### Generic information

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<th>Living Conditions Survey (LCS) / Encuesta de Condiciones de Vida (ECV)</th>
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<td>Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE), <a href="http://www.ine.es">http://www.ine.es</a></td>
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<td>The basic aim of the survey is to study the households’ living conditions in relation to their income.</td>
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### Sampling

| Sampling procedure | Two-stage area sampling design with census section 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 | 13,109 households |

### Collection

| Collection period | From March to June 2011 |
| Collection mode | Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) |

### Description of instruments

- **Household register**: household change 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.
- **Household questionnaire**: dwelling characteristics and ownership, rent and subsidies, financial situation (social benefits, rent income, intra-household transfers), taxes on wealth.
- **Individual-level questionnaire**: 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); the ad-hoc module on intergenerational transmission of disadvantages is included in the individual questionnaire (asked to the household members aged between 25 and 59 years old) and includes information about immigration status and education level of parents of the respondents.

### Definitions

**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.

### Data quality aspects

**Non-response error**: The household non-response rate for the panel sample was 37.24%, while overall individual non-response rate was 34.40%.

**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 have been corrected for non-response error.

### Labour market information

**Eligibility**: Households members aged 16 years and more on 31 December 2010

**Employment**: Information available from three sources:

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).

**Income**: Information on job characteristics is available for everyone who worked at least 1 hour in the previous week and for those who defined themselves as currently working even if they did not work last week.

**Reference period**: Calendar year 2010

**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).

### Additional remarks

- Age is top-coded at 85 years.
- LCS serves as an input for the Spanish component of the EU-Survey of Income and Living Conditions - SILC.