

Original survey information, France 1994

Generic information	
Name of survey	Household Budget Survey / <i>Enquête "Budget de Famille"</i>
Responsible institution	Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques (INSEE) - www.insee.fr
Main objective	To measure the size of the main expenditure such as housing, food, health, clothing, transportation, leisure, etc., in the household budget. It is also used to take into account the new products into the consumers price index and to compare the level of living and consumption choices across different types of households.
Structure of data source	Repeated cross-sectional waves (6 waves of 8 weeks each during the collection period).
Frequency	The survey was held for the first time in 1965 and was held yearly until 1972. There has been an interruption in the collection of data between 1972 and 1978. From 1979 onwards the survey was conducted every 5 years.
Survey year / Wave	1994-1995/ 7th Wave
Coverage	All civilian non institutional households in metropolitan France and overseas departments. The overseas territories are not in the scope of the survey. <i>LIS note:</i> the data from the domains (DOM) is not included in the LIS sample.
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	Simple random sampling, around 18,000 dwellings in metropolitan France were sampled with sampling frame: 1990 Census for metropolitan France completed by the survey database of new dwellings (Base de sondage des logements neufs - BSLN).
Sample size	11,294 households answered the to income section. <i>LIS note:</i> only the data from the income section is included in the LIS sample.
Collection	
Collection period	Collection is extended over 12 months, in 8 periods (waves) of 6 weeks each. Data was not collected in the last week of December 1994 and the first 3 weeks of August 1995.
Collection mode	CAPI interviews and self-administrated diaries by the household members 15 years and over.
Description of instruments	Two instruments to collect the data were used. 1) Questionnaire, this questionnaire registers the socio economic characteristics of the household, its income and expenses using reference periods. 2) Expenditure Diary (during 14 days) used by all household members older than 14 years of age. This diary registers daily expenditure as well as irregular expenditure.
Definitions	
Household	Groups of persons (related or not) who share a common budget (i.e. who have incomes serving common household expenditures, and/or who simply benefit from those expenditures). Within the same dwelling can coexist more households if they have separate budgets.
Household head	The household head (reference person of the household) is determined by the data provider based on family composition and individual characteristics. In case of households with one or more couples (married or not), the reference person is the oldest male active partner, or simply the oldest male in case there are no actives. In case of households with one or more monoparental families (one adult with single children), the reference person is the oldest active person, or simply the oldest one in case there are no actives. In the other households with isolated persons, the reference person is the oldest active person, or simply the oldest if there are no actives.
Data quality aspects	
Non-response error	-
Item non-response / imputation	Partial-unit non-response as well as item non-response have been fully imputed.
Weighting	The data provider calculated household level weights based on the sampling probabilities, recalibrated for unit non-response.
Labour market information	
Eligibility	From 15 years old.
Employment	Two concepts of employment: i) self-defined main activity status, and ii) whether currently is working or is currently looking for a job. Reference period: interview time.
Income	
Reference period	12 months preceding the interview (mostly 1995); however when not possible previous year (either 1993; 1994); in average April 1994.
Unit of time	Mostly yearly income are collected.
Unit of collection	Mostly individual; some incomes are collected at the household level only.
Taxes and contributions	The French Household Budget Survey is a net survey (money amounts are asked net); but because in France income tax is not withheld at source but paid by annual tax return, all the amounts are net of mandatory contributions but gross of income tax.
Restrictions	-
Additional remarks	
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Sources: Data provider: www.insee.fr.