



**Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
**General Directorate of Economic Statistics**

**Household Budget Survey**

**In Urban Areas in Iran**

**1384**

**(March 20,2005 – March 20,2006)**

**Economic Statistics**

**Department**

**Azar 1385**

**(December . 2006)**

*IN THE NAME OF GOD*

**Percent Change of Annual Average Gross Expenditure per Household  
in 1384 Compared to 1383**

increase



decrease



| <u>Expenditure Groups</u>  | <u>Percent Change</u> |
|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>   | 13.9                  |
| <b>1- Food and Beverages</b>   | 6.2                   |
| <b>2- Tobacco</b>  | 8.9                   |
| <b>3- Clothing and Footwear</b>  | 13.5                  |
| <b>4- Housing , Water, Electricity and Gas and Other Fuels</b>         | 14.6                  |
| <b>5- Furniture, Furnishings and Household Equipment and Operation</b> | 15.4                  |
| <b>6- Health Expenses and Medical Care</b>                             | 14.6                  |
| <b>7-Transport</b>   | 16.6                  |
| <b>8- Communication</b>  | 42.9                  |
| <b>9- Recreation and Culture</b>                                       | 0.3                   |
| <b>10- Education</b>   | 28.1                  |
| <b>11- Restaurant and Hotel</b>  | 11.4                  |
| <b>12- Miscellaneous Goods and Services</b>                            | 26.4                  |

## **Summary Results of the Household Budget Survey in Urban Areas in Iran – 1384**

This report presents results of data collected by about 6700 sample households living in urban areas throughout the country in 1384. The summary results of survey are found as follows:

### **Household Size**

The average size of urban household was 4.09 persons which decreased compared to previous year.

### **Gross Expenditure** <sup>(1)</sup>

Iranian urban households spent an average of 68735 thousand rials for current annual living expenses in 1384 (about 5728 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 13.9% compared to 1383.

The share allocated by households to "food and beverages "was 23.1% and that to "tobacco" was 0.4% , "clothing and footwear" was 5.5% , " housing , water , electricity and gas and other fuels" was 26.9% , "furniture, furnishings and household equipment and operation " was 5.6 % , "health expenses and medical care" was 4.2%, " transport" was 15.4%, "communication" was 1.8% , " recreation and culture" was 3.0%, "education"was 2.1%,"restaurant and hotel" was 2.2% and "miscellaneous goods and services " was 9.8% (table 1) .

### **Gross Income** <sup>(2)</sup>

In 1384, the urban households had an annual average gross income<sup>(3)</sup> of 66517 thousand rials (about 5543 thousand rials per month ) out of which 76.4% was the share of money income and 23.6% 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 19.5% (table 2) .

### **Age Groups**

In 1384, about 7.3% of members of households were 5 years old and younger, 7.4% were 6 to 10 years old, 9.9% were 11 to 15 years old, 13.6% were 16 to 20 years old, 20.9% were 21 to 30 years old , 26.7% were 31 to 50 years old and 14.2% were 51 years old and over(table 3) .

### **Education<sup>(1)</sup>**

Findings of this survey indicate that, out of six years old members and older ones in urban households, 12.5% were illiterate, 1.6% were capable to read and write, 22.7% had elementary education , 49.4% had secondary education<sup>(2)</sup> and 13.8% had university education (table 4).

### **Employment**

In reported year, 15.2% of the households had no employed member, 57.5% had one – employed member, 20.8% had two – employed member and 6.5% had three and more employed member (table 5) . Compared to the year 1383, the percentage of households with no - employed member and households with one employed member decreased, while the percentage of households with two employed member and households with three and more employed member increased.

### **Tenure Status**

In 1384, the study of tenure status of households shows that 67.2% of households lived in their own dwellings, 23.9% lived in rental houses, 1.2% lived in rented in lieu of services houses and 7.7% lived in free of charge dwellings (table 6).

Comparing with 1383, the percentage of households who lived in their own dwellings decreased and percentage of households who lived in rental house and free of charge dwellings increased.

---

<sup>(1)</sup> - Religious education has been assigned, as the case may be, to secondary school and university education .

<sup>(2)</sup> – Including junior high school education .

### **Living Facilities**

In 1384, the percentage of households using the living facilities in their dwellings is as follows :

98.1% piped – in water, 99.9% electricity,85.6% piped – in gas,24.9% urban sewage system,88.1% telephone (fixed line) , 94.9% kitchen ,96.0% bathroom , 64.4% fixed air – cooler ,10.7% central heating system, 0.9% package (heating system) and 36.4% storeroom (table 7).

### **Household Equipments and Appliances**

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

28.8% personal car, 18.8% motorcycle, 21.8% bicycle, 72.5% sewing machine, 73.3% radio cassette recorder, 98.8% television, 58.3% video and CD – player, 26.3% personal computer<sup>(1)</sup> , 11.3% camcorder (video camera) , 78.5% refrigerator , 54.0% freezer and fridge- freezer, 98.9% gas cooker, 81.6% vacuum cleaner, 68.4% washing machine and 27.1% mobile phone (table 8).

---

(1) – Incl. laptop and notebook.

**Table 1 – Annual Average Gross Expenditure per Urban Household - 1384**

| Type of Expenditure  | Gross Expenditure (Rial) | Share (Percent) | Percent change (1384 to 1383) |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>                                 | <b>68734932</b>          | <b>100.0</b>    | <b>13.9</b>                   |
| 1- Food and Beverages  | 15915130                 | 23.1            | 6.2                           |
| 2- Tobacco   | 295182                   | 0.4             | 8.9                           |
| 3- Clothing and Footwear                                       | 3750713                  | 5.5             | 13.5                          |
| 4- Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas and other Fuels         | 18511538                 | 26.9            | 14.6                          |
| 5- Furniture, Furnishings and Houshold Equipment and Operation | 3850945                  | 5.6             | 15.4                          |
| 6- Health Expenses and Medical Care                            | 2867327                  | 4.2             | 14.6                          |
| 7- Transport   | 10574223                 | 15.4            | 16.6                          |
| 8- Communication   | 1233057                  | 1.8             | 42.9                          |
| 9- Recreation and Culture                                      | 2034199                  | 3.0             | -0.3                          |
| 10- Education  | 1428782                  | 2.1             | 28.1                          |
| 11- Restaurant and Hotel                                       | 1504734                  | 2.2             | 11.4                          |
| 12- Miscellaneous Goods and Services                           | 6769102                  | 9.8             | 26.4                          |

**Table 2 – Annual Average Gross Income per Urban Household - 1384**

| Source of Income                              | Gross Income<br>(Rial) | Share<br>(Percent) | Percent change<br>(1384 to 1383) |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Total Gross Income</b>                     | <b>66517276</b>        | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>19.5</b>                      |
| <b>Money Income</b>                           | <b>50840987</b>        | <b>76.4</b>        | <b>21.9</b>                      |
| 1- Wages and Salaries – Public Sector         | 12030928               | 18.1               | 23.3                             |
| 2- Wages and Salaries – Private Sector        | 8930187                | 13.4               | 22.8                             |
| 3- Self – employed in Agricultural Sector     | 1108494                | 1.7                | - *                              |
| 4- Self–employed in Non – agricultural Sector | 16870189               | 25.4               | 26.2                             |
| 5- Miscellaneous                              | 8501813                | 12.8               | 18.1                             |
| 6- Sale of Second – hand Goods                | 3399376                | 5.1                | 19.0                             |
| <b>Non – money Income</b>                     | <b>15676289</b>        | <b>23.6</b>        | <b>12.3</b>                      |

---

\* The number of sample households who have income in this sector are not optimum, so the result of this group is not sufficient and did not compare with previous year.

**Table 3 – Percentage Distribution of Households’ Members  
by Age Groups – 1384**

| Age Groups        | Percent      |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 0-5 years         | 7.3          |
| 6-10 years        | 7.4          |
| 11-15 years       | 9.9          |
| 16-20 years       | 13.6         |
| 21-30 years       | 20.9         |
| 31-50 years       | 26.7         |
| 51 years and over | 14.2         |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>100.0</b> |

**Table 4– Distribution of Six Years Old and over Members of  
Households by Education – 1384**

| Level of Education        | Percent      |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Illiterate                | 12.5         |
| Capable to Read and Write | 1.6          |
| Elementary Education      | 22.7         |
| Secondary Education       | 49.4         |
| University Education      | 13.8         |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>100.0</b> |



**Table 5 – Percentage Distribution of Households  
By Number of Employed Members – 1384**

| Number of Employed Members | Percent      |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| 0                          | 15.2         |
| 1                          | 57.5         |
| 2                          | 20.8         |
| 3 and more                 | 6.5          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>100.0</b> |

**Table 6 – Percentage Distribution of Households by  
Tenure Status – 1384**

| Tenure Status              | Percent      |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Owner Occupied             | 67.2         |
| Rented                     | 23.9         |
| Rented in Lieu of Services | 1.2          |
| Rent Free                  | 7.7          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>100.0</b> |

**Table 7 – Percentage Distribution of Households by Using Living  
Facilities of Dwellings – 1384**

| Kind of Facilities       | Percent |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Piped – in Water         | 98.1    |
| Electricity              | 99.9    |
| Piped – in Gas           | 85.6    |
| Urban Sewage System      | 24.9    |
| Telephone (Fixed Line)   | 88.1    |
| Kitchen                  | 94.9    |
| Bathroom                 | 96.0    |
| Fixed Air – cooler       | 64.4    |
| Central Heating System   | 10.7    |
| Package (Heating System) | 0.9     |
| Storeroom                | 36.4    |

**table 8 – Percentage Distribution of Households by Using Equipments and Appliances – 1384**

| Equipments and Appliances    | Percent |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Personal Car                 | 28.8    |
| Motorcycle                   | 18.8    |
| Bicycle                      | 21.8    |
| Sewing Machine               | 72.5    |
| Radio Cassette Recorder      | 73.3    |
| Television                   | 98.8    |
| Video and CD Player          | 58.3    |
| Personal Computer            | 26.3    |
| Camcorder (video camera)     | 11.3    |
| Refrigerator                 | 78.5    |
| Freezer and Fridge – freezer | 54.0    |
| Gas Cooker                   | 98.9    |
| Vacuum Cleaner               | 81.6    |
| Washing Machine              | 68.4    |
| Mobile Phone                 | 27.1    |