

Original survey information, Colombia 2007

Generic information	
Name of survey	Great Integrated Household Survey / <i>Gran Encuesta Integrada de Hogares (GEIH)</i>
Responsible institution	National Administrative Department of Statistics / <i>Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE)</i> , www.dane.gov.co
Main objective	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.
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 <i>Encuesta Continua de Hogares</i> , the <i>Encuesta de Ingresos y Gastos</i> and the <i>Encuesta de Calidad de Vida</i> .
Survey year / Wave	January 2008.
Coverage	Civilian non-institutional population living in the entire national territory.
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	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	-
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	
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Source: [1] Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (2006), *Metodología Gran Encuesta Integrada de Hogares - GEIH*, Bogota, Colombia.