All income data is collected as gross on component level. Information on income taxes and social contributions is available from three sources:


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**Definition:**

**Household:** Household comprises persons who live in a dwelling together and share basic household expenses (catering, housing costs, costs of electricity, gas etc.).

**Household head:** The status as the head of the household is self-declared by the respondent.

**Labour market information:**

**Eligibility:** All household members aged 16 and over

**Employment:** Information available from three sources: (1) Person's own perception of his/her main activity at present (self-defined current economic status). In principle, determined on the basis of the most time spent, but no explicit criteria is specified. (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 (ILO employed). (3) Main activity in a month. Available for the 12 months of the previous calendar year. Information on job characteristics is available for everyone who worked at least 1 hour or were temporarily absent from their job or business during the previous week. More detailed information on the current main job is available for those who consider themselves to be working either full-time or part-time at present.

**Income:**

**Reference period:** Calendar year 2004

**Unit of time:** Annual amounts

**Unit of collection:** Individual level for most income sources. Household level for certain social benefits and inter-household transfers in addition to investment income and profits. Individual level information on incomes collected from all household members aged 16 and older.

**Taxes and contributions:** All income data is collected as gross on component level. Information on income taxes and social contributions is collected as a total amount at the household level.

**Restrictions:** --

**Additional remarks:** The national survey serves as an input for the EU-SILC, but contains more detailed information.