

# Labour Force Survey – user guidance

Guidance about the background and methodology of the Labour Force Survey (LFS).

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