

HOUSEHOLD BUDGET SURVEY IN 4TH 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 1166 households (97%) 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 4th 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 4th 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	1166	849	611	238	317
Number of households assessed	2578963	1866473	1296471	570003	712489
Members, average number	3,13	3,19	3,15	3,29	2,98
Consumption units, average number	2,41	2,44	2,42	2,51	2,31
Salaries and wages	13963	14716	10906	23386	11990
Cash transfers from government organizations	7744	8064	7208	10009	6916
Cash transfers from non-government organizations	498	437	625	10	656
External cash transfers	352	422	608	0	169
Receipts from agriculture, hunting and fishing	3362	2869	3863	609	4654
Receipts in kind	41	37	46	14	52
Transfers and donations in kind	263	152	219	0	555
External transfers in kind	905	1232	1453	729	49
Other receipts (leasing, interests, savings, etc.)	4032	3835	4599	2592	4547
Available funds, total	31160	31764	29527	37349	29588
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	11654	12241	11815	13203	10111
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	1437	1482	1413	1638	1321
Clothes and footwear	1806	2007	1779	2523	1276
Dwelling, water, electricity, gas and other fuels supply	6236	6383	5366	8695	5843
Home furniture, equipment and maintenance	1362	1355	1325	1423	1377
Health service	1309	1471	1130	2250	881
Transport	3057	3304	3134	3691	2415
Communications	809	845	706	1160	714
Recreation and culture	1214	1223	845	2082	1189
Education	566	617	585	687	428
Restaurants and hotels	382	397	363	477	343
Other goods and services	1541	1517	1078	2510	1603
Expenditures, cash total	31373	32842	29539	40339	27501

¹⁾ Data for Kosovo and Metohia excluded.

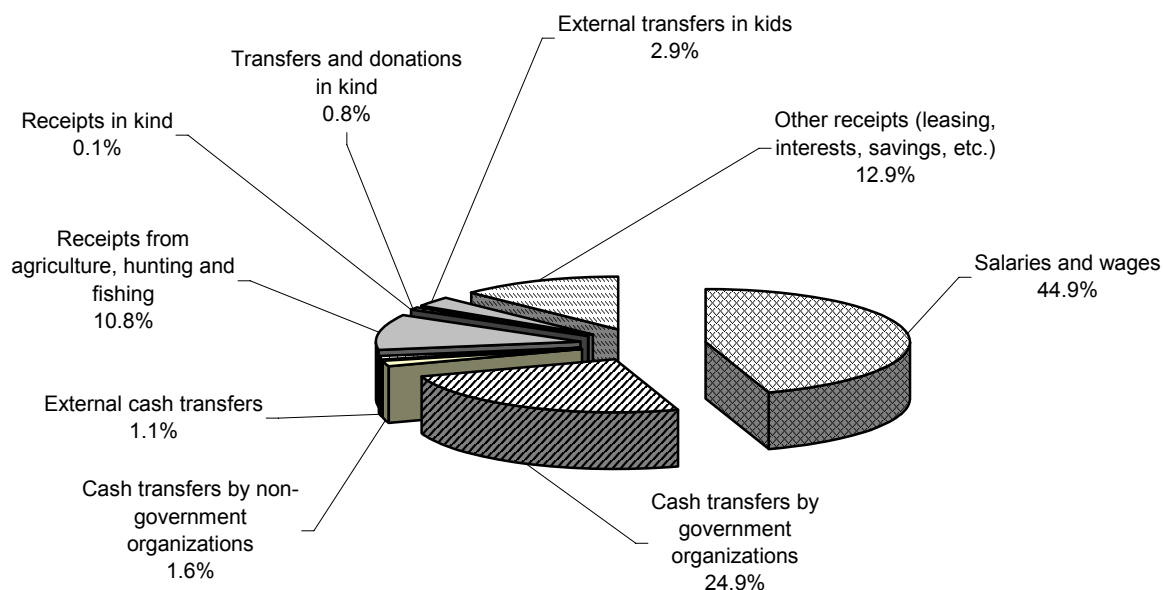
Structure of available and used consumption funds in 4th quarter 2005
- Average by household -
- All households -

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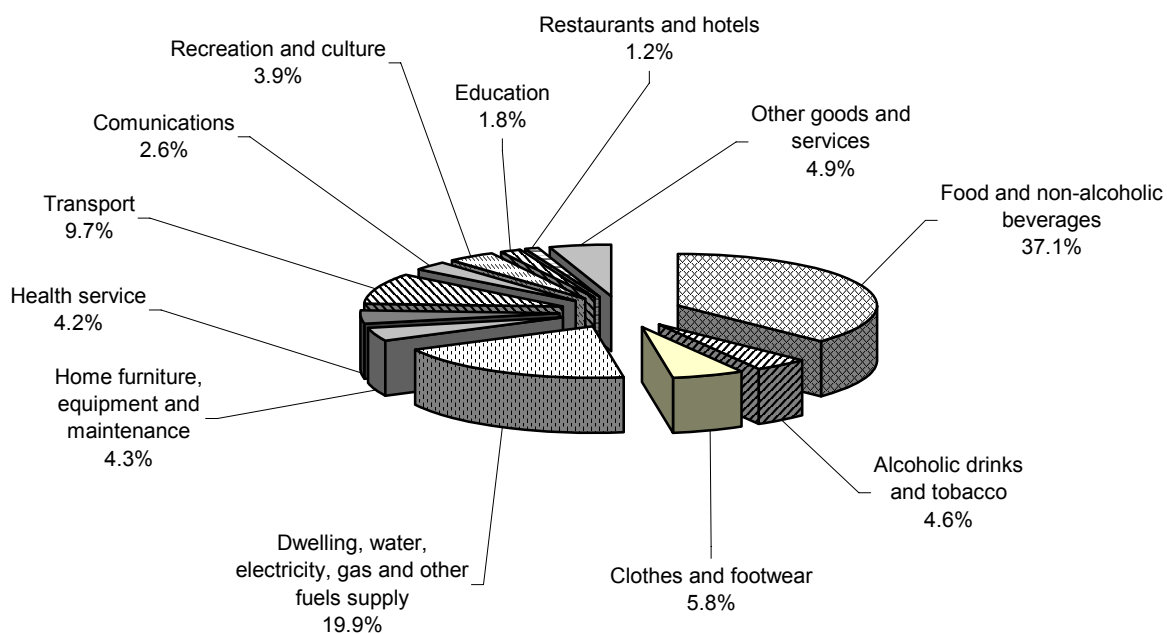
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Salaries and wages	44,9	46,3	36,9	62,7	40,4
Cash transfers by government organizations	24,9	25,4	24,4	26,8	23,4
Cash transfers by non-government organizations	1,6	1,4	2,1	0,0	2,2
External cash transfers	1,1	1,3	2,1	0,0	0,6
Receipts from agriculture, hunting and fishing	10,8	9,0	13,1	1,6	15,7
Receipts in kind	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,0	0,2
Transfers and donations in kind	0,8	0,5	0,7	0,0	1,9
External transfers in kind	2,9	3,9	4,9	2,0	0,2
Other receipts (leasing, interests, savings, etc.)	12,9	12,1	15,6	6,9	15,4
Available funds, total	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	37,1	37,3	40,0	32,6	36,9
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	4,6	4,5	4,8	4,1	4,8
Clothes and footwear	5,8	6,1	6,0	6,3	4,6
Dwelling, water, electricity, gas and other fuels supply	19,9	19,4	18,2	21,6	21,2
Home furniture, equipment and maintenance	4,3	4,1	4,5	3,5	5,0
Health service	4,2	4,5	3,8	5,6	3,2
Transport	9,7	10,1	10,6	9,1	8,8
Communications	2,6	2,6	2,4	2,9	2,6
Recreation and culture	3,9	3,7	2,9	5,2	4,3
Education	1,8	1,9	2,0	1,7	1,6
Restaurants and hotels	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2
Other goods and services	4,9	4,6	3,6	6,2	5,8
Expenditures, cash total	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0

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**Structure of available funds of households of the Republic of Serbia
4th quarter 2005**



**Structure of used funds in households of the Republic of Serbia
4th quarter 2005**



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