

Original survey information, Iceland 2007

Generic information	
Name of survey	European Survey of Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC): Iceland.
Responsible institution	Statistics Iceland (STATICE) / <i>Hagstofa Íslands</i> , www.statice.is
Main objective	To provide information on living conditions and incomes of individuals in private households.
Structure of data source	Rotational panel household survey and administrative registers.
Frequency	Annual since 2004.
Survey year / Wave	2005
Coverage	Persons living in private households.
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	The sample plan is a simple random sample in one step. For the rotational panel four even one-stage simple random samples without stratification were used. The sampling units are persons aged 16 years or more living in private households, selected from the Icelandic population register. The households of the selected respondents are the household units. The reference population is persons aged 16 years or more at the end of the year 2007 living in private households.
Sample size	2,887 households.
Collection	
Collection period	19 February - 16 April 2008
Collection mode	Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) with selected respondents and register information.
Description of instruments	Telephone interviews were carried out on the basis of the following tools: - <i>Household Register</i> filled by the interviewer with the results of the interview and status of the household; including information on the person who answered the interview and the person(s) responsible for the dwelling; - <i>Household Questionnaire</i> asked to the selected respondent (over 16 years old), except if under 26 years and a parent/other household member responsible for the dwelling in the household, in which case it is asked to the latter; including information on dwelling characteristics, housing costs, regular inter-household transfers, the subjective financial situation; - <i>Individual Questionnaire</i> asked to the selected respondent (over 16 years old) who also answers for all the other household members aged 16 years and over; including information on socio-demographic characteristics, education level, subjective health, main activity status, job search, job characteristics, usual number of hours worked per week, calendar of activities for last year, main occupation and industry; - <i>Individual Register</i> asked to the selected respondent (over 16 years old); including information on basic activity status for all household members, the education enrolment of children under 12 and childcare; and filled by the interviewer with the results of the interview and status of the household member; - <i>Ad-hoc Module on Debt and Social Exclusion</i> asked to the respondent to the <i>Household Questionnaire</i> , containing information about bank accounts and credit/stores cards of the household; sources of credits and loans, arrears, drops in income since last year, future expectations and financial exclusion. Information from the administrative registers was used for all incomes and taxes (except the interhousehold transfers) and additional information was added from the administrative registers to the Household Register and Individual Register.
Definitions	
Household	<i>Private household</i> : individuals that share food, meaning that they either do not pay for their food or that they share expenses for food; the definition does not require that they eat at the same times or that they are related. <i>Household members</i> : persons who spend most of their nights at the address of the household; individuals that are temporarily away (not having a private address elsewhere) and will return to the household are considered as household members (e.g. children/youngsters in boarding schools, seamen / fishermen, individuals admitted to hospitals or imprisoned and those that are working for longer periods away from home).
Household head	The reference person is the household member who is the first responsible for the dwelling.
Data quality aspects	
Non-response error	The total individual non-response rate 26,71%. Since only 1 selected respondent was interviewed by household it is equal with the household non-response rate.
Item non-response / imputation	Imputation of item non-response has been carried out. In the case of incomes imputations were applied only for the intra-households transfers (information which could not be retrieved from registers).
Weighting	Post stratification weights at the household level are used to adjust the data to the population aged 16+. The weights are based on age, sex and residence. The weights both adjust for nonresponse and sampling error. Additional individual weight for the selected respondents sub-sample is provided.
Labour market information	
Eligibility	All household members aged 16 and over.
Employment	Information available from two sources: (1) current labour market status. (2) main activity status in current month. Calendar of activities available for each month of the previous year. Information on job characteristics is available for those who define themselves as currently working.
Income	
Reference period	Calendar year 2007
Unit of time	Yearly incomes
Unit of collection	All income data are collected at the individual level from the national register, except the interhousehold transfers that are asked in the household questionnaire at the household level.
Taxes and contributions	Gross data with taxes and social contributions reported separately. Taxes and contributions are collected from the administrative registers and provided at the household level.
Restrictions	-
Additional remarks	
	Age is top coded at 80 years.

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