

Original survey information, Israel 2007

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
Survey year / Wave	2007
Coverage	The survey population includes the entire urban and non-urban population (including the population of East Jerusalem) except for kibbutzim, collective moshavim and Bedouins living outside of localities.
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	Main sample: two-stage stratified random sampling, with a sample of localities selected in a first phase from a list of localities belonging to the sample population, and a sample of dwellings selected in the second stage from local municipal property tax files of local authorities, or from lists of households obtained from municipal secretariats (usually in small localities). Since the property tax files and household lists in small localities do not cover all dwellings inhabited by households that belong to the survey population, complementary samples were taken from additional sampling frames to reduce this non-coverage. The interviewing quotas were allocated by weeks so that a balanced sample would be obtained for each quarter-year, according to various socio-economic and geographic characteristics
Sample size	6,173 households were successfully interviewed.
Collection	
Collection period	January 2007 to January 2008. Investigation of the sample was spread across the entire survey period, so that all weeks in the investigation period would be represented.
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	Out of 7,628 sampled dwellings, 6,872 households met the investigation criteria. Out of 6,872 households, 9.7% did not end up in the final sample size due to refusal, absence, communication and other difficulties. Additionally, 0.5% out of 6,872 households was disqualified in the editing process.
Item non-response / imputation	Data concerning compulsory payments were calculated on the basis of the various tax regulations. No imputation was made for income that originates in the use of one's dwelling and for various types of in-kind income (non- financial income).
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	Household members aged 15 or over.
Employment	The employed comprise persons who worked at least one hour in the last three-month period.
Income	
Reference period	Last three months.
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	Incomes are given gross of taxes and contributions. Data on taxes and social contributions (which are based on imputations) are also available.
Restrictions	--
Additional remarks	
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Source: [1] Central Bureau of Statistics (2007), *Israel household expenditure survey and income survey 2007*, Statistilite 91, Retrieved from http://www.cbs.gov.il/www/statistical/home07_e.pdf; [2] Data provider; [3] *Ad hoc* documentation prepared by the National Insurance Institute (NII) of Israel.