



EUROSTAT FAMILY BUDGET SURVEY 2024

In 2024 the Eurostat Family Budget Survey (FBS) will be launched among retired staff.

Please start compiling your bank statements and other expenditure records now in order to fill in the questionnaire.

According to art 64, 65 and Annex XI of the staff regulations, Eurostat is in charge of the annual calculation of **salary adjustments** and **correction coefficients** for active and retired EU-staff.

In order to do this, Eurostat has to calculate new consumption structures (expenditure patterns) for the different duty stations every 5-7 years. This is done by conducting a **survey on household expenditure among the officials and retired staff working and living in different countries**.

The survey is conducted jointly by Eurostat on behalf of EU-institutions and agencies, and by CO.ISRP (International Service for Remunerations and Pensions of the Coordinated Organisations), who is responsible for remuneration and pension calculations for staff working for NATO, ESA, EUMETSAT, ECMWF, Council of Europe and OECD.

In the beginning of next year, you will receive a letter inviting you to participate in the survey. You will be able to fill it in on-line or to send us your paper version.

It will therefore be helpful if you **already now start reviewing bank statements and other records**, in order to compile **relevant information about your expenditures**. Other documents such as

- supermarket till receipts,
- invoices,
- contracts,
- chequebooks,
- credit card statements,
- insurance records,
- tax returns,
- tenancy agreements

can also be a good source of information.

Here you can print a 'model survey':

<https://www.familybudgetsurvey.org/en/homecode/2023test>

NB. Please note that this version is only an example. Whilst it looks very similar, it is *not* the questionnaire you will be asked to complete and submit later this year. It is only provided here to help you start to gather the necessary information.

Background

The aim of the survey is not to know **what** you spend your money on, but **how** you spend it. The overall average expenditure pattern in your duty station (i.e. your individual reply combined with all other respondents) will then give appropriate importance to different items in a basket of goods and services.

The information you provide will remain completely anonymous! Standard Data Protection rules for handling confidential information will apply. Eurostat will only use it to help calculate correction coefficients and the Joint Belgium-Luxembourg Index. It will not be used for any other administrative purpose.

In order to obtain statistically viable results, **a large number of replies is vital**, so that the final average will properly reflect all variations in staff situations that may affect expenditure patterns, such as national tastes and preferences, expatriation status, age, grade, gender, health, household size and composition, tenancy status, etc.

[More information about salary adjustments and the calculation of correction coefficients](#)

We thank you in advance for your participation!

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