

Original survey information, *Netherlands 1999*

Generic information	
Name of survey	Dutch Socio-Economic Panel / <i>Sociaal-echonomisch panelonderzoek (SEP)</i>
Responsible institution	Statistics Netherlands / <i>Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek (CBS)</i> , www.cbs.nl
Main objective	To measure the socio-economic situation of the households.
Structure of data source	Cross-sectional and longitudinal.
Frequency	Annual
Survey year / Wave	2000
Coverage	Private households in the whole territory
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	Two-stage sample in 1984: first stage sample of municipalities, second stage sample of addresses. The sample designed to be self-weighting. New households are added each wave to compensate for attrition. Sampling frame: Basic Geographic Register containing all post addresses.
Sample size	5007 households
Collection	
Collection period	April 2000 - September 2000
Collection mode	Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI)
Description of instruments	The SEP survey instruments include the household questionnaires (demographics and general part on living conditions) and individual questionnaires for a maximum of six household members.
Definitions	
Household	A household is defined as a group of two or more persons who live together in a domestic situation and conduct a joint household, as well as a person who conducts an independent household on his own account.
Household head	For married couples the husband is deemed to be the head of the household and in one-parent families the parent. In other cases the head of the household is the person who is considered to be such by the members of the household. If this is still unclear, the owner or person renting the dwelling, the cost winner or the oldest member of the household are deemed, in that order, to be the head of the household.
Data quality aspects	
Non-response error	The initial non-response, when households are approached initially for the survey, was around 50%.
Item non-response / imputation	None.
Weighting	Longitudinal individual weights only. The weight adjusts demographic and geographic characteristics of the sample to the population.
Labour market information	
Eligibility	Household members aged 16 years and over on 31 December 1999.
Employment	Information available on: - current labour force status, - activity on which is spent the most time - monthly calendar of activities.
Income	
Reference period	Calendar year 1999
Unit of time	Annual amounts.
Unit of collection	Mostly individual, some income sources at the household level.
Taxes and contributions	Amounts were collected gross of taxes and contribution and information on taxes and social contributions was also collected separately.
Restrictions	--
Additional remarks	

Source: [1] Central Bureau of Statistics (1991), *The Socio-Economic Panel Survey: content, design and organization*, Voorburg/Heerlen. [2]