

IRAQ 2012 HOUSEHOLD SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY

NOTES FOR USERS

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The Iraq Household Socio-Economic Survey (IHSES 2012) is the second Household Socio-Economic Survey done in the country. The first was done in 2007. The IHSES 2012 is not a panel survey.

Learning from past and international experience on survey design, implementation and sampling, IHSES 2012 also incorporated additional modules on areas of evolving interest. It is the most comprehensive socio-economic survey as yet undertaken in Iraq.

Objectives

1. To provide data to help measure and analyze poverty and monitor the implementation of the national strategy to alleviate poverty (issued in 2009) and update it with a new strategy.
2. Provide an integrated system of data to assess the social and economic situation of families and develop indicators related to human development.
3. Provide data meeting the requirements and needs of the national accounts.
4. Provide detailed indicators of consumer spending and the impact of various changes in it to serve the production, consumption, export and import decision-making.
5. Provide detailed indicators of the incomes of individuals and families by source.
6. Provide the data required for creating a new index record of consumer prices beyond 2012.

The IHSES 2012 intends to provide estimators of comparable quality for each of Iraq's 118 gadahs (districts). This implies that the sample should be explicitly stratified by gadah, with a similar sample size allocated to each gadah, regardless of its size. A sample size of 216 households per gadah was proposed, equivalent to a total sample of 25,488 households for the country. The final sample size is 24,944 households and 176,042 individuals.

Within each gadah, the sample will be selected in two stages, as follows:

- First, using Census Enumeration Areas (EAs) as Primary Sampling Units (PSUs), select 24 EAs with Probability Proportional to Size (PPS), using the number of households as a Measure of Size (MoS), and with implicit stratification by urban/rural and the subsequent geographical codes (nahya, mahala, village, mukataa and census block).
- Second, using households as secondary Sampling Units (SSUs), select a cluster of 9 households by systematic, equal probability sampling (SEPS) in each of the selected EAs.

The sample frames for both stages can be developed from the 2010 Census enumeration, with no updating of the household lists.

In some of the smallest gadahs, the standard PPS procedure may result in the selection of fewer than 24 EAs, with some of the larger EAs selected more than once. In those cases, two or more clusters will be taken in the EA, as needed.

2,832 EAs were selected in total. 33 of them had less than the 9 households nominally required in the second stage and were merged ex-post with neighboring EAs.

For more information on the sample for the IHSES 2012, read the Sampling and Fieldwork document.

The main identification variables for the survey are “_questid” and “idcode”. “_questid” identifies the households and “idcode” identifies individuals within the households. In the jobs data sets, the “idcode” variable has been replaced by “jid_code”.

The documents included with the survey are:

Document name	Description
IHSES_2012_Questionnaire_English	This is the complete questionnaire. It includes all sections
IHSES_2012_Manual_English	This is the manual used by the enumerators to implement the survey.
Sampling_and_fieldwork_2012	This document contains information on the design of the sample and the methodology to implement the field work.
IHSESII_2012_Arabic_Reviewed	This document is the report on the IHSES 2012. It is only available in Arabic
Iraq Poverty Methodology Note_final	This document provides information on poverty estimates and trends in Iraq between 2007-2012. It also explains how the welfare measure was calculated.

The data sets included with the survey are:

Data set	Description
2012ihses00_cover_page.dta	Identification information from the cover of the questionnaire
2012ihses01_household_roster.dta	Roster of household members and demographic information
2012ihses02_migration.dta	Migration events and reasons for migration
2012ihses03_rations.dta	Rations received
2012ihses04_housing.dta	Characteristics of the dwelling, access to water, disposal of waste, access to electricity, ownership status and rent, access to facilities, housing expenses, perceptions of housing quality, basic needs income.

Data set	Description
2012ihses05_education.dta	Education information for members 6 years of age and older.
2012ihses06_p1_health_members.dta	Health information on chronic illness and disabilities, acute disease, accidents and injuries, and fertility.
2012ihses06_p2_deceased.dta	Mortality during the last 12 months
2012ihses07_anthropometrics.dta	Anthropometric information for all members less than 60 months old and all members if the order of the household in the cluster is 1, 4, or 7.
2012ihses08_job_search.dta	Information on methods used to search for work.
2012ihses09_non_food_30_day.dta	Expenditures on non-food services and commodities during the past 30 days.
2012ihses10_non_food_90_day.dta	Expenditures on non-food services and commodities during the past 90 days.
2012ihses11_non_food_12_month.dta	Expenditures on non-food services and commodities during the past 12 months.
2012ihses12_p1_diary_expenditure.dta	Diary of food and recurring non-food commodities
2012ihses12_p2_meals.dta	Meals taken within the dwelling
2012ihses12_p3_shared_meals.dta	Number of participants other than the household members in meals within the household expenditure
2012ihses13_jobs.dta	Information on all jobs held during the last 12 months for all members 6 years old and older.
2012ihses14_wage_jobs.dta	Information on wage jobs held during the last 12 months
2012ihses15_agriculture.dta	Agriculture, cattle breeding , fish farming and forest activities.
2012ihses16_enterprises.dta	Non-agriculture household enterprises
2012ihses17_other_income.dta	Income from property and transfers
2012ihses18_durables.dta	Durable goods
2012ihses19_loans_credits.dta	Household loans, credits and assistance
2012ihses20_shocks.dta	Shocks and coping strategies
2012ihses21_time_use.dta	Hours spent on various activities for all members 10 years old and older in households 2, 5, and 8 in the cluster
2012ihses22_justice.dta	Access to justice
2012ihses23_life_satisfaction.dta	Information on satisfaction with various life events for all members 15 years old and older
2012ihses_summary.dta	Consumption aggregate and poverty lines.