



ONLINE

LABOUR MARKET

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY DESIGN

20 MAY – 28 JUNE 2024

 6 WEEKS, 60 HOURS

Information Note



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BACKGROUND

The need for reliable labour market data has long been recognized as essential for effective policymaking, macro-economic planning, and understanding societal trends. Traditional methods of collecting such data, such as relying solely on administrative records or surveys with fixed samples, often proved inadequate in capturing the nuanced realities of the labour market.

To address these challenges, Labour Force Surveys emerged as a comprehensive household surveys designed to gather wide-ranging and timely information directly from households. Its origins can be traced back to the mid-20th century when statisticians and economists began developing more sophisticated survey methodologies to measure labour market dynamics accurately. Currently LFS serves as a crucial instrument used by National Statistical Offices (NSOs) globally to collect comprehensive data on employment, unemployment, and various aspects of the labour market. Its design is meticulously crafted to provide accurate and reliable insights into the dynamics of the workforce within a particular region or country.

For decades, the International Labour Organization has spearheaded efforts to standardize and enhance labour statistics methodologies. Recognizing the pivotal role of the LFS, the ILO and successive ICLS resolutions have continually refined and expanded its scope to capture the evolving nature of work. The 19th ICLS essentially reframed the base of labour statistics, providing updated definitions of employment and unemployment, while also widening the scope of labour statistics through the identification of various forms of paid and unpaid work. This provided a framework to recognize all work people do, at the same time as promoting an expanded range of indicators on the labour market for added insight. The 20th ICLS, held in 2018, built on this base to provide new definitions on work relationships and an updated classification of status in employment to more accurately capture the ever evolving world of work. Subsequently, the 21st ICLS in 2023 addressed both long-standing and emerging challenges, by introducing new standards to measure the informal economy.

As the design of Labour Force Surveys is continuously evolving to adapt to changing demographic, economic, and technological trends, innovation in sampling methods, survey techniques, and data processing technologies are constantly being explored to enhance the accuracy, efficiency, and relevance of LFS results in relation to capturing complex labour market dynamics. Its comprehensive methodology ensures that policymakers and stakeholders have access to reliable information for understanding and addressing the complex challenges facing the workforce in today's rapidly changing world.

For the first time, the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITCILO) in full collaboration with the ILO Department of Statistics is proud to offer dedicated training on Labour Force Survey Design. The ITCILO is offering this course as online training to take place over six weeks from May 20 to June 28, 2024.

This course qualifies for the labour Statistics & Analysis Diploma.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this course is to equip participants and statisticians with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to design, implement, and process LFS data effectively, in line with the latest international statistical standards and best practices. Moreover, the course will also emphasize the latest 19th, 20th, and 21st ICLS resolutions concerning the conceptual and operational definitions and the key data to be generated for the LFS.

Particularly, the course will allow the participants to:

- Understand the conceptual and operational definitions relevant to LFS design, focusing on key terminologies and frameworks;
- Explore the adoption of new frameworks and potential impacts on indicators;
- Explore concepts and relevant topics to LFS and discuss how these topics relate to LFS design and implementation;
- Understand the process of adapting and testing questionnaires in the national context, including translation, testing options, and associated benefits;
- Explore processes for communicating changes in LFS methodologies, highlighting country practices and strategies for dealing with breaks in series;
- Get familiarized with a range of issues relevant to the understanding and assessment of data quality across the life cycle of a labour force survey.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The LFS Design course targets:

- **Labour Statisticians from National Statistical Offices (NSOs) or other institutions who are responsible for LFS design.**

CONTENT

The course will primarily focus on two key content domains: **Concepts and Measurement**, including two other main topics. The course will include 12 online sessions in total:

1. INTRODUCTORY SESSION

Domain 1: Concepts

2. OVERVIEW AND 19TH ICLS RESOLUTION I

3. 20TH ICLS RESOLUTION I AND 21ST ICLS RESOLUTION I

4. WHAT DATA SHOULD BE PRODUCED?

Domain 2: Measurement

5. MEASUREMENT OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS

6. MEASUREMENT OF INFORMALITY AND ICSE-18

7. OWN-USE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND VOLUNTEER WORK

8. WRAP UP SESSION ON LFS CONTENT

Domain 3: Implementing New Standards

9. PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL PART 1

10. PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL PART 2

Other LFS practices

11. OVERVIEW OF KEY QUALITY ISSUES

12. FINAL SESSION: WRAP UP

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

The course is constructed as follows:

- Online lectures by experts and practitioners;
- Practical exercises and group discussions;
- Individual assignment focusing on LFS design that will qualify for the Certificate of Achievement.

DATES

The course will be held as online training from **20th May – 28th June**.

LANGUAGE

The course will be conducted in English.

COST AND FINANCING

The course is fee-paying. The total cost is **Euro 910**.

PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATION

- Payments need to be received at latest 14 days before the beginning of the course. Payment modalities will be communicated in the letter of acceptance. In the event of a cancellation, a participant may be substituted with another candidate. Cancellations remain free of charge if communicated at the latest 14 days prior to the start of the course.
- For cancellations after this date, a penalty will be applied. For further information regarding payment, cancellation, and refunds, please consult: <http://www.itcilo.org/en/training-offer/how-to-apply>

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HOW TO APPLY

To register, kindly fill in and submit the online registration form available through this link: <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/DST/A9717171/en>

The selection of applicants will be based on the submission of:

- A completed **online registration** form
- An **official sponsorship letter** issued by their organization (or donor organization),

Kindly note that we need to receive the above-mentioned documents in order to register you for the course!

The selection of applicants will be based on the following criteria:

- Proven work experience in relevant field (e.g., labour force survey data collection, processing, analysing and interpretation; statistical reporting);
- Submission of a cover letter explaining how the course will help the participants enhance their professional skills and how they will use these skills in their respective organizations.

We strongly recommend applying early since admission is competitive and space is limited!

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

The deadline for applications is **10 May 2024**.

CONTACTS

- Administrative arrangements can be coordinated with the course assistant via (lmstats@itcilo.org);
- For the technical coordination, please also be in contact with the ITCILO programme officer Mr. Mostafa Mohamed (m.mohamed@itcilo.org).

WITHDRAWAL, CANCELLATION POLICY, AND REFUNDS FOR OPEN COURSES

If an enrolled participant wishes or must withdraw from a course, they may choose to apply to a different course or be substituted by another candidate. The participant must notify the Centre, in writing, of their decision at least 14 days prior to the start date of the course. Cancellation of participation in regular courses will result in the following penalties:

- 14 days or more prior to the start date of the course:
No penalty, 100% refund of amount paid less applicable bank charges
- 8 to 13 days prior to the start date of the course:
Penalty of 50% of course price, refund of residual amount paid (if any) less applicable bank charges
- 7 days or less prior to the start date of the course:
Penalty of 100% of course price.

INFO

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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