

The Survey of Family Income and Expenditure, 1981

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

userguide1981.doc	Including released file description, guideline for data validation and usage, guideline for citation and contact us etc.
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2. Questionnaire

ques1981.doc	Questionnaire
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3. Datasets

inc1981.sav	SPSS dataset
inc1981.dta	STATA dataset
inc1981.dat	ASCII dataset

4. Program

prog1981.sas	SAS Program for running inc1981.dat
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5. Code book

code1981.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. The description of income and outlay variable codes 500 & 250 (other variable codes of income and outlay are described in the appendix 2 of 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 amount of income and outlay refers to the amount of household's income and outlay. For example, the amount of serial no. 210 refers to the household's full time payroll of sub-total amount.
4. 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 questionnaire (or code book).
5. CSR has checked wild codes and out-of-range values, to validate and clean data. Our findings are shown as follows:

Question No.	Variable Name	Wild Codes and Out-of-range Values	Frequency
1. Character of household members			
	b2_4	51	1

6. 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.

Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics, Executive Yuan (2025). The Survey of Family Income and Expenditure, 1981 (AA170006) [data file]. Available from Survey Research Data Archive, Academia Sinica.
<https://doi.org/10.6141/TW-SRDA-AA170006-2>.

V. Contact us

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