### Generic information

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**Main objective**
The HBS is used to collect data on households’ expenditure by the end-use of products (food, beverages, clothing, footwear, housing, health, etc.), households’ income and their housing conditions. HBS data are the basis for analyzing poverty and calculating other social indicators.

**Structure of data source**
Continuous cross-sectional survey where data of three consecutive years are combined to obtain more accurate results. The middle year is used as the reference year for the interpretation of the results.

**Frequency**
Continuous survey with quarterly and annual results.

**Survey year / Wave**
2006, 2007, and 2008 surveys are combined; 2007 is the reference year.

**Coverage**
Whole country, all private households. The survey does not cover collective households such as boarding schools, nursing homes for children, old people’s homes, hospitals, homes for pupils, student hostels, etc.

### Sampling

**Sampling procedure**
Stratified two-stage sampling with the Central Population Register as the sampling frame: Primary sampling units are clusters of enumeration areas and secondary sampling units are persons. The sample is stratified with regard to 12 statistical regions and six types of settlements. In bigger settlements (with over 10,000 inhabitants) the simple random sampling is used and in smaller settlements sampling of clusters with four persons who define the household. First, enumeration areas are selected (taking into account their size) for the whole year and then for each quarter four persons in each enumeration area were selected. In bigger settlements only persons were selected with simple random sampling for each quarter.

**Sample size**
3,697 households were successfully interviewed.

### Collection

**Collection period**
Continuous in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Surveying of households is equally distributed throughout the year and each household cooperates in the survey for 14 days.

**Collection mode**
Personal interviews and diaries.

**Description of instruments**
The survey instruments consist of the following tools.

- **Household diary**: respondents fill in daily expenditures and bought quantities during 14 days.
- **Household questionnaire**: the first part of the questionnaire records the main socio-demographic characteristics of all household members, labour market characteristics of household members aged 15 and above as well as the main characteristics of the dwelling including the housing expenditures. The second part of the questionnaire records the information about all other expenditures, the consumption of goods produced by the household as well as information on incomes and financial well-being of the household.

### Definitions

**Household**
Either communities of persons who live together, eat together and spend their income together, or single persons who live and eat on their own and independently use the means.

**Household head**
The household head is determined by the respondents during the interview. Note that the HBS publications refer to the concept of reference person (the person with the highest income).

### Data quality aspects

**Non-response error**

**Item non-response / imputation**
All missing information is fully imputed.

**Weighting**
The household level weight corrects for unit non-response and has been adjusted to match specified marginal distributions.

### Labour market information

**Eligibility**
All household members aged 15 and over.

**Employment**
Information available from:
1. **Formal, self-reported, activity status at present.**
2. **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 (i.e. ILO employed).**

Information on job characteristics is available for those employed according to the definition (2) above.

### Income

**Reference period**
12 months preceding the interview.

**Unit of time**
Period covered by usual payment for wages and by last payment for pensions (together with number of periodicities in last 12 months), annual amount for all other incomes.

**Unit of collection**
Household level for housing allowances, income from property and windfall income, individual level for all other incomes.

**Taxes and contributions**
Incomes are collected net of taxes and social contributions. No information on the taxes and social contributions are reported.

### Sources