

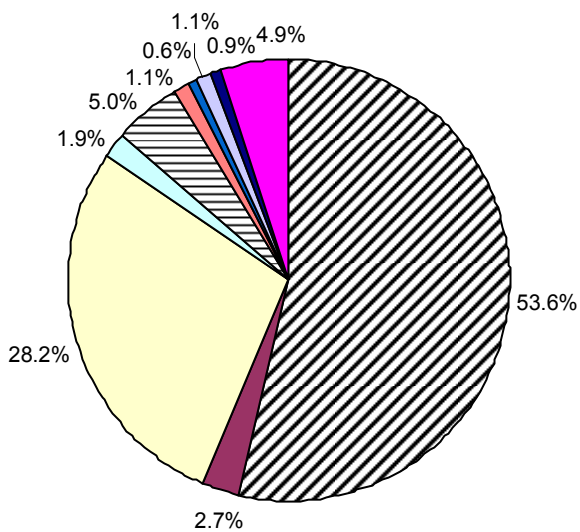
## HOUSEHOLD BUDGET SURVEY IN 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER 2008 - Preliminary results -

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, thus providing international data comparability. The survey collects the data on income, expenditure and household consumption, i.e. the data on basic elements of individual 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 features of households.

In this survey, a two-stage stratified sample is applied, with enumeration districts as primary and households as secondary selection units. The basic geographic stratum is the territory of Central Serbia and Vojvodina. Every fifteen days, 200 households are interviewed, i.e. 4800 households annually.

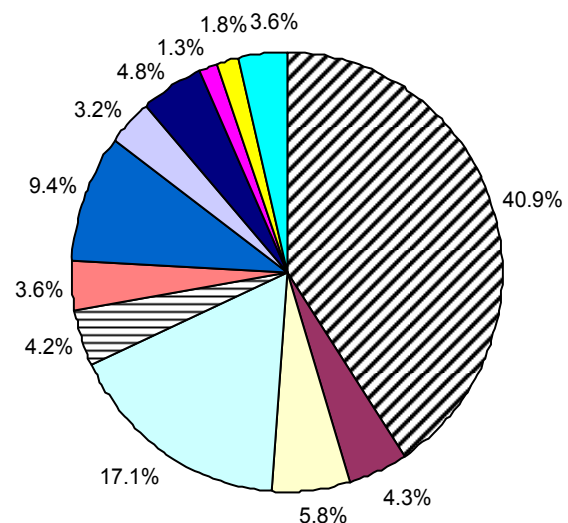
Of the total number of households envisaged for interview in the fourth quarter (1200 for the Republic of Serbia), the number of 1154 households (96%) was interviewed.

**Household income in money (structure),  
 Republic of Serbia, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2008**



- ☑ Regular salaries and wages
- Other income
- Pensions (old-age, family, disablement and other)
- Other social insurance receipts
- ▨ Income from agriculture, hunting and fishing
- External receipts
- Real estate related income
- Donations and awards
- Customer and investment credits
- Other receipts

**Individual consumption (structure),  
 Republic of Serbia, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2008**



- ☑ 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
- Other goods and services

**Available budget and individual consumption in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2008**  
**- Household average -**  
**- All households -**

**RSD**

	Republic of Serbia				
	All	Central Serbia			Vojvodina
		Total	Without City of Belgrade	City of Belgrade	
<b>Monthly average</b>					
Number of households surveyed	1154	858	589	269	296
Number of households assessed	2536714	1832482	1257375	575107	704232
Members, average number	2,87	2,91	2,97	2,78	2,77
Consumption units, average number	2,25	2,27	2,31	2,18	2,20
<b>Available budget – total</b>	<b>45637</b>	<b>45741</b>	<b>41622</b>	<b>54747</b>	<b>45361</b>
<b>Household income in money</b>	<b>43384</b>	<b>43368</b>	<b>38383</b>	<b>54270</b>	<b>43423</b>
Regular salaries and wages	23251	24015	20986	30635	21264
Other income	1177	1024	887	1324	1573
Pensions (old-age, family, disablement and other)	12255	12441	9660	18520	11772
Other social insurance receipts	822	735	677	867	1045
Income from agriculture, hunting and fishing	2180	924	1323	52	5449
External receipts	464	512	619	277	339
Real estate related income	263	201	138	339	422
Donations and awards	458	529	374	868	274
Customer and investment credits	380	383	417	307	375
Other receipts	2134	2604	3302	1081	910
<b>Household receipts in kind</b>	<b>2253</b>	<b>2373</b>	<b>3239</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>1938</b>
Earned receipts in kind	33	31	45	0	37
Natural consumption	2220	2342	3194	477	1901
<b>Individual consumption – total</b>	<b>43295</b>	<b>42400</b>	<b>38998</b>	<b>49840</b>	<b>45605</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	17655	17515	16075	20661	18023
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	1869	1893	1742	2228	1802
Clothes and footwear	2515	2401	2490	2209	2812
Dwelling, water, electricity, gas and other fuels supply	7423	7097	6927	7463	8274
Home furniture, equipment and maintenance	1820	1689	1803	1433	2155
Health service	1568	1678	1240	2638	1276
Transport	4055	3882	3791	4081	4501
Communications	1405	1362	1185	1749	1520
Recreation and culture	2070	2068	1502	3313	2067
Education	575	588	469	851	539
Restaurants and hotels	794	776	621	1118	839
Other goods and services	1546	1451	1153	2096	1797

**Structure of available budget and individual consumption in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2008**  
**- All households -**

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<b>Available budget – total</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Household income in money</b>	<b>95,1</b>	<b>94,8</b>	<b>92,2</b>	<b>99,1</b>	<b>95,7</b>
Regular salaries and wages	50,9	52,5	50,5	56,0	46,9
Other income	2,6	2,2	2,1	2,4	3,5
Pensions (old-age, family, disablement and other)	26,9	27,3	23,2	33,7	26,0
Other social insurance receipts	1,8	1,6	1,6	1,6	2,3
Income from agriculture, hunting and fishing	4,8	2,0	3,2	0,1	12,0
External receipts	1,0	1,1	1,5	0,5	0,7
Real estate related income	0,6	0,4	0,3	0,6	0,9
Donations and awards	1,0	1,2	0,9	1,6	0,6
Customer and investment credits	0,8	0,8	1,0	0,6	0,8
Other receipts	4,7	5,7	7,9	2,0	2,0
<b>Household receipts in kind</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>5,2</b>	<b>7,8</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>4,3</b>
Earned receipts in kind	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,1
Natural consumption	4,8	5,1	7,7	0,9	4,2
<b>Individual consumption – total</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	40,9	41,2	41,1	41,5	39,6
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	4,3	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,0
Clothes and footwear	5,8	5,7	6,4	4,4	6,2
Dwelling, water, electricity, gas and other fuels supply	17,1	16,7	17,8	15,0	18,1
Home furniture, equipment and maintenance	4,2	4,0	4,6	2,9	4,7
Health service	3,6	4,0	3,2	5,3	2,8
Transport	9,4	9,2	9,7	8,2	9,9
Communications	3,2	3,2	3,0	3,5	3,3
Recreation and culture	4,8	4,9	3,9	6,6	4,5
Education	1,3	1,4	1,2	1,7	1,2
Restaurants and hotels	1,8	1,8	1,6	2,2	1,8
Other goods and services	3,6	3,4	3,0	4,2	3,9

## Methodological explanations

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

The survey applies the method of diary keeping (a household keeps a consumption diary for fifteen, i.e. sixteen days) regarding individual consumption of food and services and the interview method on the basis of questionnaires, where the reference period for durables is twelve months, for semi-durables - three months and for earnings, agriculture, hunting and fishing - three months.

**Available household budget** comprises income in money and the money value of natural consumption and receipts in kind, which were available to households in the respective survey period.

### Household income in money

- **Regular salaries and wages** cover the income from regular employment.
- **Other income comprises:** money receipts for overtime work, pursuant to purchase order, author's deed contract, etc.
- **Pensions (old-age, family, disablement and other)** cover: the receipts pursuant to pension and disablement insurance and supplementary payments.
- **Other social insurance related receipts** include: social aid, supplements and other welfare receipts; receipts in cases of unemployment and temporary unemployment; alimention and support; health insurance related receipts, disablement insurance related receipts and supplements; children allowances; student grants and remuneration, i.e. compensations for trade students.
- **Income from agriculture, hunting and fishing** includes: earnings of households that are active in agriculture, hunting and fishing.
- **External receipts** include money donations and other external receipts.
- **Real estate related income** comprises room and flat rents, interests, dividends and sales related receipts (real estates and movables).
- **Donations and awards** comprise money donations, lottery related receipts, etc.
- **Customer and investment credits** refer to credits raised in last 12 months.
- **Other receipts** saving deposits raised, lending returns, decreased cash amounts kept in households, refunded nationalized estates, life insurance and real estate insurance premiums, etc.

### Household receipts in kind

- **Earned receipts in kind** include food, clothes, footwear, household expenditures (electricity, phone, registration, car fuel) paid by employer, etc.
- **Natural consumption** comprises the value of products from own household production that are used for individual consumption (food, drinks, wood for heating, etc.)

**Individual consumption of households** is presented by the following groups of COICOP classification (Classification of individual consumption by purpose): food and non-alcoholic beverages; alcoholic drinks and tobacco; clothes and footwear; dwelling, water, electricity, gas and other fuels supply; home furniture, equipment, appliances and maintenance; health service; transport; communications; recreation and culture; education; restaurants and hotels; and other goods and services.

The published data relate to available budget and individual consumption in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2008 and they present monthly average values by household, given in dinar amounts (RSD).

The data are published for the Republic of Serbia (without Kosovo and Metohija), the central Serbia, the City of Belgrade, the central Serbia (without Belgrade) and Vojvodina, for all households.

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