

Original survey information, Israel 2001

Generic information	
Name of survey	Household Expenditure Survey / סקר הוצאות משק הבית
Responsible institution	Central Bureau of Statistics, www.cbs.gov.il
Main objective	To obtain the components of household budgets and to determine the weights of each component in the "consumption basket" that is used in computing the Consumer Price Index. To provide the basis for policies set by government ministries, and for the follow-up of policy implementation.
Structure of data source	Cross-sectional, with monthly rotation of households.
Frequency	Annual (since 1997, every 5 years from 1950 to 1997)
Survey year / Wave	2001 survey.
Coverage	Entire urban and non-urban population except for kibbutzim, collective moshavim, Bedouins living outside of cities, and residents of institutions. Additionally, the population of East Jerusalem was not surveyed due to difficulties encountered in investigating that population.
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	A two-phase sample: in the first phase, a sample of localities was selected; and in the second phase, dwellings were sampled from the chosen localities, with a uniform final sampling probability for all dwellings in the population - 1:249. Sampling frames prepared from local municipal property tax files of local authorities or from lists of households obtained from municipal secretariats, plus additional sampling frames for complementary samples of not covered dwellings
Sample size	A total of 7,509 dwellings were sampled. The achieved sample size was 5,829 households.
Collection	
Collection period	January 2001 to January 2002
Collection mode	Direct interview (face-to-face) and diaries.
Description of instruments	The survey instruments include: - a biweekly diary, in which the household recorded each member's daily expenditures over a period of two weeks; - two household questionnaires filled out by the interviewer, including: i) A questionnaire on household structure, which records the basic demographic and economic data on each member of the household (e.g., age, sex, country of birth, year of immigration, status at work, etc.); ii) A questionnaire on large or exceptional expenditures and on income, which is based on the the household reports related to the 3 - month or 12-month period preceding the interview date (depending on the rarity of expenditures for the items investigated).
Definitions	
Household	A group of people who live together permanently in one dwelling most of the week and have shared food budget.
Household head	The economic head of household. The economic head of household is the main earner of the household; i.e. the employed person (including a member of the permanent army) who usually works the most hours per week. If there is more than one person in the household who fits the definition of head of household or if the household has no earner, the person whom the respondent considers to be head of household is defined as the head of household. Note: the head of household is aged 18+ (except in households consisting solely of persons aged 15-17, and households where the only employed person is aged 15-17).
Data quality aspects	
Non-response error	16.6% of the 6,938 households that met the investigation criteria were not included directly in the survey estimates.
Item non-response / imputation	Extensive imputation carried out for expenditure data; full imputation for compulsory payments (social security contributions and income taxes).
Weighting	All members of a given household have the same weighting coefficient that reflects the number of households and persons in the survey population, which that household represents. The weighting coefficients for the various groups of households were determined in a way that would also assure full correspondence between the survey estimates and the distribution of the survey population by sex and age groups, and geographic crosssections based on the current demographic data of the Central Bureau of Statistics.
Labour market information	
Eligibility	Each household member aged 15 or over.
Definition of employment	The employed comprise persons who worked at least one hour in the last three-month period.
Income	
Reference period	Three-month period preceding the interview (i.e. from October 2000 to December 2001).
Unit of time	Monthly amounts.
Unit of collection	Household for all income sources (plus individual incomes for income from employed work, self-employed work and work related pensions).
Taxes and contributions	Amounts are collected gross of taxes and contributions, and income taxes and social security contributions were imputed.
Restrictions	--
Additional remarks	
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Source: [1] Data provider; [2] Ad hoc documentation prepared by the National Insurance Institute (NII) of Israel.