

Original survey information

Generic information	
Name of survey	Survey on income and living Conditions / EU-SILC, which is integrated within the Labor Force Survey (<i>EBB - Enquête BeroepsBevolking</i>). A full description with detailed information about this survey can be found in document EU-SILC 065/04.pdf, or at http://www.cbs.nl/NR/rdonlyres/C2EBBCC9-5051-4646-939C-
Institution responsible	Dutch National Statistical Office, www.cbs.nl
Main objective	To provide (the European Commission with) a first class statistical instrument for poverty and inequality studies, a follow up of social cohesion within the relevant territory, the study of population needs and the impact of social and economic policies on households and people, as well as the design of new policies.
Survey structure	Rotating panel survey: the sample is composed by 4 independent panel subsamples, each of which remains in the survey for four years and then is replaced by a new one. Priority is granted to the production of high-quality transversal data as regards punctuality and comparability.
Frequency	Annual (each year is denominated a survey cycle)
Survey year / Wave	2005 survey, extended with module on intergenerational links
Coverage	Territory of Netherlands, excluding overseas territories, all private (non-institutional) households.
Sampling	
Sampling design	The sample design of the Labor Force Survey is used. Households which consist of exclusively persons aged 65 years or over are not present in the LFS. A separate sample is being drawn from those households.
Sampling frame	The sampling frame uses the Geographical Basic Register (GBR). The GBR is a list of all addresses in the Netherlands as assembled by TNT Post.
Final sample size	The gross sample includes around 10,000 household.
Collection	
Collection period	April 9th to May 22nd 2005
Instruments and main contents	Data were collected through computer assisted personal telephone interviewing (CATI). Most demographic and labour market information comes directly from the EBB questionnaire, while most of the income information comes from administrative sources; some SILC specific labour information, as well as information on a handful of income components, child-care, dwelling, subjective well-being, health, and specific SILC modules have been collected through an ad hoc SILC questionnaire. Questions regarding the household, dwelling and financial situation of the household are answered by one person from the core household. Other modules in the questionnaire (for instance on previous employment, or health perception) are answered by a randomly selected person of 16 years or over; the "selected respondent".
Definitions	
Household	The household definition is based on sharing expenditures (housekeeping concept).
Household head	EU-SILC does not use the term head of household. In stead the ideal "household respondent" is considered to be the person responsible for the dwelling. The household member responding to the household questionnaire may differ from the ideal one.
Data quality aspects	
Unit response rate	Of all the respondents in the LFS, around 75% is willing to participate in the EU-Silc survey.
Item non-response / imputation	Missing values because of item non-response as well as partial unit non-response are fully imputed.
Weighting	The data provider calculated a household cross-sectional weight which corrects for household non-response and calibrates to external data (including the inflation to total population). The data provider also calculated a weight to be used for those questions answered by selected respondents only (see information on Collection).
Labour market information	
Source	EBB interview (complemented with information from the SILC interview)
Reference period	Mostly at present or last week, some information refer to the calendar year 2004.
Definition of employment	Derived from the definitions and questions in the LFS.
Treatment of military personnel	Conscripts are identifiable through the self-assessed main current activity (but not treated as employed); regular Armed Forces are considered as employed and identifiable through the occupation.
Income	
Source	Mostly tax and other administrative registers (with the exception of interhousehold transfers which were asked in the interview).
Reference period	Calendar year 2004.
Unit of collection	Household level (for transfers between households) and individual level for all other incomes (that come from administrative sources).
Unit of time	Annual.
Restrictions	
Gross/net	All income components are recorded gross of taxes and social contributions, and information on taxes and social contributions is also available..