

► Statistical standards on care work Background, progress, next steps

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Background

- While there is a long history in the measurement of paid and unpaid care work historically – limited availability of data and lack of harmonisation
- In 2018 ILO published 'Care work and care jobs for the future of decent work'
- <https://www.ilo.org/publications/major-publications/care-work-and-care-jobs-future-decent-work>
- Required a major manual effort to extract and harmonise data from various sources
- Applied a combination of ISIC, ISCO and ICATUS across paid and unpaid care work

International Conference of Labour Statisticians

- **19th ICLS resolution I (2013) – established new base for labour statistics**
 - Wide definition of work
 - Forms of work framework based on beneficiary and intention of the work
 - Own-use production work, employment, volunteer work, unpaid trainee work, other
 - Updated definitions of employment and unemployment
- Forms of work definitions created added visibility for activities not previously covered – including unpaid care work
- Promoted measurement of own-use provision of services and volunteer work (2 potentially important sources of unpaid care work)
- Adoption of ICATUS-16 and SDG indicator 5.4.1 all added impetus to measurement of unpaid care work

International Conference of Labour Statisticians

- 20th ICLS
 - Called on ILO to develop guidance and tools to measure own-use provision of services (unpaid domestic and care work)
 - After extensive studies guidance published in November 2023
 - Tool in CSPro available for CAPI
- 21st ICLS
 - Welcomed developed guidance
 - Supported need for wider measurement
 - Discussed topic of care work as covered in a room document
 - Called for development of statistical standards

Policy interest

- Policy interest in care work has long been increasing
- Many recent high level discussions
 - ILO discussion on the care economy (112th Session of the International Labour Conference, June 2024)
 - Resolution concerning decent work and care economy
 - G7 and G20 declarations of Labour and Employment Ministers' Meetings
 - G20 declaration (July 2024)
 - G7 declaration (September 2024)
- All recognise need for harmonised and comprehensive data on paid and unpaid care work
- Supported development of statistical standards

Development of new statistical standards

- Will advance through a technical working group hosted by the ILO
- First meeting will take place in July 2025
- Standards should be discussed at 22nd ICLS in 2028
- Key issues to be addressed
 - Boundaries between care work and non-care work
 - Easier in own-use provision of services (ICATUS-16)
 - Less clear in other forms of work including employment
 - Also standards would typically cover desired indicators, data sources, measurement guidance
 - Update of ISCO-08 also advancing in parallel
- Objective – standards promoting harmonised approach

Thank you