

NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS
Household Expenditure& Income Survey 2014/ 2015
**"Household Expenditure& Income Survey,, for a successful planning and
an advanced community"**

Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority (previously known as National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)) seeks to provide the appropriate official statistical data for decision-makers, policy-makers and customers, in spite of their different categories and needs, based on the tasks assigned to the NBS according to its constitutional law, considering that the official statistics outputs are the basic inputs for planning, making social, demographic, economic and developmental policies and the remaining fields, and as a contribution from the NBS to provide the data and indicators necessary for the national agenda of UAE, the NBS decided to undertake the Household Expenditure& Income Survey 2014/2015, covering the five northern emirates (Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al Quwain, Ras Al Khaimah, and Fujairah), in order to complete the statistical model of household income and expenditure at the state level, benefiting from the results of the survey implemented by Statistice Centre - Abu Dhabi, and Dubai Statistics Center at the level of Abu Dhabi and Dubai emirates, in order to conclude national indicators.

Overview

This survey was implemented primarily at the United Arab Emirates level during 2007/2008. The survey results were used in various relevant fields, for the importance of the data provided by surveys relating to the household budget, income and expenses, at the level of the nature and characteristics of families, their income and ways of disposing of this income, and the nature of consumptions and expenditures on consumer and durable goods and other services, so most countries are keen to conduct periodic surveys on household income and expenditure, to provide all the necessary requirements for making social and household policies, and enabling the relevant authorities to take its actions based on updated official data, and due to the continuous changes in spending patterns, income and prices levels, as well as internal and external demographic movements, it is necessary to update household income and expenditure data occasionally.

In this regard, the NBS board of directors directed to implement the Household Expenditure& Income Survey 2014/2015 at the level of UAE, as well as these directions are in compliance with the GCC countries agreement on the implementation of this survey simultaneously, in order to update the base years for many common statistical indicators among GCC countries, where the NBS and in collaboration with partners; Department of Statistics and Community Development - Sharjah, the Executive Council - Ajman, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Umm Al Quwain, Department of Economic Development in Ras Al Khaimah and Fujairah Statistics Center, will implement the survey in the northern emirates: (Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al Quwain, Ras Al Khaimah, and Fujairah). In addition, Statistice Centre - Abu Dhabi and Dubai Statistics Center will implement the survey in Abu Dhabi and Dubai emirates respectively.

Household Expenditure & Income Survey importance and targets:

The importance of the second Household Expenditure & Income Survey at the level of UAE lies in its providing demographic and social data about households income and expenditure at the state level, as well as providing many indicators about characteristics of households and their consumption patterns, as well as many social and economic indicators of the community reality, as these indicators are considered the basis for development plans and programs, which are widely used in the evaluation and studying of living standards, in addition to measuring the welfare of the community citizens. Moreover, household expenditure and income survey results are used as a basis for describing and analyzing various social and economic issues.

Households Sample:

The household represents the preview unit of the Household Expenditure & Income Survey, where the survey sample is about 16000 households, distributed among the northern emirates level: "Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al Quwain, Ras Al Khaimah, and Fujairah". knowing that the sample was designed according to international methodologies and recommendations, and taking into account the demography circumstances in the UAE, as the geographical distribution was considered to include all. Moreover, the diversity in the nature of Emirati and non-Emirati household residing in UAE was also considered.

The sample was two stage stratified cluster sample. In the 1st stage the sample of the numeration areas were selected with probability proportionate to size (# of HHS in the numeration areas). While in the second stage the sample of housing units were selected from each numeration areas that were selected in the 1st stage.

Beneficiaries of the Survey results:

The survey serves many of the entities and institutions interested in community issues in UAE from various fields, as the survey results will enable to build and the provide social and family database on living standards and consumption spending patterns, which will, in turn, provide the opportunity for officials to formulate policies and make decisions on solid and scientific bases within its programs in general. The Survey results also contributed in providing the government entities with their data needs in particular, with respect to the progress and achievement requirements at the level of the UAE Vision 2021 in the context of achieving the desired progress according to accurate statistical indicators, in addition to what the survey results offer of important data for the research centers and institutions, research, researchers and scholars, universities and institutes.

Data Confidentiality:

NBS policy and procedures insure maintaining the confidentiality of personal and family data that is compiled through the survey, which will be published in statistical tables ensuring all confidentiality requirements to maintain the individual data for families and

individuals, which represents a commitment to the NBS constitutional law No. (9)/2009 and in accordance with Article (14), which states: "All personal data provided to the Bureau which are related to any surveys or censuses are considered confidential, and the Bureau or any workers within may not inform any person, public or private body about, disclose or use them for any purpose other than the statistical work, unless at the request of judicial authorities".

Moreover, the NBS approved statistical data publishing guide and the NBS organizational procedures provide the following instructions:

1. The statistical data are published within aggregate statistical tables according to the approved publishing policy in the NBS.
2. The NBS approves documented quality procedures within ISO 9001: 2008 earned officially by the NBS regarding all the statistical operations.
3. In publishing the official statistics, the NBS adheres not to show any personal data for confidentiality purposes.
4. The NBS shall take the necessary measures to protect data that is collected and stored in places where security and safety conditions are available, according to the Information Security System policies, controls and procedures ISO 27001: 2013, earned by the NBS.