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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A comprehensive survey was conducted in October 1995 in order to determine the income and expenditure of households in South Africa. This survey does not only show the earnings and spendings of South African households but also the pattern of household consumption. This survey is conducted every five years.

The survey which was conducted in 1990 included households in the 12 main metropolitan areas, namely Cape Peninsula, Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage, East London, Kimberley, Bloemfontein, Free State Goldfields, Durban/Pinetown, Pietermaritzburg, Klerksdorp/Stilfontein/Orkney, Pretoria/Centurion/Akasia, Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle. The 1995 survey was extended to cover all areas, including the metropolitan, urban and rural areas.

These tables should be used together with the separate summary report "Earning and Spending in South Africa", which gives a written and graphic description of the main findings. This report is available from Stats SA.

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Tables**Summary of average annual household expenditure**

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1.1	Africans
1.2	Coloureds
1.3	Asians
1.4	Whites
1.5	All population groups
2.	According to household size (number of persons)
2.1	Africans
2.2	Coloureds
2.3	Asians
2.4	Whites
2.5	All population groups
3	According to occupational group of head of household
3.1	Africans
3.2	Coloureds
3.3	Asians
3.4	Whites
3.5	All population groups
4	According to area and type of dwelling
4.1	Africans
4.2	Coloureds
4.3	Asians
4.4	Whites
4.5	All population groups
5	According to area and expenditure groups
5.1	Africans
5.2	Coloureds
5.3	Asians
5.4	Whites
5.5	All population groups
6	Average expenditure for the survey month
6.1	Food
6.2	Drinks

6.3	Tobacco
6.4	Personal care
6.5	Other household consumer goods
6.6	Household services
6.7	Household fuel
6.8	Clothing and footwear
6.9	Furniture and equipment
6.10	Health services and medical requisite
6.11	Transport
6.12	Computer and telecommunication equipment
6.13	Communication
6.14	Education
6.15	Reading matter
6.16	Recreation, entertainment and sport
6.17	Miscellaneous products and services
7.1	Average income for the survey year

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Purpose of survey

The main purpose of the survey was to determine the average expenditure patterns of households in the different areas concerned. This survey forms the basis for the determination of the "basket" of consumer goods and services used for the calculation of the Consumer Price Index. The survey were conducted in October 1995 and is done every five years.

2. Scope and coverage

The survey covered a sample of 30 000 households, of which 29 595 co-operated, 16 903 in urban areas and 12 692 in non-urban areas.

3. Defenitions

3.1 Households

A household consists of a person or a group of persons who:

- (i) Eat together and share resources; and
- (ii) normally reside at least four nights a week at the specific visiting point.

For the purpose of this survey a live-in domestic worker is regarded as a seperate household.

3.2 Enumerator area

For each population census, census districts area were delimited before hand into

manageable geographical units known as enumerator areas (Eas). The size of these enumerator areas (Eas) is determined by the topography of the area, as well as by the number of visiting points within the area.

3.3 Visisting point

A visiting point is a physical address or a dwelling where a household or a group of households can be found. A visiting point can be a house, hotel, shop, house under construction, hut, tent or a block of flats or apartments.

4. Period to which information refers

Some sections refers to monthly expenditure (1-31 October 1995) while other refers to annual expenditure (October 1994-October 1995). In tables where monthly expenditure per item is reported, the monthly expenditure as supplied by the households was multiplied by 12 to estimate annual expenditure.

This was the case for:

Food	Drinks
Tobacco	Housing
Fuel and power	Personal care
Other household consumable goods	Household services
Public and hired transport	Communication for household purposes

5. Comparability with previous surveys

Previous surveys were conducted only in the 12 main urban areas. The 1995 survey was conducted in urban as well as non-urban areas.

6. Income

The questionnaire covered income from all sources by all memebers of the household. Income was divided into two categories:

Regular income - The more or less regular income which is depended on for the redemption of current expenditure. Included here are salaries and wages, profit from own business, pension and interest.

Other income - This includes sales and trade-ins of possessions, fringe benefits received from the employers, lump sums such as retirement gratuities, insurance policies paid out and gifts received.

7. Expenditure

For purposes of the survey, expenditure was defined as purchases during the survey period. Expenditure incurred on food, housing and transport while on holiday is shown with other holiday spending. Respondents were requested to exclude expenditure incurred in carrying out their occupations.

8. Household

The size of the household is determined by the number of permanent members of the household and does not include temporary visitors or servants.

9. Occupational group

The occupational group of a household is based on the occupation, industry and work status of the head of the household according to the following classification:

10. Rounding off

Entries in the tables are rounded figures - this results in marginal differences in corresponding totals.

11. Availability of data set

In order to ensure optimal utilisation of this valuable source of information, the CSS would encourage users to purchase the data set at a minimal cost and to do their own analyses of the data.

This data set will be available on tape or floppy in the near future. Any further queries may be directed to the User's Enquiries Component of the Stats SA (Tel.(012) 310-8600).

12. Availability of narrative report

A separate narrative report (text and graphs) on selected findings has been written and is available from CSS.

13. Provincial tables

Tables for all provinces are being prepared.

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