

Note on the revision of the 2016–2024 Household Budget Survey (HBS) series

Up to and including the year 2022, the HBS results (tables and microdata) were published according to the current population series, which was based on the 2011 census.

The **2023** HBS results were published according to the new population series derived from the 2021 census. In order to calculate the rate of change compared with the previous year, the data for 2022 (unpublished) were recalculated using this new population series (and rates relative to the base year were not published).

In **2024**, the Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICOP) was changed, from the ECOICOP in force since 2016 to the new United Nations COICOP 2018. In the results published in June 2025 relating to 2024, the tabulation and the design of the user microdata files were modified and this new classification was applied. As a result, in order to calculate the rate of change compared with the previous year, the 2023 data were recalculated and disaggregated according to this new classification.

In addition, it was announced that the table series would be revised in December 2025, covering the period from 2016 to 2023.

On 17 December 2025, the tabulation was revised, making it possible to provide homogeneous series using the new COICOP 2018 from 2016 onwards.

Furthermore, as publication has used the new population series since 2023, the populations for 2021 and 2022 have been revised, as information on the household series was available for those years.

As a consequence of the above:

For the years 2016 to 2020, the non-disaggregated average expenditure figures have not changed; only the disaggregated expenditure figures have changed in line with the new classification (13 groups instead of 12 at the two-digit level, etc.). Hence:

- In the tabulations, the totals remain unchanged, while the functional disaggregation expenditure figures change
- The published microdata files remain unchanged; however, if users wish to obtain disaggregated data under the new COICOP 2018, a correspondence between the two classifications is provided (from the old classification [ECOICOP/Collection] to the new one [COICOP 2018/Collection]).

For the years 2021 and 2022, the total non-disaggregated average expenditure figures have changed due to the new population series, and the disaggregated expenditure figures have also changed, for this reason, and due to the change in classification (13 groups instead of 12 at the two-digit level, etc.). Hence:

- In the tabulations, both total expenditure and functional disaggregation expenditure figures change

- The published microdata files remain available; however, if users wish to obtain expenditure figures based on the new population series, separate microdata files are provided with the new population weighting factors corresponding to this population series for each household in the sample. The microdata files originally published retain the weighting factors based on the previous population series. Both sets of weighting factors are therefore available, allowing users to choose the one that best suits their needs.

In addition, to obtain disaggregated data under the new COICOP 2018, a correspondence between the two classifications is provided (from the old classification [ECOICOP/Collection] to the new one [COICOP 2018/Collection]).

For the year 2023, as the data were already published using the new population series, the non-disaggregated average expenditure figures have not changed; only the disaggregated expenditure figures have changed in accordance with the new classification.

Lastly, for the year 2024, the quantities physically consumed of both food and beverages and energy sources are published for the first time. For this reason:

- The table on quantities physically consumed has been published in the tabulations
- The variable QUANTITY in the 2024 User Expenditure File has been revised (it was published blank in June 2025).

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