

Original survey information, Uruguay 2004

Generic information	
Name of survey	Continuous Household Survey (<i>Encuesta Continua de Hogares – ECH</i>)
Responsible institution	National Institute of Statistics (<i>Instituto Nacional de Estadística - INE</i>)
Main objective	To provide basic information to determine the level of economic activity of the urban population; to study its socio-economic characteristics and the income level of households.
Structure of data source	Cross-sectional continuous household survey.
Frequency	Annual (since 1981, although it has changed over time).
Survey year / Wave	ECH 2004
Coverage	Residents of private dwellings, in Montevideo and its periphery and urban localities of 5.000 inhabitants or more in the interior of the country.
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	The sampling frame is based on the dwelling and household listings by census zone (zona censal) of the VII Population, III Households and V Dwellings Census of May 22, 1996. Sampling is probabilistic and stratified. The sample is drawn in three stages: locality, census zone (zona censal) and private dwelling.
Sample size	Achieved sample: 18.392 dwellings.
Collection	
Collection period	Continuous (January-December 2004)
Collection mode	Direct interview with paper forms.
Description of instruments	A questionnaire, with two sections on dwelling and household characteristics, one section on general characteristics, health and education of all household members, and two sections on occupational status and income generated by household members 14 years old and older.
Definitions	
Household	Private household (ECH's unit of analysis): Person or group of persons, usually but not necessarily related by kinship, who live under one roof and depend on a common fund, at least for food. These people tend to pool their incomes, create a common budget, and share the use of durable and non-durable goods. Every private household should have a head. Collective households are not subject matter of the ECH.
Household head	Person recognized as such by the other members of the household.
Data quality aspects	
Non-response error	The response rate is 96.6%, refusal rate 0.5% and absenteeism rate 0.7%.
Item non-response / imputation	Item non-response has not been imputed. The data provider has imputed the amount of the contributions to compulsory health mutual funds (<i>cuotas mutuales</i>) and to voluntary additional health insurance (<i>emergencia movil</i>), as well as the amount of family allowances (<i>asignaciones familiares</i>) received.
Weighting	Expansion factors are derived from the sampling design to expand the sample to the national urban population. There are annual, semiannual and quarterly expansion factors according to the period over which one wants to report statistics.
Labour market information	
Eligibility	14 years old or older
Employment	The reference period for employment is generally a week before the interview (Monday through Sunday). For a job search and related activities it is four weeks prior to the interview. Occupied are the eligible persons who worked at least one hour the week before the survey, or who did not work for reasons of vacation/holidays, illness or accident, labour dispute; or who interrupted their work due to bad weather, breakdowns in machinery or lack of raw materials, but are sure of having the job to go back to. Included in this category are unpaid family workers and honorary teachers.
Income	
Reference period	There are two reference periods depending on the concept of income. For labour income, pension, subsidies or leases the relevant period is the calendar month prior to the interview. For income from profits, dividends or interest the reference period is the last twelve months prior to the interview.
Unit of time	Monthly, except for income from leases, interest from bank accounts, profits, dividends, severance pay or extraordinary income, in which case the unit time is annual.
Unit of collection	Individual
Taxes and contributions	Revenues are reported net of taxes. There is no information on taxes in the survey (with the exception of tax refunds), nor social insurance contributions (with the exception of the contributinos towards health mutual funds as reported in the imputation section above).
Restrictions	-
Additional remarks	
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Source: Data provider.