

Original survey information

Generic information	
Name of survey	Household Budget Survey / <i>Enquête "Budget de Famille"</i>
Institution responsible	<i>Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques (INSEE)</i> - www.insee.fr
Main objective	To measure with utmost accuracy expenditures, consumption and income of French households.
Survey structure	One cross-sectional survey broken down by 8 waves during one year.
Frequency	Quinquennial.
Survey year / Wave	2006
Coverage	All ordinary households in metropolitan France (overseas territories are covered by an <i>ad hoc</i> survey not included here); are thus excluded collective households (such as hospices, religious communities, university campuses, workers dormitories, prisons, etc.) and homeless persons.
Sampling	
Sampling design	Random uniform sample
Sampling frame	1999 Census sample completed by the survey database of new dwellings (<i>Base de sondage des logements neufs - BSLN</i>).
Final sample size	Around 20,000 dwellings in metropolitan France were sampled. In the end, 10,240 households were interviewed, including 25,364 individuals.
Collection	
Collection period	March 2005 to February 2006.
Instruments and main contents	Data were collected through CAPI interviews with the following instruments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Questionnaire N. 1</i>: information about household composition and characteristics of household members (collected for persons aged 15 or over), main and secondary dwelling expenditures, expenditures linked to lands, major restructuring works and purchase of material, transportation means; - <i>Questionnaire N. 2</i>: expenditures on durables, furniture, valuables, clothing and footwear, as well as expenditures linked to services, meals taken outside the home, transportation, leisure and culture as well as health; - <i>Questionnaire N. 3</i>: miscellaneous expenditures (insurances, debts, income taxes, banking fees, employers contributions, expenditures due to persons partially living outside the dwelling, exceptional expenditures, television fees), transfers and gifts paid to or given by the households, incomes (including income from savings, and exceptional incomes), as well as some questions concerning the household perceived financial situation; - <i>Individual diary</i>: expenditures carried out during a 14-day period as reported by each household member aged 15 or above; the individual diaries are complemented by a diary questionnaire collecting information about expenditures carried out by the household, household's opinion of the survey fortnight, guests received, meals taken out, domestic activities, and household own consumption.
Definitions	
Household	Groups of persons (related or not) habitually residing in the same dwelling (whether or not their main residence) and who have a common budget (i.e. who have incomes serving common household expenditures, and/or who simply benefit from those expenditures).
Household head	The household head (reference person of the household) is determined by the data provider based on family composition and individual characteristics. In most cases it is the reference person of the family if there is a family, or the eldest man (where priority is given to the eldest active man). The reference person of the family is the man of the couple or the parent in single-parent families.
Data quality aspects	
Unit response rate	Around 60% of the households contacted finished all 3 questionnaires and individual diaries.
Item non-response / imputation	Partial-unit non-response as well as item non-response have been fully imputed.
Weighting	The data provider calculated household level weights based on the sampling probabilities, recalibrated for unit non-response and inflated to total population.
Labour market information	
Source	Interview.
Reference period	At interview time
Definition of employment	Two concepts of employment: i) whether employment is main activity status, and ii) whether currently has a job (even if on top of another main activity).
Treatment of military personnel	Conscripts do not longer exist in France. Regular Armed Forces are treated as other employed persons and are (partially) identifiable through the socio-professional status (together with Police Forces).
Income	
Source	Interview.
Reference period	12 months preceding the interview.
Unit of collection	Mostly individual, some income sources at the household level.
Unit of time	Mostly monthly income with number of months in 2004, some yearly.
Restrictions	None known.
Gross/net	The French Household Budget Survey is a net survey (money amounts are asked net); but because in France income tax is not withheld at source but paid by annual tax return, all the amounts are net of mandatory contributions but gross of income tax.