

Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES)

Item No.	Concept name	Details
1	Contact	
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2	Statistical presentation and description	
2.1	Data description	Information collected in Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) is primarily used for preparation of weighting diagram for compilation of consumer price indices for rural and urban India. In addition, statistical indicators of level of living, social consumption and well-being, and inequalities therein have also been compiled from the data collected in the survey.
2.2	Classification system	Levels of disaggregation at which different indicators are presented includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State • Sector (rural, urban)
2.3	Sector coverage	The following industry sections as per National Industrial Classification (NIC-2008) are covered in HCES: <p>Section A: Agriculture, forestry and fishing</p> <p>Section B: Mining and quarrying</p> <p>Section C: Manufacturing</p> <p>Section D: Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply</p> <p>Section E: Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities</p> <p>Section F: Construction</p> <p>Section G: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles</p> <p>Section H: Transportation and storage,</p> <p>Section I: Accommodation and Food service activities</p> <p>Section J: Information and communication</p> <p>Section K: Financial and insurance activities,</p> <p>Section L: Real estate activities</p> <p>Section M: Professional, scientific and technical activities</p> <p>Section N: Administrative and support service activities</p>

		<p>Section O: Public administration and defence; compulsory social security</p> <p>Section P: Education</p> <p>Section Q: Human health and social work activities</p> <p>Section R: Arts, entertainment and recreation</p> <p>Section S: Other service activities</p> <p>Section T: Activities of households as employers</p> <p>Section U: Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies</p>
2.4	Statistical concepts and definitions	<p>Definition of key indicators of HCES are as follows:</p> <p>The Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) at the household level is defined as:</p> $\frac{\text{household monthly consumption expenditure}}{\text{household size}}$ <p>This measure serves as the indicator of the household's level of living.</p> <p>Detailed concepts and definitions are available in the published Report of HCES in the website of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation :</p> <p>https://www.mospi.gov.in/download-reports</p>
2.5	Statistical unit	Information is collected from the selected household
2.6	Statistical population	<p>HCES covers the whole of the Indian Union except the villages in Andaman and Nicobar Islands which are difficult to access. The coverage of population in the survey are determined with the following guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under-trial prisoners in jails and indoor patients of hospitals, nursing homes, etc., are excluded, but residential staff in such institutions is included. Convicted prisoners undergoing sentence are excluded. 2. Floating population, i.e., persons without any normal residence are excluded. But households residing in open space, roadside shelter, under a bridge, etc., more or less regularly in the same place are included. 3. Foreign nationals and their domestic servants, if by definition the latter belongs to the foreign national's household are excluded. If, however, a foreign national becomes an Indian citizen for all practical purposes, he or she is included. 4. Persons residing in barracks of military and paramilitary forces (like police, BSF, etc.) are outside

		<p>the survey coverage. However, civilian population residing in their neighbourhood, including the family quarters of service personnel, are covered.</p> <p>5. Orphanages, rescue homes, ashrams and vagrant houses are outside the survey coverage. However, persons staying in old age homes, students staying in ashrams/ hostels and the residential staff (other than monks/ nuns) of these ashrams are included. For orphanages, although orphans are not covered, the persons looking after them and staying there are included.</p>
2.7	Reference Period	The household consumption expenditures are collected with different reference periods for different items of consumption, last 7 days' for some food items, last 30 days' for some other food items and some non-food items, and last 365 days' for other durable items. However, all such expenditures are translated in monthly expenditures.
2.8	Data Confidentiality ¹	Unit level data are disseminated after suppression or anonymisation of the identification details of individuals and households
3	Institutional Mandate	
3.1	Legal acts and other agreements	Data in HCES is not collected under any statutory Act.
3.2	Data sharing	As per the data dissemination policy of the Ministry. The same may be seen at link: http://microdata.gov.in/nada43/index.php/dissemination
3.3	Release policy	On basis of the survey, Reports and unit level data are released.
3.4	Release calendar	Not yet put in place
3.5	Frequency of dissemination	Usually quinquennially

¹ All statistical information published by any agency shall be arranged in such a manner so as to prevent any particulars becoming identifiable by any person (other than the informant by whom those particulars were supplied) as the particulars relating to the informant who supplied it, even through the process of elimination (Source: Collection of Statistics Act, 2008)

3.6	Data access	All published reports are placed in MoSPI website. The link for the same is given below: https://www.mospi.gov.in/download-reports
4	Quality Management	
4.1	Documentation on methodology	Concepts, definitions and methodologies adopted for HCES are available in the published Reports. The link for the same is given below: https://www.mospi.gov.in/download-reports
4.2	Quality documentation	To ensure quality, monitoring is ensured at each step of the survey including field inspection, scrutiny, validation, checking for consistency of the tables, etc.
4.3	Quality assurance	All the results are subjected to rigorous monitoring of the survey work and intensive checking/validation of data and tables at each stage of processing
4.4	Quality assessment	In the HCES, Relative Standard Errors (RSE) is used to assess quality.
5	Accuracy and Reliability	
5.1	Sampling error	The Relative Standard Errors (RSE) of the key indicators are presented in the published Reports of HCES
6	Timeliness	
6.1	Timeliness	Results of the survey and unit level data are published once finalized.
7	Comparability	
7.1	Comparability - over time	Results are comparable over time
8	Statistical Processing	
8.1	Source data type	Survey data
8.2	Frequency of data collection	Usually, Household Consumer Expenditure Survey (HCES) are conducted once in every five years.
8.3	Data collection method	Data is collected through personal interviewing method through CAPI.
8.4	Data validation	Collected data is validated through a set of scrutiny programmes and other consistency checks.
8.5	Data compilation	Data compilation is done through a dedicated Division for data processing

9	Metadata Update	
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