

Original survey information, Greece 2007

Generic information	
Name of survey	Greek Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) / ΕΡΕΥΝΑ ΕΙΣΟΔΗΜΑΤΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΣΥΝΘΗΚΩΝ ΔΙΑΒΙΩΣΗΣ ΤΩΝ ΝΟΙΚΟΚΥΡΤΩΝ
Responsible institution	Hellenic Statistical Authority (EL.STAT.), http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE
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 (Greece was part of the 2003 pilot of EU-SILC)
Survey year / Wave	2008 survey / Wave 6
Coverage	All residents officially living on the Greek territory in private households.
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	Two-stage area sampling design with areas as primary sampling units and households as ultimate sampling units. Geographical stratification is based on the 13 standard administrative regions corresponding to the European NUTS2 to which are added the two major urban agglomerations. The second level of stratification groups municipalities and communes within each region by degree of urbanization. The final number of strata was 90. The sampling frame is the population census of 2001 updated just before the fieldwork.
Sample size	6,504 households
Collection	
Collection period	From April to June 2008
Collection mode	Mostly Paper-Assisted Personal Interview (PAPI); other techniques include Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI), Computer-Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) and self-administered questionnaire (small sample).
Description of instruments	Interviews were carried out on the basis of the following tools: - <i>Household register</i> (asked to the household respondent): household (change in) composition and membership, number of household members, the localisation of the dwelling, the household questionnaire results. - <i>Household questionnaire</i> (asked to the household respondent): dwelling characteristics, housing costs, the (subjective) financial situation, incomes of children less than 16 and tax on wealth. - <i>Ad-hoc module on over-indebtedness and financial exclusion</i> (asked to the household respondent): information on the bank accounts and overdraft, the credit/store cards, the source of credits and loans and the arrears, information on significant drops in the income during the last 12 months and expectations for the next 12 months. - <i>Personal register</i> (asked to the household respondent): current membership status of all household members, child care & schooling for children up to 12 years old, and the members' tracing sheet. - <i>Personal questionnaire</i> (asked to all individuals aged 15 or above): socio-demographic characteristics, labour market activity and various individual level incomes and benefits / allowances and income taxes.
Definitions	
Household	Household is defined as a person living alone or a group of people who live together in the same dwelling and share expenditures including the joint provision of the essentials of living. Resident boarders, lodgers, tenants, visitors, domestic servants and au-pairs are considered as household members if they do not have a private address elsewhere or their actual or intended duration of stay is at least six months. The definition excludes persons living in collective households and in institutions and households with members of diplomatic missions.
Household head	SILC survey does not use the notion of household head, instead two concepts are 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. <i>Note:</i> LIS uses as household head the ideal household respondent.
Data quality aspects	
Non-response error	The household non-response rate for the panel sample is 10.03%, while the overall individual nonresponse rate is 10.57%.
Item non-response / imputation	Imputations were made during the collection of the data, however it is not possible to identify the imputed items. For people who were interviewed before June, the calendar of activities up to June 2008 was imputed by the data provider based on the last information recorded.
Weighting	Household cross-sectional weights are the result of a calibration procedure using the household size, the tenure status and the Geographical Region (NUTS2) in conjunction with external sources. Weights have also been corrected for non-response error.
Labour market information	
Eligibility	16 years old and over
Employment	Information available from three sources: (1) 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. (2) Current labour market status (self-reported). (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 in the previous week. More detailed information on the current job is available for those who defined themselves as employees or self-employed.
Income	
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	Amounts were collected net of taxes and contribution. After data collection the taxes and contributions were simulated per component by the data provider.
Restrictions	--
Additional remarks	
	The national Greek SILC data is much more detailed in information, especially regarding income than the EU-SILC for which it serves as an input.

Sources: [1] Hellenic Statistical Authority (2010), *Intermediate Quality Report- Greece SILC 2008* (doc. 20102), Piraeus. [2] Eurostat (2010), *Comparative*