

Original survey information, LIS - Netherlands 2004

Generic information	
Name of survey	Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC)
Responsible institution	Statistics Netherlands / Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek (CBS)
Main objective	To provide (the European Commission with) a first class statistical instrument for poverty and inequality studies, a follow up of social cohesion within the relevant territory, the study of population needs and the impact of social and economic policies on households and people, as well as the design of new policies.
Structure of data source	Panel household survey with a four-year rotational design, linked to the Labour Force Survey (LFS/EBB), and with an increasing use of register data based on the municipal Population Register (GBA). Priority is granted to the production of high-quality transversal data as regards punctuality and comparability.
Frequency	Annual (each year is denominated a survey cycle)
Survey year / Wave	2005 survey , extended with module on intergenerational links
Coverage	Territory of Netherlands, excluding overseas territories, all private (non-institutional) households.
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	The sample design of the Labour Force Survey is used. Households which consist of exclusively persons aged 65 years or over are not present in the LFS. A separate sample is being drawn from those households. The sampling frame uses the Geographical Basic Register (GBR). The GBR is a list of all addresses in the Netherlands as assembled by TNT Post.
Sample size	The gross sample includes around 10,000 household.
Collection	
Collection period	April 9th to May22nd 2005
Collection mode	The data come from three different sources: - income (and some demographic) data comes mostly from a variety of registers (Municipal Population Register, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Housing, etc.); - labour market data comes mostly from the LFS/EBB survey (through CAPI interview); - an ad hoc SILC (CATI) interview collects some complementary data not available through either of the two above mentioned sources.
Description of instruments	Adult questionnaire for questions from the LFS/EBB, combined with the individual and household questionnaire for EU-SILC. The SILC questionnaire includes questions on some SILC specific labour information, as well as information on a handful of income components, child-care, dwelling, subjective well-being, health, and specific SILC modules. Questions regarding the household, dwelling and financial situation of the household are answered by one person from the core household. Other modules in the questionnaire (for instance on previous employment, or health perception) are answered by a randomly selected person of 16 years or over, the "selected respondent".
Definitions	
Household	The household definition is based on sharing expenditures (housekeeping concept).
Household head	EU-SILC does not use the term head of household. The ideal "household respondent" is considered to be the person responsible for the dwelling. The household member responding to the household questionnaire may differ from the ideal one. Note: LIS uses the person responsible for the accommodation as head.
Data quality aspects	
Non-response error	Of all the respondents in the LFS, around 75% is willing to participate in the EU-Silc survey.
Item non-response / imputation	Missing values because of item non-response as well as partial unit non-response are fully imputed.
Weighting	The data provider calculated a household cross-sectional weight which corrects for household non-response and calibrates to external data (including the inflation to total population). The data provider also calculated a weight to be used for those questions answered by selected respondents only (see information on Collection).
Labour market information	
Eligibility	Household members aged 16 years and over on 31 December 2004. Note that some information is only available for the selected respondents of the LFS/EBB.
Employment	Derived from the definitions and questions in the LFS. The reference period is mostly at present or last week, some information refer to the calendar year 2004.
Income	
Reference period	Calendar year 2004.
Unit of time	Annual.
Unit of collection	Household level (for transfers between households) and individual level for all other incomes (that come from administrative sources).
Taxes and contributions	Most income data come from registers and information on income taxes and social security contributions is hence fully available.
Restrictions	-
Additional remarks	
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Source: [1] Data provider; [2] A detailed information about this survey can be found in document EU-SILC 065/04.pdf , or at
 <http://www.cbs.nl/NR/rdonlyres/C2EBBCC9-5051-4646-939C-D1F60DD9136B/0/eusilmicrodata.pdf> (in Dutch)..