

Your household has been selected for Statistics Finland's Household Budget Survey!

The Household Budget Survey produces data on changes in households' consumption and use of money, as well as on differences in consumption between various population groups. This information can be obtained only by inquiring from households. We ask about your household's housing costs, purchases of goods and use of services, for example.

Statistics Finland is a government statistical agency, which produces statistics and conducts surveys describing conditions in society. Statistics on households' consumption are compiled from the data obtained in the survey.

Participation is important – this is how it is done

Statistics Finland's interviewer will call you in the near future to agree on a convenient time for the interview.

- The data collection has two stages. It includes an inquiry section (possible to be made partly online) and collection of the household's purchase receipts for two weeks.
- **Please respond when the statistical interviewer contacts you!** You can also contact the interviewer and give your telephone number. The statistical interviewer's contact information can be found at the top right of this letter.

You are irreplaceable as a respondent

Up-to-date information is needed because the previous data on consumption are from 2016. Altogether 8,000 households in Finland have been selected to the inquiry at random. Your household is one of the households selected to the survey. We appreciate your and your household's participation.

In the course of 2022, all survey participants will enter a prize draw every two weeks to win a gift voucher of EUR 500.

We ensure that your data are protected

We handle your responses in a confidential manner. Statistics Finland's employees are obliged to secrecy. We use the data you have given for compiling statistics on households' consumption. The Household Budget Survey is utilised as the data source for social welfare studies and for planning social and economic policies.

It is not possible to identify the households or persons having participated in the survey from the statistical data. Statistical data can be released for statistical surveys and scientific research. Household consumption data are not released to other agencies or authorities. Further information available on the reverse of the letter.

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Grounds for processing personal data

Public interest as intended in the EU's General Data Protection Regulation.

Data to be combined with the collected data

To make responding easier and enable versatile research use of statistical data, the collected data can be supplemented with register data from different periods of time. The following data can be combined to the collected data: the respondents' and their household-dwelling unit members' year of birth, registered gender, marital status, family, residence and place of residence data, education and qualification data, income, benefit and employment data, occupation and workplace data, job search data, debt, tax and wealth data, mother tongue, nationality and country of birth, health and health care data. No names or personal identity codes are shown in the survey data. Unfinished answers can also be utilised in the data.

Data protection description of the data collection

Further information about the processing of your personal data is available here: www.tilastokeskus.fi/kulutustutkimus/tietosuoja (in Finnish)

Source for contact information

Address data: Statistics Finland's database based on the Population Information System.
Other contact information, such as telephone numbers for you and your household members: publicly available sources.
Contact information will not be released outside Statistics Finland.

Further information about the survey and inquiries

Further information about the inquiry is available on the Internet at:

www.tilastokeskus.fi/keruu/kul/index_en

You can contact us by email: kulutus.tilastokeskus@stat.fi

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Further information about data protection and the rights of data subjects is available at:

www.stat.fi/dataprotection

Further information about our statistical interviewers is available at:

www.tilastokeskus.fi/keruu/haastattelijat_en

Thank you for your cooperation.

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