



Identifying parents with children in EU-LFS

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Arthur Schopenhauer

(Born in Danzig, 1788)



*Man gebrauche
gewöhnliche Worte und
sage ungewöhnliche
Dinge!*

***Use ordinary
words and
say extraordinary
things!***

Current HH variables LFS

- HHLINK: reference person different in countries
- HHPARENT: (biological) parent in HH
- HHCHILD: (biological) child in HH
- HHPERS: adult vs child
- HHNBCHILD: number of children in HH (HHPERS)
- HHAGEYG: age of youngest child in HH (HHPERS)
- HHCOMP: Household type (HHPERS)

HHPERS

The person is considered as:

1. A child <15 yrs living with father/mother
2. A child 15-24 yrs living with father/mother and economically inactive
3. A child <15 yrs not living with father/mother
4. An adult

Economically active: based on MAINSTAT or ILO (10 hours a week)

New approach: objectives

New variable should be used to study reconciliation of work with family life

- Not a household variable
- Focusses on parental roles rather than biological relationships

KISS: Not try to capture total diversity of possible HH types

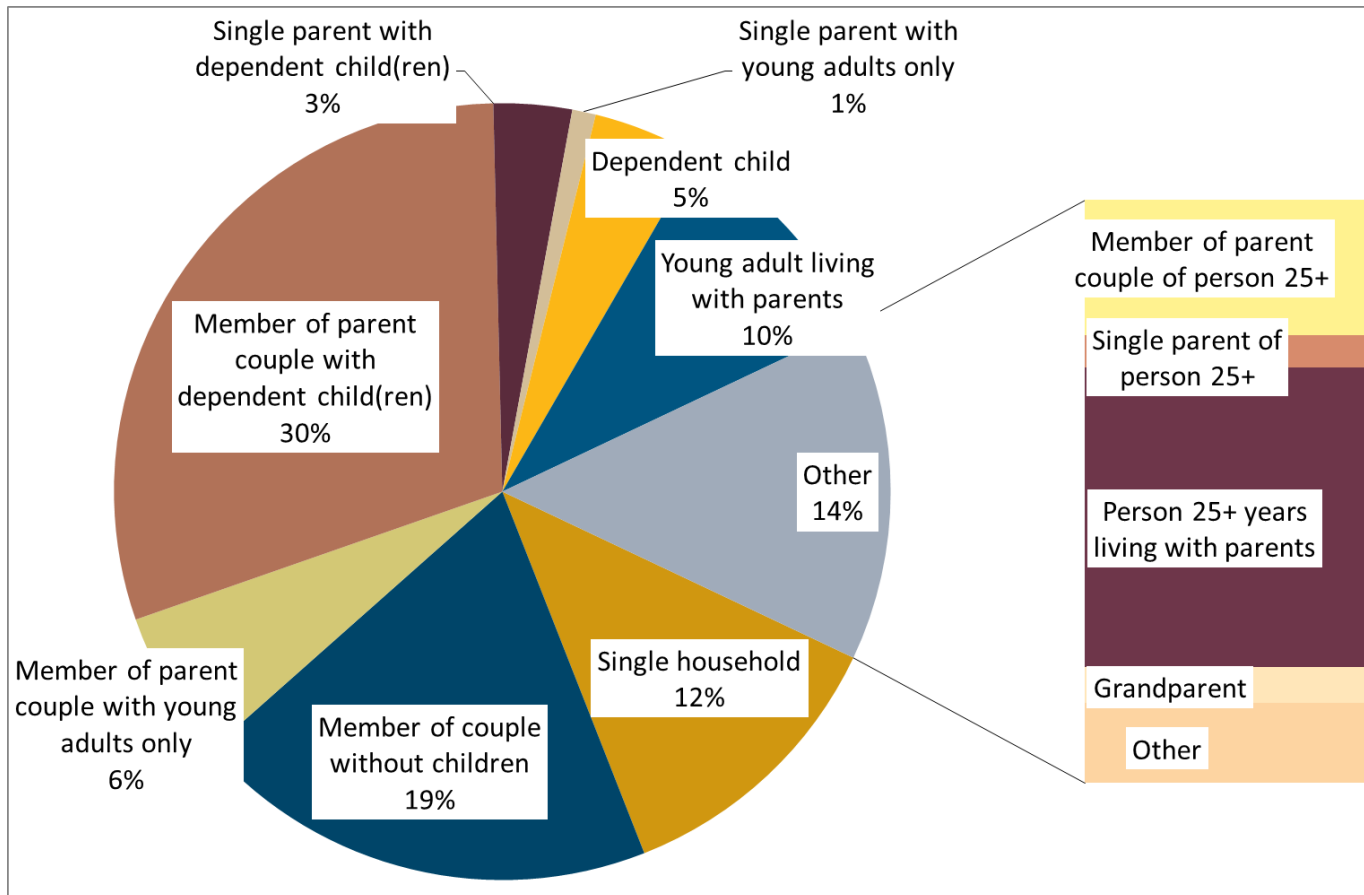
New approach: Parent

- Identify only one parent couple in HH (in case of 3 generations)
- Focus on care responsibilities, not on biological status
 - Partner of parent is considered as parent
 - Age of child matters

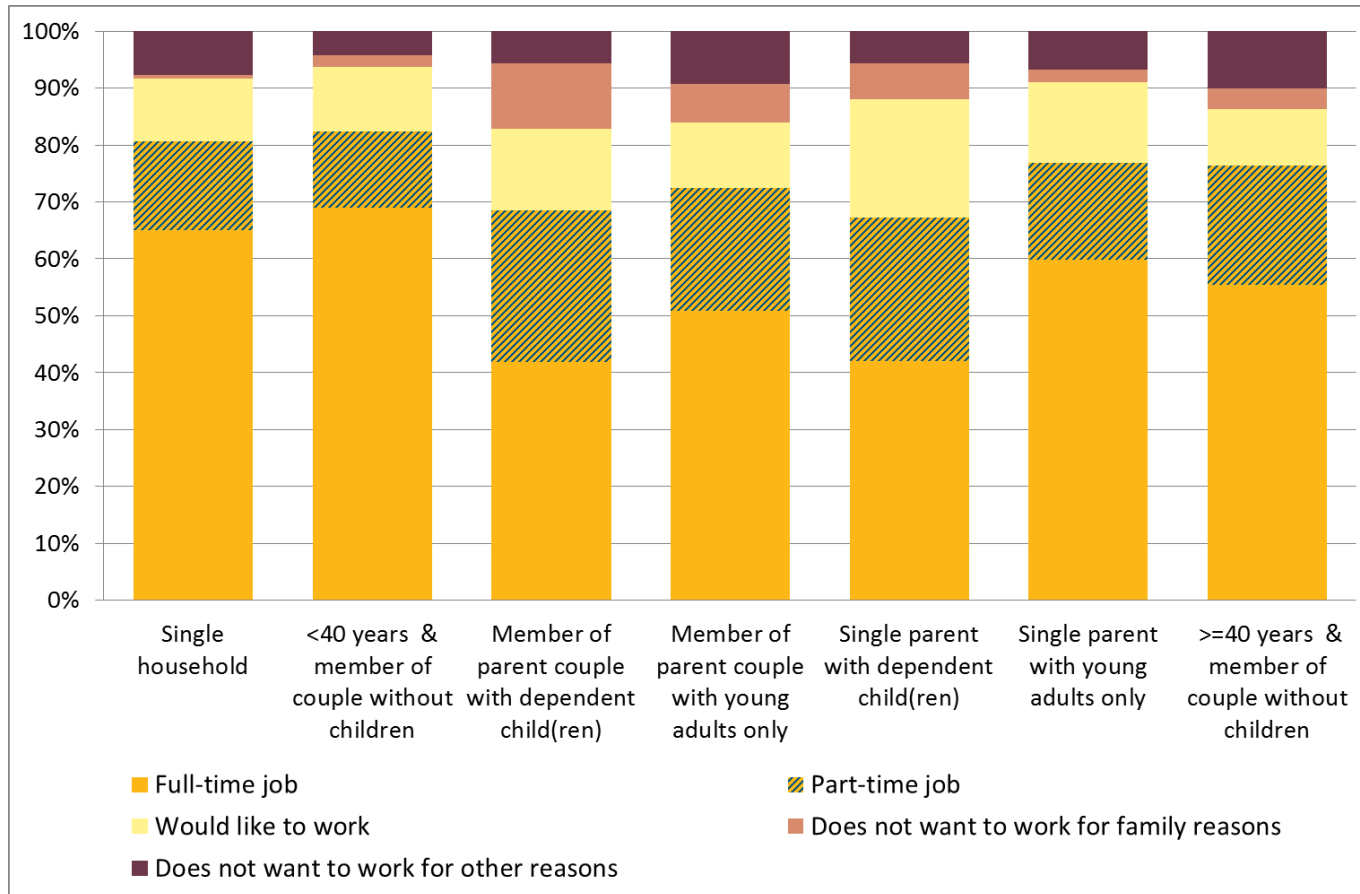
New approach: dependent child

- Not include elements of economic activity
 - Students could work
 - To study labour market participation the definition of child should be independent of ILO-status
- Based on age
 - <18 years
 - 18-24 years: young adults

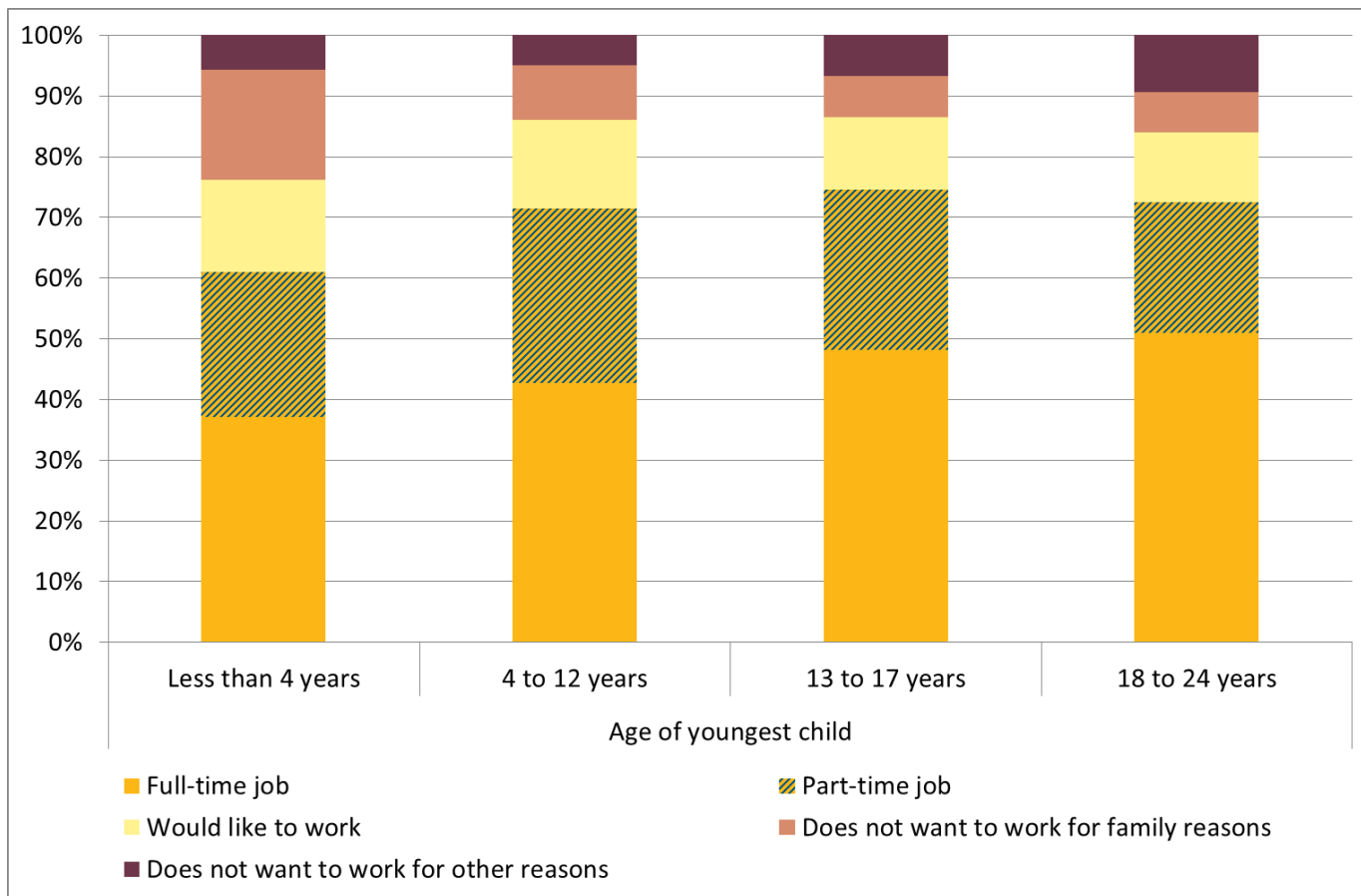
Position in the HH: result



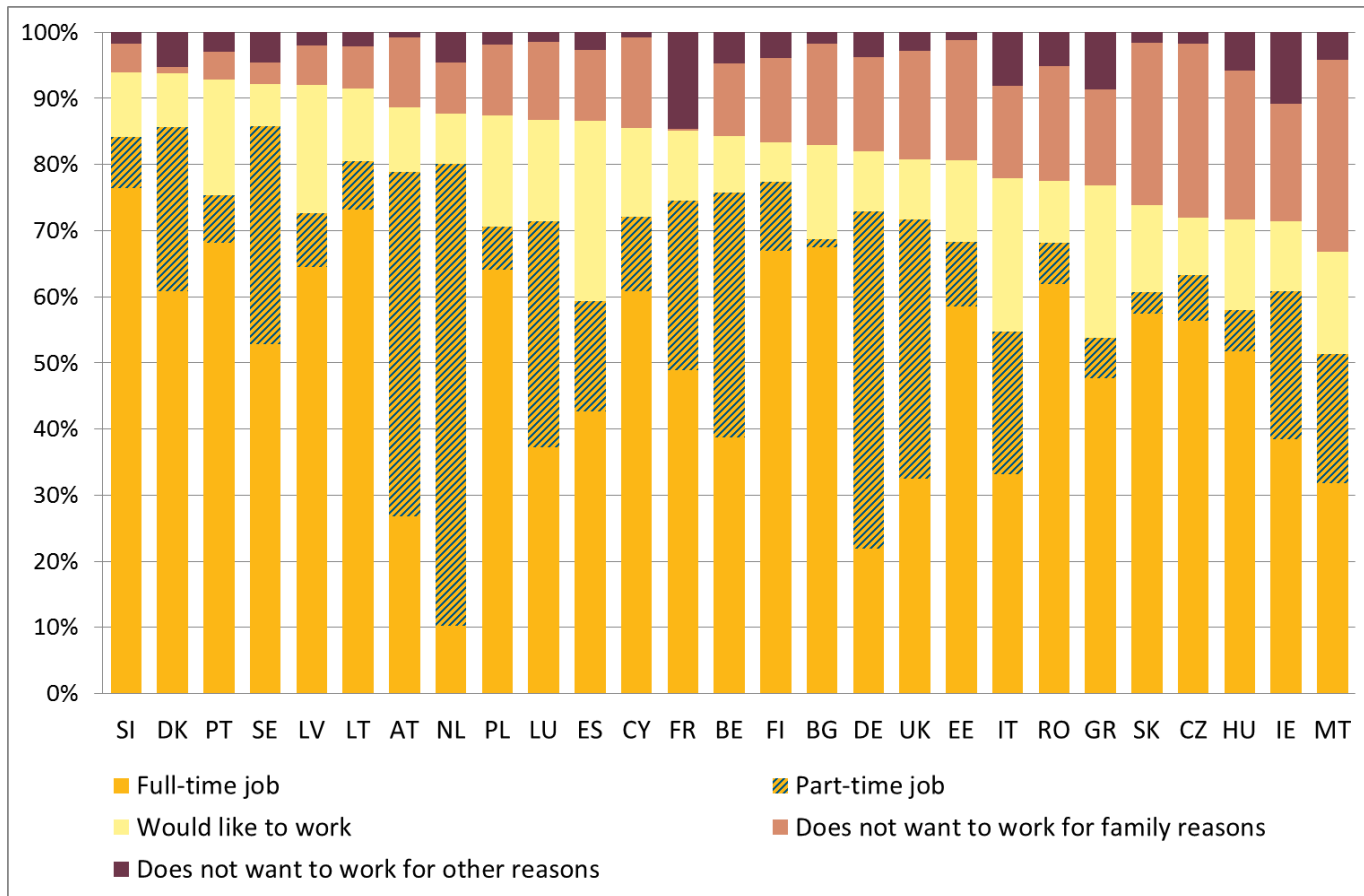
LM situation of women



LM situation of mothers by age child



LM situation mothers in EU



Conclusions

- New variable reflects HH situations
- New variable can be used to better analyse reconciliation of work with family life

Plans

- Publish output with meta-data
- Link labour market situation of partners
- New version of HHCOMP (HH variable)

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