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HOUSEHOLD BUDGET SURVEY

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The legal basis for the implementation of the survey Household budget survey is the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System of Montenegro ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 18/12, 47/19 and 23/25) and Annual plan for statistical surveys.

Law on Official Statistics and the system of official statistics reporting units are obliged to give information and individual data obtained in the survey are protected and can be used only for statistical purposes.

METHODOLOGICAL GUIDELINES

The aim of survey

Aimed of Household budget survey is to collect the data on:

- income, expenses and consumption of households;
- certain important indicators of living standards (equipment of households with durable consumer goods, housing conditions, type of heating, etc.);
- demographic characteristics of households;
- economic activities of household members; • sociological characteristics household members.

The Household budget survey will collect the following data on:

- basic social and demographic characteristics of household members;
- amount of household earnings, by income sources;
- amount of household expenses, by purpose;
- values of given and received gifts;
- indicators of living standards of households (data on dwelling, possession of durable goods, etc.);
- elements of holdings.

Definitions

Total personal consumption includes personal consumption of households and personal consumption from own production.

Personal consumption of households is provided through the following groups of COICOP-2018 classification: food and non-alcoholic beverages; alcoholic beverages and tobacco; footwear and clothing; housing, water, electricity, gas and other energy sources (imputed rent is not included); furniture, housing and maintenance; health; transport; information and communications; recreation, sport and culture; education; restaurants and hotels, insurance and other financial services, personal care, social protection and other goods and services.

Personal consumption from own production includes the value of products from own production of households spent on personal consumption (food and beverages; alcoholic beverages and firewood).

Household is considered to be:

- community of persons living together. Usually, this type of household comprises spouses, children, and other relatives and non-relatives (subtenants, attendants, permanent workers in agricultural holdings, etc.);
- single person living, spending and feeding individually.
  'Living together' refers to mutual housing unit, i.e. combining to live in the same housing unit.

Household members are considered to be:

- members of household temporarily absent (e.g. imprisonment less than twelve months) and they are covered by the survey;
- pupils and students, encountered in households members, regardless of the period of stay out of their households (in schools and on studies);
- daily and weekly migrants; persons working or studying in another place in the country or abroad, and having economic relation with households (they do not have their household in another place) in which they stay more than a month during the year are also included in household members and they are treated as a temporarily absent persons.

Persons staying in another place in the country or abroad for longer period (twelve months and over), and rarely return or do not return are treated as permanently absent persons, and they are excluded from the survey.

Coverage

The Household budget survey is conducted in Montenegro, and data processing provides the data for Montenegro (total), for urban and other area.

Survey unit is any sampled household, both one-person household and multi-person household.

The Household budget survey uses the two-stage, stratified sample, with the enumeration areas as primary and households as secondary units of selection. Accordingly, units of basic set are households complying with the set definition.

Reference period

The data are collected for the entire observed year (income, expenditures and consumption - from 1 January to 31 December), and any household is observed during one month.

The observation period for spending items, agriculture and other is one month.

Reference period for durables is twelve months and for semi-durables is three months.

Instruments and survey method

The Household budget survey applies the method of keeping diary (D-1), and method of interviewing households (interview method) on the basis of questionnaire forms P-1, P-2, P-3 and questionnaire for nonresponse NO-4.

A household keeps the diary on spent items, agriculture, and other for the period of one month.

Interviewing the households based on the questionnaire is done by specially trained interviewers who should make at least three visits to a household (providing the assistance in keeping the diary and data collected by using the questionnaire).

Data confidentiality

Individual data (for persons and household) obtained through interviewing are official secret and all participants in the survey must respect this. The access to the filled questionnaire is not allowed to persons who are not officially responsible for conducting the survey. It is not allowed that the filled questionnaires are seen by other persons (not to be left on visible place in the vehicle, in public place, etc.), except in a premise envisaged for this. Collected data on individual households and their members are confidential, and there should be pointed out to respondents that the data confidentiality is guaranteed.

The results obtained through the interviewing are published in the aggregated level, thus disabling the presentation of data on individual level.

Dissemination

The publication of data is done in accordance with the Statistical Release Calendar of the Statistical Office, according to a predefined date and manner of publishing data.

The obtained data are published through release (perennial periodicals), through other statistical publications (Statistical Yearbook). The data are also published in electronic form (on the website of the Statistical Office).

Harmonization with EU regulations

Household budget survey has been harmonized with International standards and recommendations of EUROSTAT, which enables international comparability of data.