SURVEY OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND WEALTH 1991

Summary

1. Introduction

The Survey on Household Income and Wealth (SHIW) covers 8,188 households composed of 24,930 individuals and 13,882 income-earners. The number of households interviewed in previous surveys (*panel households*) was 2,187.

Panel households have the same questionnaire number (NQUEST) as in 1989.

Given that sampling design involves unequal stratum sampling fractions, the use of sampling weights (variable PESOFL in CARCOM91) is required to obtain unbiased estimates. Weights are given at household level since all members of the household have the same weight.

2. Data format

All the data are available in three different formats: **ASCII**, **SAS** and **STATA** (version 7 and above) formats. Data are compressed in one single zip archive named IND*xx_format*, where *xx* denotes the last two digit of the survey year and *format* indicates whether the file is ASCII, SAS or STATA file. Data-files can be decompressed by using file manager (Windows XP) or any compression program such as **Winzip** or **WinRar**[1].

All the ASCII files are "comma separated" (file CSV), the first row of the file containing the variable names. This feature reduces loading time for almost all statistical packages. These statistical packages load the data naming the variables according to the information in the first record.

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1 Demo versions of those programs are available in the directory "varie" of the CD.

3. Survey datasets

Dataset	Content	Primary key
RFAM91	Household Incomes	NQUEST
RISFAM91	Household Expenditure and Savings	NQUEST
RICFAM91	Household Wealth	NQUEST
RPER91	Individual Incomes	NQUEST NORD
CARCOM91	Characteristics of the individuals	NQUEST NORD
F91TSQF1	Household questionnaire	NQUEST
F91TSB1	Annex b1	NQUEST NORD
F91TSB2	Annex b2	NQUEST NORD
F91TSB3	Annex b3	NQUEST NORD ATTIVP
F91TSB4	Annex b4	NQUEST NORD ATTIVP
F91TSB5	Annex b5	NQUEST
F91TSB6	Annex b6	NQUEST NORD ATTIVP
F91TSB7	Annex b7	NQUEST NORD
F91TSB8	Annex b8	NQUEST NORD
F91TSB9	Annex b9	NQUEST NORD
F91TSD1	Annex d1	NQUEST
F91TSD2	Annex d2	NQUEST
F91TSF1	Annex f1	NQUEST NORD
F91TSG1	Annex g1	NQUEST NORD
F91TSG2	Annex g2	NQUEST NORD

4. Information contained in the datasets

The variable names and the answer codes are reported in the questionnaire contained in the documentation.

The primary key to merge household level information is NQUEST (household ID). NQUEST must be considered together with NORD (ID of each household member) to merge individual level information.

It is possible to link panel household information using NQUEST. At individual level, NQUEST must be used together with NORDP (ID of each household member in the previous wave).

The derived variables contained in RFAM91, RISFAM91, RICFAM91 e RPER91 are explained in the Supplement of the Statistical Bullettin n°44 1993, tables a4-a5-a6.

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The file CARCOM91 contains all the social-demographic characteristics of each household member and other important information:

PESOFL   = unit sampling weight (defined at household level)
ETA   = age (years)
CLETA   = age class (Up to 30 years, 31-40, 41-50, 51-65, more than 65 years)
NCOMP   = N° of household members
NPERC   = N° of household income earners
AREA3   = geographical area (1=North, 2= Centre, 3=South and Islands)
AREA5   = geographical area (1=North-east, 2= North-west, 3=Centre, 4=South, 5=Islands)
IREG   = Istat code for region of residence (1=Piemonte, 2=Valle d'Aosta, 3=Lombardia, 4=Trentino, 5=Veneto, 6=Friuli, 7=Liguria, 8=Emilia Romagna, 9=Toscana, 10=Umbria, 11=Marche, 12=Lazio, 13=Abruzzo, 14=Molise, 15=Campania, 16=Puglia, 17=Basilicata, 18=Calabria, 19=Sicilia, 20=Sardegna)
NASCREG = region of birth (Istat code)
NASCAREA = geographical area of birth (1=North, 2= Centre, 3=South and Islands)
ACOM4C = town size (0-20.000 inhabitants, 20.000-40.000, 40.000-500.000, more than 500.000 inhabitants).

Missing values (doesn't know, unwilling to answer, inapplicable) are indicated with ".".