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**Percent Change of Annual Average Gross Expenditure per Urban Household in Iran
1385 Compared with 1384**

<u>Expenditure Groups</u>	<u>Percent</u>	
		Increase 
		No change or virtually unchanged 
		Decrease 
Total Gross Expenditure	15.9	
1- Food and Beverages	16.8	
2- Tobacco	5.6	
3- Clothing and Footwear	7.6	
4- Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas and Other Fuels	22.6	
5- Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.3	
6- Health	19.0	
7-Transport	7.1	
8- Communication	32.7	
9- Recreation and Culture	6.5	
10- Education	23.6	
11- Restaurants and Hotels	14.8	
12- Miscellaneous Goods and Services	17.9	

Summary Results of the Household Budget Survey in Urban Areas in Iran

1385

This report presents results of the data collected from about 6700 sample households living in urban areas of Iran in 1385. Selection the sample household was based on a three stage-stage sampling scheme. The summary results of the survey are found as follows:

Household Size

The average size of an urban household was 4.05 persons which decreased compared with previous year.

Gross Expenditure¹

Iranian urban households spent an average of 79695 thousand rials for current annual living expenses in 1385 (about 6641 thousand rials per month).

The above mentioned amount includes the rental equivalence of owner occupied houses, household's payment for income taxes and retirement pensions.

The total expenditure rose by 15.9% compared with 1384.

The share allocated by households to "food and beverages" was 23.3%, "tobacco" 0.4%, "clothing and footwear" 5.1%, "housing, water, electricity and gas and other fuels" 28.5%, "furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance" 5.1%, "health" 4.3%, "transport" 14.2%, "communication" 2.0%, "recreation and culture" 2.7%, "education" 2.2%, "restaurants and hotels" 2.2% and "miscellaneous goods and services" 10.0% (table 1) .

Gross Income²

In 1385, urban households had an annual average gross income ³ of 77554 thousand rials (about 6463 thousand rials per month) out of which 74.5% was the share of money income and 25.5% was the share of non – money income .

¹ Gross Expenditure: The amount of expenses plus household's payment for income taxes and retirement pensions.

² Gross Income: The amount of income less income taxes, retirement pensions (household's share) and earnings by selling the second-hand goods.

³ It is possible that the households understate their income.

Comparing with previous year, the annual average of gross income rose by 16.6% (table 2).

Age Groups

In 1385, about 7.3% of households' members were 5 years old and younger, 7.2% were 6 to 10 years old, 9.7% were 11 to 15 years old, 13.2% were 16 to 20 years old, 21.1% were 21 to 30 years old, 26.6% were 31 to 50 years old and 14.9% were 51 years old and over(table 3) .

Education¹

Outcomes of this survey indicate that, out of six years old members and older ones in urban households, 12.6% were illiterate, 1.4% were capable to read and write, 22.8% had elementary education, 48.4% had junior high school and secondary education and 14.8% had university education (table 4).

Employment

In reported year, 16.7% of the households had no employed member, 56.8% had one, 20.4% had two and 6.1% had three and more employed member (table 5). Compared with the year 1384, the percentage of households with no - employed member increased, while the percentage of households with one employed member, households with two employed member and households with three and more employed member decreased.

Tenure Status

In 1385, the study of tenure status of households shows that 67.0% of households were living in their own dwellings, 24.5% in rental houses, 1.3% in rented in lieu of services houses and 7.2% in free of charge dwellings (table 6).

Comparing with 1384, the percentage of households who were living in their own dwellings and free of charge dwellings decreased while the percentage of households who were living in rental houses and rented in lieu of service houses increased.

¹ Religious education has been assigned, as the case may be, to junior high school and secondary school and university education.

Living Facilities

In 1385, the percentage of households using the living facilities in their dwellings is obtained as follows:

97.8% piped-in water, 99.9% electricity, 87.1% piped-in gas, 25.8% urban sewage system, 91.1% telephone (fixed line), 94.8% kitchen, 96.2% bathroom, 66.6% fixed air-cooler, 10.3% central heating system, 1.0% package (heating system) and 39.4% storeroom (table 7).

Household Equipments and Appliances

In reported year, the percentage of households using equipments and appliances is obtained as follows:

31.1% personal car, 18.8% motorcycle, 21.1% bicycle, 71.0% sewing machine, 69.8% radio cassette recorder, 98.6% television, 56.6% video and CD-player, 30.3% personal computer ¹, 12.8% camcorder (video camera), 76.0% refrigerator, 58.1% freezer and fridge-freezer, 98.6% gas cooker, 82.8% vacuum cleaner, 69.6% washing machine and 39.4% cell phone (table 8).

¹ Incl. laptop and notebook.

Table 1 – Annual Average Gross Expenditure per Urban Household - 1385

Type of Expenditure	Gross Expenditure (Rial)	Share (Percent)	Percent change (1385 to 1384)
Total Gross Expenditure	79694612	100.0	15.9
1- Food and Beverages	18586526	23.3	16.8
2- Tobacco	311768	0.4	5.6
3- Clothing and Footwear	4036673	5.1	7.6
4- Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas and other Fuels	22690249	28.5	22.6
5 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4054116	5.1	5.3
6- Health	3411446	4.3	19.0
7- Transport	11325598	14.2	7.1
8- Communication	1636452	2.0	32.7
9- Recreation and Culture	2167015	2.7	6.5
10- Education	1765455	2.2	23.6
11- Restaurants and Hotels	1728100	2.2	14.8
12- Miscellaneous Goods and Services	7981214	10.0	17.9

Table 2 – Annual Average Gross Income per Urban Household - 1385

Source of Income	Gross Income (Rial)	Share (Percent)	Percent change (1385 to 1384)
Total Gross Income	77553685	100.0	16.6
Money Income	57783811	74.5	13.7
1- Wages and Salaries – Public Sector	13334659	17.2	10.8
2- Wages and Salaries – Private Sector	10261832	13.2	14.9
3- Self – employed in Agricultural Sector	1618133	2.1	46.0
4- Self–employed in Non – agricultural Sector	18359553	23.7	8.8
5- Miscellaneous	11046375	14.2	29.9
6- Sale of Second – hand Goods	3163259	4.1	-6.9
Non – money Income	19769874	25.5	26.1

**Table 3 – Percentage Distribution of Households’ Members
By Age Groups – 1385**

Age Groups	Percent
0-5 years	7.3
6-10 years	7.2
11-15 years	9.7
16-20 years	13.2
21-30 years	21.1
31-50 years	26.6
51 years old and over	14.9
Total	100.0

**Table 4– Distribution of Six Years Old and over Members of
Households by Education – 1385**

Level of Education	Percent
Illiterate	12.6
Capable to Read and Write	1.4
Elementary Education	22.8
Secondary Education	48.4
University Education	14.8
Total	100.0

**Table 5 – Percentage Distribution of Households
By Number of Employed Members – 1385**

Number of Employed Members	Percent
0	16.7
1	56.8
2	20.4
3 and more	6.1
Total	100.0

**Table 6 – Percentage Distribution of Households by
Tenure Status – 1385**

Tenure Status	Percent
Owner Occupied	67.0
Rented	24.5
Rented in Lieu of Services	1.3
Rent Free	7.2
Total	100.0

**Table 7 – Percentage Distribution of Households by Using Living
Facilities of Dwellings – 1385**

Kind of Facilities	Percent
Piped – in Water	97.8
Electricity	99.9
Piped – in Gas	87.1
Urban Sewage System	25.8
Telephone (Fixed Line)	91.1
Kitchen	94.8
Bathroom	96.2
Fixed Air – cooler	66.6
Central Heating System	10.3
Package (Heating System)	1.0
Storeroom	39.4

Table 8 – Percentage Distribution of Households by Using Equipments and Appliances – 1385

Equipments and Appliances	Percent
Personal Car	31.1
Motorcycle	18.8
Bicycle	21.1
Sewing Machine	71.0
Radio Cassette Recorder	69.8
Television	98.6
Video and CD Player	56.6
Personal Computer	30.3
Camcorder (video camera)	12.8
Refrigerator	76.0
Freezer and Fridge – freezer	58.1
Gas Cooker	98.6
Vacuum Cleaner	82.8
Washing Machine	69.6
Cell Phone	39.4