan	
Interests paid on other loans	hxintl	

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME

Extraordinary labour income	helabour	pelabour
Capital gains	hecgain	
Inheritance received	heinherit	
Other extraordinary income	heoth	

IMPUTED RENT
hrenti

CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE
hcexp

Food and non-alcoholic beverages	hc1
Alcohol and tobacco	hc2
Clothing and footwear	hc3
Actual rent and utilities	hc4
Actual rent	hc41
Housing equipment	hc5
Health	hc6
Transport	hc7
Communication	hc8
Recreation and culture	hc9
Education	hc10
Restaurants and hotels	hc11
Miscellaneous goods and services	hc12

For more information about the exact definition of the variables, please check the variables definitions in METIS