

Original survey information, Slovenia 1999

Generic information	
Name of survey	Household Budget Survey (HBS) / <i>Anketa o porabi v gospodinjstvih (APG)</i>
Responsible institution	Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia / <i>Statistični urad RS</i> , www.stat.si
Main objective	The aims of the survey are: calculation of weights for CPI, calculation of final household consumption (NA), calculation of level and structure of consumption expenditure and household income, poverty and other analyses.
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	1998, 1999, and 2000 surveys are combined; 1999 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.), foreigners temporarily living in Slovenia as well as the homeless.
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	Random probability sampling; one-stage for large towns (simple random) and two-stage for other areas (first clusters according to the region, size of the settlement and proportion of farmers – selected in advance for the whole year, and then 4 individuals are selected quarterly within each cluster). Sampling frame: Central Population Register
Sample size	3,859 households were successfully interviewed.
Collection	
Collection period	Continuous in 1998, 1999 and 2000. Surveying of households is equally distributed throughout the year and each household cooperates in the survey for 14 days.
Collection mode	Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI).
Description of instruments	One single questionnaire divided in 2 parts (according to topics) as well as the household diary that includes the <i>A Diary</i> for the main purchaser, and a voluntary <i>B Diary</i> for other members aged 14 or over. The first part questionnaire is filled in during the first visit before the recording period and covers information on household members (gender, marital status, educational level, work), housing conditions and housing costs, purchases of a dwelling or house and availability of durables. The second part of the interview takes place after 14 days at the second visit. It includes information on expenditures not covered by the diary (purchasing of a car, motorcycle, boat, major durables, furniture, clothing and footwear, domestic help, health and education expenditure, insurance, financial transfers and financial situation, some taxes and other expenditure), holidays, income and consumption of own production. If the household members wish they could answer both parts of the questionnaire at the first visit.
Definitions	
Household	A household as observation unit is a community of persons who live together and share their income for covering the basic costs of living (food, accommodation, etc.). A member of a household can however temporarily live apart because of work, school etc.
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	The response rate calculated according to questionnaires was 81%. The response rate calculated according to questionnaires and diaries was 74%.
Item non-response / imputation	Missing values are fully imputed.
Weighting	The final weight corrects for: unequal probability of selection, survey non-response, external representativeness of the sample, different reference periods of variables and deflation.
Labour market information	
Eligibility	Household members aged 15 or above.
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.
Restrictions	-
Additional remarks	
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Sources: [1] "Household Budget Surveys - Methodological aspects", a note prepared in occasion of a Bilateral Meeting between Eurostat and the