

## THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HOUSEHOLD PANEL (ECHP)



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The European Community Household Panel (ECHP) - Eurostat: this is a longitudinal, multi-subject survey covering many aspects of daily life, particularly employment and income, but also demographic aspects, environment, education and health. The ECHP is a unique source of information due to its three main characteristics, namely:

- (1) its multidimensional coverage of a range of topics simultaneously,
- (2) a standardised methodology and procedures yielding comparable information across countries and
- (3) a longitudinal or panel design.

The ECHP was designed to complement the two main social surveys co-ordinated at EU level (the Labour Force Survey and the Household Budget Survey). In all, the sample covers some 60 000 households comprising 130 000 adults aged 16 or over as at 31 December of the previous year. The health section of the ECHP contains questions on perceived health, chronic conditions hampering daily activities, temporary reduction (last two weeks) of activity because of health problems and hospitalisation, and medical consultations in the 12 months preceding the interview (period: 1994-2001). Questions on smoking and Body Mass Index were added as from 1998.

**Additional information on ECHP can be found at [ECHP Website](#) or [The European Health Survey System](#)**