

## Households consumption expenditure 2012

### Main results

In 2012 the average monthly household consumption expenditure, at current values, was 2,419 euros (with a -2.8% change in comparison with 2011). Taking into account the sampling error (0.6%) and the inflation rate dynamics (+3%), the expenditure diminish in real terms, too.

The median monthly expenditure was 2,078 euros; it is exactly the same value observed in 2011 as a consequence of a major decrease of expenditure for higher-level-expenditure households.

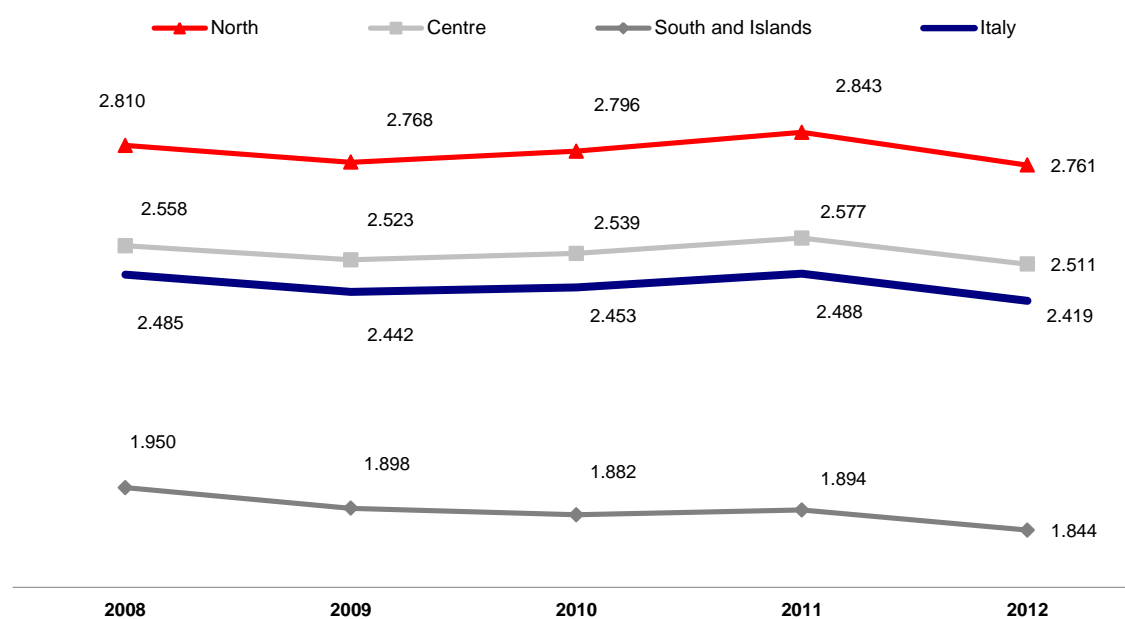
In comparison with 2011, the average expenditure on food and beverages is basically stable (468 euros per month), also due to the household saving strategy to cope with prices increase: the percentage of households that reduce foodstuffs quantity and/or quality increased (from 53.6% in 2011 to 62.3% in 2012) as well as the percentage of households buying in the hard discounts (from 10.5% to 12.3%).

Non-food expenditure decline by 3% and is once more under 2,000 euros per month: a decrease is observed for expenditures on clothing and footwear (-10.3%), on furnishing, equipment and housing services (-8.7%) and on recreation and culture (-5.4%). On the contrary, an increase by 3.9% was observed for expenditure on electricity, gas and other fuels.

The share of total consumption expenditure on food and beverages increased (from 19.2% to 19.4%) especially in the Central regions (from 18.4% to 19.3%), but the highest value is observed (25.3%) once again in the South and the Islands area .,

Trentino-Alto Adige, in particular the Bolzano province, was the region showing the highest expenditure level (2,919 euros), followed by Lombardia (2,866 euros) and Veneto (2,835 euros). At the bottom of the ranking, once again, Sicilia with an average monthly expenditure of 1,628 euros, that is about 1,300 Euros less than that observed in Trentino-Alto Adige.

FIGURE 1 - AVERAGE MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Years 2008-2012 (Euros)



**TABLE 1 - MEDIAN AND AVERAGE MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA.**  
 Years 2010-2012, Euros (bold) and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total average expenditure

	North			Centre			South and the Islands			Italy		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
<b>MEDIAN MONTHLY EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,333</b>	<b>2,379</b>	<b>2,359</b>	<b>2,177</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>2,229</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>1,628</b>	<b>1,549</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>2,078</b>
<b>AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE (=100%)</b>	<b>2,796</b>	<b>2,843</b>	<b>2,761</b>	<b>2,539</b>	<b>2,577</b>	<b>2,511</b>	<b>1,882</b>	<b>1,894</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>2,488</b>	<b>2,419</b>
<b>Food and beverages</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>468</b>
Bread and cereals	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.1	3.1	4.2	4.3	4.1	3.2	3.2	3.2
Meat	4.0	4.0	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.7	5.7	5.9	6.1	4.5	4.6	4.6
Fish	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	1.7	1.7	1.7
Milk, cheese and eggs	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	2.6	2.6	2.6
Oil and fats	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.7
Potatoes, fruit and vegetables	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.5	4.4	4.5	4.4	3.4	3.4	3.5
Sugar, coffee and other	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.4
Beverages	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.8
<b>Non food</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>2,370</b>	<b>2,298</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>2,027</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>2,011</b>	<b>1,951</b>
Tobacco	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.8
Clothing and footwear	5.1	4.9	4.8	5.7	5.1	4.6	7.5	6.6	5.7	5.8	5.4	5.0
Housing	28.8	29.4	29.1	31.1	32.4	31.0	25.0	24.8	26.8	28.4	28.9	28.9
Electricity, gas and other fuels	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.3	6.0	5.3	5.2	5.6
Furnishing, equipment and housing services	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.3	5.2	5.2	4.8	5.4	5.1	4.8
Health	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.6
Transport	14.8	15.1	15.3	13.4	13.8	14.3	12.1	12.7	12.8	13.8	14.2	14.5
Communication	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.9
Education	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2
Recreation and culture	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.0	4.4	4.2	4.1
Other goods and services	11.5	11.3	11.4	9.6	9.4	9.8	8.2	8.3	7.7	10.3	10.2	10.2

**TABLE 2 - MEDIAN AND AVERAGE MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE.**  
 Year 2012, 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>1,469</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>2,479</b>	<b>2,628</b>	<b>2,502</b>
<b>AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE (=100%)</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>2,452</b>	<b>2,791</b>	<b>2,996</b>	<b>3,001</b>
<b>Food and beverages</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>664</b>
Bread and cereals	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.4	4.0
Meat	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.7	5.2
Fish	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9
Milk, cheese and eggs	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	3.0
Oil and fats	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Potatoes, fruit and vegetables	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.6
Sugar, coffee and other	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	2.0
Beverages	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8
<b>Non food</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>2,337</b>
Tobacco	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0
Clothing and footwear	4.3	4.3	5.4	5.9	5.6
Housing	34.6	31.1	26.3	24.6	22.6
Electricity, gas and other fuels	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.6
Furnishing, equipment and housing services	5.3	5.0	4.8	4.3	4.6
Health	3.5	4.4	3.5	3.3	2.7
Transport	11.1	13.8	16.3	16.1	17.7
Communication	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.0
Education	0.2	0.4	1.6	2.5	2.7
Recreation and culture	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.0
Other goods and services	9.8	9.6	10.4	11.3	9.3

**TABLE 3 - AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY HOUSEHOLD TYPOLOGY.**  
Year 2012, 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	17.0	5.7	33.6	5.0	2.1	17.4	5.2	14.0	<b>1,907</b>	<b>1,577</b>
Single member 35-64	17.1	4.9	36.2	4.4	2.6	17.4	4.4	13.0	<b>2,008</b>	<b>1,714</b>
Single member 65 and over	21.1	3.3	46.4	6.3	4.7	7.4	3.3	7.4	<b>1,539</b>	<b>1,348</b>
Couple with r.p. under 35	15.2	5.0	31.2	5.8	3.7	20.0	4.4	14.6	<b>2,535</b>	<b>2,280</b>
Couple with r.p. 35-64	17.2	5.1	33.7	4.6	3.6	18.4	4.8	12.5	<b>2,710</b>	<b>2,338</b>
Couple with r.p. 65 and over	20.4	3.3	40.1	5.0	5.3	13.9	3.6	8.4	<b>2,397</b>	<b>2,050</b>
Couple with one child	18.9	5.4	31.6	4.6	3.5	18.7	5.8	11.5	<b>2,842</b>	<b>2,515</b>
Couple with 2 children	19.4	6.0	29.8	4.2	3.3	18.1	6.9	12.4	<b>3,023</b>	<b>2,647</b>
Couple with 3 or more children	21.7	5.9	27.0	4.8	2.8	19.8	7.3	10.6	<b>3,035</b>	<b>2,495</b>
Single parent	20.3	5.3	34.3	5.0	3.7	14.6	6.3	10.4	<b>2,358</b>	<b>2,118</b>
Other typology	21.2	4.5	33.0	5.4	3.4	17.8	5.0	9.7	<b>2,615</b>	<b>2,287</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>2,419</b>	<b>2,078</b>

r.p.= household reference person.

**TABLE 4 - AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY REFERENCE PERSON'S PROFESSIONAL CONDITION.** Year 2012, 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	14.9	6.0	31.4	4.8	2.8	18.2	6.2	15.8	<b>3,489</b>	<b>3,022</b>
Self employed	18.9	5.5	32.3	3.9	2.9	18.1	5.5	12.8	<b>2,615</b>	<b>2,311</b>
Manager and employee	17.0	6.3	31.8	4.9	3.2	17.5	6.7	12.5	<b>2,953</b>	<b>2,494</b>
Worker	21.1	5.0	30.1	4.4	3.1	19.6	5.2	11.6	<b>2,329</b>	<b>2,078</b>
Retired	20.5	3.7	39.5	5.3	4.7	13.5	4.2	8.6	<b>2,168</b>	<b>1,773</b>
Other	22.3	4.3	37.1	4.5	3.4	14.5	4.8	9.2	<b>1,827</b>	<b>1,485</b>

**TABLE 5 - AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY REGION.** Year 2012, 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	17.9	0.7	4.7	26.4	6.0	4.8	3.6	16.7	1.7	0.9	4.9	11.7	<b>2,632</b>	<b>2,206</b>
Valle d'Aosta/ Vallée d'Aoste	16.3	0.6	4.0	26.9	5.2	9.9	5.1	14.3	1.7	1.0	4.4	10.5	<b>2,604</b>	<b>2,061</b>
Lombardia	16.5	0.8	4.7	30.6	5.1	4.9	3.5	14.8	1.8	1.3	4.6	11.5	<b>2,866</b>	<b>2,475</b>
Trentino-Alto Adige	14.9	0.5	5.0	29.5	4.2	5.9	3.8	15.9	1.7	1.8	5.2	11.6	<b>2,919</b>	<b>2,433</b>
- Bolzano/ Bozen	13.4	0.5	5.1	30.7	3.6	5.6	2.5	16.9	1.7	1.3	5.1	13.6	<b>3,119</b>	<b>2,611</b>
- Trento	16.6	0.5	4.9	28.2	4.8	6.3	5.1	14.7	1.7	2.3	5.3	9.5	<b>2,736</b>	<b>2,338</b>
Veneto	16.1	0.6	5.4	27.9	5.8	5.3	4.1	16.1	1.8	1.3	4.4	11.3	<b>2,835</b>	<b>2,398</b>
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	17.2	0.8	4.3	30.2	5.7	5.0	4.1	14.3	1.9	1.2	4.7	10.5	<b>2,461</b>	<b>2,144</b>
Liguria	20.5	0.7	4.1	32.8	5.5	5.4	3.7	11.1	1.7	0.9	3.9	9.8	<b>2,267</b>	<b>1,932</b>
Emilia-Romagna	16.1	0.8	4.6	27.9	6.1	4.8	4.0	15.6	1.8	1.5	5.3	11.7	<b>2,384</b>	<b>2,408</b>
Toscana	18.4	0.8	4.4	31.5	5.2	4.0	3.5	14.6	1.9	1.2	4.3	10.2	<b>2,591</b>	<b>2,280</b>
Umbria	20.4	1.0	4.8	25.9	5.2	4.5	3.7	16.1	1.8	1.1	5.0	10.5	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,065</b>
Marche	18.8	0.8	4.7	29.4	5.9	4.2	3.7	16.1	1.9	1.1	4.4	9.1	<b>2,509</b>	<b>2,183</b>
Lazio	19.9	0.8	4.7	31.9	4.9	4.5	3.6	13.4	2.0	1.3	3.3	9.7	<b>2,468</b>	<b>2,229</b>
Abruzzo	22.8	1.1	6.2	26.4	6.5	5.2	3.5	13.2	2.1	0.8	3.4	8.9	<b>2,237</b>	<b>1,902</b>
Molise	20.9	0.9	5.5	24.0	6.6	6.0	3.3	17.4	2.2	0.9	4.1	8.1	<b>2,200</b>	<b>1,855</b>
Campania	26.3	1.3	5.1	27.7	5.1	5.0	3.1	11.5	2.2	1.2	3.1	8.6	<b>1,896</b>	<b>1,611</b>
Puglia	23.6	0.9	6.1	26.1	6.0	5.1	3.6	13.5	2.1	1.3	3.3	8.4	<b>1,898</b>	<b>1,558</b>
Basilicata	23.6	1.2	5.9	21.2	6.6	6.0	4.8	14.1	2.3	1.9	3.7	8.7	<b>1,908</b>	<b>1,566</b>
Calabria	27.4	1.1	6.4	22.3	7.7	4.5	3.7	13.2	2.2	1.1	3.3	7.2	<b>1,762</b>	<b>1,530</b>
Sicilia	27.1	1.5	5.4	27.7	5.8	4.1	3.5	12.7	2.2	0.8	2.4	6.9	<b>1,628</b>	<b>1,390</b>
Sardegna	23.4	0.7	6.1	31.6	6.5	4.3	3.5	13.3	2.2	0.7	2.7	4.9	<b>1,879</b>	<b>1,637</b>
<b>Italy</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>2,419</b>	<b>2,078</b>

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