

# HOUSEHOLD BUDGET SURVEY

## HOUSEWIFE'S EXPENDITURE DIARY (H.B.3)

7 day period
1st 2nd

Record 4				
Reference	Area	Hld.	Person	7-day period
Number				

### STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

All particulars given in this survey will be treated as strictly confidential.

Please do not put your name or address on this diary.

#### REMEMBER

1. Record each separate purchase and payment - take particular care with beer, spirits, wine and cigarettes.
2. Distinguish any drink consumed with meals out, separately.

The Interviewer will call again on:-

Day	Date	Approx. Time

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ARDEE ROAD  
DUBLIN 6

Phone - Dublin (01) 977144

## HOW TO COMPLETE THIS EXPENDITURE DIARY

### General

1. This diary should contain a complete record of everything which **you yourself** pay for; other members of your household are provided with separate diaries.
2. Please record everything that you pay for during the seven days, whether it is paid for out of your own money, housekeeping money, from a loan or any other source, and whether payment is by cash, cheque, postal order, credit card, bankers order or other means. Please remember:
  - (i) Show each item, however small, on a separate line and describe it in reasonable detail.
  - (ii) If you buy anything by part exchange, say so and give the amount paid after deducting the amount allowed in part exchange.
  - (iii) If you ask another member of your household or a neighbour to buy things for you, and you pay for them, details of the purchases should be included in your own diary.
  - (iv) Purchases made by you on behalf of other people with money supplied by them should not be recorded in your diary.
3. Write down the **actual** payments you make each day even if the goods were delivered previously, or are going to be delivered later. Any goods ordered or delivered but not paid for should be excluded unless they are acquired through Budget Account or Credit Club (paragraph 5) or Credit Account or Credit Card (paragraph 4).

#### 4. Credit Account at a Shop or Credit Card

If you have a Credit Account at a shop (e.g. local grocery) or if you have a credit card,

- (i) record any payments made in respect of this account or with the credit card during the week, for example enter "payment to grocery account - £75.50" or "payment of Visa Card account - £30".
- (ii) also record each item actually acquired each day through this account or with the credit card together with its cost, noting "account" or "credit card" in brackets.

#### 5. Budget Accounts or Credit Clubs

If you pay anything into a Budget Account, Credit Club etc. during the seven days please

- (i) enter the payments made with a description of the Account or Club into which they are paid;
- (ii) record each article obtained through these accounts or clubs during the seven days, indicating that it is obtained from such source and giving its retail value.

#### 6. Instalment Buying

If you start buying anything by instalments on any of the seven days, say so, record the down payment made and state what you are buying as follows :

**HP down payment on TV set** ..... £50.00

If during the seven days you pay instalments on any goods which you are buying by instalments, give a description of the article and state what you paid, thus;

**HP instalment on bicycle** ..... £10.00

#### 7. Second-hand Purchases

If you buy any second-hand goods during the seven days please write "**second-hand**" after the description of the item.

#### 8. Postal Orders and Money Orders

If you buy a postal order or money order on any of the seven days please record it on that day noting its value and poundage separately. If you pay for anything by postal order or money order during the seven days write "**by postal order**" or "**by money order**" after the description of the item. If an order is recorded in either of the two diaries, but has not been used by the end of the 14 days covered add a note to this effect.

#### 9. Shopkeepers, Farmers, etc.

If your household obtains any food or other goods from its own shop, farm or garden please state the amount of each item which is obtained each day with its approximate value at retail prices. Write "**own produce**" opposite each item from own farm or garden. Write "**not paid/own shop**" after any article obtained from a family shop which has not been paid for in cash.

#### 10. Betting

If you make any bets during the seven days covered by this diary, please state what they are e.g. book-maker, totalisator, bingo, etc. and give the amounts. If you received any winnings during the seven days please give details on page 16.

#### 11. Cash Gifts or Allowances

If you give any cash gifts or pay any cash allowances during the seven days covered by this diary, please record the amount and indicate to whom it was given.

HOW TO ENTER PURCHASES IN THIS DIARY

Quantity or Number (if possible)		Amount Paid		Leave Blank
		£	p	
2 lb	ROUND STEAK (Butcher account)	5	00	
1 lb	Sausages (Butcher account)	1	08	
1	TIN of Peas (small)		23	
800gms	BREAD (White)		74	
1	CORNFLAKES (LARGE PACKET)	1	25	
2	PACKETS OF SOUP		56	
6	EATING APPLES	1	20	
	Payment of Visa Credit Card Bill	120	19	

PURCHASING ARRANGEMENTS

		YES	NO	IF YES how often do you pay the bill	Code
1. Do you have an account with	Milkman?	1	2	.....	X 24 1
	Breadman?	1	2	.....	X 25 1
	Butcher?	1	2	.....	X 26 1
	Grocery Shop?	1	2	.....	X 27 1
	Other (specify)	1	2	.....	X 28 1
	.....				
	.....				

2. Do you normally purchase the bulk of your household provisions?

(a) where? \_\_\_\_\_

Supermarket	1	X 29
Other	2	

(b) how often? \_\_\_\_\_

Daily	1	X 30
Few times a week	2	
Once a week	3	
Longer interval (specify)	4	

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IF SUPERMARKET, remember to retain your bill or "check-out" receipt to help itemise the individual purchases made. (sellotape it to relevant page).





## REFERENCE LIST OF IMPORTANT ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE

Of the hundreds of different items you could buy, the following is only a list of examples. Please check through the list in case it reminds you of any purchase which you have forgotten to record.

### Food

Bread, cakes, buns, biscuits, flour.  
 Breakfast cereals, rice, tapioca, custard powder.  
 Beef, veal, mutton, lamb, pork, bacon, poultry, sausages, offal.  
 Fresh or smoked cod, haddock, plaice, herrings, other fish and tinned salmon, sardines.  
 Milk, eggs, butter, margarine, cheese, cooking fats and oils.  
 Tea, coffee, cocoa, chocolate drinks.  
 Sugar, honey, syrup, jam, marmalade.  
 Fresh, dried, frozen or tinned peas, beans and other vegetables.  
 Fresh, dried, frozen or tinned pears, peaches and other fruit.  
 Bottled or tinned orange, grapefruit, tomato and other fruit juices.  
 Salt, pepper, sauces, spices, mustard, vinegar.  
 Sweets, chocolate, ice cream, ice lollies.  
 Tinned and packet soups.  
 Baby foods.

### Meals out

Meals in restaurants, cafes, canteens, fast food outlets and hotels.  
 Tea breaks at work.  
 Snacks, sandwiches, fish and chips.

### Tobacco and Drink

Cigarettes, tobacco, cigars, pipes, lighters, lighter fuels.  
 Beer, ale, stout, wines, spirits, cider.  
 Soft drinks, cordials, squashes, soda water.

### Clothing, Clothing Material, Footwear

Overcoats, raincoats, suits, shirts, skirts, trousers, hats and other outerwear.  
 Vests, pants, pyjamas, skirts, slips, corsets, brassieres, stockings, tights and other underwear.  
 Dress material, wool, thread, ribbons.  
 Boots, shoes, slippers, sandals.  
 Payments to clothing clubs.

### Fuel and light, Household goods and Hardware

Coal, coke, gas, electricity, paraffin and other fuel oil, firewood, candles, nightlights, matches.  
 Soap, soda, cleaning powders, detergents, polishes.  
 Paint, distemper, wallpaper.  
 Dustbins, pails, brushes, brooms, tools, screws, nails.  
 China, glass, bowls, kettles, saucepans.

### Furniture, Furnishings, etc.

Suites or separate articles of furniture.  
 Radios and hi-fi, television sets or parts, video recorders, pianos, music.  
 Mattresses, pillows, sheets, blankets, tablecloths, towels, curtains, tea cloths.  
 Carpets, rugs, linoleum, mats.  
 Fires, cookers, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, wringers, washing machines, sewing machines, irons, electric lamps, bulbs and fittings.  
 Clocks, watches, jewellery, cutlery, suit-cases, handbags, sports goods.  
 Repairs to furniture, radio, TV and watches.

### Travel

Journeys by rail, bus, air, sea, taxi, including fares to and from work.  
 Purchase, repairs and running costs of cars, motor cycles, cycles, push-chairs.

### Other Expenditure

Cinemas, theatres, concerts, football, cricket, racing, dances.  
 Books, newspapers, magazines, stationery, toilet paper.  
 Lipstick, face powder, face cream, mascara, perfumes, shampoos, sanitary towels.  
 Shaving cream, hair cream, razors and blades.  
 Hairdressing (including tips), sponges, face cloths, nail brushes.  
 Cameras, photographic materials, developing and printing of films, hiring of video films.  
 Flowers, seeds, plants, garden tools, lawnmowers.  
 Animals and pets.  
 Toys, games, playing cards.  
 Stamps, postal orders, telegrams, telephone calls.  
 Shoe repairs, laundry, dyeing and cleaning, domestic help.  
 Football pools and other betting, Bingo, etc.  
 Children's pocket money, birthday presents, money given to charities, raffle tickets.  
 Payments to chemists, doctors, dentists, oculists, opticians, chiropractors.  
 Holiday expenses.  
 Purchase of Savings Certificates, etc.  
 Payments of allowances and living expenses of dependents outside the household.

## Appendix 8

**Summary of Household Characteristics Available for Classification Purposes  
(Sub-classification specified in brackets)**

**General**

1. Month surveyed (12)
2. Quarter survey (5)
3. Urban/rural location (4)
4. Town size (11)
5. Life cycle (24)
6. Regional location (27)

**Household Income**

7. Gross household income (90)
8. Disposable household income (90)
9. Gross household income quantiles (20) for State, urban, rural, rural farm, rural non-farm households
10. Disposable household income quantiles (20) for State, urban, rural, rural farm, rural non-farm
11. Farm Income (90)
12. % Gross income from different types of State transfers (17)
13. State transfers as % of Gross household income (10)
14. Farming income (90)  
Farming income as % of household
15. Earned income (10)

**Household Composition**

16. Family composition (9)  
(children <14, 16, 17, 18)
17. Household composition (12)  
(children <14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and dependent children)
18. Household type (44)  
(children <15, 16, 17, 18 dependents)
19. Dependent children (25)
20. Chief economic supporter(id)
21. Owner/tenant(id)
22. Number of nuclear family units (3)
23. Number of extended family units (3)
24. Number of tax units (3)
25. Economically active persons (9)

## Number (28) of:

26. Persons (25)
27. Males x age(9)
28. Females x age (9)
29. Persons x Livelihood status (7)
30. Males x economic status (14)
31. Females x economic status (14)
32. Persons x Relationship to head (10)
33. Persons x type of education (14)
34. Working persons (25)
35. Working males (25)
36. Working females (25)
37. Economically active males (25)
38. Economically active females (25)
39. Persons with subsidiary jobs (25)

**Accommodation**

40. Household tenure (7)
41. Type of accommodation (7)
42. Year built (6)
43. Years resident (99)
44. Number of rooms (99)
45. Number of bedrooms (99)
46. Number of rooms sub-let (99)
47. Bedroom standard (99)
48. Standard bedroom ratio (x.xx)
49. Standard bedroom difference (99)
50. Average persons per room (x.xx)
51. Second dwelling (3)

**Heating/Cooking Facilities**

52. Full central heating (6)
53. Partial central heating (6)
54. Space heating in Winter (22)
55. Water heating in Winter (10)
56. Water heating in Summer (10)
57. Cooking in Winter (8)
58. Cooking in Summer (8)

## Appendix 8 (contd.)

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#### Household Facilities

- 59. Piped water – hot (2)
- 60. Piped water – cold (2)
- 61. Bath or shower (2)
- 62. Toilet (internal) (2)
- 63. Gas supply (5)
- 64. Electricity (4)
- 65. Phone (7)
- 66. Garage (3)
- 67. Double glazing (2)
- 68. Burglar alarm (2)
- 69. Touring caravan (2)

#### Household Appliances

- 70. Vacuum cleaner (2)
- 71. Clothes dryer (2)
- 72. Washing machine (2)
- 73. Dishwasher (2)
- 74. Refrigerator with freezer (2)
- 75. Refrigerator other (2)
- 76. Deep freeze (2)
- 77. Micro-wave oven (2)
- 78. Video recorder (3)
- 79. 1st TV x type (5)
- 80. 2nd TV x type (5)
- 81. Portable TV x type (5)
- 82. Piped TV (2)
- 83. 3-in-1-music centre (2)
- 84. Stereo system (full/part) (2)
- 85. Home computer (3)

#### Shopping Practices

- 86. Milk account (2)
- 87. Bread account (2)
- 88. Butcher account (2)
- 89. Grocery account (2)
- 90. Other account (2)
- 91. Bulk purchases (2)
- 92. Frequency of bulk purchases (4)
- 93. Own produce consumed (2)

#### Motor vehicles

- 94. Motor cycles (10)
- Motor cars (10):
- 95. Owned cars (10)
- 96. HP cars (10)
- 97. Other cars (10)
- 98. Total cars (10)
- Motor insurance policies (10):
- 99. Comprehensive (10)
- 100. Other (10)
- 101. Annual total mileage of household cars
- 102. Annual business mileage of household cars

#### Medical Services Usage

- 103. Number of Medical cards (10)
- 104. Persons with full-eligibility (25)
- 105. Persons with limited eligibility (25)
- 106. Persons with other eligibility (25)
- 107. Bed nights (999) x type of hospital (3)
- 108. Paid bed nights (999) x type of hospital (3)
- Bed nights (999) x age (8):
- 109. Persons with full eligibility
- 110. Persons with limited eligibility
- 111. Persons with other eligibility
- 112. Males
- 113. Females
- 114. Free GP visits (99) x age (8)
- 115. Free prescriptions (99) x age (8)
- Free DOA treatment (99) x age (4):
- 116. Persons with full eligibility (25)
- 117. Persons with limited eligibility (25)
- 118. Persons with other eligibility (25)

#### Welfare Services Usage

- 119. Free telephone rental (2)
- 120. Free ESB allowance (2)
- 121. Free TV rental (2)
- 122. Free milk for mother/child (2)
- 123. Free domestic help (2)
- 124. Free home nursing (2)



## Appendix 8 (contd.)

**Summary of Household Characteristics Available for Classification Purposes  
(Sub-classification specified in brackets)**

**Welfare Services Usage (contd.)**

- 125. Rent allowance (2)
- 126. Family income supplement (2)
- 127. Free school milk (2)
- 128. Free fuel (2)
- 129. Free transport-pensioners (2)
- 130. Free school bus (2)

**Farming Activity**

- 131. Farm accounts (2)
- 132. Farm size (7)
- 133. Type of farm (10)  
Acreage farmed (300) if farming:
- 134. Main occupation of household head
- 135. Subsidiary occupation of head
- 136. Main occupation of chief economic supporter
- 137. Subsidiary occupation of chief economic supporter
- 138. Main occupation of owner/tenant
- 139. Subsidiary occupation of owner/tenant
- 140. Household members where farming is main occupation
- 141. Type of farm household (9)
- 142. Chief economic supporter is gainfully occupied farmer (2)

**Financial Services**

Persons (25) with:

- 143. Commercial Bank current account
- 144. Trustee Savings Bank current account
- 145. Credit card x type (4)
- 146. Stocks and shares
- 147. Government loans
- 148. Commercial Bank deposit account
- 149. Trustee Savings Bank deposit account
- 150. Post Office Savings Account
- 151. Other investments

Number (99) of persons loans with:

- 152. Bank
- 153. Employer

- 154. Credit Union
- 155. Other source
- 156. HP and Credit Sales Agreement

**Characteristics of Household Head**

- 157. Age (99)
- 158. Sex (2)
- 159. Marital status (6)
- 160. Working status (14)
- 161. Occupation (27)
- 162. Industry (27)
- 163. Gross income (90)
- 164. Economic category (7)
- 165. Social group (12)
- 166. Social class (7)
- 167. Health eligibility (3)
- 168. Age education ended (99)
- 169. Subsidiary job (1-2)  
If employee away from work:
- 170. Number of weeks away (62)
- 171. Reason for absence (4)
- 172. Salary payment level (3)
- 173. Period of continuous employment (112)
- 174. Weeks employed in last 12 months (51) (if employed less than 1 year)
- 175. Actual hours worked last week (60)
- 176. Period out of work if unemployed (112)
- 177. Period out of work if retired (112)
- 178. Household status

179-  
200. **Characteristics of Chief Economic Supporter** (identical to 157-178)

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222. **Characteristics of Owner/Tenant of accommodation** (identical to 157-178)

**Characteristics of Spouse of Household Head**

- 223. Age (99)
- 224. Sex (2)
- 225. Marital Status (6)

**Appendix 8 (contd.)****Summary of Household Characteristics Available for Classification Purposes  
(Sub-classification specified in brackets)****Characteristics of Spouse of Household Head (contd.)**

- 226. Working Status (14)
- 227. Gross income (90)
- 228. Occupation (27)
- 229. Industry (27)
- 230. Economic category (7)
- 231. Social Group (12)
- 232. Social Class (7)
- 233. Health eligibility (3)
- 234. Age education ended (99)  
If employed:
- 235. Period in continuous employment (112)
- 236. Actual hours worked last week(60)