SURVEY OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND WEALTH 1995

Summary

1. Introduction

The Survey on Household Income and Wealth (SHIW) covers 8,135 households composed of 23,924 individuals and 14,699 income-earners. The number of households interviewed in previous surveys (*panel households*) was 3,645.

Panel households have the same questionnaire number (NQUEST) as in 1993.

Given that sampling design involves unequal stratum sampling fractions, the use of sampling weights (variable PESOFL in CARCOM95) 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
RFAM95	Household Incomes	NQUEST
RISFAM95	Household Expenditure and Savings	NQUEST
RICFAM95	Household Wealth	NQUEST
RPER95	Individual Incomes	NQUEST NORD
CARCOM95	Characteristics of the individuals	NQUEST NORD
Q95A	Part a	NQUEST
Q95B1	Part b (Employment)(*)	NQUEST NORD
Q95B2	Part b (income scheme)	NQUEST NORD
Q95C1	Part c (Payment Instruments)	NQUEST
Q95C2	Part c (Financial Assets)	NQUEST
Q95D	Part d (Properties)	NQUEST
Q95E	Part e (Expenditures)	NQUEST
Q95F	Part f (Insurance)	NQUEST
Q95G	Part g (Information provided by the interviewer)	NQUEST
USCITI	Individuals that left the panel household	NQUEST NORDP
ROTAZ1	I round	NQUEST NORD
ROTAZ2	II round	NQUEST NORD
ALLB1	Annex b1	NQUEST NORD
ALLB2	Annex b2	NQUEST NORD
ALLB3	Annex b3	NQUEST
ALLB4	Annex b4	NQUEST NORD
ALLB5	Annex b5	NQUEST NORD
ALLB6	Annex b6	NQUEST NORD
ALLD1	Annex d1	NQUEST
ALLD2	Annex d2	NQUEST

(*) Information on the prevalent status are contained in CARCOM95.

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 RFAM95, RISFAM95, RICFAM95 e RPER95 are explained below.

The file CARCOM95 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
PERC   = income earner
Q   = working status (1=employee, 2=self-employed, 3=not-employed)

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 ".".

5. Aggregate variables

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Aggregation of variables: income account

Variable name	Description [1]	Questionnaire reference [2]
Y	Net disposable income	
YL	Compensation of employees	
YL1	Net wages and salaries	B1/6
YL2	Fringe benefits	B1/8
YT	Pensions and net transfers	
YTP	Pensions and arrears	
YTP1	Pensions	B5/3a * B6/3b
YTP2	Arrears	B5/4
YTA	Other transfers	
YTA1	Economic assistance (wage supplem. etc.)	B6/(b1,b2,b3,c1,c2,c3,c4,c5,c6,c7)
YTA2	Scholarships	B6/d1
YTA3	Alimony and gifts	B6/(d2,d3,d4)
YM	Net income from self-employment	
YM1	Income from self-employment	B2/6 + B3/6 + B4/6+B4/7 (up to 20 employees)
YM2	Depreciation (-)	B2/10 + B3/10
YM3	Entrepreneurial income	B4/6+ B4/7
YC	Property income	
YCR	Income from buildings	
YCR1	Entrepreneurial incomes	B4/6 + B4/7 (up to 20 employees)
YCR2	Actual rents	D1/9 + D2/6
YCR3	Imputed rents [3]	(D/21*12) + D1/10
YCF	Income from financial assets [4]	
YCF1	Interest on deposits	Rate1*C/41(A,B)
YCF2	Interest on government securities	Rate2*C/41(C)
YCF3	Income from other securities	Rate3*C/41(D,E,F,G,H)
YCF4	Interest payable (-)	Rate4*C/52(1,2)

Y = YL + YT + YM + YC

(1)   A minus sign indicates the item is included with a negative sign in calculating the aggregate of which it is a component.
(2)   The questionnaire reference is coded as follows: section or annex/question (where necessary, line of question).
(3)   Excludes buildings used for self-employment.
(4)   Interest rate * capital stock.

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Aggregation of variables: use of income account

Variable name	Description	Questionnaire reference [1]
Y	Net disposable income	
C	Consumption	
CD	Durables	
CD1	Expenditure for transport equipment	E/04(2) - E/06(2)
CD2	Expenditure for furniture, etc.	E/04(3)
CN	Non-durables	((E/01+ D/17) *12) + YL2 + YCR3
S	Saving [2]	

Y = C + S

(1) The questionnaire reference is coded as follows: section or annex/question (where necessary, line of question).
(2) Determined as a residual.

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Aggregation of variables: capital account

Variable name	Description [1]	Questionnaire reference [2]
W	Net wealth	
AR	Real assets	
AR1	Real estate	D1/7*D1/2 + D/30*D/03 + D/34
AR2	Business equity	B2/9 + B3/9 + B4/9
AR3	Valuables	E/07(1)
PF	Financial liabilities (-)[3]	C/52(1,2) + B2/7(1,2,3) + B3/7(1,2,3)
Memorandum item:		
BD	Consumer durables	
BD1	Transport equipment	E/07(2)
BD2	Furniture, etc.	E/07(3)

W = AR + AF − PF

(1) A minus sign indicates the item is included with a negative sign in calculating the aggregate of which it is a component.
(2) The questionnaire reference is coded as follows: section or annex/question (where necessary, line of question).
(3) Incurred in acquiring real assets.