

Original survey information, Serbia 2006

<b>Generic information</b>	
Name of survey	Household Budget Survey ( HBS) / <i>Анкета о потрошњи домаћинства</i>
Responsible institution	Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia (SORS) / <i>Републички завод за статистику</i>
Main objective	The survey is used for: analysis of structural changes in consumption resulting from changes in economy, construction of poverty line on the basis of which is determined the level of social assistance, calculating personal consumption of the population in National Accounts, as well as for calculating Consumer Price Index (CPI), and calculation of quantity or value of consumption of specific products and services.
Structure of data source	Cross-sectional data.
Frequency	The Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia has been conducting the Household Budget Survey since 2003. The frequency is yearly.
Survey year / Wave	2006 / Wave IV.
Coverage	The survey covers all private households in Serbia. It does not cover collective households (hospitals, prisons, monasteries, boarding schools and similar); except if a person stays in a collective household for less than six month, then he or she is included the survey.
<b>Sampling</b>	
Sampling procedure	The sample is a two-stage, stratified sample. The first stage units are enumeration districts and the second stage units are households. Enumeration districts, as primary units, are stratified by the type of settlement (urban and other) and by territory (the central Serbia and Vojvodina are basic territorial strata). Sample selection was carried out by selecting the first stage units (enumeration districts) in proportion to the number of household, and the second stage units (households) were selected with equal probability (simple random selection).
Sample size	200 households are planned to be interviewed every fifteen days, with 4800 households envisaged for the survey annually. The actual sample size in 2006 was: 4,560 households.
<b>Collection</b>	
Collection period	January-December 2006.
Collection mode	The survey applies the method of diary keeping (a household keeps a individual consumption diary for fifteen, i.e. sixteen days) regarding the items and services of individual consumption and also interview method on the basis of questionnaires.
Description of instruments	The following instruments are used: -1 diary: D-1 Diary: contains questions on households' consumption (COICOP classification) for 15 days; -3 questionnaires: a). P-1 Household Characteristics and Economic Activities: contains questions on demographic characteristics of the household members and economics activities; b). P-2 Housing Conditions: contains questions on households' housing conditions and available durables, data on elements of a holding, and purchase of semi-durable goods and services in the last 3 months; c). P-3 Purchase of Durable Goods: purchase of durable goods and services in the last 12 months; revenue and expenditure from transactions, credits and other debts, individual incomes and transfers during the previous month, revenue and expenditure of business and of farming, hunting, and fishing activities.
<b>Definitions</b>	
Household	A household is a community of persons whose members live together, prepare food and spend earned income jointly or a single person, living, preparing food and spending income on his/her own. Household members are the following persons: pupils and students, regardless the time spent outside his/her household (schools, universities); household members temporarily absent ( in compulsory military service, serving the sentence in prison less than a year); daily or weekly migrants, persons who work or go to school in other place in the country or abroad and have economic relations with household (with no household there) where they stay more than a month during a year, are also considered as household members and temporarily absent persons. Subtenants (lodgers) who live in same dwelling, but do not eat together with household members, are not included into members of that household, but are a separate household with residence on that address and are surveyed as separate household in that housing unit.
Household head	Self-defined by the household.
<b>Data quality aspects</b>	
Non-response error	5 %.
Item non-response / imputation	-
Weighting	Weights of the household available that inflate to the population.
<b>Labour market information</b>	
Eligibility	15 years old and over.
Employment	We have indication only on the main activity during the previous 12 months and if they had a secondary activity. Few characteristics of the main job are available (occupation, sector, months worked in the last year).
<b>Income</b>	
Reference period	The reference period for income it is the last three months; in some cases (incomes from sales for ex. ) the last 12 months.
Unit of time	Mostly 3 months; some yearly.
Unit of collection	Mostly individual (15 years old and over); for some incomes: household.
Taxes and contributions	Not captured.
Restrictions	-
<b>Additional remarks</b>	
Additional remarks	Expenditures are captured according to COICOP classification.

Sources: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia , *Household budget survey 2006* , Bulletin no. 486, Belgrade, 2008.