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Living Condition Survey (LCS)
Module on Access to the Services. Year 2016

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32.9% of households that use health services do not pay for them

Three out of 10 households with dependent persons who would need to receive home care are not covered for it

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This module consists of a limited set of questions that measure different aspects on access to the services of households as services related to child care or to elderly care. Likewise, it allows to know about access to education and health services.

Care of children under three years of age

43.7% of children under the age of three attended child care centres. More than half of the cases (54.6%) household members had to pay the full cost of the service, while in 22.2% of the cases the household did not have to pay anything.

Considering the type of household in which they live, children in households composed of two adults and two children were the ones that attended the greatest percentage of child care centres (49.9%).

By income level, child care centres attendance was higher in high-income households (62.5% of the children), than in low-income households (26.3%).

In turn, 65.4% of households with lower income did not have to pay for their children under three years of age to attend child care centres.

Children under 3 years old who attend child care centres by cost paid by the household

	Children under 3 years old (thousands)	Attend child care centres		Payment by the household (percentage of the previous)			
		Percentage	thousands	The full cost	A part of the cost	Does not have to pay	Not stated
TOTAL	1,418.1	43.7	620.3	54.6	22.5	22.2	0.7
KIND OF HOUSEHOLD							
An adult with at least one child	52.3	45.4	23.7	45.0	21.4	33.6	0.0
Two adults with one child	510.0	41.4	211.4	58.0	27.7	14.3	0.0
Two adults with two children	558.7	49.9	279.1	62.9	19.7	15.7	1.7
Two adults with three or more children	133.1	43.9	58.4	20.1	26.8	53.1	0.0
Other households with children	164.0	29.1	47.8	37.8	10.9	51.3	0.0
INCOME PER CONSUMPTION UNIT							
First Quintile	321.0	26.3	84.3	27.3	7.3	65.4	0.0
Second Quintile	229.2	46.4	106.4	50.3	23.6	24.2	1.9
Third Quintile	279.0	41.6	116.2	53.1	31.1	13.5	2.3
Fourth Quintile	310.5	44.8	139.2	64.2	19.3	16.4	0.0
Fifth Quintile	278.5	62.5	174.2	63.7	25.9	10.4	0.0

30.9% of the households would have liked to use the services of child care centres or use them to a greater extent than they did. The main reason why they did not do so was that they could not afford it (52.4%).

By type of household, households composed by one adult and at least one child were those that had higher unmet needs of child care service centres .

More than 35% of the low-income households needed to use child care centres. The main reason why they did not do so was that they could not afford it (63.6%).

The percentage of unmet needs of child care centres services in high-income households decreased to 20.3% and households that could not afford it decreased to 19.7%.

Households with children under 3 years old in need of services provided by child care centres

	Households with children under 3 years old (thousands)	Households with unmet service needs of child care centres		The household cannot afford to do	There are no available places	There are available places, but not nearby	The timetable is not satisfactory	Other reasons
		percentage	thousands					
TOTAL	1,301.6	30.9	402.7	52.4	3.1	2.2	5.3	37.0
KIND OF HOUSEHOLD								
An adult with at least one child	49.5	53.6	26.5	53.7	0.0	7.2	2.4	36.8
Two adults with one child	510.0	33.4	170.3	44.8	4.2	1.2	8.0	41.9
Two adults with two children	483.0	27.4	132.3	52.0	2.3	3.8	5.2	36.7
Two adults with three or more children	114.7	37.1	42.5	74.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	25.3
Other households with children	144.4	21.6	31.1	64.5	7.1	0.0	0.0	28.3
INCOME PER CONSUMPTION UNIT								
First Quintile	296.3	35.9	106.5	63.6	2.5	1.0	0.0	32.9
Second Quintile	222.8	35.4	78.9	67.1	5.4	0.0	0.0	27.5
Third Quintile	261.5	36.9	96.6	53.2	0.2	0.0	13.2	33.3
Fourth Quintile	281.3	25.6	72.1	40.4	7.6	0.0	4.4	47.6
Fifth Quintile	239.6	20.3	48.5	19.7	0.0	16.1	10.8	53.4

Education for children and youths

98.4% of children aged 3 to 15 years of age attended educational centres in 2016. In 57.8% of the cases the household did not have to pay the cost of studies.

Considering the nationality of the reference person, 34.3% of European Union (EU) foreigners paid the full cost, as compared to 15.2% of Spaniards and to 10.0% of foreigners from the rest of the world.

The percentage of households that paid for these studies increases as the household income increases.

Children aged 3 to 15 years old attending studies included in the official curricula by cost incurred by the

	Children aged 3 to 15 years old (thousands)	Attend educational centres		Payment by the household (percentage of the previous total)			
		Percentage	thousands	The full cost	A part of the cost	Does not have to pay	Not stated
TOTAL	6,043.2	98.4	5,947.4	15.4	20.7	57.8	6.1
KIND OF HOUSEHOLD							
An adult with at least one child	478.5	99.4	475.8	12.4	24.2	60.5	2.9
Two adults with one child	1,063.4	97.5	1,036.5	16.3	18.8	57.0	7.9
Two adults with two children	2,787.8	99.0	2,760.9	15.9	18.2	59.1	6.8
Two adults with three or more children	986.6	98.5	972.1	12.3	25.7	57.8	4.2
Other households with children	726.5	96.6	701.7	18.3	23.9	52.5	5.3
NATIONALITY OF THE REFERENCE PERSON							
Spanish	5,335.3	98.6	5,258.9	15.2	21.8	58.0	5.0
Foreign (European Union)	214.8	98.2	211.0	34.3	9.1	39.9	16.8
Foreign (Rest of the world)	484.4	96.8	468.7	10.0	13.4	63.8	12.8
INCOME PER CONSUMPTION UNIT							
First Quintile	1,662.5	97.6	1,621.9	9.7	13.6	67.6	9.1
Second Quintile	1,173.6	98.2	1,152.4	14.7	15.7	65.0	4.6
Third Quintile	1,096.4	99.0	1,085.6	13.4	19.8	61.2	5.6
Fourth Quintile	1,061.0	98.9	1,049.2	19.7	20.2	54.1	6.0
Fifth Quintile	1,049.7	98.9	1,038.2	22.9	38.7	34.9	3.6

Access to education

19.2% of adults (people aged 16 and over) say that they would have liked to attend some form of study or training in the last 12 months but they did not do so.

By age, the percentage ranges between 30.7% for people between ages 30 and 44, and 5.5% for people older than 64 years old.

As for the reason why they did not study, 24.7% said that they could not afford it, while 53.0% stated that the main reason was time limitations. By nationality, 22.7% of people with Spanish nationality couldn't afford it, a percentage that increases to 46.9% in the case of EU foreigners.

By income level, the percentage of adults who wanted to study but could not afford it fluctuates between 6.5% for those with the highest incomes and 43.2% for those with the lowest incomes.

People aged 16 years old and over who would have liked to attend some form of study or training in the last 12

	Adults (thousands)	Adults who would have liked to attend some form of study or training but did not do so		Reason why they did not do it: (percentage of the previous total)				
		percentage	thousands	Could not afford it	Was not admitted	Time limitation	Did not find the right course	Other reasons
TOTAL	38,491.9	19.2	7,403.3	24.7	2.4	53.0	6.1	13.8
AGE GROUP								
16 to 29 years of age	6,349.2	15.6	992.7	32.1	4.8	39.1	6.9	17.2
30 to 44 years of age	10,963.8	30.7	3,369.6	25.6	1.7	58.3	4.9	9.5
45 to 64 years of age	12,781.3	20.2	2,581.0	22.7	2.6	53.9	6.4	14.5
65 or older	8,397.6	5.5	459.9	13.0	1.7	39.7	11.2	34.4
GENDER								
Men	18,737.5	18.2	3,409.0	23.4	2.7	52.7	7.0	14.2
Women	19,754.4	20.2	3,994.3	25.8	2.2	53.3	5.3	13.5
NATIONALITY OF THE PERSON								
Spanish	35,360.6	18.7	6,616.6	22.7	2.3	54.4	6.2	14.3
Foreign (European Union)	1,187.4	22.4	265.7	46.9	1.3	43.9	3.6	4.3
Foreign (Rest of the world)	1,943.9	26.8	521.0	37.9	4.0	40.1	5.7	12.3
INCOME PER CONSUMPTION UNIT								
First Quintile	7,230.0	22.3	1,615.0	43.2	3.8	31.1	8.7	13.1
Second Quintile	7,750.1	18.6	1,442.4	31.3	3.0	47.0	6.6	12.2
Third Quintile	7,810.6	19.0	1,486.8	23.2	2.3	54.6	5.9	14.1
Fourth Quintile	7,835.2	19.0	1,491.1	16.3	1.8	61.7	4.5	15.7
Fifth Quintile	7,865.9	17.4	1,368.0	6.5	1.0	74.0	4.3	14.2

Access to health services

90.2% of households used health services¹ in the last 12 months. Of these, one out of every three did not pay for them, while one out of every ten paid with “difficulty” or with “great difficulty”.

Households with the lowest incomes faced more difficulties in dealing with payments for health services (19.7% paid them with “difficulty” or with “great difficulty”).

Households according to difficulty to pay for health services in the last 12 months

	Households (thousands)	Households that have used health services		Pays with difficulty or with great difficulty	Pays with some difficulty	Pays with some ease	Pays with ease or with great ease	The service is free
		percentage	thousands					
TOTAL	18,408.3	90.2	16,599.8	10.8	12.5	22.1	21.7	32.9
KIND OF HOUSEHOLD								
Man under 65 years of age living alone	1,517.0	72.3	1,097.2	6.1	12.7	20.5	24.4	36.3
Woman under 65 years of age living alone	1,089.9	86.4	941.4	13.5	8.7	22.3	25.9	29.6
Man aged 65 years or older living alone	632.8	88.5	559.9	7.3	8.7	24.8	22.8	36.5
Woman aged 65 years or older living alone	1,439.2	91.0	1,310.2	10.8	13.8	17.3	18.6	39.6
One adult with children	604.6	91.5	553.3	17.4	14.9	22.1	15.7	29.9
Two adults, both younger than 65 years old	2,657.8	86.2	2,290.1	7.2	11.4	24.3	25.8	31.3
Two adults, at least one aged 65 years or more	2,533.7	93.2	2,360.2	10.2	13.1	21.6	20.0	35.1
Two or more adults with children	5,678.2	94.6	5,374.1	12.4	12.7	22.2	21.4	31.3
Other types of households/not stated	2,255.1	93.7	2,113.4	12.0	13.9	23.0	19.5	31.6
NATIONALITY OF THE REFERENCE PERSON								
Spanish	17,007.7	90.5	15,388.3	10.4	12.6	22.1	22.1	32.8
Foreign (European Union)	555.6	85.1	472.5	20.2	9.9	17.9	24.6	27.3
Foreign (Rest of the world)	815.1	87.4	712.2	15.1	12.9	23.4	9.5	39.1
INCOME PER CONSUMPTION UNIT								
First Quintile	3,404.4	89.5	3,046.8	19.7	15.0	16.8	10.7	37.7
Second Quintile	3,854.4	91.4	3,522.7	13.7	14.6	20.4	16.7	34.6
Third Quintile	3,711.3	90.6	3,362.6	10.5	14.7	22.6	20.6	31.5
Fourth Quintile	3,694.3	88.5	3,270.2	7.2	10.7	24.5	24.9	32.7
Fifth Quintile	3,743.9	90.7	3,397.5	3.7	7.9	25.6	34.6	28.3

¹Services such as consulting a family physician or specialist, going for prescriptions, going to a hospital, etc., are included. Dental treatments are also included.

Care for dependent persons

In more than three million Spanish households (16.4% of the total) there lived at least one dependent person in 2016. In 14.4% of those households, that person received care at home.

By income level, among the households with dependent persons, 23.2% of households with higher income level had home care services, as compared with 9.1% in households with lower income level.

Households with dependent persons according to availability of home care services

	Households (thousands)	Households with dependent persons		Households with dependent persons who receive home care services		Receive home care services (percentage of the previous total)		
		percentage	thousands	(percentage of the previous total)	thousands	Less than 10 hours a week	1 to 19 times a week	20 hours or more a week
TOTAL	18,408.3	16.4	3,010.7	14.4	433.4	34.9	23.1	42.0
KIND OF HOUSEHOLD								
Man aged 65 years or older living alone	632.8	18.5	117.0	24.1	28.2	12.4	31.5	56.0
Woman aged 65 years or older living alone	1,439.2	30.2	435.2	28.5	123.9	38.4	22.6	39.0
Two adults, at least one aged 65 years or more	2,533.7	35.4	896.8	16.3	146.2	38.9	23.9	37.2
Two adults, both younger than 65 years old	2,657.8	8.7	229.9	6.4	14.8	39.4	22.6	38.0
Two or more adults with children	5,678.2	10.1	571.4	5.1	28.9	51.8	9.8	38.5
Other households/not stated	5,466.5	13.9	760.4	12.0	91.4	24.8	24.2	51.0
INCOME PER CONSUMPTION UNIT								
First Quintile	3,404.4	16.0	543.5	9.1	49.6	36.9	31.2	32.0
Second Quintile	3,854.4	21.3	819.6	13.1	107.1	42.3	27.3	30.4
Third Quintile	3,711.3	18.8	695.9	14.3	99.7	31.6	13.8	54.6
Fourth Quintile	3,694.3	14.5	537.2	15.1	81.0	43.7	18.4	37.9
Fifth Quintile	3,743.9	11.1	414.4	23.2	96.0	21.8	27.9	50.3

36.6% of households with dependent persons that receive home care services paid them with “difficulty” or with “great difficulty”. In turn, 21.0% had this service free of charge.

Households with dependent persons according to difficulty to pay for home care services

	Households with dependent persons who receive home care services (thousands)	Pays with difficulty or with great difficulty	Pays with some difficulty	Pays with some ease	Pays with ease or with great ease	The service is free
TOTAL	433.4	36.6	19.3	16.0	7.1	21.0
KIND OF HOUSEHOLD						
Man aged 65 years or older living alone	28.2	50.9	9.2	22.2	5.5	12.3
Woman aged 65 years or older living alone	123.9	40.1	13.9	14.8	8.0	23.1
Two adults, at least one aged 65 years or more	146.2	32.4	28.4	19.1	6.4	13.7
Two adults, both younger than 65 years old	14.8	60.1	17.5	0.0	0.0	22.4
Two or more adults with children	28.9	32.5	22.4	11.9	7.8	25.4
Other households/not stated	91.4	31.6	14.7	14.5	8.5	30.7
INCOME PER CONSUMPTION UNIT						
First Quintile	49.6	40.9	22.6	2.7	2.1	31.7
Second Quintile	107.1	37.0	11.7	8.9	7.4	34.9
Third Quintile	99.7	33.8	36.9	9.1	5.0	15.2
Fourth Quintile	81.0	43.5	17.0	15.3	6.2	18.0
Fifth Quintile	96.0	31.0	9.9	38.3	12.5	8.3

Three out of 10 households with dependent persons who needed to receive home care (30.8%) were not covered for it. The main reason was that they couldn't afford it.

Households with dependent persons with unmet needs of care services

	Households with dependent persons (thousands)	Households with unmet needs of home care services		Reason why the need is not covered (percentages of the previous total)				
		percentage	thousands	Could not afford it	The person that needs it refuses to have it	These services are not available	The quality of the services is not satisfactory	Other reasons
TOTAL	3,010.7	30.8	927.8	69.3	3.6	9.8	1.3	16.1
KIND OF HOUSEHOLD								
Man aged 65 years or older living alone	117.0	27.6	32.3	58.9	0.0	11.2	0.0	29.9
Woman aged 65 years or older living alone	435.2	42.1	183.1	74.5	2.3	12.2	0.0	11.0
Two adults, at least one aged 65 years or more	896.8	36.4	326.0	69.4	3.8	8.4	0.6	17.7
Two adults, both younger than 65 years old	229.9	18.1	41.6	79.6	0.0	11.1	0.0	9.4
Two or more adults with children	571.4	25.1	143.2	70.2	2.3	8.3	3.4	15.8
Other households/not stated	760.4	26.5	201.6	63.2	6.6	10.3	2.4	17.5
INCOME PER CONSUMPTION UNIT								
First Quintile	543.5	28.3	153.7	80.2	1.3	8.4	0.7	9.4
Second Quintile	819.6	38.3	313.7	68.6	3.1	10.5	0.0	17.8
Third Quintile	695.9	31.4	218.5	64.7	3.6	13.3	0.5	17.9
Fourth Quintile	537.2	29.2	157.0	76.6	5.5	5.3	2.1	10.6
Fifth Quintile	414.4	20.5	84.9	49.9	6.1	9.0	7.5	27.6

Methodological note

The Living Conditions Survey (LCS) is an annual operation carried out on a harmonized basis in all the countries of the European Union. As with the main survey, every year an additional module is included to investigate the outstanding aspects of living conditions.

The LCS, 2016 has been conducted by the National Statistics Institute (NSI), in cooperation with the Statistics Institute of Cataluña (SIC) within the territorial scope of the Autonomous Community.

The Living Conditions Survey (LCS) has an effective sample comprised by more than 32,000 persons. It is carried out in spring of each year and, in general, asks about the living conditions at the time of the interview. Questions about income are referred to the previous year.

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As with the main survey, this module is harmonised on a European level, and is included in the mandate of a European Regulation (*Commission Regulation (EU) No 2015/245, of 16 February 2015* implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the 2016 list of target secondary variables on access to services).

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