

Original survey information, Israel 2005

Generic information	
Name of survey	Household Expenditure Survey
Institution responsible	Central Bureau of Statistics
Main objective	To obtain the components of household budgets and to determine the weights of each component in the "consumption basket" that is used in computing the Consumer Price Index. Respondents in the survey were asked about both their income and their expenditure.
Survey structure	Cross-sectional, with monthly rotation of households.
Frequency	Yearly.
Survey year / Wave	2005 survey.
Coverage	The survey population includes the entire urban and non-urban population (including the population of East Jerusalem) except for kibbutzim, collective moshavim and Bedouins living outside of localities.
Sampling	
Sampling design	The final sample is composed of the 'main' sample and the 'complementary' samples. The 'main' sample had two phases: in the first phase, a sample of localities was selected; and in the second phase, dwellings were sampled from the chosen localities. The localities sample was extracted from a list of localities belonging to the sample population. Then sampling strata was created on the basis of the similarities between localities, such as their type, socio-economic characteristics, and geographic proximity to one another. Interviewing quotas were allocated to each sampling stratum in accordance with their size. Further, a random-systematic sample of localities was drawn in accordance with their size. In each locality the dwellings in the sample were sorted, when possible, within the sampling frame according to geographic characteristics in the property tax files, before the sample was drawn. Afterwards, a random-systematic sample of dwellings was drawn. Since the property tax files and household lists in small localities do not cover all dwellings inhabited by households that belong to the survey population, the complementary samples were taken from additional sampling frames to reduce this non-coverage.
Sampling frame	Sampling frames were prepared from local municipal property tax files of local authorities, or from lists of households obtained from municipal secretariats (usually in small localities).
Final sample size	6272 households containing 21,046 individuals who completed the interview
Collection	
Collection period	The data were collected "in the field" over a period of approximately 13 months, beginning in January of the survey year and ending in January of the subsequent year. Investigation of the sample was spread across the entire survey period, so that all weeks in the investigation period would be represented. Estimates of expenditures obtained from the diary refer approximately to the survey year. Estimates of expenditures obtained from the questionnaire pertain to a 15-month period (from October 2004 to December 2005), or a 24-month period (from January 2004 to December 2005), according to the type of expenditure.
Instruments and main contents	The survey instruments include: - a biweekly diary, in which the household recorded each member's daily expenditures over a period of two weeks; - two household questionnaires filled out by the interviewer, including: i) A questionnaire on household structure, which records the basic demographic and economic data on each member of the household (e.g., age, sex, country of birth, year of immigration, status at work, etc.); ii) A questionnaire on large or exceptional expenditures and on income, which is based on the household reports related to the 3 - month or 12-month period preceding the interview date (depending on the rarity of expenditures for the items investigated).
Definitions	
Household	A group of people who live together permanently in one dwelling most of the week and have shared food budget.
Household head	The economic head of household. The economic head of household is the main earner of the household; i.e. the employed person (including a member of the permanent army) who usually works the most hours per week. If there is more than one person in the household who fits the definition of head of household or if the household has no earner, the person whom the respondent considers to be head of household is defined as the head of household. Note: the head of household is aged 18+ (except in households consisting solely of persons aged 15-17, and households where the only employed person is aged 15-17).
Data quality aspects	
Unit response rate	Out of 7707 sampled dwellings, 6990 households met the investigation criteria. Out of 6990 households 9.6% did not end up in the final sample size due to refusal, absence, communication and other difficulties. Additionally, 0.7% out of 6990 households was disqualified in the editing process.
Item non-response / imputation	Data concerning compulsory payments were not obtained directly from the enumerated households, but were calculated on the basis of the various tax regulations. No imputation was made for income that originates in the use of one's dwelling and for various types of in-kind income (non- financial income).
Weighting	All members of a given household have the same weighting coefficient that reflects the number of households and persons in the survey population, which that household represents. The weighting coefficients for the various groups of households were determined in a way that would also assure full correspondence between the survey estimates and the distribution of the survey population by sex and age groups, and geographic crosssections based on the current demographic data of the Central Bureau of Statistics.
Labour market information	
Source	Interview (asked for each household member aged 15 or over)
Reference period	Last three months
Definition of employment	ILO definition (has worked at least one hour)
Treatment of military personnel	Included and treated as employed.
Income	
Source	Filled out by the interviewer on the basis of reporting by the household, related to the 3 - month period preceding the interview date.
Reference period	Month of interview
Unit of collection	Household for all income sources (plus individual incomes for income from employed work, self-employed work and work related pensions)
Unit of time	Monthly amounts
Restrictions	None
Gross/net	Incomes are reported net of taxes and social contributions, but data on taxes and social contributions are also available.