

Original survey information, Spain 2007

<b>Generic information</b>	
Name of survey	Living Conditions Survey (LCS) / <i>Encuesta de Condiciones de Vida (ECV)</i> [serves as input for the Spanish component of the EU-Survey of Income and Living Conditions - SILC]
Responsible institution	Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE), <a href="http://www.ine.es">http://www.ine.es</a>
Main objective	The basic aim of the survey is to study the households' living conditions in relation to their income.
Structure of data source	Panel household survey with a four-year rotational design
Frequency	Annual
Survey year / Wave	2008 survey/ Wave 5
Coverage	All members of private households residing at the main family address and the households themselves.
<b>Sampling</b>	
Sampling procedure	Two-stage area sampling design with census sections as primary units and main family addresses as ultimate sampling units. The sampling frame for the census unit is the 2000 Population Census updated from the Municipal Register .
Sample size	13,014 households
<b>Collection</b>	
Collection period	From March to June 2008
Collection mode	Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI)
Description of instruments	Interviews were carried out on the basis of the following tools: - <i>Household register</i> : household (change in) composition and membership, number of household members, the localisation of the dwelling, the household questionnaire results, socio-demographic characteristics of the household members (including information on the absent members of the households and other members who did not answer the individual questionnaire), parents and partner pointers, childcare. - <i>Household questionnaire</i> : dwelling characteristics and ownership, rent and subsidies, financial situation (social benefits, rent income, intra-household transfers), taxes on wealth; the ad-hoc module on debt and social exclusion is included in the household questionnaire. - <i>Individual questionnaire</i> : main activity status, job searching, job characteristics, years worked, calendar of activities, personal income, other personal data (subjective health, country of birth, marital status, education level).
<b>Definitions</b>	
Household	Household is defined as an individual or a group of people occupying together a main family address or a part of it and consuming/sharing food or other goods paid out of a common budget. Resident boarders, lodgers, tenants, visitors, domestic servants and au-pairs are considered as household members only if they do not have a private address that they consider their own elsewhere and their actual or intended duration of stay is at least six months and they share expenses.
Household head	SILC survey does not use the notion of household head, instead there are two concepts used: the ideal household respondent, who is considered to be the person responsible for the dwelling, and the household member responding to the household questionnaire, who may differ from the ideal one respondent. <i>Note</i> : LIS uses the ideal household respondent as a household head.
<b>Data quality aspects</b>	
Non-response error	The household non-response rate for the panel sample was 31.29%, while overall individual non-response rate was 31.75%.
Item non-response / imputation	Income variables were fully imputed (at the SILC income aggregate level in case of item non-response, and as a total income amount for the non-respondent in case of partial unit non-response). Other items were not imputed.
Weighting	The household cross-sectional weights are the result of a calibration procedure and they were corrected for non-response error.
<b>Labour market information</b>	
Eligibility	Household members aged 16 years and more on 31 December 2007
Employment	Information available from three sources: (1) Current labour market status (self-reported). (2) Worked at least 1 hour for pay or profit during the previous week or was not working but had a job or business from which was absent during the previous week (ILO employed). Includes also unpaid workers for a family business. (3) Main activity status in a month. Calendar of activities available for each month of the previous year and for the first months of the current year (January 2007 to June 2008). Information on job characteristics is available for everyone who worked at least 1 hour during the previous week and for those who defined themselves as currently working even if they did not work last week.
<b>Income</b>	
Reference period	Calendar year 2007
Unit of time	Monthly amounts times number of months received
Unit of collection	Individual level for most income sources. Household level for certain social benefits and inter-household transfers in addition to investment income and profits. Individual level information on incomes collected from all household members aged 16 and older.
Taxes and contributions	All incomes were asked both in gross and net terms (when applicable). In case either of the two was missing, the data provider simulated taxes and contributions to get the other one (at the level of SILC income aggregates).
Restrictions	-
<b>Additional remarks</b>	
	Age is top-coded at 85 years.

Source: Instituto Nacional de Estadística (2009), *Intermediate Quality Report. Survey on Income and Living Conditions Spain (Spanish ECV 2008)*, Madrid.