

European Community Household Panel (ECHP, 1994-2001)

The entity that has organized the survey and is responsible for data collection – as well as key data on the entity's membership, governance arrangements, source of funding etc.

The ECHP is organized by Eurostat, the official statistical office of the European Union, situated in Luxembourg. Its main objective is to provide the EU with statistics that enable comparisons between the European countries and regions. Eurostat was established in 1953 and became a Directorate-General (DG) of the European Commission when the European Community was founded in 1958. Today, seven different DGs are responsible for different sectors of Eurostat activities. Eurostat is funded by the European Commission.

A historical sketch of the initiation and origin of the survey

The ECHP was run from 1994 to 2001.

Internet links to the website of the responsible organization

[The website of Eurostat](#)

[The subsite of the ECHP](#)

The frequency or repetitions of the survey. Possible explanation of this.

The ECHP was an annual survey in the time period 1994 to 2001.

A description of the survey's content, i.e. both focused rotational and / or core modules of the survey

The interviews cover a wide range of topics concerning living conditions, including but not limited to detailed income information, financial situation, working life, housing situation, social relations, health, education, and biographical information.

An outline of the type of sample and the main data collection methods used

The ECHP consists of panel data, meaning that the same respondents within each country have answered the survey year after year. All EU households and citizens of 16 years of age or more are in the target population. Common sampling requirements and standards are employed in all countries – probability sampling procedures are used. In the first wave, 60,500 households and

130,000 individuals were interviewed.

The data is collected through face-to-face interviews.

An account of the availability of the data to researchers, restrictions on access, etc.

Direct access to the data is only provided by means of research contracts available upon application. This is due to the confidential character of the data. For details on how to submit an access request, who can access the data, and so on please refer to the [ECHP microdata for scientific purposes: how to obtain them?](#)

Questionnaires, English version

These were not available on the ECHP website.

The countries included in the different rounds

All EU countries at the time of each round were included.

Cumulative file of the various rounds

There is no mention of a cumulative file on their website.

Publications based on the data

[Publications based on the ECHP](#)

Analytical summary...

Sources

Unless otherwise noted, all information is extracted from the website of the ECHP/Eurostat.