

Original survey information, Spain 2004

Generic information	
Name of survey	Encuesta de Condiciones de Vida (ECV) / Survey on Income and Living Conditions (EU- SILC).
Responsible institution	National Statistical Office (Instituto Nacional de Estadística - INE) , www.ine.es
Main objective	Systematic production of Community statistics on income and living conditions, that include transversal and longitudinal data that are comparable and updated on income, the level and composition of poverty and social exclusion, on a national and European level.
Structure of data source	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.
Coverage	All private (non-group , non-institutional) households in Spain and overseas territories (Ceuta, Melilla, Canarias).
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	The sample is rotating, with a quarter of the sample renewed each cycle (year). Each subsample is selected using a two-stage design with first stage unit stratification is used. The first stage is formed by census sections (grouped into 6 strata according to size of municipalities within each of the 18 Autonomous Community) selected within each stratum with a probability proportional to their size, and the second stage by main family dwellings selected with equal probability (via random start systematic sampling). The sampling frame: (1) the area framework was formed by the relation of existing census sections used in the 2003 Municipal Register of Inhabitants; (2) list of main family dwellings in each of the sections were selected.
Achieved sample size	13,026 interviewed households.
Collection	
Collection period	April - June 2005.
Collection mode	Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI).
Description of instruments	There are 3 questionnaires: - Household File: individual-level information for all roster persons: identifiers, survey membership status and citizenship for everyone, birth year/month, sex and main usual activity for former household members, presence in household, presence of parents/partner in household, labour force status and eligibility status for current household members, and hours in care for children aged 12 or below currently household members; - Household Questionnaire: household level information for all sample households: identifiers (including identification of the household respondent), characteristics of main dwelling (including dwelling type, tenure, mortgage information, imputed/actual rent, housing expenditures, housing subsidies), household equipment, subjective well-being, household economic situation (including Social Assistance income, rental income, transfers between households, wealth taxes, income received by children under 16); - Individual Questionnaire: individual-level information for all household members aged 16 or above on December 31st of the year prior to the interview: identifiers, activity (including current main activity and LFS, characteristics of last/current main job, other jobs, yearly calendar of activities), personal incomes in reference year (including income from dependent work, firm vehicle use, income from independent work, capital income, income from and contributions to private - non employer-related - pension schemes, incomes from social benefits, income taxes), other personal information (including health status, access to health care, biographic information, education, work experience); in 2005 there was an additional module on intergenerational transmission of poverty.
Definitions	
Household	The private household is defined as the person or persons who occupy a main family dwelling or part of it in common and consume and/or share food or other goods on the same budget. Group households and institutions are not included in the survey.
Household head	ECV does not use the term head of household but the household respondent (person to be interviewed in the initial contact who will provide general information about the household) instead. The ideal "household respondent" is considered to be the person responsible for the dwelling (i.e. the household member whose name is on the property deed or the (sub)lease contract; in case there is more than one, the eldest); if this is not possible, it should be another adult household member who can "speak on behalf of" the household; in exceptional cases, the respondent could be a person who is not a member of the household (e.g. an offspring or close friend who is perfectly aware of the household in case of households composed by elderly or disabled persons living alone).
Data quality aspects	
Non-response error	At the national level, the effective sample represents 82% of the theoretical one, implying that, as a consequence of the various incidents (invalid/inaccessible address, empty dwelling, absence, incapacity, refusal or no individual questionnaire) and in spite of the substitutions, 18% of the theoretical sample has been lost.
Item non-response / imputation	All items were fully imputed by the data provider. Missing income data were imputed with the use of information from the previous year if available, otherwise the sequential multivariate regression method has been used. Missing dwelling expenditure data have been imputed by calculating average expenditure components for groups of households with similar characteristics.
Weighting	The cross-sectional household weight is designed with the purposes of correcting for sample selection, correcting for unit non-response and inflating to total population size.
Labour market information	
Eligibility	Household members aged 16 years and more
Employment	All persons who are currently mainly working (as self-assessed by the respondent) or who did any work for pay or profit last week (or who were temporarily absent from work) are routed to the section about job characteristics.
Income	
Reference period	Calendar year 2004.
Unit of time	Monthly amounts together with the number of months for wages and social transfers, annual for all other incomes.
Unit of collection	Household level (for rental income, family/children allowances, social assistance, housing allowances, income of persons under 16, transfers between households and income from consumption of own production), and individual level (for all other incomes).
Taxes and contributions	Incomes are collected net of taxes and social contributions (deducted at source). End of year tax corrections are recorded separately.
Restrictions	-
Additional remarks	
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Source: Data provider.