

# Consumption

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IHDS asked a series of 47 questions about household consumption designed to estimate total household consumption expenditures (see the household questionnaire pages 19-21). These consumption questions were modeled on the short form of the National Sample Survey. The total expenditure is often used as the best measure of the household's current economic level. The first thirty questions, for more frequently purchased items, used a 30-day time frame while the remaining 17 items used an annual time frame. The variable, copc, reports expenditures on a monthly basis, so items co31-co47 were divided by 12 before being summed in the final variable.

Consumption is one of three basic measures of economic standing in IHDS. The others are household assets and income.

Total monthly consumption had to be calculated for the first fourteen consumption items from answers to the quantity and price questions (page 19 of the questionnaire). These totals are stored as co1x, co2x, ... co14x on the data file.

The first five consumption items (rice, wheat, sugar, kerosene, and other cereals) could be purchased in PDS (public distribution system) shops, purchased in the market, or (except kerosene) home produced. Total monthly expenditures for these items was calculated from the household's report of the quantity and price purchased from PDS shops plus the report of the quantity home-produced or purchased in the market times the reported market price. Market and home-produced quantities were calculated from the difference between PDS purchases and the total consumed.

For the next nine items, the household could report either the quantity consumed and the market price, or the total value of the items consumed. Sometimes, interviewers reported all three values. In rare cases where all three values were reported there was a discrepancy (the total value did not equal the quantity times the price). In these cases IHDS used the quantity and price reports and disregarded the total value report.

The final consumption total was calculated as the sum of the constructed variables co1x to co14x, the monthly items co15 to co30, and one twelfth of the annual items co31 to co47. Items asked on annual basis, converted to monthly:

Variable	Description	Q	Page	Sect	Q #	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max	% > 0
co1x	Rice	HH	19	12	1	327.6	293.9	0	7,200	96%
co2x	Wheat	HH	19	12	2	164.8	197.2	0	3,150	75%
co3x	Sugar	HH	19	12	3	78.4	86.1	0	2,200	94%
co4x	Kerosene	HH	19	12	4	42.6	48.7	0	900	82%
co5x	Other cereals	HH	19	12	5	34.8	99.6	0	7,750	32%
co6x	Cereal products	HH	19	12	6	43.6	72.3	0	2,000	63%
co7x	Pulses	HH	19	12	7	97.7	88.1	0	2,500	95%

co8x	Meat	HH	19	12	8	119.9	180.4	0	6,000	62%
co9x	Sweeteners	HH	19	12	9	27.7	49.8	0	2,336	56%
co10x	Edible oil	HH	19	12	10	153.1	109.8	0	1,800	97%
co11x	Eggs	HH	19	12	11	18	46.4	0	2,280	43%
co12x	Milk	HH	19	12	12	223.1	301.9	0	6,750	73%
co13x	Milk products	HH	19	12	13	66.8	217.4	0	20,000	39%
co14x	Vegetables	HH	19	12	14	209.6	197.8	0	9,000	96%
co15	Salt/spices	HH	20	12	15	85.8	84.3	0	3,500	100%
co16	Other Food	HH	20	12	16	75.7	96.8	0	5,000	92%
co17	Paan/tobac/intox	HH	20	12	17	75.8	148	0	8,000	66%
co18	Fruits/nuts	HH	20	12	18	58.6	109.6	0	5,000	62%
co19	Eating out	HH	20	12	19	42.5	141.9	0	6,000	28%
co20	Fuel/Light	HH	20	12	20	213.6	290.4	0	9,300	72%
co21	Entertainment	HH	20	12	21	19.2	104.3	0	10,000	14%
co22	Telephone	HH	20	12	22	89.2	260.2	0	12,000	38%
co23	Personal care	HH	20	12	23	13.8	55.5	0	6,000	24%
co24	Toiletries	HH	20	12	24	62.1	71.5	0	6,300	95%
co25	HH items	HH	20	12	25	77.9	88.1	0	4,000	92%
co26	Conveyance	HH	20	12	26	198.5	453.5	0	29,000	71%
co27	House/Other rent	HH	20	12	27	56.5	316.8	0	14,400	9%
co28	Consumer tax/fees	HH	20	12	28	25.4	300.7	0	30,000	20%
co29	Services servants	HH	20	12	29	32.2	263.4	0	16,000	23%
co30	Medical out-patient	HH	20	12	30	246.2	774.3	0	70,000	58%
co31x	Medical in-patient	HH	21	12	31	176.6	915	0	66,667	32%
co32x	School	HH	21	12	32	112	409.3	0	25,000	53%
co33x	School books	HH	21	12	33	66.6	165.3	0	7,083	58%
co34x	Clothing/bedding	HH	21	12	34	154	192.7	0	6,667	96%
co35x	Footwear	HH	21	12	35	38.7	57.5	0	4,167	94%

co36x	Furniture/fixtures	HH	21	12	36	10.5	90	0	8,333	11%
co37x	Crockery/utensils	HH	21	12	37	8.3	35.2	0	4,167	34%
co38x	HH appliances	HH	21	12	38	7.2	82.1	0	7,500	7%
co39x	Recreation goods	HH	21	12	39	13.4	100.6	0	7,500	9%
co40x	Jewellery	HH	21	12	40	43.3	337.8	0	25,000	12%
co41x	Transport equipt	HH	21	12	41	49.5	665.6	0	66,667	35%
co42x	Therapeutic app	HH	21	12	42	1.4	21.7	0	2,083	3%
co43x	Other personal	HH	21	12	43	9.1	93.5	0	7,500	19%
co44x	Repair/maintenance	HH	21	12	44	98.3	904.4	0	41,667	27%
co45x	Insurance premiums	HH	21	12	45	73.6	271.5	0	10,417	19%
co46x	Vacations	HH	21	12	46	16.1	97.6	0	6,667	17%
co47x	Social functions	HH	21	12	47	200.7	1,141.70	0	66,667	84%
copc	Monthly per capita consumption	HH	19-21	12	1-47	871	889.6	0	39273	100%

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