PEq2

Eating out – Average weekly spending

Universe

All persons

Description

PEQ2 asks respondents the average weekly amount the household spends on meals purchased and eaten outside the home, based on spending over the preceding month. It is one in a series of questions on estimated household expenditures.

Comparability

The wording of question PEQ2 is consistent across years. However, response categories expressed in terms of dollar amounts changed, especially at the bottom of the scale.

In 2008, weekly spending categories were bottom coded at “less than $10.” The 2009 weekly spending categories were bottom coded at “less than $5” and contain three additional response categories. In 2010, the number of categories on the lowest end of the range increased, with responses bottom coded at “Less than $3.”

Question to respondent

Now consider meals, snacks, or fast food from restaurants, cafeterias, carry-outs, street vendors, or other such places. Again, thinking about the last month, what was the average weekly amount your household spent eating out?