Surveys on Financial Literacy and Digital Financial Skills in Italy: Adults

Questionnaire IACOFI 2023*

Personal and household characteristics

RECORD OR ASK ALL

Gender	Question: QD1
	Label: Gender
Male	1
Female	0
Other answer	-98
Refused	-99

ASK ALL

Please could you tell me how old you are, currently?	Question: QD7
	Label: Age
Age: Minimum value='18'	_
Refused	-99

ask IF QD7=-99

Would you (instead) tell me which of these age bands you fall into?	Question: QD7_a
	Label: Age bands
18-19	1
20-29	2
30-39	3
40-49	4
50-59	5
60-69	6
70-79	7
Refused	-99

RECORD OR ASK ALL

Macro-region	Question: QD2
	Label: Region
North-West	1
North-East	2
Center	3
South	4
Islands	5

^{*} See OECD (2022), OECD/INFE <u>Toolkit for Measuring Financial Literacy and Financial Inclusion 2022</u>

RECORD ALL OR ASK ALL.

Could you tell me which of these best describes the community you currently live in, please?	Question: QD3
	Label: Urban
A village, hamlet or rural area (fewer than 3 000 people)	1
A small town (3 000 to about 15 000 people)	2
A town (15 000 to about 100 000 people)	3
A city (100 000 to about 1 000 000 people)	4
A large city (with over 1 000 000 people)	5

ASK ALL

Who do you usually live with in your household? Do you live	Question: QD5
1='Yes' 0=No.	
	Labels: Household
Entirely alone [STOP READING IF YES]	_1
With a partner/spouse	_2
With children under the age of 18	_3
With children aged 18 or over	_4
With other adult relatives	_5
With friends, colleagues or students	_6
With other adults; not related	_7
Refused to answer the entire question	_99

ASK if QD5_1=0 (if respondent does not live alone)

How many adults (aged 18 or over) live in your household, including yourself?	Question: QD5_ad
	Labels: Household count_
Record response [Minimum value=1]	_
Does not apply	-98
Refused to answer	-99

ASK if QD5_1=0 (if respondent does not live alone) AND QD5_3=1 (if respondent lives with children under the age of 18)

How many children under the age of 18 live in your household?	Question: QD5_ch
	Labels: Household count_
Record response [Minimum value=1]	_
Does not apply	-98
Refused to answer	-99

And which of these best describes your current work situation? Please refer to your main working status	Question: QD10
	Label: Work situation
Self-employed [work for yourself]	1
In paid employment [work for someone else]	2
Apprentice	3

Looking after the home	
	4
Looking for work [unemployed]	5
Retired	6
Unable to work due to sickness or ill-health	7
Not working and not looking for work	8
Student	9
Other	10
Refused	-99

Do you have access to the internet?	Question: QD14
	Label: Internet
Yes	1
No	0
Refused	-99

Planning and managing finances

ASK ALL

Do you make day-to-day decisions about your own money?	Question: QF1_a
	Label: Personal budget
Yes	1
No	0
Don't know	-97
Refused	-99

ASK ALL

And who is responsible for making day-to-day decisions about money in your household?	Question: QF1
	Label: Decisions
You make these decisions by yourself	1
You make these decisions with someone else	2
Someone else makes these decisions	3
Don't know	-97
Refused	-99

Do you do any of the following for yourself or your household?	Question: QF2
1='Yes,' 0='No,' -99=Refused	
	Label: Budget
Make a plan to manage your income and expenses	_1
Keep a note of your spending	_2
Keep money for bills separate from day-to-day spending money	_3
Make a note of upcoming bills to make sure you don't miss them	_4
Use a banking app or money management tool to keep track of your outgoings	_5
Arrange automatic payments for regular outgoings	_6

Active saving and financial shocks

ASK ALL

In the past 12 months have you been [personally] saving money in any of the following ways, whether or not you still have the money? Please don't take into account any money paid into a pension, but think about all kinds of savings, such as building up a rainy-day fund or putting money aside for a special occasion.	Question: QF3
1='Yes,' 0='No,' -99=Refused.	
	Labels: Active saving
Saving cash at home or in your wallet	_1
Paying money into a <savings deposit=""> account</savings>	_2
Giving money to family to save on your behalf	_3
Saving in <an club="" informal="" savings=""></an>	_4
Buying bonds or time deposits	_5
Investing in crypto-assets	_6
Investing in stocks and shares	_7
Saving or investing in some other way, other than a pension (INTERVIEWER: examples can be given, possibly including remitting money to be invested in home country, or buying livestock, gold, real estate or other property)	_8
I bought other financial instruments (e.g. investment accounts, loans to cooperatives)	_81
I did not save	_98

ASK ALL

If you, personally, faced a major expense today – equivalent to your own monthly income – would you be able to pay it without borrowing the money or asking family or friends to help? [Add if necessary, if you do not currently have an income, please think about an unexpected expense equivalent to the amount of money you typically spend in a month.]	Question: QF4 Label: Expenditure shock
Yes, with money immediately available	1
Yes, selling assets	2
No	0
Don't know	-97
Not applicable (I don't have any personal income)	-98
Refused	-99

Retirement plans

[to retired] Overall, on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is very confident, and 5 is not at all confident; how confident are you that you have done a good job of making financial plans for your retirement?	Question: QF8
[to non-retired] Overall, on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is very confident, and 5 is not at all confident; how confident are you that you are doing a good job of making financial plans for your retirement?	
1='very' confident, 2, 3, 4, 5='not' at all confident	
	Label: Retirement confidence
Very confident	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
Not at all confident	5
Respondent has no retirement plan	6
Don't know	-97
Refused	-99

and how will you - or do you - fund your retirement?	Question: QF9
1='Yes,' 0='No,' -97 Don't know, -99=Refused.	
	Labels: Retirement plans_
Draw a government pension/ old-age benefit	_1
Draw an occupational or workplace pension plan	_2
Draw a private pension plan	_3
Sell your financial assets (such as: stocks, bonds or mutual funds)	_4
Sell your non-financial assets (such as a car, property, art, jewels, antiques, etc.)	_5
From income generated by your financial or non-financial assets (such as dividends or rental income)	_6
Rely on a spouse or partner to support you	_7
Rely on your children or other family members to support you	_8
Draw on your savings	_9
Continue to work	10
From the revenues of a business that you own	11
Reversibility pension	_12

Making ends meet

ASK ALL

Sometimes people find that their income does not quite cover their living expenses. In the last 12 months, has this happened to you, personally?	Question: QF11 Label: Not covering costs
Yes	1
No	0
Don't know	-97
Not applicable (I don't have any personal income)	-98
Refused	-99

ASK only if QF11=1

What did you do to make ends meet the last time this happened?	Question: QF12
1='Yes,' 0=No, -98= Not applicable, - 97 = Do not know.	
	Labels: Making ends meet
_1 Existing resources	
Draw money out of savings or transfer savings into <current> account</current>	_1_1
Cut back on spending, spend less, do without, delay a planned expense	_1_2
Sell something that you own	_1_3
_2 Additional resources	
Work overtime, take an extra job, earn extra money	_2_1
Claim support from the government	_2_2
Ask for help from family, friends or the community	_2_3
_3 Access credit by using existing contacts or resources	
Borrow from family, friends or the community	_3_1
Borrow from employer/salary advance	_3_2
Pawn something that you own	_3_3

Take a loan from your savings and loans clubs or other <informal club="" savings=""></informal>	_3_4
Use someone else's credit card	_3_5
Take money out of a flexible mortgage account	_3_6
Apply for loan/withdrawal on pension fund	_3_7
_4 Borrow from existing credit line	
Use authorised, arranged overdraft or line of credit	_4_1
Use credit card for a cash advance or to pay bills/buy food	_4_2
_5 Access additional credit	
Take out a personal loan from a financial service provider (including bank, credit union or microfinance)	_5_1
Take out a payday loan	_5_2
Take out a loan from an informal provider/moneylender	_5_3
Take an SMS loan	_5_4
Take an online <instant cash=""> loan</instant>	_5_5
_6 Fall behind/ go beyond arranged amount	
Use unauthorised overdraft	_6_1
Pay bills late; miss payments	_6_2
_7 Other responses	
Other	_7_1
Don't know	_97
Refused	_99

If you lost your main source of income today, how long could you continue to cover your living expenses, without borrowing any money or moving house?	Question: QF13
1='less' than a week, 2, 3, 4, 5='6' months or more	
	Label: Lost income
a) Less than a week	1
b)At least a week, but not one month	2
c) At least one month, but not three months	3
d) At least three months, but not six months	4
e) Six months or more	5
Don't know	-97
Refused	-99

Choosing and using financial products and services

			Questions: QP1 / QP2 / QP3
	Labels: He	ard of [followed by product]	; Currently holds []; Recently chosen [
1='Yes,' 0='No,' -97='Don't' know (only for QP3), -99=Refused (only for QP2 and QP3)			
	ASK ALL Please can you tell me whether you have heard of any of these types of financial products	ASK IF QP1=Yes and now can you tell me whether you [personally or jointly] currently hold any of these types of products	ASK IF QP1=Yes. and in the last two years, which of the following types of financial products have you chosen [Personally or jointly] whether or not you still hold them Please do not include products that were renewed automatically
A pension or retirement product	_1	_1	_1
An investment account	_2	_2	_2
A mortgage or home-loan	_3	_3	_3
An unsecured bank loan	_5		
A credit card	_7	_7	_7
A current/checking/payment account	_8	_8	3_
A savings account	_9	_9	
Insurance	_11	_11	_11
Stocks and shares	_12	_12	_12
Bonds	_13	_13	_13
Mobile/cell phone payment account [not directly linked to a bank account]	_14	_14	_14
A prepaid debit card/ payment card [not directly linked to a bank account]	_15	_15	_15
Crypto-assets	_16	_16	16
Financial products labelled as sustainable, or "ESG", or "green" [Note to agency: This may include investments, pensions, mortgages, bonds, etc. and does not replace other items inthe list asking about these products more generally]	_17	_17	_17
Loan granted for the purchase of a specific good or service (car, household appliance, furniture, holidays etc.)	_add_1	_add_1	_add_1
Loans to cooperatives (COOP, social loans, etc.)	_add_2	_add_2	_add_2
Service 'Buy Now Pay Later'	_add_3	_add_3	_add_3
Insurance to protect against unforeseen events in the repayment of loans	_add_4	_add_4	_add_4
Basic Account (limited operation account, with no or limited fees for access to some types of operations and fundamental payment services)	_add_5	_add_5	_add_t
None	_98	_98	98

ASK ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED YES AT ANY OF QP3.

and which of the following statements best describes how you made your most recent choice?	Question: QP5
	Label: Shopping around
I considered several options from different companies before making my decision	1
I considered various options from one company	2
I didn't consider any other options at all	3
I looked around but there were no other options to consider	4
Don't know	-97
Not applicable	-98
Refused	-99

ASK ALL THOSE WHO ANSWERED YES AT ANY OF QP3

and which of these sources of information do you feel significantly influenced your decision {about which one to take out}?	Question: QP7
1='Yes,' 0=No,-97='Don't' know, -98 Not relevant, -99=Refused.	
	Label: Information source
Specialist product comparisons or best-buy guidance (such as specialist magazines)	_1
A price comparison website	_2
A recommendation from an independent financial advisor [Note to agency: if necessary clarify that independent advisors are fee-based, and should not include commission-based ones]	_3
Information from an advert or brochure> about this specific product	_4
A recommendation from friends, family or acquaintances	_5
A recommendation from people you do not know (such as social media or "influencers")	_6
Information provided by staff of the financial product provider (in person, online or over the phone)	_7
Advertising on TV, radio or non-specialized newspaper or on the internet	_81
Other sources	_82
Refused the entire question	_99

ASK ALL

In managing financial investments, you believe you are a person more oriented towards investments that offer the possibility of:	Question: QP7_add1
	Label: Risk adversion
very high earnings, despite a high risk of losing part of the capital	1
a good profit, but at the same time a fair degree of safety of the invested capital	2
a decent profit, but at the same time a good degree of safety of the invested capital	3
low earnings, without any risk of capital loss	4
Refused	-99

ASK IF QD14=1

Have you ever done any of the following?	Question: QP8
1='Yes,' 0='No,' -97='Don't' know98 not applicable, -99=Refused	Label: have you done the following activities?
Opened a <current payment=""> account or <savings deposit=""> account completely online</savings></current>	_1
Requested a payment, debit or credit card completely online	_2
Subscribed to an insurance policy completely online	_3
Taken out credit completely online	_4
Invested money via online platforms (crowdfunding, crowd investing, peer-to-peer lending)	_5

ASK IF QD14=1

In the last 12 months, how often have you done the following?	Question: QP9
1='Never,' 2='Sometimes,' 3='Often',4='Very often' -97='Don't' know98 =Not applicable, -99=Refused	Label: how often have you done the following?
Checked the balance and transactions of my bank account online	_1
Paid bills online	_3
Bought goods and services online	_4
Transferred money to others online [note to agency: this should not include money sent through agents]	_5
Managed financial products and services (such savings, investments, credit, insurance) online	_6
Paid for goods and services in a physical shop with a mobile phone (e.g. using a mobile wallet, such as Apple Pay, Google Pay)	_7
Consulted an online platform for automated financial advice (roboadvisor)	_10

ASK ALL

Thinking about financial products and services in general, in the last 2 years, have you experienced any of the following issues?	Question: QP10
1='Yes,' 0='No,' -95='Don't' understand the question, -97='Don't' know, -98 Not relevant,-99=Refused	
	Label: Issues
{Have you} accepted advice to invest in a financial product that you later found to be a scam, such as a <pyramid> scheme?</pyramid>	_1
{Have you} accidently provided personal financial information (such as passwords or card number) in response to an email, phone call or social media message that you later found out was not genuine?	_2
{Have you} discovered that someone has used your <card> details to pay for goods without your authorisation?</card>	_3
{Have you} queried a transaction listed on your bank or credit card statement that you did not recognise?	_4
{Have you} made a formal complaint about the service you have received from a bank or other financial institution?	_5
{Have you} been denied credit for which you had applied?	_8
{Have you} complained to a remittance provider about high charges when sending or receiving money?	_9

Financial knowledge

ASK ALL

Thank you. And, now something slightly different. Could you tell me how you would rate your overall knowledge about financial matters compared with others?	Question: QK1
1='very' high, 2, 3, 4, 5='very' low	
	Label: Self-rated knowledge
a) Very high	1
b) Quite high	2
c) About average	3
d) Quite low	4
e) Very low	5
Don't know	-97
Refused	-99

Five brothers receive 1,000 euros today. Imagine they have to wait for one year to get their share of the 1,000 euros and that inflation stays at 8%*. In one year's time will they be able to buy:	Question: QK3
	Label: Brothers have to wait for one year with inflation at 8%
a)More with their share of the money than they could today	1
b)The same amount; or	2
c)Less than they could buy today	3
d) It depends on the types of things that they want to buy	4

Don't know	-97
Irrelevant answer	-999

^{*}Source: Istat – National Consumer Price Index

You lend \$25 to a friend one evening and he gives you \$25 back the next day. How much interest has he paid on this loan?	Question: QK4
	Label: Interest on loan
OPEN RESPONSE	_
Don't know	-97
Irrelevant answer	-999

ASK ALL

Imagine that someone puts 100 euro into a no fee savings account with a guaranteed interest rate of 2% per year. They don't make any further payments into this account and they don't withdraw any money. How much would be in the account at the end of the first year, once the interest payment is made?	Question: QK5
	Label: Simple interest
Record Response [Minimum value=0]	_
Don't know	-97
Refused	-99
Irrelevant answer	-999

ASK ALL

and how much would be in the account at the end of five years if no other operations are carried out on this account, neither deposits nor withdrawals, there are no fees and it continues to be remunerated at a guaranteed interest rate of 2% per year? Would it be:	Question: QK6
	Label: Compound interest
a) More than 110 euro	1
b) Exactly 110 euro	2
c) Less than 110 euro; or is it	3
d) Impossible to tell from the information given	4
Don't know	-97
Irrelevant answer	-999

I would like to know whether you think the following statements are true or false	Question: QK7
1=True, 0='False,' -97='Don't' know, -99=Refused	
	Label QK7_
An investment with a high return is likely to be high risk	_1
High inflation means that the cost of living is increasing rapidly	_2
It is usually possible to reduce the risk of investing in the stock market by buying a wide range of stocks and shares	_3
A digital financial contract requires signature of a paper contract to be considered valid	_4
The personal data that I share publicly online may be used to target me with personalised commercial or financial offers	_5
Crypto-currencies have the same legal tender as banknotes and coins	_6

A 15-year mortgage usually has a higher monthly payment than a 30-year mortgage, but the overall interest paid over the life of the loan is lower.	Question: QK10
	Label: mortgage
a) True	1
b) False	0
Don't know	-97

Attitudes and behaviour

ASK ALL

I am now going to read out some statements. I would like to know how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements (as it relates to you)	Question: QS1
1='completely' agree, 2, 3, 4, 5 completely disagree97='Don't' know, -98 Not relevant, -99=Refused.	
	Label: How much do you agree with the following statements?
I find it more satisfying to spend money than to save it for the long term	_1
I am prepared to risk some of my own money when saving or making an investment	_2
Money is there to be spent	_3
I am satisfied with my present financial situation	_4
I keep a close personal watch on my financial affairs	_5
My financial situation limits my ability to do the things that are important to me	_7
I set long term financial goals and strive to achieve them	_8
I believe that money in a bank will be safe even if the bank fails	_9
I have too much debt right now	_10
I believe it's the right moment to invest in crypto-assets or ICOs	_13

And how often would you say this statement applies to you?	Question: QS2
For each statement could you tell me whether it Always, often, sometimes, rarely or never applies to you?	
1='Always,' 2, 3, 4, 5='Never,' -97='Don't' know, -98 Not relevant, or -99=Refused.	
	Label: How often do the statements apply to you?
I tend to worry about paying my normal living expenses	_1
My finances control my life	_2
Before I buy something I carefully consider whether I can afford it	_3
I have money left over at the end of the month	_4
I pay my bills on time	_5
I share the passwords and PINs of my bank account with my close friends	_6
Before buying a financial product online I check if the provider is regulated in my country	_7
I share information about my personal finances publicly online (e.g. on social media)	_8
Before I buy something I consider whether the company strives to improve its social or environmental impact	_9

I would also like to know how well this statement describes you or your situation. For each statement could you let me know whether it describes your situation or thoughts completely, very well, somewhat, very little or not at all.	Question: QS3
1='completely,' 2, 3, 4, 5='not' at all, -97='Don't' know, -98 Not relevant, or -99=Refused.	
	Label: How well do the following statements describe you?
I prefer to choose financial intermediaries who make choices based on ethics (investments in clean energy, exclusion of investments in companies that do not respect international arms treaties)	_2
Because of my money situation, I feel like I will never have the things I want in life	_3
I am concerned that my money won't last	_9
I am just getting by financially	_10
I tend to live for today and let tomorrow take care of itself	_11
I sometimes buy a lottery ticket when I feel like I don't have enough money	_12
I regularly change the passwords on websites that I use for online shopping and personal finances	_13

ASK IF QD14=1

I am now going to read out some statements. I would like to know how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements (as it relates to you). Please use a scale of 1 to 5, where: 1 tells me that you completely agree with the statement, and5 shows that you completely disagree	Question: QS4
1='completely' agree, 2, 3, 4, 5 completely disagree97='Don't' know, -98 Not relevant -99=Refused.	
	Label: How much do you agree with the following statements?
I think that it is safe to shop online using public Wi-Fi networks (e.g., in cafés, airports, shopping malls)	_1
It is important to pay attention to the security of a website before making a transaction online (e.g. https sites, safety logo or certificate)	_2
I think it is not important to read the terms and conditions when buying something online	_3
Digital tools facilitate the management of my personal finances	_4
I trust the financial services provided by online banks and FinTechs	_5
I believe that financial service providers should use a wide range of non-financial personal data, including from social media, in decisions about granting credit	_6
I am more likely to buy impulsively when I buy online than in person in a shop	_7
It is more likely that I would read the small print of a contract if it is on paper than online	_8

I am now going to read out some statements. I would like to know how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements (as it relates to you). Please use a scale of 1 to 5, where: 1 tells me that you completely agree with the statement, and5 shows that you completely disagree	Question: QS5
1='completely' agree, 2, 3, 4, 5 completely disagree97='Don't' know, -98 Not relevant, -99=Refused.	
	Label: How much do you agree with the following statements?
It is more important to invest in companies that are making a profit than in companies that strive to minimise their negative impact on the environment	_4
It is more important to invest in companies that are making a profit than in companies that strive to improve their social impact	_5
It is more important to invest in companies that are making a profit than in companies that strive to improve their risk management, ethics and accountability	_6

Background information

ASK ALL

In the last 12 months, how often have you done the following?	Question: QD6
1='Never,' 2='Sometimes,' 3='Often', 4='Very often' -97='Don't' know99=Refused	
	Label: How often have you done the following?
Written document on a personal computer (desktop or laptop)	_1
Sent or received an email	_2
Used a mobile phone to make calls	_3
Made calls over the internet (including video calls)	_4
Participated in social networks online (such as <national examples="">)</national>	_5
Used instant messaging applications (such as <national examples="">)</national>	_6
Looked for information online (such as reading the news or finding information about goods and services)	_7

ASK ALL

What is the highest level of education that you have completed?	Question: QD9
· · ·	Label: Educational level
Post-graduate education or equivalent (e.g. master's degree, PhD or advanced professional training)	1
Second-cycle qualification (laurea magistrale, magistrale a ciclo unico)	2
Bachelor of arts (laurea triennale)	3
Attended university but did not graduate	4
High school diploma (upper secondary school)	5
Attended high school but did not complete	6
Middle school diploma (lower secondary school)	7
Attended middle school but did not complete	8
Primary school diploma	9
Primary school but did not complete, or no education	10
Refused	-99

ASK ALL

What is your nationality?	Question: QD12
	Label: Place of birth
Italian	1
Other	0
Refused	-99

And finally, could you tell me which of these categories your household income usually falls into (after tax)? Would you say it is	Question: QD13
	Label: Income band
a) Up to 1750 euro a month	1
b) Between 1751 euro and 2900 euro a month; or	2
c) more than 2900 euro a month	3
Don't know	-97
Refused	-99