

Original survey information, Israel 1992

Generic information	
Name of survey	Household Expenditure Survey / סקר הוצאות משק הבית
Responsible institution	Central Bureau of Statistics, www.cbs.gov.il
Main objective	The findings of the Survey are used in order to determine the "weights" for the Consumer Price Index Basket.
Structure of data source	Cross-sectional.
Frequency	Every 5 years.
Survey year / Wave	1992-93 survey.
Coverage	Households in urban localities only. Households from urban localities with less than 2,000 inhabitants have been excluded from the sample, as well as non jewish households of East Jerusalem, temporary residents, tourists, diplomats and the institutionalized population. Residents of student dormitories, absorption centers in urban localities, housing facilities for the elderly have been included. Residents of Israel and their households who were abroad for less than three have also been included. Persons who were in compulsory service in the army and single persons serving at a ship have been registered at their permanent address and have been included in the survey.
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	Random two-stage sample of the units within the sampling frame. In the first stage, the localities (each over 2,000 inhabitants, thus excluding rural localities) were sampled and in the second, dwellings from the property tax file were sampled on a random basis for every locality that was selected for the sample.
Sample size	In total 5,212 households (weighted 1,276,662) have actually been surveyed.
Collection	
Collection period	June 1992 to June 1993.
Collection mode	Direct interview (face-to-face) and diaries.
Description of instruments	Three methods were combined: 1. Daily records in a diary for consumption; 2. Questionnaire for detailed information relating to the period preceding the investigation month (filled out by the interviewer); 3. Questionnaire with basic information for each persons determined as belonging to the household (filled out by the interviewer). One household member could answer for the household and the other members. Respondents were asked for salary slip and other pay records in order to fill in questionnaires.
Definitions	
Household	A group of people who live in the same dwelling most days of the week (usually sleeping at the dwelling at least four days a week) and who share a common food budget. In most cases, the definition resembles a "family" in its usual meaning . In special cases persons who are serving compulsory service in the army and do not have a civilian address are included. Also, single persons who are serving on a ship or flight crew, married persons who are away because of work or studies, children up to the age of 18 who study (and live) at institutions.
Household head	--
Data quality aspects	
Non-response error	77.7% of the sampled households have actually been interviewed.
Item non-response / imputation	The income of individuals who did not report their income from work was generally imputed manually, according to the income of "similar cases" from the survey itself. Income taxes were imputed mechanically for every employed household member and pension recipient as well as for income (non work- related) subject to income taxes. Payroll taxes (social insurance contributions) were imputed for every employed household member according to the table of rates of the National Insurance Institute. Municipal Property Taxes have also been imputed.
Weighting	To obtain estimates for the entire survey population an 'inflating co-efficient" was calculated for each household in the final sample, which express the number of households in the population represented by it. The weighting did not help adjust for missing data or other sampling errors related to income.
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.
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	Households only reported their gross income. Taxes were imputed afterwards.
Restrictions	--
Additional remarks	
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Source: [1] Data provider; [2] Ad hoc documentation prepared by the National Insurance Institute (NII) of Israel.