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Introduction

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As an important part of China's statistical system, China's household survey mainly collects income and consumption data of urban and rural residents of both national level and provincial level. Household survey data is used to reflect income distribution and quality of life of China's urban and rural residents, measure the poverty in rural China, and provide fundamental material for System of National Accounts (SNA) and weight calculation of Consumer Price index (CPI). China's government departments take the information derived from household survey as significant reference to develop relevant policies to secure and improve the livelihood of people. Rural household survey was started in 1954 and the urban one in 1955.

1. Survey Organization

National Bureau of Statistics(NBS) is responsible for designing of household survey scheme, organizing national survey and data quality control, processing and releasing national and regional data. NBS offices in provinces, cities and one-third counties directly subordinated to NBS are in charge of data collection, data capture, data auditing and reporting of urban/rural household survey. In order to improve the quality of the household survey data, survey agencies at all levels establish strict data quality control system.

2. Survey Content

In addition to the key economic indicators of residents such as income and consumption, China's urban/rural household surveys also collect other basic household information including population and employment information of household members, housing and consumer durables owned, savings and loans of household and etc. Apart from the above, rural household survey additionally includes the information of rural migrant workers, production, selling and self-production for own consumption of main family-operated agricultural products, inputs of agricultural production and agricultural technology application, and the development of village/communities and etc. In poor areas, the survey also collect the information on the participation in poverty alleviation activities for both village level and household level, and specific demand of households on governmental poverty alleviation program.

3. Sampling Method

The samples of China's rural and urban household surveys are designed and selected according to the principle of meeting the representativeness of major income and consumption indicators of urban and rural residents at the national and provincial levels. The rural household survey selected the sample of 74,000 households, over 7000 villages and 896 surveyed counties among 31 provinces in China according to the stratified, multi-stage, PPS sampling method. The urban household survey obtained the sample of 66,000 households, over 6000 surveyed communities and 476 surveyed cities/counties among 31 provinces in China according to the stratified, two-phase, PPS sampling method. To ensure the representativeness of the sample, NBS periodically rotates surveyed villages/communities and surveyed households, in which 1/3 sample are rotated out for the urban household survey each year, and the whole sample are re-selected for the rural household survey every five years.

4. Data Collection

China's urban/rural household surveys implement quarterly reporting system, and collect data

through the combination of diary-keeping, questionnaire and face-to-face interview. Specifically, household income and consumption data is collected by the method of diary-keeping of surveyed households, and information on household demographic characteristics, employment status, housing conditions, and owned consumer durables, is obtained through questionnaire interview. Selected households keep diaries according to uniform format and requirements formulated by NBS. Interviewers provide guidance on diary-keeping regularly and conduct questionnaire interview.

5. Data Processing

Survey organizations at the level of cities and counties are responsible for data capture, data auditing, and quarterly reporting to NBS survey offices at the provincial level and NBS. Then, NBS further conducts data processing work including data auditing, data imputation and evaluation, and finally summarizes and generates national urban and rural household income and consumption data.

6. Data Release

NBS quarterly releases main data including urban and rural residents' cash income and consumption, employment of rural migrant workers and so on. Annually NBS publishes detailed information on the urban and rural residents' living conditions and their breakdowns by province and by various income levels. The channels of releasing data include press conference, NBS website, China Statistical Yearbook, China Yearbook of Urban and Rural Household Survey and so on.

7. Explanatory Notes on Main statistical indicators for China's urban and rural residents.

For a long time, China's household surveys had been implemented separately for urban areas and rural areas. Disposable income of urban residents is released in urban areas, while net income of rural residents is released in rural areas. And there is no nationally unified income and consumption data for all the residents. Due to separate surveys, there was some difference in the definition of income and consumption indicators for urban residents and rural residents, and corresponding data results are not entirely comparable. In order to improve the comparability and accuracy of statistics for urban household and rural household, National Bureau of Statistics of China would launch the reform to integrate Rural Household Survey and Urban Household Survey and to improve the methodology of household survey. However, the definition and explanatory notes of indicators of this yearbook keep the same with those previous year and remain some difference between rural and urban. The definition of indicators and related statistics will be adjusted after reform.

7.1 Explanatory notes on main indicators for urban households

7.1.1 Household size: refer to household members who live together and economically combined. All incomes and expenditures of household members who are considered to be the household members must be included in the questionnaire.

7.1.1.1 Persons with income: refer to employed persons and unemployed persons who have property income, transfer income or odd job income higher than 200 yuan in a month.

7.1.1.2 Employed persons: include

- ① Staff and workers in state-owned economic units
- ② Staff and workers in urban collective-owned economic units
- ③ Staff and workers in units of other economic types
- ④ Urban self-employed individuals or owners of private enterprises: refer to individual employers

and self-supporters.

⑤ **Individual employees:** refer to persons who are employed by self-employed individuals or owners of private enterprises.

⑥ **Retired staff and veteran cadres who are reemployed:** refer to retired staff and veteran cadres who are reemployed by their original working units or other units to get another pay in addition to retirement pension. Retired staff and veteran cadres who get individual business licenses, engaged in self-employment and those who engage in social labor work for more than half a month within the month of survey and get paid enough to support themselves according to local living standard are included.

⑦ **Other employed persons:** refer to other employed persons other than above six groups, which include: those who do not have permanent work and engage in social labor work for more than half a month within the month of survey and get paid enough to support themselves according to local living standard. For example, persons who take material from enterprises and proceed with the production process at home, stripping and cleaning, sewing and mending at home, home nursery, babysitter and other individual laborers who do not get licenses.

7.1.1.3 Retired staff and veteran cadres: refer to staff and veteran cadres who leave working posts and get retirement pensions. Those who are reemployed are excluded.

7.1.1.4 Other people with income: refer to unemployed persons who have property income, transfer income or odd job income higher than 200 Yuan in current month, except employed persons, retired staff and veteran cadres.

7.1.1.5 Persons without income: refer to unemployed persons who have an income less than 200 Yuan in current month.

7.1.2 Total income of household: The sum total income of all members of a household from work, business, assets, transfer, and net income from household sideline business and sale of household assets in a survey period. Income from debit and credit shall not be counted. The criteria of income statistics is the actual amount of income in a survey period. It makes no difference whether it is paid in advance or afterward. Proportioning is not proposed.

7.1.2.1 Employee income: The sum total of remunerations paid to the employed from work, such as wages from employment post, remunerations from moonlighting, concurrent jobs and occasional services.

7.1.2.2 Property income: Income gained from business operation in movable property (bank deposit, negotiable securities) and immovable property (real estates, vehicles, land, collections of articles). Interest from transfer of property rights, rents, and payment for patents, dividends, and added value in property, all shall be counted.

7.1.2.3 Interests: The amount of income that is gained and extra to the amount of principal through an agreed interest rate. The difference between interest and bonus is that interest is agreed upon and has nothing to do with the status of business operation, while bonus is depending on efficiencies and profits of business operation. Generally speaking, bonus is not fore agreed upon. Income of interest covers interest from time deposit, current deposit and bonds, and prize for savings and deposit. Income of interest is an entitled income, of which the income tax deduction by bank shall be included.

7.1.2.4 Income of Transfer: Payment transferred from government and organizations to households and income transferred among households; such as pensions, unemployment relief funds and compensations that are personal income transferred from government to individuals; lay-off funds, claimed insurance indemnity, housing funds that are personal income transferred from organizations to individuals; grants and alimony that are income transferred among households.

Subsidies for diary keeping: The amount of housing funds drawn out through regulated procedures by workers and staff that have joined the funds. Housing funds is composed of both funds paid by