

# Bangladesh - Report on the Household Expenditure Survey 1991-92

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## Overview

### ABSTRACT

The Household Expenditure Survey 1991-92 is the fifth round of such survey series. The survey is designed to assess trend of consumption patterns and levels of living of population. It also provides data for evaluating impact of public policies on people's welfare. Besides, the results may help research institutes as well as individual researchers in their research endeavours and government agencies in formulating and monitoring poverty alleviation programmes.

The report presents a number of core indicators about population profile with urban and rural disaggregation. Emphasis has been given in providing as comprehensive a data base from survey findings as possible. To this end, new sets of data series have been included in the present edition in order to meet a range of user needs.

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# Sampling

## Sampling Procedure

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Two stage stratified sampling was used in selecting the samples. in the first stage 240 rural PSUs and 120 urban PSUs were selected following the PPS with replacement. in the second stage, 16 households from each of the selected PSUs were selected adopting the circular systematic sampling technique.

A total of 360 Mauza/Mahalla (PSUs) was selected from the universe out of which 120 are urban and 240 are rural. The urban PSUs were distributed among the strata 1, 2 and 3 (the 240 rural PSUs belong to stratum 4). The distribution of the 120 urban PSUs into different strata is given below

Stratum No. of urban PSUs

1 71

2 41

3 8

16 households from each selected PSU was finally been selected for the sample survey as ultimate sampling units. 5760 households (urban 1920 and rural 3840) were enumerated. Total population thus covered turned out to be 30,797 (urban 10,253 and rur 20,544) which gives a urban-rural ratio in the order of 33:67. While calculating average national figures from rural and urban HES, the urban population weight for 1991-92 was estimated at about 13.5 per cent of the total population.

# Questionnaires

## Overview

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## Data Collection

### Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
1991	1992	N/A

### Data Collection Mode

Other [oth]

### Data Collection Notes

Two types of questionnaires were used in collection of data in 1991-92. Data collection for each sample household was a two-step operation. Food and beverage items consumed daily by, households (whether purchased, acquired as gift or transfer and home-produced) and related expenditures on different items of food and beverages along with number of members present were collected through the diary system questionnaire. The information for a PSU was collected by a designated "diary keeper" who was usually an educated and unemployed young person residing at the locality. For each sample area, the diary keeper daily visited 8 sample households usually in the evening or the following morning in event of evening visit being not successful and continued collection of data for the first fortnight. For checking quality of data the work was intensively supervised by regular BBS staff. The remaining 8 sample households data were collected the same way during the second fortnight.

Expenditures on durable, non-durable and other non-food items were collected through a separate "schedule" by statistical investigators of statistical assistants from BBS regional statistical offices. The nonfood data had varying lengths of recall period.

## Questionnaires

### Data Collectors

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation
Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics	BBS	Ministry of Planning

## Supervision

The field level data collection started 1st September, 1991. It was completed by 31st August, 1992 under the overall supervision of the Director (in-charge) of RTSS Wing. Four statistical officers (one for each of the four divisions) assisted by four assistant statistical officers (ASOs) of the Wing helped the Director in conducting the field operation. The field operation was organised on division basis. The SOs were responsible for field supervision and preliminary checking of filled-in schedules and diary books. Regional statistical officers (RSOs) performed responsibility of selection, appointment and training of diary keepers. Training of all regional level officers (RSOs and ASOs) was held at BBS headquarters in Dhaka. The training of enumerators of each division was conducted at 22 regional statistical offices under guidance of a responsible officer from Dhaka headquarters (HQ). Sample households were drawn quarterly in HQ and listings of selected households with identification numbers were sent in time to regional offices for enumeration. Selection and training of the diary keepers and identification of selected households assigned to them were completed prior to commencement of field work under supervision of RSOs/ASOs. In selecting diary keepers, preference was given to females. For smooth running of field operation a special monitoring cell was setup in HQ with a statistical officer in charge.

Various quality control measures were adopted at collection stage in the field as well as at data processing stage. The divisional co-ordinators paid extensive visits to field offices as well as PSUs during field work. They verified several key aspects of field enumeration particularly whether.

- (i) diary keepers were properly trained,
- (ii) sample households had been identified properly and supervisors regularly supervised field work of diary keepers, and
- (iii) diary books had been maintained properly and broad consistencies in data collected had been checked.

## Data Processing

### **Data Editing**

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In all 11,520 diary books and schedules were received in RISS Wing for processing. 30 statistical investigators and statistical assistants did manual editing and coding of all returns under supervision of statistical officers. The final processing was done in main frame computer of BBS.



## Data Appraisal

### **Estimates of Sampling Error**

Estimates based on samples are subject to sampling error. It is, therefore, essential to provide some measures of reliability for these estimates. Standard errors (SE) and Relative Standard errors (Rel. SE) have been calculated for some selected estimates by applying the random group method to the mean of selected variables. The following tables estimates of the mean, standard errors and relative errors are shown.