

## Households consumption expenditure 2010

### Main results

In 2010 the average monthly household consumption expenditure, in current values, was 2,453 Euros, with a +0.5% change in comparison with 2009. Taking into account the sampling error (0.6%) and the dynamics of the imputed rent<sup>1</sup> (+0.2%), the variation corresponds to a stability in real terms, despite the inflation rate (+1.5%).

The median monthly expenditure was 2,040 Euros (+1.0% in comparison with the previous year) and it confirmed the stability observed in average terms.

In comparison with 2009, the average expenditure on food and beverages was stable (+1.2%) and equal to 467 Euros per month: the meat expenditure increased while the oil and fats expenditure decreased.

The share of total consumption expenditure on food and beverages was the same as in 2009 for the North (16.5%) and the Centre (18.6%), while it increased in the South and the Islands, where it represented a quarter of the total expenditure.

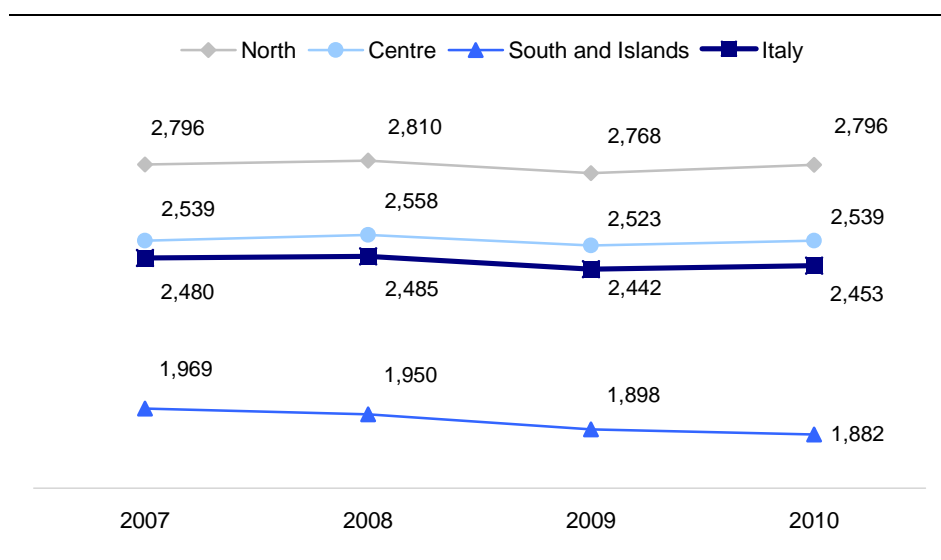
Similarly to food and beverages, also the average non food expenditure was stable and equal to 1,987 Euros per month.

A reduction was observed for expenditures on electricity, gas and other fuels and for other goods and services.

The share of total consumption expenditure devoted to housing increased, as well as the share used for health and education.

Lombardia was the region showing the highest expenditure level (2,896 Euros), followed by Emilia-Romagna (2,885) and Veneto (2,876). At the bottom of the ranking, once again, Sicilia with an average monthly expenditure (1,668) of about 1,000 Euros less than that observed in the regions showing the highest levels.

FIGURE 1 - AVERAGE MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Years 2007-2010 (Euros)



<sup>1</sup> 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.

TABLE 1 - MEDIAN AND AVERAGE MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA.  
Years 2008-2010, Euros (bold) and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total average expenditure

	North			Centre			South and Islands			Italy		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
<b>MEDIAN MONTHLY EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,347</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>2,333</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>2,130</b>	<b>2,177</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>2,040</b>
<b>AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE (=100%)</b>	<b>2,810</b>	<b>2,768</b>	<b>2,796</b>	<b>2,558</b>	<b>2,523</b>	<b>2,539</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>1,898</b>	<b>1,882</b>	<b>2,485</b>	<b>2,442</b>	<b>2,453</b>
Food and beverages	464	455	461	492	472	472	482	463	471	475	461	467
Bread and cereals	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.1	4.3	4.1	4.2	3.3	3.3	3.2
Meat	3.7	3.6	4.0	4.6	4.4	4.3	5.5	5.6	5.7	4.3	4.3	4.5
Fish	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.5	2.6	2.7	1.6	1.6	1.7
Milk, cheese and eggs	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.6
Oil and fats	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6
Potatoes, fruit and vegetables	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.6	3.6	3.5	4.3	4.2	4.4	3.5	3.4	3.4
Sugar, coffee and other	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.3	1.3
Beverages	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7
<b>Non food</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>2,313</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>2,066</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>1,987</b>
Tobacco	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.3	0.9	0.8	0.8
Clothing and footwear	5.5	5.2	5.1	5.6	5.4	5.7	7.5	7.5	7.5	6.0	5.8	5.8
Housing	27.7	28.3	28.8	29.3	31.2	31.1	23.2	24.7	25.0	26.9	28.0	28.4
Electricity, gas and other fuels	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.5	5.3
Furnishing, equipment and housing services	5.8	5.9	5.6	4.9	4.7	4.8	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.4
Health	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.7
Transport	14.7	14.5	14.8	14.6	13.4	13.4	13.1	12.4	12.1	14.3	13.8	13.8
Communication	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0
Education	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1
Recreation and culture	4.5	4.5	4.9	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.5	4.3	4.2	4.4
Other goods and services	12.3	12.5	11.5	9.5	9.8	9.6	8.8	8.7	8.2	10.9	11.0	10.3

TABLE 2 - MEDIAN AND AVERAGE MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE.  
Year 2010, Euros (bold) and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total average expenditure

	Household size				
	1	2	3	4	5 or more
<b>MEDIAN MONTHLY EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>2,738</b>
<b>AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE (=100%)</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>2,425</b>	<b>2,861</b>	<b>3,092</b>	<b>3,245</b>
<b>Food and beverages</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>675</b>
Bread and cereals	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.8
Meat	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	5.0
Fish	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
Milk, cheese and eggs	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.9
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	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.4
Beverages	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.7
<b>Non food</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>1,962</b>	<b>2,329</b>	<b>2,496</b>	<b>2,570</b>
Tobacco	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0
Clothing and footwear	4.5	4.8	6.5	7.0	7.4
Housing	35.0	30.7	26.2	23.3	22.0
Electricity, gas and other fuels	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.1	5.2
Furnishing, equipment and housing services	5.2	5.5	5.7	4.9	5.8
Health	3.6	4.5	3.5	3.3	3.2
Transport	10.4	13.0	14.8	16.5	15.9
Communication	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0
Education	0.3	0.4	1.4	1.9	2.5
Recreation and culture	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.4
Other goods and services	10.0	9.8	10.6	11.2	9.8

**TABLE 3 - AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY HOUSEHOLD TYPOLOGY. Year 2010, Euros (bold) and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total average 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 expenditures	Average monthly expenditure (=100%)	Median monthly expenditure
Single member under 35	16.8	6.7	32.4	4.8	2.8	16.9	5.6	13.9	<b>1,898</b>	<b>1,652</b>
Single member 35-64	16.7	5.5	36.0	4.9	2.5	16.1	4.7	13.5	<b>2,001</b>	<b>1,704</b>
Single member 65 and over	21.3	2.8	47.8	5.6	4.9	7.0	3.6	6.9	<b>1,446</b>	<b>1,186</b>
Couple with r.p. under 35	13.9	6.3	30.3	6.7	3.0	21.1	4.7	13.9	<b>2,908</b>	<b>2,385</b>
Couple with r.p. 35-64	16.5	5.2	32.4	5.8	4.2	18.1	4.8	12.9	<b>2,858</b>	<b>2,338</b>
Couple with r.p. 65 and over	21.7	3.6	40.7	5.1	5.4	11.6	3.9	7.9	<b>2,213</b>	<b>1,874</b>
Couple with one child	18.2	6.6	31.0	5.8	3.4	17.2	5.9	11.8	<b>2,922</b>	<b>2,546</b>
Couple with 2 children	19.0	7.2	28.2	4.9	3.2	18.7	6.7	12.0	<b>3,131</b>	<b>2,690</b>
Couple with 3 or more children	20.3	7.8	26.5	5.7	3.1	17.7	7.7	11.2	<b>3,298</b>	<b>2,783</b>
Single parent	20.2	5.7	34.3	4.9	3.7	14.1	6.2	10.9	<b>2,308</b>	<b>1,967</b>
Other typology	21.2	5.7	32.4	5.9	3.7	15.8	5.1	10.2	<b>2,644</b>	<b>2,209</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>2,040</b>

r.p.= household reference person.

**TABLE 4 - AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY REFERENCE PERSON'S PROFESSIONAL CONDITION. Year 2010, Euros (bold) and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total average 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 expenditures	Average monthly expenditure (=100%)	Median monthly expenditure
Entrepreneur and freelance	14.1	7.5	29.0	6.1	3.3	18.7	6.3	15.0	<b>3,674</b>	<b>3,104</b>
Self employed	18.3	6.2	30.2	5.4	2.8	18.1	5.9	13.2	<b>2,820</b>	<b>2,369</b>
Manager and employee	16.3	7.1	31.5	5.6	3.1	17.1	6.4	13.0	<b>3,020</b>	<b>2,573</b>
Worker	20.5	6.2	29.3	5.3	3.4	18.6	5.6	11.1	<b>2,372</b>	<b>2,044</b>
Retired	21.0	4.2	39.1	5.3	4.7	12.5	4.5	8.7	<b>2,108</b>	<b>1,742</b>
Other	22.3	4.9	36.9	4.6	3.6	13.4	4.7	9.5	<b>1,856</b>	<b>1,477</b>

TABLE 5 - AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY REGION. Year 2010, Euros (bold) and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total average expenditure

	Food and beverages	Tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Housing	Electricity, gas and other fuels	Furnishing, equipment, housing services	Health	Transport	Communication	Education	Recreation and culture	Other goods and services	Average monthly expenditure (=100%)	Median monthly expenditure
Piemonte	17.7	0.7	5.3	26.6	6.1	5.9	3.6	13.9	1.9	1.3	5.3	11.7	2,684	2,263
Valle d'Aosta/ Vallée d'Aoste	15.2	0.6	4.5	26.9	6.5	8.5	8.0	12.1	2.0	1.2	4.2	10.4	2,579	1,990
Lombardia	16.4	0.7	5.0	29.6	4.9	5.4	3.6	15.2	1.9	1.0	4.8	11.5	2,896	2,422
Trentino-Alto Adige	14.2	0.5	5.9	29.4	4.8	6.5	3.8	14.3	1.8	1.5	5.1	12.1	2,705	2,210
- Bolzano/ Bozen	13.5	0.5	6.9	30.7	3.9	7.4	2.6	12.9	1.8	1.4	5.1	13.5	2,846	2,371
- Trento	15.0	0.6	5.0	28.2	5.7	5.6	4.9	15.7	1.9	1.6	5.1	10.7	2,577	2,109
Veneto	16.1	0.6	5.2	27.7	5.4	5.9	4.1	15.4	1.8	1.1	4.9	11.7	2,876	2,432
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	16.4	0.6	4.9	28.9	4.7	6.1	4.3	15.6	1.7	0.9	5.2	10.7	2,673	2,163
Liguria	19.7	0.6	4.3	35.7	5.2	4.3	2.9	10.7	1.7	0.9	3.3	10.7	2,261	1,846
Emilia-Romagna	15.5	0.7	5.2	28.2	5.6	5.6	4.1	15.1	1.9	1.4	4.8	11.8	2,885	2,439
Toscana	18.0	0.7	5.2	31.2	5.2	4.5	3.1	14.5	2.0	1.2	4.2	10.0	2,557	2,202
Umbria	18.6	0.9	5.1	25.8	5.5	6.7	4.3	16.7	1.9	0.7	4.3	9.5	2,654	2,139
Marche	18.7	0.7	5.6	29.1	5.7	4.1	3.9	15.0	2.0	1.3	3.8	10.1	2,522	2,009
Lazio	19.0	0.9	6.1	32.6	4.9	4.9	4.1	11.6	2.0	0.6	4.2	9.2	2,512	2,213
Abruzzo	21.6	0.8	7.6	22.0	6.5	9.1	4.0	11.2	2.0	1.5	4.5	9.3	2,331	1,866
Molise	20.2	0.8	6.7	24.1	6.1	6.4	4.7	13.3	2.0	2.3	4.1	9.3	2,326	1,954
Campania	27.3	1.5	6.9	26.5	5.2	4.3	2.8	10.8	2.2	1.0	3.2	8.5	1,908	1,687
Puglia	24.1	1.0	8.2	24.2	5.2	5.8	3.5	12.7	2.1	1.5	3.5	8.2	1,980	1,686
Basilicata	22.4	1.1	7.8	20.1	6.5	6.6	4.6	14.2	2.1	0.9	3.6	10.1	1,887	1,544
Calabria	25.8	1.2	6.8	22.1	6.3	4.9	4.0	13.9	2.2	0.9	3.6	8.4	1,787	1,514
Sicilia	25.9	1.6	7.4	26.4	5.2	4.5	3.7	11.8	2.3	0.9	3.1	7.2	1,668	1,438
Sardegna	22.5	1.1	8.1	26.4	6.2	4.4	3.6	13.2	2.2	0.9	4.1	7.3	1,870	1,624
<b>Italy</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>2,040</b>

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