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Brief Introduction	<p>Combining the employment status of household members of working age in a single measure is an important indicator given that earnings from employment is the major source of household income and that households most at risk of poverty are those where such earnings are relatively low or non-existent. The EU-SILC includes such a measure of the work intensity of households but it takes account only of the number of months during the income reference year in which household members were employed and makes no allowance at all for whether they worked full-time or part-time. The concern here is to propose a new measure of work intensity which allows explicitly for part-time working and, accordingly, throws more light on the relationship between the employment characteristics of households and their income levels. This measure, like the existing one, is based on data contained in the EU-SILC on the employment status of individuals during each month of the preceding year and combines these data with details of the usual hours they work per week in their main and any additional jobs.</p>