

Household consumption expenditure Year 2015

In 2015, the average monthly household consumption expenditure, at current values, was 2,499.37 euros (+0.4% compared to 2014 and +1.1% with respect to 2013). Taking into account the macroeconomic context (slight increase of household disposable income, stability of consumer households saving rate, first year of GDP recovery after three years of recession), the expenditure showed slight signs of recovery.

The average expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages was 441.50 euros per month (436.06 euros in 2014; +1.2%). The non-food expenditure was basically stable and equal to 2,057.87 euros per month.

From 2014 to 2015, the percentage of households reducing quantity or quality of some goods and services in order to limit their consumption expenditure decreased: from 58.7% to 53.8% for foodstuff and from 68.4% to 63.2% for clothing and footwear.

In 2015, households in the North area spent for consumption more than households in the South and in the Islands. In particular, the highest expenditure was observed in the North-west (2,836.32 euros per month), about 1,000 euros more than the average expenditure in the Islands (1,891.78 per month).

In metropolitan areas the average monthly expenditure in 2015 was 2,630.73 euros, about 200 euros more than the average expenditure in small municipalities outside of metropolitan areas (2,436.38 per month). Moreover, in metropolitan areas the share of total consumption expenditure on housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels was the highest, as a result of higher levels of rentals and imputed rentals for housing.

In comparison with 2014, the average monthly expenditure for households with all non-national members decreased by about 100 euros and was equal to 1,532.66 euros per month; it was about 1,000 euros lower than expenditure observed for households with all national members.

FIGURE 1 - AVERAGE MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Years 2008-2015 (Euros)

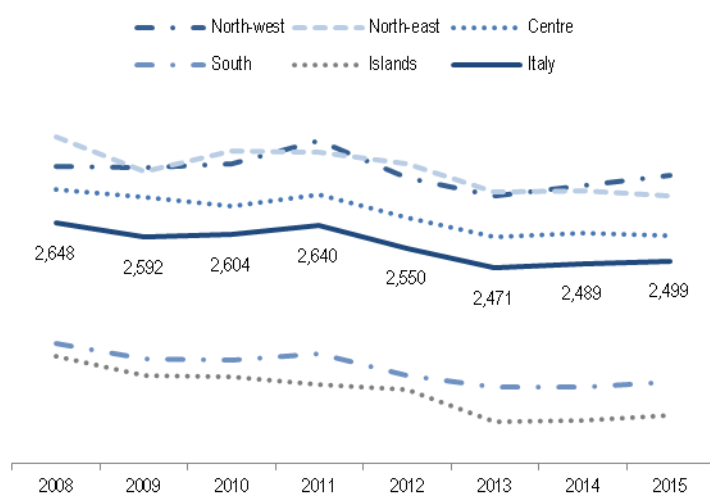


TABLE 1 - MEDIAN AND AVERAGE MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA.
Years 2014-2015, Euros and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total average expenditure (a)

Expenditure category	North-west		North-east		Centre		South		Islands		Italy	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
MEDIAN MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	2,321.56	2,375.72	2,415.10	2,421.67	2,217.97	2,245.62	1,805.38	1,834.58	1,588.46	1,604.19	2,110.47	2,143.71
AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	2,798.68	2,836.32	2,776.51	2,757.32	2,608.45	2,599.68	2,002.78	2,019.47	1,871.25	1,891.78	2,488.50	2,499.37
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	15.7	15.8	15.5	15.7	17.2	17.5	21.9	22.1	21.9	21.6	17.5	17.7
Bread and cereals	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.8	2.9	3.0
Meat	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.2	4.0	4.0	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.9	3.9	3.9
Fish and seafood	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.5
Milk, cheese and eggs	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.3
Oils and fats	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Fruit	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.6
Vegetables	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.4	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.4
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
Food products n.e.c.*	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.3	0.8	0.8
Non food	84.3	84.2	84.5	84.3	82.8	82.5	78.1	77.9	78.1	78.4	82.5	82.3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.8
Clothing and footwear	5.1	5.1	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.6	5.4	5.6	5.2	5.2	4.6	4.6
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, of which:	36.7	35.9	37.1	36.0	40.0	39.6	34.0	33.6	32.2	33.3	36.7	36.1
<i>Major maintenance and repair</i>	1.2	1.4	2.3	1.3	1.4	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.4	1.0
<i>Imputed rentals for housing</i>	23.3	22.3	23.6	23.7	27.2	27.3	22.0	21.7	21.0	22.5	23.8	23.6
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.2	3.9	3.8	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.1	4.2
Health	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.5
Transport	10.8	11.2	11.3	11.4	9.5	10.0	9.1	9.4	10.6	10.5	10.3	10.6
Communication	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.5	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.1	2.6	2.5
Recreation and culture	5.1	5.4	5.5	5.8	4.8	4.9	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.9	5.1
Education	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
Restaurants and hotels	4.9	5.5	5.2	5.9	4.6	4.9	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.5	4.4	4.9
Miscellaneous goods and services**	8.5	7.6	8.0	7.6	7.7	6.9	8.0	7.6	8.3	7.5	8.1	7.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average monthly expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages	438.95	447.00	429.49	433.06	449.03	454.57	438.75	446.14	410.16	407.99	436.06	441.50
Average monthly expenditure on non food goods and services	2,359.74	2,389.32	2,347.02	2,324.26	2,159.42	2,145.11	1,564.03	1,573.33	1,461.09	1,483.79	2,052.44	2,057.87

(a) Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

* Food products n.e.c. include salt, spices, condiments and baby food.

** Including personal care, personal effects, social protection, insurance and financial services.

TABLE 2 - AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY REGION. Year 2015, Euros and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total average expenditure

Region	Expenditure category															
	MEDIAN MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE (=100%)	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, of which:	Major maintenance and repair	Imputed rentals for housing	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and culture	Education	Restaurants and hotels	Miscellaneous goods and services*
Piemonte	2,240.50	2,621.64	17.6	1.7	4.1	36.5	0.8	21.3	3.7	4.5	10.5	2.4	5.5	0.4	5.7	7.1
Valle d'Aosta/ Vallée d'Aoste	2,313.08	2,776.88	16.9	1.9	6.1	34.2	1.8	20.3	3.1	5.0	12.7	2.5	5.2	0.3	5.8	6.3
Liguria	2,035.68	2,295.17	18.1	1.8	3.2	40.4	1.8	24.6	3.4	4.2	8.4	2.3	5.4	0.3	5.2	7.3
Lombardia	2,504.79	3,030.64	14.7	1.7	5.7	35.1	1.5	22.4	4.6	4.9	11.8	2.2	5.3	0.8	5.5	7.9
Trentino-Alto Adige/ Südtirol	2,595.63	3,022.16	15.1	1.5	4.2	34.8	1.4	21.8	4.7	5.0	11.3	2.2	6.7	0.5	6.5	7.4
- Bolzano/ Bozen	2,965.10	3,379.17	14.9	1.8	4.4	33.8	1.2	20.6	5.0	5.0	10.7	2.1	7.3	0.5	7.4	7.1
- Trento	2,318.56	2,691.84	15.2	1.3	4.0	35.9	1.8	23.1	4.4	5.1	12.1	2.3	6.1	0.5	5.5	7.7
Veneto	2,370.84	2,628.73	16.8	1.4	4.0	34.9	1.2	23.8	4.3	5.3	11.5	2.5	5.7	0.8	5.1	7.7
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	2,126.02	2,497.76	17.3	1.6	4.0	36.9	1.6	23.0	4.1	4.1	10.5	2.2	5.5	0.5	5.5	7.7
Emilia-Romagna	2,576.06	2,903.58	14.5	1.7	4.0	37.2	1.2	24.1	3.9	4.5	11.6	2.4	5.7	0.6	6.6	7.5
Toscana	2,447.04	2,753.45	17.3	1.8	4.0	37.1	1.3	24.2	3.9	4.1	10.8	2.5	5.5	0.5	5.6	6.8
Umbria	2,004.92	2,335.82	18.7	1.7	3.6	39.2	0.3	26.9	4.1	3.6	10.5	2.5	4.5	0.4	3.8	7.3
Marche	1,976.93	2,305.60	18.9	1.6	4.1	36.5	0.7	25.0	4.3	4.0	11.0	2.5	5.0	0.6	4.0	7.5
Lazio	2,202.77	2,613.95	17.2	1.6	3.3	41.9	0.8	29.8	3.5	4.2	9.2	2.5	4.6	0.6	4.7	6.8
Abruzzo	1,923.80	2,155.88	18.6	1.8	4.2	38.9	0.8	28.3	3.7	4.4	9.8	2.5	4.2	0.4	3.5	8.0
Molise	1,723.64	2,091.57	21.1	2.0	5.4	34.6	0.4	25.6	4.1	3.8	11.9	3.0	3.8	0.6	3.4	6.4
Campania	1,928.12	2,028.43	22.6	2.4	5.7	34.7	0.2	22.0	4.5	3.4	7.9	3.2	4.9	0.4	3.0	7.4
Puglia	1,923.19	2,113.70	21.7	2.2	6.0	31.9	0.7	20.2	4.6	5.2	10.0	2.7	3.8	0.6	3.4	7.8
Basilicata	1,671.19	1,923.34	23.1	2.3	6.6	29.0	0.8	16.8	5.0	4.5	12.9	3.1	3.1	0.6	3.4	6.4
Calabria	1,497.00	1,729.20	24.3	2.3	4.9	31.2	0.9	19.3	4.2	4.5	10.5	3.2	3.4	0.5	2.6	8.4
Sicilia	1,540.87	1,824.31	22.3	1.8	5.9	32.1	0.3	21.4	4.7	4.8	9.9	3.4	4.0	0.5	3.3	7.3
Sardegna	1,809.87	2,083.66	19.8	1.8	3.7	36.1	1.5	25.2	4.3	3.3	12.1	2.2	4.6	0.4	3.9	7.8
Italy	2,143.71	2,499.37	17.7	1.8	4.6	36.1	1.0	23.6	4.2	4.5	10.6	2.5	5.1	0.6	4.9	7.5

* Including personal care, personal effects, social protection, insurance and financial services.

TABLE 3 - AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY MUNICIPALITY DEMOGRAPHIC SIZE. Year 2015, Euros and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total average expenditure (a)

Expenditure category	Municipality demographic size			Total
	Metropolitan area - centre	Metropolitan area suburbs and municipalities with 50,001 inhab. and over	Other municipalities until 50,000 inhab. (different from metropolitan area suburbs)	
MEDIAN MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	2,292.91	2,205.93	2,073.13	2,143.71
AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	2,630.73	2,539.47	2,436.38	2,499.37
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	15.6	17.9	18.2	17.7
Non food	84.4	82.1	81.8	82.3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.8
Clothing and footwear	3.2	4.3	5.3	4.6
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, of which:	42.7	37.2	33.3	36.1
<i>Major maintenance and repair</i>	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.0
<i>Imputed rentals for housing</i>	28.4	24.2	21.6	23.6
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2
Health	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.5
Transport	8.0	10.1	11.8	10.6
Communication	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Recreation and culture	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.1
Education	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6
Restaurants and hotels	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.9
Miscellaneous goods and services*	6.9	7.2	7.8	7.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average monthly expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages	410.95	454.18	444.19	441.50
Average monthly expenditure on non food goods and services	2,219.78	2,085.29	1,992.18	2,057.87

(a) Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

* Including personal care, personal effects, social protection, insurance and financial services.

TABLE 4 - AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE.
Year 2015, Euros and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total average expenditure (a)

Expenditure category	Household size					Total
	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
MEDIAN MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	1,544.24	2,198.39	2,564.30	2,779.83	2,897.09	2,143.71
AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	1,783.24	2,559.57	2,909.90	3,158.61	3,232.64	2,499.37
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	15.5	17.5	18.1	18.8	20.8	17.7
Bread and cereals	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.0
Meat	3.3	3.8	4.0	4.3	5.1	3.9
Fish and seafood	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5
Milk, cheese and eggs	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.3
Oils and fats	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6
Fruit	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6
Vegetables	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.4
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
Food products n.e.c.*	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Non food	84.5	82.5	81.9	81.2	79.2	82.3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.8
Clothing and footwear	3.8	4.0	5.0	5.7	6.4	4.6
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, of which:	43.2	38.2	32.6	30.7	29.0	36.1
<i>Major maintenance and repair</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Imputed rentals for housing</i>	<i>28.4</i>	<i>25.5</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>20.2</i>	<i>17.4</i>	<i>23.6</i>
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	4.7	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2
Health	4.4	5.3	4.4	3.9	3.7	4.5
Transport	7.9	9.7	12.3	12.7	12.7	10.6
Communication	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.5
Recreation and culture	4.6	4.7	5.3	5.7	5.9	5.1
Education	0.1	0.2	0.8	1.2	1.3	0.6
Restaurants and hotels	4.9	4.5	5.1	5.3	4.8	4.9
Miscellaneous goods and services**	6.9	7.5	8.0	7.7	7.0	7.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average monthly expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages	276.69	448.76	527.09	594.21	673.73	441.50
Average monthly expenditure on non food goods and services	1,506.55	2,110.80	2,382.81	2,564.41	2,558.92	2,057.87

(a) Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

* Food products n.e.c. include salt, spices, condiments and baby food.

** Including personal care, personal effects, social protection, insurance and financial services.

TABLE 5 - AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY HOUSEHOLD TYPOLOGY.
Year 2015, Euros and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total average expenditure (a)

Expenditure category	Household typology											Total
	Single member 18-34	Single member 35-64	Single member 65 and over	Couple without children with r.p. 18-34	Couple without children with r.p. 35-64	Couple without children with r.p. 65 and over	Couple with one child	Couple with 2 children	Couple with 3 or more children	Single parent	Other typologies	
MEDIAN MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	1,462.86	1,787.43	1,367.23	2,107.60	2,431.52	2,195.81	2,634.80	2,808.22	2,945.37	2,104.72	2,286.67	2,143.71
AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	1,674.65	1,985.08	1,641.43	2,424.89	2,833.09	2,538.77	2,973.94	3,167.70	3,350.24	2,439.11	2,661.35	2,499.37
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	13.7	14.0	17.4	14.3	15.6	19.0	18.0	18.8	20.4	18.1	20.0	17.7
Non food	86.3	86.0	82.6	85.7	84.4	81.0	82.0	81.2	79.6	81.9	80.0	82.3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	2.3	2.2	1.1	2.2	2.1	1.6	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.8	2.0	1.8
Clothing and footwear	5.4	4.5	2.8	5.3	4.6	3.4	5.0	5.7	6.3	4.4	4.9	4.6
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, of which:	37.4	39.0	48.6	32.2	34.1	41.6	32.3	30.4	28.3	36.3	35.2	36.1
<i>Major maintenance and repair</i>	0.3	1.0	1.1	0.4	1.5	1.4	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.0
<i>Imputed rentals for housing</i>	20.0	24.2	34.1	16.8	21.8	29.2	20.3	20.2	17.3	22.8	22.5	23.6
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3.1	4.1	5.6	3.2	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.8	4.2	3.8	4.4	4.2
Health	1.7	3.1	6.1	2.7	4.6	6.5	4.5	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.3	4.5
Transport	11.2	11.0	4.2	13.3	12.9	7.3	12.4	12.9	12.4	10.6	10.6	10.6
Communication	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.5
Recreation and culture	5.6	5.3	3.7	7.8	5.0	4.0	5.3	5.8	6.6	5.0	4.5	5.1
Education	0.4	0.2	0.0	-	0.2	0.1	0.8	1.2	1.5	0.8	0.5	0.6
Restaurants and hotels	8.1	6.8	2.5	8.5	5.9	3.0	5.2	5.4	5.2	4.7	3.8	4.9
Miscellaneous goods and services*	8.4	7.7	5.8	7.4	8.3	6.8	8.1	7.7	7.0	7.9	6.9	7.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average monthly expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages	229.36	276.93	285.76	346.07	441.74	482.50	534.21	594.25	684.91	442.52	533.29	441.50
Average monthly expenditure on non food goods and services	1,445.29	1,708.15	1,355.67	2,078.82	2,391.35	2,056.27	2,439.73	2,573.45	2,665.34	1,996.59	2,128.06	2,057.87

r.p.= household reference person.

(a) Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

* Including personal care, personal effects, social protection, insurance and financial services.

- Not statistically significant data.

TABLE 6 - AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY REFERENCE PERSON'S HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION ATTAINED. Year 2015, Euros and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total average expenditure (a)

Expenditure category	Highest level of education attained				Total
	Primary school certificate, no educational degree	Lower secondary school certificate	Upper secondary school diploma	Tertiary (university, doctoral and specialization courses)	
MEDIAN MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	1,459.23	2,031.98	2,455.83	3,056.05	2,143.71
AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	1,723.02	2,354.79	2,795.53	3,383.05	2,499.37
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	21.6	19.0	16.8	13.9	17.7
Non food	78.4	81.0	83.2	86.1	82.3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.6	2.1	1.8	1.3	1.8
Clothing and footwear	3.4	4.3	5.1	5.0	4.6
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, of which:	41.7	35.4	34.5	36.3	36.1
<i>Major maintenance and repair</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Imputed rentals for housing</i>	<i>28.2</i>	<i>21.9</i>	<i>22.4</i>	<i>25.3</i>	<i>23.6</i>
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	4.6	4.0	4.1	4.5	4.2
Health	6.0	4.5	4.2	3.9	4.5
Transport	6.9	11.2	11.4	11.1	10.6
Communication	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.5
Recreation and culture	3.0	4.6	5.6	6.4	5.1
Education	0.1	0.4	0.7	1.2	0.6
Restaurants and hotels	2.3	4.2	5.7	6.6	4.9
Miscellaneous goods and services*	6.4	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average monthly expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages	372.14	447.27	468.68	470.33	441.50
Average monthly expenditure on non food goods and services	1,350.88	1,907.53	2,326.85	2,912.71	2,057.87

(a) Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

* Including personal care, personal effects, social protection, insurance and financial services.

TABLE 7 - AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY REFERENCE PERSON'S PROFESSIONAL CONDITION. Year 2015, Euros and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total average expenditure (a)

Expenditure category	Professional condition (b)							Total
	Employed					Not employed		
	Employee		Self employed			Inactive person		
	Executive, middle management and white collar	Worker	Entrepreneur and freelance	Other self employed	Seeking for job	Retired	Other condition (different from retired)	
MEDIAN MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	2,810.38	2,005.15	3,110.68	2,419.06	1,513.08	1,975.70	1,502.69	2,143.71
AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	3,124.56	2,321.50	3,585.20	2,733.88	1,782.44	2,319.10	1,839.30	2,499.37
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	15.2	19.1	14.7	17.2	20.5	18.7	20.0	17.7
Non food	84.8	80.9	85.3	82.8	79.5	81.3	80.0	82.3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.6	2.3	1.3	1.8	2.6	1.7	1.6	1.8
Clothing and footwear	5.8	5.0	5.6	5.2	4.1	3.5	3.4	4.6
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, of which:	32.1	31.7	35.5	35.4	38.4	40.3	42.1	36.1
<i>Major maintenance and repair</i>	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	-	1.5	0.7	1.0
<i>Imputed rentals for housing</i>	21.2	16.6	25.3	23.8	21.9	27.8	28.2	23.6
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	4.1	4.0	4.4	3.2	3.4	4.5	4.7	4.2
Health	3.6	3.7	3.1	4.2	3.4	6.0	4.5	4.5
Transport	12.6	13.0	11.9	11.5	9.9	8.2	7.6	10.6
Communication	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.5	3.2	2.4	2.7	2.5
Recreation and culture	6.4	5.3	5.6	5.3	3.7	4.3	3.3	5.1
Education	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.6
Restaurants and hotels	7.2	4.7	6.6	5.2	3.6	3.4	3.0	4.9
Miscellaneous goods and services*	8.0	7.8	8.0	7.8	6.5	6.8	6.8	7.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average monthly expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages	474.05	443.61	526.39	469.94	365.16	433.53	367.10	441.50
Average monthly expenditure on non food goods and services	2,650.50	1,877.89	3,058.81	2,263.93	1,417.28	1,885.56	1,472.20	2,057.87

(a) Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

(b) Employed and seeking for job persons are defined according to the ILO international standard.

* Including personal care, personal effects, social protection, insurance and financial services.

- Not statistically significant data.

TABLE 8 - AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE BY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS' CITIZENSHIP. Year 2015, Euros and percentage composition by expenditure category on the total average expenditure (a)

Expenditure category	Citizenship			Total
	All national members	National and non national members	All non national members	
MEDIAN MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	2,209.81	2,235.83	1,331.29	2,143.71
AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE	2,564.74	2,632.40	1,532.66	2,499.37
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	17.5	18.0	21.5	17.7
Non food	82.5	82.0	78.5	82.3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.7	1.9	2.6	1.8
Clothing and footwear	4.6	7.2	4.1	4.6
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, of which:	36.1	29.8	40.0	36.1
<i>Major maintenance and repair</i>	1.1	0.9	0.1	1.0
<i>Imputed rentals for housing</i>	24.5	13.3	7.4	23.6
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	4.2	3.9	2.8	4.2
Health	4.6	4.2	2.9	4.5
Transport	10.6	14.8	9.5	10.6
Communication	2.5	2.8	3.3	2.5
Recreation and culture	5.2	4.4	3.1	5.1
Education	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.6
Restaurants and hotels	5.0	5.3	3.3	4.9
Miscellaneous goods and services*	7.5	7.1	6.5	7.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average monthly expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages	448.67	473.70	329.29	441.50
Average monthly expenditure on non food goods and services	2,116.07	2,158.70	1,203.37	2,057.87

(a) Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

* Including personal care, personal effects, social protection, insurance and financial services.

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Methodological Note

The Household Budget Survey (HBS) is aimed to measure and analyze expenditure behaviors of households residing in Italy, according to their main social, economic and territorial characteristics.

Definitions and methodologies are harmonized with the latest European directives, in particular with the Classification of Individual COntsumption by Purpose (COICOP) (<http://www.istat.it/it/archivio/71980>).

The survey allows to analyze the evolution of the household expenditure level and composition, according to household socio-demographic characteristics, living arrangements and spending habits.

The main focus of the HBS is represented by all expenditures incurred by resident households to purchase goods and services exclusively devoted to household consumption (self-consumptions, imputed rentals for housing and presents are included): every other expenditure for a different purpose is excluded from the data collection (e. g., payments of fees, business expenditures).

Information on socio-demographic characteristics of household members and housing conditions are collected, together with household expenditures on: food and non-alcoholic beverages; alcoholic beverages and tobacco; clothing and footwear; housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels; furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance; health; transport; communication; recreation and culture; education; restaurants and hotels; miscellaneous goods and services. Expenditure amounts refer to the time of the purchase, regardless of the time of actual consumption or use and of the method of payment (for purchases in installments or by credit card). The reference unit is de facto household, defined as a group of people living together in the same dwelling, who are related by legal relationship (blood, marriage, adoption or guardianship) or affective ties and share (in part or entirely) incomes and expenditures

The sample survey is conducted continuously, every month throughout the year. The sampling design is partly single-stage and partly two-stage, with stratification of primary sampling units; primary sampling units are municipalities, elementary sampling units are households. In 2015, selected municipalities were about 500 (about 50 participating in the survey all months, about 450 participating once a quarter). Annual theoretical national sample was about 28,000 households (about 2,300 households per month, residing in the selected municipalities), whereas annual actual sample was about 16,000 households.

To ensure the representativeness of daily expenditures, in each month (separately for each region) two different periods of 14 days (reference periods) are randomly selected: in each municipality, monthly sample households are divided into two groups of the same size that participate in the survey in the first and in the second reference period. The sampling design is defined on a quarterly basis and applied to the four quarters of the year.

Data collection is entrusted from Istat to professional interviewers of a private firm; sample households are randomly selected from Municipality Population Registers and substitutive households are also selected to replace non-responding households. Two different techniques are used to collect data in the three phases of the survey: a) retrospective computer-assisted face-to-face initial interview (CAPI), to collect information on socio-demographic characteristics of household members and housing conditions; b) household self-filled paper diary (14 days), to collect information on food and beverages, tobacco and other daily expenditures; c) retrospective computer-assisted face-to-face final interview (CAPI), to collect information on all other household expenditures.