

The Survey of Family Income and Expenditure, 1998

User Guide

- I. The Center for Survey Research (CSR), Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences Academia Sinica reorganizes and releases the data offered by Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics, Executive Yuan. The released files include user guide, questionnaire, SPSS dataset, STATA dataset, ASCII dataset, SAS program, code book.

II. Released File Description

1. User guide

userguide1998.doc	including released file description, guideline for data validation and usage, guideline for citation and contact us etc.
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2. Questionnaire

ques1998.doc	Questionnaire
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3. Datasets

inc1998.sav	SPSS dataset
inc1998.dta	STATA dataset
inc1998.dat	ASCII dataset

4. Program

prog1998.sas	SAS Program for running inc1998.dat
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5. Code book

code1998.doc	Code book
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III. Guideline for data validation and usage

- (1) In order to facilitate analyzing cross-year data, CSR unifies the variable names of household equipment and appliance as the cross-year index for merge. For example, the quantity of stereos each year is named as f10. In addition, the variable of investigated year is added to distinguish the data by year.

- (2) Description of Serial No. 500 and Serial No. 250 for income and outlay

(Others are described in the appendix 2: Code book)

Serial No. 500= Serial No. 400 + Serial No. 762 – Serial No. 390

Serial No. 250= Serial No. 260 + Serial No. 270 + Serial No. 280

- (3) The results of income or outlay variables stand for household income or expenditure, respectively. For example, the result of variable itm210 refers to the total amount of one's household's full-time payroll.
- (4) In case of any inconsistency in value description between project report and dataset, priority is given to findings in dataset (and code book) after confirming with the DGBAS.
- (5) The column widths of variable label and value description in the STATA are limited to 80 and 40 bytes, respectively, so the STATA dataset shows only the first 80 bytes as variable label, and the first 40 bytes as value description. In case of cut-off contexts, please see code book.
- (6) CSR has checked wild codes and out-of-range values to validate and clean data. Our findings are shown as follows:
 - a. Dataset displays the data for the amount codes of itm994, itm995, itm996 and itm997, but no description is offered by DGBAS (please refer to the appendix III in Code book1998.doc).
- (7) Please be attentive if "system missing" may not be listed in the variable value because of the design of skip question (N/A), missing/no response and so on.

IV. Guideline for citation

Citation, based upon the requirement of various journals, theses or dissertations, can be revised.

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