

HOUSEHOLD BUDGET SURVEY IN THIRD QUARTER 2005 - Preliminary results -

Methodological explanations

The data were obtained through Household Budget Survey, which has been conducted since 2003 according to international standards and recommendations of EUROSTAT, ILO and UN and that provides for international data comparability. The survey collects the data on income, expenditure and household consumption, i.e. the data on basic elements of consumption. Besides, the survey compiles also the data on some important living standard indicators (dwelling conditions, supply with durable consumer goods, etc.), as well as some basic data related to demographic, economic and social households features.

According to the sample plan, every chosen household, single-member or several members including, is a survey unit. A household is: a) a community of persons whose members live together, prepare food and spend realized income jointly; b) a single person, living, preparing food and spending income on his/her own.

Two-stage stratified sample is applied in the survey with enumeration districts as primary selection units and households as secondary ones. The Republic of Serbia territory is divided into three stratum: Central Serbia (Belgrade excluded), the City of Belgrade and Vojvodina. 40 enumeration districts are chosen every 15 days; i.e. 200 households in total.

According to the EUROSTAT recommendations, out of total number of households envisaged for survey in the survey period (1.200 for the Republic of Serbia), the number of 1002 households (84%) was covered by the survey.

The survey applies the method of diary keeping (a household keeps a personal consumption diary for fifteen, i.e. sixteen days) regarding items consumption, agriculture and other (home industry) and also interview method (questioning) on the basis of questionnaires, where the reference period for durables lasts twelve months, for semi-durables three months and for agriculture, hunting and fishing - a month.

Salaries and wages in cash include earnings in regular employment, earnings out of regular working hours and earnings pursuant to deed contracts

Cash transfers from government institutions include: social welfare receipts, health insurance receipts, pensions and disability insurance receipts, allowances (disability, etc.), children allowances, student grants, as well as allowances for students of vocational training schools, receipts of subsidies for unemployed and government cash grants.

Cash transfers from non-government institutions include money donations from non-government organizations.

Transfers and donations in kind include: donations in kind received from non-government organizations, other donations in kind (not mentioned before) and donations in kind from government organizations.

Other receipts include: donations and various money awards (lottery games, wedding presents, etc.), leasing, interests, credits, life insurance receipts, damages or destruction insurance receipts, etc.

Savings include: receipts of securities (stocks, dividends) sales, lending returns and cash decrease (solidarity relief, cashed savings, etc.).

Consumed household funds are presented by the following groups of COICOP classification: food and non-alcoholic beverages; alcoholic drinks and tobacco; clothes and footwear; dwelling, water, electricity, gas and other fuels supply; home furniture, equipment and maintenance; health service; transport; communications; recreation and culture; education; restaurants and hotels; and other goods and services.

The published data relate to available and spent resources in the second quarter 2005 and they present monthly averages by household, given in dinar values.

The data are published for the Republic of Serbia, Central Serbia, the City of Belgrade, Central Serbia (excluding Belgrade) and Vojvodina, for all households.

Available and used consumption funds in third quarter 2005
- Average by household -
All households

Dinars

	Republic of Serbia ¹⁾				
	Total	Central Serbia			Vojvodina
		Total	City of Belgrade, excluded	City of Belgrade	
Monthly average					
Number of households surveyed	1138	850	592	258	288
Number of households assessed	2593665	1877155	1290889	586266	716510
Members, average number	2,99	3,01	3,11	2,80	2,94
Consumption units, average number	2,32	2,33	2,39	2,19	2,28
Salaries and wages	13515	14014	11043	20554	12207
Cash transfers from government organizations	7364	7653	6980	9136	6606
Cash transfers from non-government organizations	248	233	338	0	287
External cash transfers	377	387	550	28	353
Receipts from agriculture, hunting and fishing	3300	2582	3620	295	5182
Receipts in kind	29	34	23	59	16
Transfers and donations in kind	115	122	178	0	95
External transfers in kind	41	46	67	0	28
Other receipts (leasing, interests, savings, etc.)	2827	2840	2676	3198	2793
Available funds, total	27816	27911	25475	33270	27567
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	10763	11487	11789	10828	8861
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	1323	1354	1301	1471	1243
Clothes and footwear	1852	2102	1683	2815	1369
Dwelling, water, electricity, gas and other fuels supply	4465	4397	3662	6016	4656
Home furniture, equipment and maintenance	1379	1335	1306	1403	1497
Health service	1402	1454	1082	2274	1263
Transport	3252	3234	3126	3471	3300
Communications	793	784	646	1088	814
Recreation and culture	1412	1442	967	2481	1344
Education	417	696	283	1000	181
Restaurants and hotels	447	489	436	605	339
Other goods and services	1529	1510	1260	2055	1583
Expenditures, cash total	29034	30284	27541	35507	26450

¹⁾ Data for Kosovo and Metohia excluded.

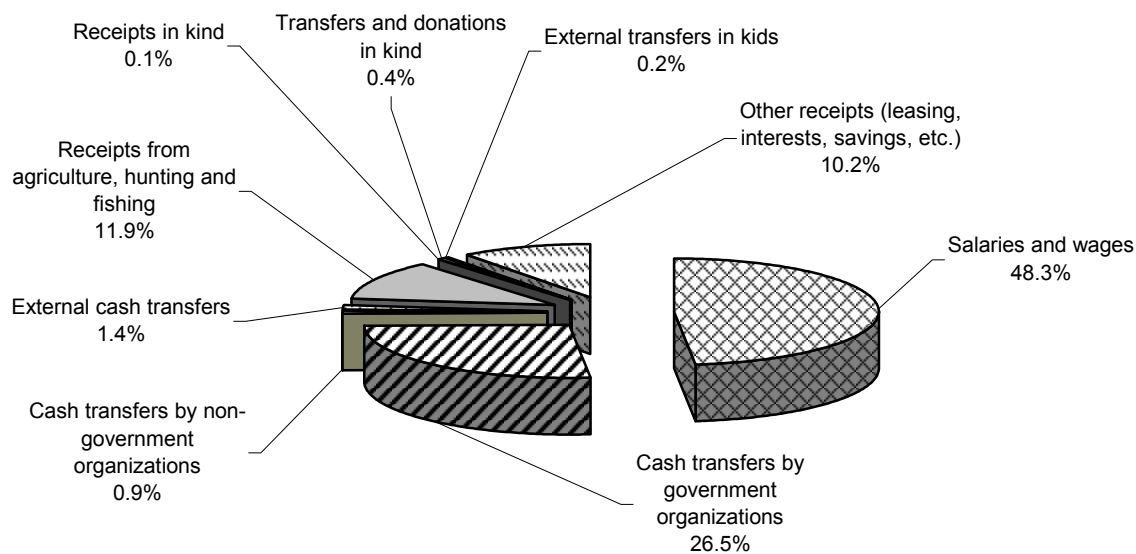
Structure of available and used consumption funds in third quarter 2005
- Average by household -
- All households -

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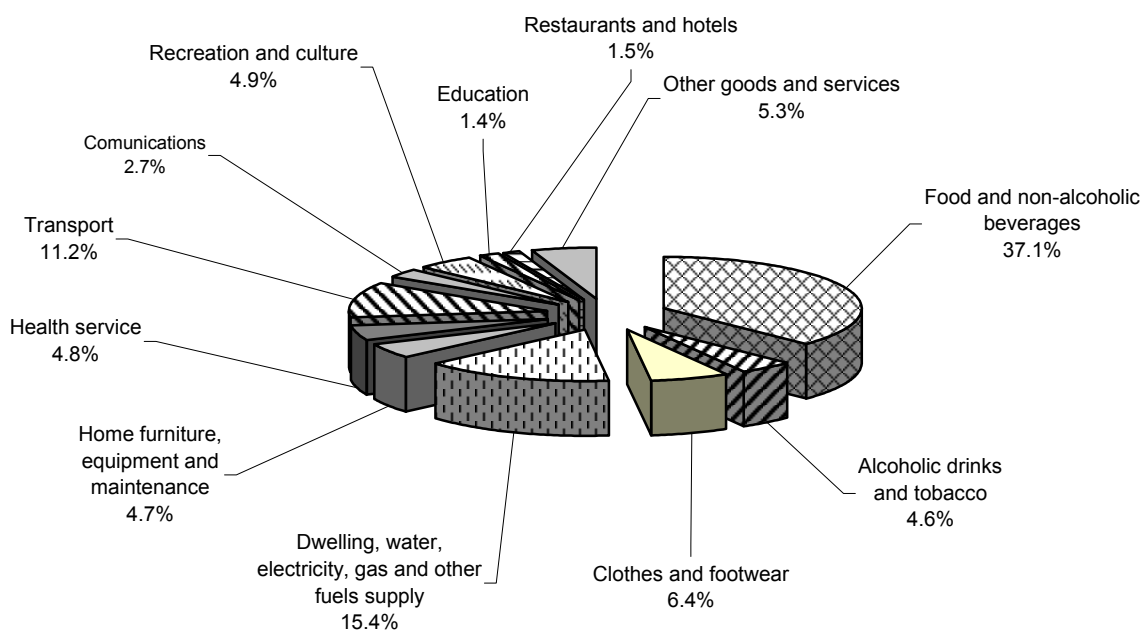
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Salaries and wages	48,4	50,2	43,3	61,7	44,2
Cash transfers by government organizations	26,5	27,4	27,4	27,5	24,0
Cash transfers by non-government organizations	0,9	0,8	1,3	0,0	1,0
External cash transfers	1,4	1,4	2,2	0,1	1,3
Receipts from agriculture, hunting and fishing	11,9	9,3	14,2	0,9	18,8
Receipts in kind	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,1
Transfers and donations in kind	0,4	0,4	0,7	0,0	0,4
External transfers in kind	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,0	0,1
Other receipts (leasing, interests, savings, etc.)	10,2	10,2	10,5	9,6	10,1
Available funds, total	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	37,1	37,9	42,9	30,5	33,3
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	4,6	4,5	4,7	4,1	4,7
Clothes and footwear	6,4	6,9	6,1	7,9	5,2
Dwelling, water, electricity, gas and other fuels supply	15,4	14,5	13,3	16,9	17,6
Home furniture, equipment and maintenance	4,7	4,4	4,7	4,0	5,7
Health service	4,8	4,8	3,9	6,4	4,8
Transport	11,2	10,7	11,4	9,8	12,5
Communications	2,7	2,6	2,3	3,1	3,1
Recreation and culture	4,9	4,8	3,5	7,0	5,1
Education	1,4	2,3	1,0	2,8	0,7
Restaurants and hotels	1,5	1,6	1,6	1,7	1,3
Other goods and services	5,3	5,0	4,6	5,8	6,0
Expenditures, cash total	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0

¹⁾ Data for Kosovo and Metohija excluded

**Structure of available funds of households of the Republic of Serbia
third quarter 2005**



**Structure of used funds in households of the Republic of Serbia
third quarter 2005**



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