**Generic Information**

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<th>Name of survey</th>
<th>Great Integrated Household Survey / Gran Encuesta Integrada de Hogares (GEIH)</th>
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<td>Responsible institution</td>
<td>National Administrative Department of Statistics / Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE), <a href="http://www.dane.gov.co">www.dane.gov.co</a></td>
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<td>Main objective</td>
<td>To gather information about the employment conditions of persons (whether they work, what they work in, how much they earn, if they have social security for health care, or if they are looking for a job), as well as about the general characteristics of the population, such as sex, age, marital status, and educational level, sources of income and expenses (what they buy, how often they buy, and where they buy). The GEIH provides information at the national, urban-rural, regional, and departmental levels, as well as for each one of the department capitals.</td>
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**Structure of data source**

Cross-sectional household survey data.

**Frequency**

Continuous survey, with monthly subsamples. The GEIH was introduced in 2006, when it replaced the three main existing household surveys, namely the Encuesta Continua de Hogares, the Encuesta de Ingresos y Gastos and the Encuesta de Calidad de Vida.

**Survey year / Wave**


**Coverage**

Civilian non-institutional population living in the entire national territory.

**Sampling**

Sampling design is probabilistic, stratified, with unequal clustering, multi-staged and self-weighted. The sampling frame consists of the cartographic inventory and listings of dwellings by city from the Population and Housing National Census of 1993, with continuous updates and new counts of buildings and dwellings through the same sample, with the corresponding maintenance.

**Sample size**

17,545 households.

**Collection**

**Collection period**

2008, January

**Collection mode**

CAPI

**Description of instruments**

Questionnaire divided into several sections: the Dwelling, Household and persons roster sections, filled by the household head. At the individual level, the General characteristics, Health social security, Education, Labour force, Employed, Unemployed, Inactive, Other activities, Other incomes, Fertility, ICT, and Quality of public services sections directly filled by individuals aged 18 or more and by individuals aged between 10 and 17 if they work or are searching for a job, while for the others the questionnaire is filled by an adult.

**Concepts and definitions**

**Household**

A person or a group of people occupying all or part of a dwelling who have partnered to share the dwelling and/or food. They may or may not be related with each other. The domestic servants and their families are part of the household as long as they sleep in the same house where they work. Boarders and lodgers are considered as household members if there are less than five of them in one household.

**Household head**

The person recognised as such by other households members given considerations of age, financial support, or other reasons.

**Data quality aspects**

**Non-response error**

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**Item non-response / imputation**

No imputation for item non-response.

**Weighting**

Household level weights, that take into account population projections, basic sampling weights, as well as expansion factors.

**Labour market information**

**Eligibility**

Individuals aged 12 or more in the urban areas and those aged 10 or more in the rural ones.

**Employment**

Main activity (activity at which spent the most time), as well as questions on paid employment, job search and availability following ILO definition; only the ILO employed are routed to the Employed section.

**Income**

**Reference period**

Mainly the previous month for labour incomes and regular incomes (rental income, pensions and alimony) and the last 12 months for other incomes.

**Unit of time**

Monthly amounts for labour incomes and regular incomes (rental income, pensions and alimony) and annual amounts for other incomes.

**Unit of collection**

Individual level mainly, aged 12 or more in the urban areas and those aged 10 or more in the rural ones.

**Taxes and contributions**

Dependent employees report gross wages, all other incomes are net. Information on taxes and contributions paid is not collected, they were simulated externally.

**Restrictions**

Some incomes are not included in the data (mostly social assistance household incomes).

**Additional remarks**