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STUDY DESCRIPTION

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STUDY TITLE: October Household Survey [South Africa], 1993

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Central Statistical Services (CSS)

ABSTRACT: This study is the first October Household Survey (OHS), an annual sample survey investigated by the Central Statistical Service (CSS). The OHS represents an official attempt to provide certain insights into and perspectives on the most important elements on the unemployment profile. The OHS also provides certain perspectives on those who are not (only) accommodated in the formal labour market and are thus (also) active in the so-called informal sector. The purpose of the survey was primarily to fill the gap that resulted from the suspension of the Current Population Survey (CPS) amongst Blacks in 1990 and amongst Indians and Coloureds in 1991 as well as the suspension of the related survey on the informal sector. It is the first time that such a comprehensive household survey has been undertaken by the CSS for the total population of the Republic of South Africa (excluding the TBVC States, i.e. the former homelands). In addition to information on unemployment and the informal sector, the OHS furnishes information on dwellings, households, births, deaths and migration.

SAMPLING: The TBVC (Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei) still existed at the time the survey was conducted and they were therefore not included in the survey. Bophuthatswana and Venda did, however, undertake similar surveys. The results of the surveys in these two former states are not yet available. A stratified multi-stage cluster sample was used for the OHS. The size and geographical distribution of the population were taken into account in stratifying according to population group and development region (urban and non-urban). In the case of blacks, the self-governing territories were included in the sample as additional strata. Depending on the size of each stratum, between 20 and 50 enumerator areas (EAs) were drawn at random for inclusion in the sample. Within each EA a cluster of 30 households was drawn at random. Altogether 30300 households in 1010 EAs (Blacks 530 + Coloureds 140 + Asians 100 + Whites 240) were included in the sample.

DATE OF RESEARCH: September - November 1993

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 4 data files in SPSS and machine-readable documentation

Part 1 Households

Number of cases:	30 233
Number of records:	30 233
Number of records per case:	1
Logical record length:	41
Number of variables:	14
Number of kilobytes:	652 KB

Part 2 Persons

Number of cases:	136 468
Number of records:	136 468
Number of records per case:	1
Logical record length:	102
Number of variables:	58
Number of kilobytes:	11, 104 KB

Part 3 Births

Number of cases:	59 939
Number of records:	59 939
Number of records per case:	1
Logical record length:	55
Number of variables:	22
Number of kilobytes:	3, 035 KB

Part 4 Deaths

Number of cases:	1 113
Number of records:	1 113
Number of records per case:	1
Logical record length:	41
Number of variables:	8
Number of kilobytes:	19 KB

NOTE: The survey is based on internationally accepted survey practice, included in the publications.

PUBLICATIONS:

Survey of economically active population, employment, unemployment and underemployment, International Labour Organization, 1990.

Statistics of employment in the informal sector, International Labour Organization, 1993.

Resolution concerning statistics of employment in the informal sector, Fifteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians, International Labour Organization, Geneva, 28 January 1993.

Handbook on household surveys, United Nations, 1984.

Central Statistical Service

October Household Survey

1993

Visiting Point:

District.....

Town/Place Name.....

Enumerator Area.....

Number of Visiting Point

Number of Substitute (if applicable)

Reason for Substitution (if applicable).....

.....

Telephone number of Visiting Point.....

Interview details:

Name of Interviewer:.....

Date of Interview:.....

If more than one household at Visiting Point

Household no	Number of persons in household	Cumulative total	Household interviewed (mark with an X)
1			
2			
3			
4			

Return checked by **chief enumerator**.....

Section 1

Interviewer: Start with this section and complete each section separately. Circle the applicable code.

Dwelling

1.1 Type of dwelling:

House/part of a house	1
Flat	2
Flat on same site as house	3
Town/cluster/semi-detached house	4
Traditional dwelling (huts)	5
Shack	6
Shack on same site as house	7
Hostel	8
Other (specify).....	9

1.2 Rooms on dwelling:

Total number of living rooms, including bedrooms	
Number of bedrooms	

Services in dwelling

1.3 Main source of domestic water:

Running tap water in the dwelling	1
Running tap water on the site	2
Tap water from a communal tap	3
Borehole/well	4
River/dam/spring	5
Other (specify).....	6

1.4 Main energy sources:

	Cooking	Heating	Lighting
Electricity	1	1	1
Gas	2	2	2
Paraffin	3	3	3
Wood	4	4	4
Coal	5	5	5
Candles	-	-	6
Other (specify) .....	.....	.....	.....

1.5 Sanitation:

Flush/chemical toilet in dwelling	1
Flush/chemical toilet outside dwelling	2
Latrine with a bucket system	3
Pit latrine	4
No facility	5

1.6 Refuse disposal:

Removed by local authority	1
Communal refuse dump	2
Own refuse dump	3
None	4

Section 2 (concluded)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2.6 Do you presently attending school/college/university, etc. on a full-time basis?										
1 = Yes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2 = No	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2.7 Highest school standard passed or education level obtained										
00 = No schooling	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
01 = Sub A/sub B/grade 1/grade 2/Std 1	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01
02 = Std 2	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	02
03 = Std 3	03	03	03	03	03	03	03	03	03	03
04 = Std 4	04	04	04	04	04	04	04	04	04	04
05 = Std 5	05	05	05	05	05	05	05	05	05	05
06 = Std 6	06	06	06	06	06	06	06	06	06	06
07 = Std 7	07	07	07	07	07	07	07	07	07	07
08 = Std 8	08	08	08	08	08	08	08	08	08	08
09 = Std 9	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09
10 = Std10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
11 = Diploma/certificate with Std 9 or lower	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
12 = Diploma /certificate with Std 10	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
13 = Degree/equivalent to a 3 year academic training after Std 10	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
14 = Other (specify in column)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15 = Unspecified	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Go to next person. If last person go to Section 3.

Section 3 (concluded)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3.27 How does support him/herself?										
01 = Odd jobs: worked 5 hours or more during the past week (Go to 3.1)	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01
02 = Odd jobs: worked less than 5 hours during the past week	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	02
03 = Supported by persons in the household	03	03	03	03	03	03	03	03	03	03
04 = Supported by relatives not in the household	04	04	04	04	04	04	04	04	04	04
05 = Supported by friends not in the household	05	05	05	05	05	05	05	05	05	05
06 = Supported by charity, church, welfare, etc.	06	06	06	06	06	06	06	06	06	06
07 = Unemployment benefit	07	07	07	07	07	07	07	07	07	07
08 = Savings or money previously earned	08	08	08	08	08	08	08	08	08	08
09 = Old age or disability earned	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09
10 = Other e.g. bursary, loan	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
<i>If answered 02-10 Section 3 is completed for this person. Go to next person. If last person go to Section 4.</i>										

Section 4

Interviewer: This section must be answered by a senior member of the household (preferably a woman).
 Record all the deaths of household members that occurred since 1 September 1992.
 Make especially sure of babies and elderly persons.
 Still births must not be included.

4.1 Were there any deaths in this household since 1 September 1992?

1 = Yes (Go to 4.2).....1

2 = No Go to Section 5.....2

4.2	4.3		4.4	4.5		4.6	
Name/Relationship (optional)	Sex		Age (years) Note: Less Than 1 year = 0	Give month and year of death		Was...buried in this area?	
	M	F		Month	Year	Yes	No
	1	2				1	2
	1	2				1	2
	1	2				1	2
	1	2				1	2
	1	2				1	2

Go to Section 5.

Map

Interviewer: The following information must be obtained in respect of every person who has slept at least 4 nights during the last week in this household. Do not forget babies.

Question	Person (Respondent number)									
	1 (Head)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A. First name and relationship to Head (Optional)										
B. Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female										
C. Age (years – If less than 1 year – 0)										
D. Women 15-49 years who have ever given birth 1 = Yes 2 = No										

Go to Section 2. Keep flap unfolded so that it forms a heading for each page.

