

ABOUT THE SURVEY

The National Income Dynamics Study is South Africa's first national survey to track the same people over time to get a really good picture of how people are benefitting or suffering under the current social and economic conditions. This is a study about household welfare in South Africa, run by researchers at the University of Cape Town for the South African Presidency.

In 2008 we visited your household for the first time to collect the first round of information. We then visited you again in 2010/2011, 2012 and 2014/2015 even if you had moved. We are now back for a third visit to learn more about you and your household's experiences since we last saw you.

HOW WAS I SELECTED

The purpose of this study is to learn more about how people in South Africa are faring over time and the reason we are visiting this household is that you and/or other members of the household participated in the first round of this study in 2008. We would like to ask you some questions including your current household's composition, income and expenditure, and what services this household has access to.

WHO IS CONDUCTING THE SURVEY

We are the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, a research group based at the University of Cape Town. We don't personally profit from your answers. We gather the information, analyse the research and make suggestions to people in power. Fieldworkers from the company GeoSpace will be doing the fieldwork on our behalf.



IS THE INFORMATION I GIVE KEPT PRIVATE?

We are gathering information from thousands of people like you so that we can understand more clearly what is working and what is not working in the country. Before any research results are presented, the details and the answers that you give will be grouped together with the responses from all other participants such that no one will be able to identify you and your responses.

AM I FORCED TO PARTICIPATE?

You are not forced to participate in the survey. However, it is very important to us that you participate. Your household and over 9100 other households are part of this important study. We are not allowed to replace your household with another, so it is critical to the success of the study that you continue to take part and share your information with us. Your story represents many others like you in piecing together accurately the national picture. If it is not possible for you to take part in this round, please keep in contact with us so that we can attempt to contact you for future rounds.

WHO ELSE IS PARTICIPATING?

We made sure that we interviewed men and women and people from all race and language groups living in South Africa in 2008. We also made sure that we interviewed people in cities and rural areas. Around 28,000 people were included in the study during the 2008 visits. We hope to interview you and all others in the survey every two years and that it why we are visiting again.



WHAT DID YOU LEARN LAST TIME?

We learned very interesting and encouraging things about South Africans the last time. For example, children in school now are likely to stay in school longer than their parents. Household sizes are also getting smaller. By interviewing the same individuals again, we will be able to see if these trends continue and, also, which groups are moving out of households and why and which groups are doing well in progressing through school.

HOW LONG WILL THE INTERVIEW LAST?

To speed up the interview process we have given our fieldworkers computers which they will use to collect information from you. The interview should therefore not take more than one hour per questionnaire. Besides asking you questions, the interviewer will take your health measurements. We interview others in your home in the same way.



WHAT DO I GET OUT OF THIS?

We do not pay people for participating in the survey. However you will receive a small gift to show our appreciation for your participation.

WHAT IF I LIE?

We need to know what you earn and how many children you have so that we can get an accurate picture of what South African households look like, how they change over time, what problems they face and how they can cope with them. If you make up a story about how much you earn, for example, we won't get the right picture for the country.

DO I HAVE TO GIVE THIS INFORMATION IN FRONT OF OTHERS WHO LIVE WITH ME?

No. You can speak to the fieldworker privately. If you realise you've made a mistake in the interview, you can call the NIDS Office on our toll free number to inform us about it.

WILL YOU BE COMING AGAIN IN THE FUTURE?

We want to come back again in the future with the intention of finding out how you will be doing. It is therefore very helpful for us that you give us enough information that will allow us to visit you again.

REMIND ME AGAIN, WHY I SHOULD DO THIS?

You will be part of history. This is South Africa's first national survey to track the same people over time to get a good picture of how people are benefitting or suffering. The same kinds of surveys are done overseas in places like Australia, Malaysia, Mexico and the United Kingdom. South Africa really needs this kind of data. You will be helping a lot of people if you participate in this study.



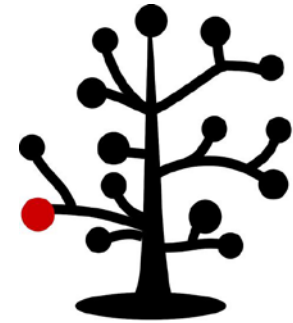
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