

Original survey information, Panama 2010

Generic information	
Name of survey	Labour Market Survey / <i>Encuesta de Mercado Laboral (EML)</i> - part of the Household Continuous Survey / <i>Encuesta Continua de Hogares (ECH)</i>
Responsible institution	National Institute of Statistics and Census / <i>Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censo (INEC)</i> , http://www.contraloria.gob.pa/inec
Main objective	To generate indicators and conduct assessments of the labour market conditions and poverty of the population.
Structure of data source	Repeated cross-sectional household survey.
Frequency	The ECH is carried out twice a year, in March and August; the core of the survey is the same, but in each of the two months there are specific questions: - the March survey (referred to as <i>Encuesta de Propósitos Múltiples</i>) has special sections (changing every year) on migration, remittances, dwelling characteristics, access to technology, etc. - the August survey (referred to as <i>Encuesta de Mercado Laboral</i>) has more detail on labour market characteristics.
Survey year / Wave	(August) 2010
Coverage	National population living in private dwellings in both urban and rural areas, including indigenous population.
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	Stratified multi-stage sample procedure, using primary units (UPM) having a size of 20 or more private dwellings, located both in non-indigenous areas and in the indigenous ones, are selected based on the 2010 census and secondary units are the private households. Sampling frame: statistical information from population and dwelling census (<i>Censos de Población y Vivienda</i>) from 2010.
Sample size	16,254 households were visited, of which 15,869 are located in non-indigenous areas and 385 in the indigenous areas (<i>comarcas indígenas</i>). The final sample size is of 13,391 households.
Collection	
Collection period	1-28 August 2010.
Collection mode	CAPI
Description of instruments	One unique questionnaire that includes questions regarding the household localisation and composition, other household information (tenure), socio-economical characteristics of the household members: generic characteristics for all persons, education characteristics for persons aged 4 and above, and economic characteristics for persons aged 10 and above (detailed labour market information, labour income from main job, secondary job and independent activity, public and private transfers monetary and in kind).
Definitions	
Household	A private household is a family or other group of persons, with or without family ties, but living together under a family regime or a person who lives alone.
Household head	The person recognised as such by other family members. In the questionnaires without a identification of the head of the family, the data provider coded as head of the family: (1) the female partner (married or in cohabitation); (2) if there is no spouse, is considered as head the older person in the household.
Data quality aspects	
Non-response error	Out of 16,254 visited households, 13,391 households were successfully interviewed.
Item non-response / imputation	-
Weighting	The weights are available: at the individual level; at the household level and at the dwelling level. The weights inflate to the overall population of Panama.
Labour market information	
Eligibility	Individuals aged 10 years and older.
Employment	Worked at least 1 hour for pay or profit during the previous week or was not working but had a job or business from which was absent during the previous week (ILO employed). The data provider defines as employed population those who: (a) have an occupation paid in money or in kind, for the period of reference; (b) work regularly in a business or enterprise of a family member, even when they do not receive salary or wage (family worker); (c) have a fixed paid occupation, but they did not exercised it any day of the reference period for a transient reason: due to illness or accident; by labor disputes; by transient interruption of work or because of bad weather or breakdowns in the machinery; for holiday, permission or license. (d) they work for fixed periods, even if they did not work in the reference week.
Income	
Reference period	The month previous to the interview for all labour income and all other incomes, social benefits and private transfers.
Unit of time	Main job monetary income for employees: month if regular; if irregular income: day, task/job done, or hour; In-kind income, self-employment income, capital income and transfers: month.
Unit of collection	Individuals aged 10 years and older for labour income; all household members for other incomes, transfers and social benefits.
Taxes and contributions	Wages are collected gross; self-employment earnings are collected net. Social contributions and taxes were not available, only the information if the person pays social contributions was available. Taxes were estimated using the tax percentage by income range; social contributions were estimated by type of income (self-employed or dependent) for those who were directly insured.
Restrictions	-
Additional remarks	
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Sources: data provider; <http://www.contraloria.gob.pa/inec>