

Original survey information, Spain 1985

Generic information	
Name of survey	Household Budget Continuous Survey / <i>Encuesta Continua de Presupuestos Familiares (ECPF)</i>
Responsible institution	National Statistical Institute (Instituto Nacional de Estadística - INE) ; www.ine.es
Main objective	The main objective of the survey is to provide quarterly and annual information on the origin and the amount of household income, and the way in which it is used for different consumption expenses. Variables studied: household consumption expenses by goods and services in monetary terms, consumption of certain food goods and tobacco in physical quantities, household income by household size and type, level of household income and personal characteristics. Consumption expenditures recorded in the Survey relate not only to the monetary flow that use the household and each one of its members to the payment of certain goods and services, considered as goods and services of final consumption, but also to the value of goods perceived for self-consumption, self-supply, wage in kind, free or discounted meals and imputed rent of owner occupied dwellings or subsidised ones.
Structure of data source	It was conducted from 1985 to 2005 as a quarterly panel data. Since 1986 a rotational panel structure was introduced. Since 2006, it has been substituted by the European Community Household Budget Survey (ECHP).
Frequency	Quarterly.
Survey year / Wave	1985 / 1
Coverage	Private households on the national territory.
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	Two-stage sampling in order to reach an independent sample for each Autonomous Community. At the first stage the total of 32000 electoral constituencies of Spain are divided in strata according to the size of locality. These strata are subdivided according to the active population that falls in each and 584 representative constituencies are selected, with a minimum of 84 household per Autonomous Community. From each selected constituency 5 or 6 households are interviewed and an equal number is retained as substitutes in case of non-response, thus a theoretical sample of 3200 households is selected. Since 1986 the panel is renew at a rate of 12.5 % per quarter.
Achieved sample size	1st quarter: 3,049 households; 2nd quarter: 3,172 households; 3rd quarter: 3,141 households; 4th quarter: 3,165 households. 91.53% of the households are present in all quarters; 7.19% are present in 3 quarters; 0.90% are present in 2 quarters and 0.37% are present in only 1 quarter. <i>Note:</i> All households who were not interviewed in the 4th quarter were excluded from the LIS sample (48 households).
Collection	
Collection period	January – December 1985
Collection mode	Interview and Diary.
Description of instruments	Information is collected through 4 instruments: - CPF1: <i>Libreta de Cuentas del Hogar</i> (Household Diary): collects information on i) household expenditures on goods and services ii) consumption on food and beverages derived from own-consumption and own-provision; iii) consumption on food and beverages derived from in-kind earnings. - CPF2: <i>Libreta Individual de Pagos</i> (Individual Diary) : collects information on daily individual expenditures on goods and services, filled by all household members aged 14 or above, with the exception of the person who answers to CPF1 and the absent household members who receive remittances. - CPF3 : <i>Pagos de Referencia Mensual y Trimestral</i> (Monthly and Quarterly Expenditures): collects information on: i) monthly household expenditures on clothing and footwear; ii) monthly household expenditures on other goods and services; iii) quarterly household expenditures. - CPF4: <i>Datos Generales del Hogar</i> (General Household Characteristics): collects information on: i). household composition (identification of the head, relationship to the head, identification of household members, domestic servants, boarders and guests), ii): characteristics of the head (sex, age, education, LFS, activity if employed, receipt of 6 incomes types), iii). characteristics of the spouse (sex, age, LFS, activity if employed, receipt of 6 incomes types), iv). characteristics of other household members (age, sex and receipt of 6 income types), v). characteristics of principal and secundar residence (including tenure, housing costs and imputed rent), vi). payments for housing acquisition (in the last 3 months), vii). household incomes (including net amounts of 8 different income sources in the last three months for each income recipient, as well as info on meals offered by the employer).
Definitions	
Household	It is defined by the data provider as a household member someone who lives in the household for more than 4 months and depends economically of the households or does not live currently in the household but depends economically in the household, it is present in the household and lived at least 3 of the last 6 months in the household.
Household head	The household head is defined as the main provider of the household (self-defined), " <i>sustentador principal</i> ".
Data quality aspects	
Non-response error	The non-response rate in the 1st quarter was 4,7 %; in the 2nd quarter: 0,89%; in the 3rd quarter: 1,84% and in the 4th quarter: 1,09%.
Item non-response / imputation	Items missing income components are imputed.
Weighting	Household weights are provided and they inflate to the whole population.
Labour market information	
Eligibility	Only heads and their spouses aged 16 and older were asked the labour market questions.
Employment	Labour market status during the week preceding the interview (for each quarter) is available, distinguishing between full and part time working, unemployed, domestic workers and other inactives. The employed heads and their spouses are asked also about occupation .
Income	
Reference period	Each quarter of the year 1985.
Unit of time	Mostly quarterly income.
Unit of collection	Incomes were collected at the individual level.
Taxes and contributions	Not captured; it is a net database.
Restrictions	Income, although collected at the individual level, is provided by the data provider only at the household level.
Additional remarks	
	Only very few personal characteristics (age, sex, relationship to the head) are available at the individual level for each household member; labour market information is available only for heads and their spouses, while education is only available for heads. The region information, although collected, is not provided. The participation in the survey was mandatory and due to the fact that the survey was carried out by an institute depending on the Ministry of Economy raised concerns that the incomes might have been underreported (see source 2).

Sources: [1] Lopez, A., An Assessment of the Encuesta Continua de Presupuestos Familiares (1985-89) as a Source of Information for Applied Research, Economics Working Paper