

Original survey information, Hungary 2005

Generic information	
Name of survey	Tárki Household Monitor Survey - The financial and labor market position of Hungarian households <i>(Tárki Házjártás Monitor)</i>
Institution responsible	Tárki Social Research Centre www.tarki.hu
Main objective	Quick assessment of the changes in the stratification of society and in social inequalities. The survey is primarily focussed on issues concerning the labour market and incomes, consumer attitudes, savings, economic expectations and economic behaviour, as well as changing social relations are also included among the subjects of the survey.
Survey structure	Cross-sectional
Frequency	Biannual
Survey year / Wave	2005 survey.
Coverage	
Sampling	
Sampling design	Multi-stage stratified probability sample. The sample was a household probability sample with proportional stratification. In the first stage 9 strata were created according to the sizes of the localities, from these strata the localities were selected that would be in the sample. In the second stage the number of households to be included in the sample strata was defined according to the proportion of the households in the given strata. Then the number of households to be included in the sample from each locality was defined according to the proportion of the households in the chosen localities. The dropped out addresses were replaced by so-called „extra addresses”.
Sampling frame	Central Registration and Election Office.
Final sample size	2,058 interviewed households containing 5,284 individuals (of which 3,808 adult individuals who completed the interview, 639 adult individuals who did not complete the interview, and 837 children under 16 years old).
Collection	
Collection period	September 16, 2005 - October, 15 2005
Instruments and main contents	Data were collected using paper-based questionnaires. There are 2 questionnaires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Household questionnaire: contains information on all household members (main demographics plus activity status), information on the dwelling, and household financial situation, including expenditures, debts, insurance, accounts, wealth, durables, income from rents, prises, maintenance alimony, presents, and maintenance and presents paid, consumption, own production. - Individual questionnaire: contains information for individuals aged 16 or over on education, health, employment/unemployment, income, pension schemes, insurance, accounts, values and satisfaction indicators, hobbies and sports.
Definitions	
Household	The community of people living together in one house or flat.
Household head	The head of household was selected according to the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the oldest man of working age in the household; - if no such member of family: the oldest woman of working age; - if no member of family of working age: the oldest man on old-age pension; - if no such member of family: the oldest woman on old-age pension. LIS keeps the original definition of the household head.
Data quality aspects	
Unit response rate	
Item non-response / imputation	Imputation of zero and missing values of total personal current income for employed, self-employed and pensioners. Imputed values based on collected data.
Weighting	There are two individual weights. First individual weight ensures that both the distribution of households and of total individuals (including all households members, therefore children as well) in the sample represent the Hungarian households and population according to the 2005 Microcensus. Second individual weight refers to the sample of adults who completed the individual questionnaire.
Labour market information	
Source	Interview.
Reference period	At interview time.
Definition of employment	Individual questionnaire: has a job (or is on child-care leave from a job to which can return to), or did any work in the last 7 days. Household questionnaire (individual level information provided by the household head): two concepts: <i>i</i>) main activity is working, and <i>ii</i>) is working on family farm/business.
Treatment of military personnel	Regular Armed Forces are treated as employed persons.
Income	
Source	Interview.
Reference period	October 1, 2004 - September 30, 2005
Unit of collection	Mostly at the individual level, except for income from household farms/enterprises, rental income, investment income, child-related benefits, and support payments from government and other households as well as the irregular lump -sums (prizes and premiums).
Unit of time	Monthly income together with number of months received during reference year for most income source; yearly for some more irregular income sources (such as income from farm/enterprise, investment, property, at the household level, and casual work, bonuses, profits, shares, etc. at the individual level).
Restrictions	None.
Gross/net	Incomes are reported net of taxes and social contributions.