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HOUSEHOLD BUDGET SURVEY IN 1st QUARTER 2009

- 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.

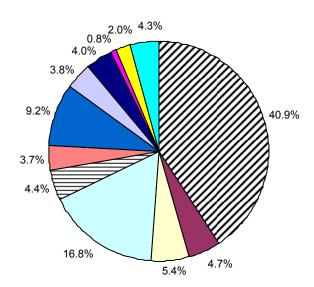
In this survey, a two-stage stratified sample is applied, with enumeration districts as primary and households as secondary selection units. The basic geographic stratums are the territory of Central Serbia and Vojvodina. Every fifteen days, 200 households are interviewed, i.e. 4800 households annually.

Of the total number of households envisaged for interview in the first quarter (1200 for the Republic of Serbia), the number of 1162 households (97%) was interviewed.

Household income in money (structure), Republic of Serbia, 1st quarter 2009

0.5% 1.1% 1.0% 2.4% 1.9% 50.7%

Individual consumption (structure), Republic of Serbia, 1st quarter 2009



- 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

- 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 and individual consumption in 1st quarter 2009 - Household average -

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		R	epublic of Serbi	а	
		Central Serbia			
	All	Total	Without City of Belgrade	City of Belgrade	Vojvodina
IV	lonthly average	•			
Number of households surveyed	1162	858	592	266	304
Number of households assessed	2536714	1832482	1257375	575107	704232
Members, average number	3,01	3,05	3,14	2,85	2,91
Consumption units, average number	2,33	2,37	2,43	2,23	2,25
Available budget – total	45853	45155	41229	53739	47663
Household income in money	43621	42890	38066	53432	45530
Regular salaries and wages	22128	21841	18677	28758	22874
Other income	1390	1062	962	1280	2245
Pensions (old-age, family, disablement and other)	14584	14826	12830	19188	13954
Other social insurance receipts	845	679	585	880	1282
Income from agriculture, hunting and fishing	1036	651	814	296	2036
External receipts	424	436	532	226	394
Real estate related income	229	176	226	68	368
Donations and awards	486	382	274	618	755
Customer and investment credits	725	803	782	849	522
Other receipts	1774	2034	2384	1269	1100
Household receipts in kind	2232	2265	3163	307	2133
Earned receipts in kind	32	32	20	58	31
Natural consumption	2200	2233	3143	249	2102
Individual consumption – total	41391	40389	37668	46326	43974
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	16929	17076	16041	19350	16531
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	1938	1987	2074	1792	1809
Clothes and footwear	2244	2222	2232	2194	2306
Dwelling, water, electricity, gas and other fuels supply	6946	6553	5853	8074	7975
Home furniture, equipment and maintenance	1821	1632	1676	1543	2303
Health service	1524	1526	1221	2194	1519
Transport	3824	3587	3654	3444	4434
Communications	1557	1529	1388	1836	1629
Recreation and culture	1650	1416	1160	1970	2254
Education	344	353	380	289	324
Restaurants and hotels	833	855	628	1350	778
Other goods and services	1781	1653	1361	2290	2112

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Structure of available budget and individual consumption in 1st quarter 2009 - All households -

					%
	Republic of Serbia				
	Central Serbia				
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М	onthly average				
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Members, average number	3,01	3,05	3,14	2,85	2,91
Consumption units, average number	2,33	2,37	2,43	2,23	2,25
Available budget – total	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
Household income in money	95,1	95,0	92,3	99,4	95,5
Regular salaries and wages	48,2	48,4	45,3	53,4	48,0
Other income	3,0	2,4	2,3	2,4	4,7
Pensions (old-age, family, disablement and other)	31,8	32,8	31,1	35,7	29,2
Other social insurance receipts	1,8	1,5	1,4	1,6	2,7
Income from agriculture, hunting and fishing	2,3	1,4	2,0	0,6	4,3
External receipts	0,9	1,0	1,3	0,4	0,8
Real estate related income	0,5	0,4	0,5	0,1	0,8
Donations and awards	1,1	0,8	0,7	1,2	1,6
Customer and investment credits	1,6	1,8	1,9	1,6	1,1
Other receipts	3,9	4,5	5,8	2,4	2,3
Household receipts in kind	4,9	5,0	7,7	0,6	4,5
Earned receipts in kind	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
Natural consumption	4,8	4,9	7,6	0,5	4,4
Individual consumption – total	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	40,9	42,3	42,7	41,9	37,7
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	4,7	4,9	5,5	3,9	4,1
Clothes and footwear	5,4	5,5	5,9	4,7	5,2
Dwelling, water, electricity, gas and other fuels supply	16,8	16,2	15,5	17,4	18,1
Home furniture, equipment and maintenance	4,4	4,0	4,4	3,3	5,2
Health service	3,7	3,8	3,2	4,7	3,5
Transport	9,2	8,9	9,7	7,4	10,1
Communications	3,8	3,8	3,7	4,0	3,7
Recreation and culture	4,0	3,5	3,1	4,3	5,1
Education	0,8	0,9	1,0	0,6	0,7
Restaurants and hotels	2,0	2,1	1,7	2,9	1,8
Other goods and services	4,3	4,1	3,6	4,9	4,8

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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; alimentation 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 1st quarter 2009 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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