

Households consumption expenditure

Year 2009

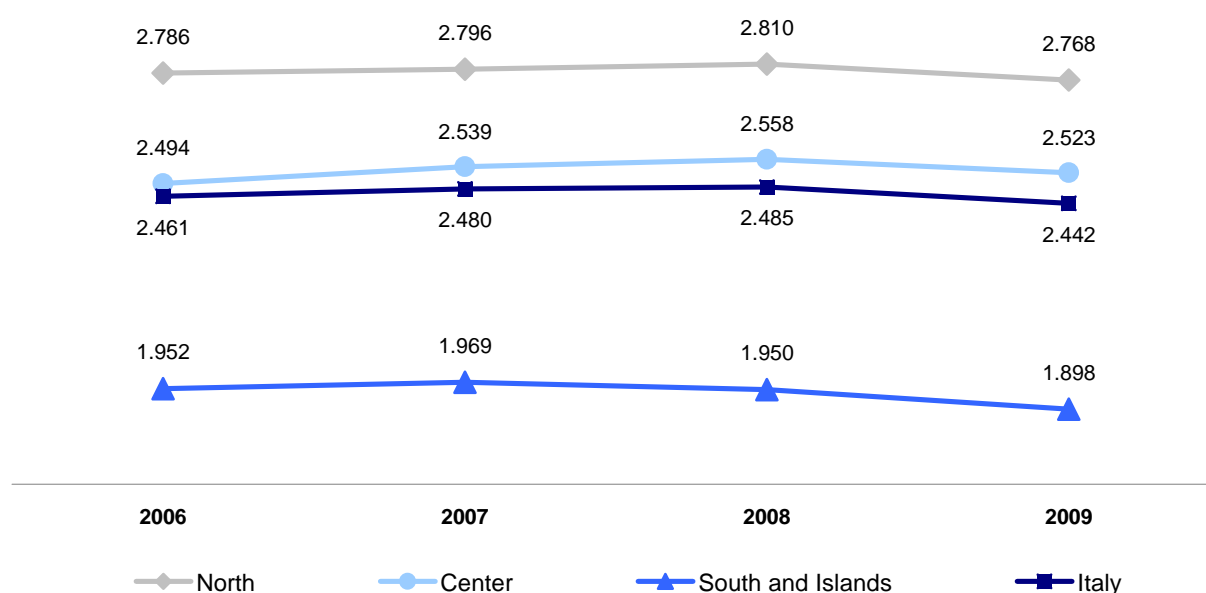
Istat estimates that, in 2009, the average monthly household consumption expenditure was 2,442 Euros (-1.7% in comparison with 2008). Considering the inflation rate (+0.08) and the dynamics of the imputed rent¹ (-1.1%) the variation corresponds to a reduction in real terms.

The median value passes from 2.081 Euros in 2008 to 2,020 Euros in 2009 (-2.9%).

The main reduction was observed for food and beverages expenditure (-3%), in particular in the South and the Islands (-3.9%)

For food and beverages 35.6% of the households declared of having reduced the quantity/quality of the purchased products in comparison with the previous year; among them, 65% reduced quality only, on the other hand a 15% also the quantity.

Figure 1- Average monthly household expenditure by geographical area. Years 2006-2009 (Euros)



Among non food expenditures, a decrease was observed for health, in particular in the North, tobacco, communication. The only expenditure showing an increase was that for electricity, gas and other fuels, due to the long and rigid winter.

Different household characteristics determine different levels and composition of the total expenditure.

¹ The imputed rent is estimated for non tenant households (owner, usufructuary , etc.) and for households owing secondary houses to guarantee the consumption behaviour comparability with the tenant households.

Generally speaking, households with low expenditure levels (households of elderly, retired, unemployed or inactive) devoted higher portions of the total expenditure to basic goods and services, as housing, food and, for elderly, health.

Among other households (young/adult couples, entrepreneurs and freelances, managers and employees, self-employed), higher portions of the total expenditure were used for catering and accommodation services, life insurances and annuities, professional fees, transport, communication, clothing and footwear.

Tables 1 - Median and average monthly household consumption expenditure by geographical area.
Years 2007-2009, Euros (bold) and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total mean expenditure

	North			Centre			South and the Islands			Italy		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
Median monthly expenditure	2,314	2,347	2,271	2,173	2,205	2,130	1,679	1,666	1,614	2,068	2,081	2,020
Average monthly expenditure (=100%)	2,796	2,810	2,768	2,539	2,558	2,523	1,969	1,950	1,898	2,480	2,485	2,442
Food and beverages	449	464	455	485	492	472	480	482	463	466	475	461
Bread and cereals	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.1	4.0	4.3	4.1	3.2	3.3	3.3
Meat	3.6	3.7	3.6	4.5	4.6	4.4	5.5	5.5	5.6	4.3	4.3	4.3
Fish	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.6	2.5	2.6	1.7	1.6	1.6
Milk, cheese and eggs	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.5	2.6	2.6
Oil and fats	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Potatoes, fruit and vegetables	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.6	3.6	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.4	3.5	3.4
Sugar, coffee and other	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.3
Beverages	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7
Non food	2,347	2,346	2,313	2,054	2,066	2,050	1,489	1,468	1,435	2,014	2,009	1,981
Tobacco	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.8
Clothing and footwear	5.7	5.5	5.2	6.0	5.6	5.4	7.8	7.5	7.5	6.3	6.0	5.8
Housing	27.7	27.7	28.3	29.0	29.3	31.2	22.9	23.2	24.7	26.7	26.9	28.0
Electricity, gas and other fuels	4.7	5.3	5.5	4.7	5.1	5.5	4.6	5.3	5.6	4.7	5.2	5.5
Furnishing, equipment and housing services	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.0	4.9	4.7	5.9	5.4	5.2	5.7	5.5	5.5
Health	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.5	4.0	3.8	3.6
Transport	15.5	14.7	14.5	14.6	14.6	13.4	13.2	13.1	12.4	14.7	14.3	13.8
Communication	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0
Education	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Recreation and culture	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.5	4.4	4.3	4.2
Other goods and services	11.7	12.3	12.5	9.9	9.5	9.8	9.0	8.8	8.7	10.7	10.9	11.0

Table 2 - Median and average monthly household consumption expenditure by household size.
Year 2009, Euros (bold) and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total mean expenditure

	Household size				
	1	2	3	4	5 or more
Median monthly expenditure	1,413	1,965	2,440	2,609	2,690
Average monthly expenditure (=100%)	1,694	2,341	2,911	3,099	3,242
Food and beverages	304	446	537	592	708
Bread and cereals	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.9
Meat	3.7	4.3	4.3	4.5	5.3
Fish	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.7	2.0
Milk, cheese and eggs	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.7	3.0
Oil and fats	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Potatoes, fruit and vegetables	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.6
Sugar, coffee and other	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.5
Beverages	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
Non food	1,390	1,895	2,374	2,507	2,534
Tobacco	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1
Clothing and footwear	4.6	5.0	6.2	7.2	7.2
Housing	34.9	30.0	25.7	23.6	21.6
Electricity, gas and other fuels	6.0	5.8	5.3	5.2	5.3
Furnishing, equipment and housing services	5.3	5.5	6.3	5.0	4.6
Health	3.2	4.3	3.5	3.4	3.4
Transport	10.2	13.2	14.9	16.0	15.7
Communication	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1
Education	0.2	0.5	1.2	1.7	2.2
Recreation and culture	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.4	4.5
Other goods and services	11.0	10.1	11.3	11.6	10.5

Table 3 - Average and median monthly household consumption expenditure by household typology. Year 2009, Euros (bold) and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total mean expenditure

	Food and beverages	Clothing and footwear	Housing, electricity, gas and other fuels	Furnishing, equipment and housing services	Health	Transport and communication	Education, recreation and culture	Other expenditure	Average monthly expenditure (=100%)	Median monthly expenditure
Single member under 35	16.6	6.7	32.5	5.1	2.1	15.6	5.3	16.2	1,817	1,536
Single member 35- 64	15.6	5.5	37.2	4.8	2.3	15.5	4.7	14.4	2,005	1,658
Single member 65 and over	21.0	3.0	47.1	5.9	4.5	7.6	3.3	7.5	1,415	1,180
Couple with r.p. under 35	14.4	7.1	27.6	7.7	2.8	20.0	5.0	15.6	2,648	2,150
Couple with r.p. 35-64	17.2	5.8	33.2	5.1	3.7	17.9	4.6	12.5	2,671	2,323
Couple with r.p. 65 and over	21.8	3.7	40.3	5.4	5.3	11.8	3.5	8.3	2,153	1,793
Couple with one child	18.3	6.3	31.0	6.2	3.5	16.9	5.5	12.3	2,966	2,484
Couple with 2 children	19.1	7.3	28.4	5.0	3.4	18.1	6.1	12.7	3,110	2,626
Couple with 3 or more children	21.3	7.5	27.1	4.3	3.4	17.5	6.9	12.0	3,238	2,667
Single parent	18.8	5.7	33.3	5.5	3.4	15.6	6.0	11.7	2,381	1,983
Other typology	20.8	5.5	31.4	5.8	4.0	16.8	5.1	10.6	2,682	2,247
Total	18.9	5.8	33.5	5.5	3.6	15.7	5.1	11.8	2,442	2,020

r.p.= household reference person.

Table 4 - Average and median monthly household consumption expenditure by reference person's professional condition. Year 2009, Euros (bold) and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total mean expenditure

	Food and beverages	Clothing and footwear	Housing, electricity, gas and other fuels	Furnishing, equipment and housing services	Health	Transport and communication	Education, recreation and culture	Other expenditure	Average monthly expenditure (=100%)	Median monthly expenditure
Entrepreneur and freelance	15.0	7.8	30.6	5.2	2.9	17.1	6.1	15.3	3,493	2,952
Self employed	18.7	6.5	29.7	4.5	3.2	18.3	5.3	13.8	2,834	2,333
Manager and employee	16.1	7.1	31.4	5.7	3.3	16.5	6.2	13.6	2,969	2,497
Worker	20.3	6.1	29.2	5.6	2.9	18.7	5.3	11.8	2,406	2,015
Retired	20.5	4.2	38.9	5.5	4.6	13.1	4.0	9.3	2,104	1,720
Other	22.1	4.8	36.4	5.2	3.7	12.9	4.7	10.3	1,820	1,443

Table 5 - Average and median monthly household consumption expenditure by region. Year 2009, Euros (bold) and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total mean expenditure

	Food and beverages	Tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Housing	Electricity, gas and other fuels	Furnishing, equipment and housing services	Health	Transport	Communication	Education	Recreation and culture	Other goods and services	Average monthly expenditure (=100%)	Median monthly expenditure
Piemonte	18.4	0.8	4.9	26.5	6.2	5.9	3.5	13.5	2.0	1.1	5.0	12.1	2,588	2,134
Valle d'Aosta/ Vallée d'Aoste	15.1	0.7	4.6	27.5	5.7	10.5	4.5	13.3	2.0	0.7	4.3	11.1	2,606	2,089
Lombardia	16.1	0.7	5.2	28.3	5.2	5.7	3.4	15.0	1.8	1.0	4.4	13.3	2,918	2,401
Trentino Alto Adige	15.1	0.6	5.7	29.9	5.1	5.6	4.8	13.9	2.0	1.3	4.6	11.5	2,520	2,037
- Bolzano/ Bozen	<i>13.6</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>12.8</i>	2,784	2,267
- Trento	<i>16.6</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>28.8</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>9.9</i>	2,280	1,866
Veneto	15.6	0.6	5.4	28.2	5.7	6.5	3.6	15.2	1.7	1.0	4.3	12.3	2,857	2,335
Friuli Venezia Giulia	15.5	0.6	5.3	30.6	5.1	5.6	4.2	14.7	1.8	1.1	4.7	10.9	2,569	2,175
Liguria	19.6	0.8	4.7	32.2	4.9	4.9	4.3	11.3	1.8	0.7	3.9	10.9	2,396	1,962
Emilia Romagna	15.8	0.7	5.5	27.9	5.7	5.9	3.9	14.9	1.9	1.0	4.3	12.4	2,799	2,269
Toscana	18.2	0.8	4.9	32.0	6.0	4.2	3.4	13.9	2.2	0.9	4.0	9.6	2,444	2,103
Umbria	19.4	0.9	6.2	25.7	5.9	5.8	4.3	14.4	2.1	0.5	4.8	10.1	2,586	2,178
Marche	19.8	0.9	6.2	27.1	6.1	5.0	3.6	13.3	2.1	0.8	4.5	10.7	2,434	2,096
Lazio	18.7	0.9	5.3	32.5	4.8	4.7	3.6	13.0	1.9	0.9	4.0	9.6	2,591	2,137
Abruzzo	21.9	0.8	7.6	24.0	6.0	5.7	3.4	13.7	2.2	0.6	4.2	9.9	2,419	2,085
Molise	20.5	1.0	6.9	22.8	5.8	10.6	3.9	10.7	2.1	1.1	5.0	9.7	2,336	1,813
Campania	26.5	1.4	7.1	26.2	5.0	5.0	3.0	11.0	2.3	0.9	3.2	8.4	1,894	1,644
Puglia	24.1	1.1	8.1	22.2	5.6	5.7	3.6	12.5	2.2	1.2	3.9	9.8	1,983	1,704
Basilicata	22.1	1.1	9.4	20.2	6.5	5.7	4.5	13.1	2.3	1.7	3.8	9.4	1,862	1,553
Calabria	24.5	1.1	7.4	21.1	7.0	5.2	4.1	13.9	2.3	1.5	3.8	8.2	1,795	1,473
Sicilia	24.4	1.5	7.4	26.2	5.4	4.5	3.6	13.0	2.2	0.9	3.0	7.8	1,721	1,500
Sardegna	22.7	0.9	7.1	27.8	5.9	4.6	4.2	12.2	2.1	1.1	3.9	7.6	1,878	1,600
Italy	18.9	0.8	5.8	28.0	5.5	5.5	3.6	13.8	2.0	1.0	4.2	11.0	2,442	2,020

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