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# Saving Employment

# Household Income and Expenditure Surveys 2002/2003 and 2009/2010

Indicator	2002/2003			2009/2010		
	Republic	Male'	Atolls	Republic	Male'	Atolls
<b>Survey Information</b>						
Sample size (as a % of households)	2.2%	2.9%	1.9%	4.5%	4.3%	4.6%
Number of islands surveyed	41	1	40	40	1	39
Number of Blocks surveyed	61	21	40	113	40	73
Sample size (households)	880	280	600	2,060	600	1,460
Total Population	282,808	75,957	206,851	306,730	109,494	197,236
Total number of Households	42,526	10,583	31,942	49,321	15,637	33,684
Average Household size	6.7	7.2	6.5	6.2	7.0	5.9
Total number of households living in rented housing	4,179	3,637	542	8,410	8,138	272
Percentage of households living in rented housing (%)	10%	34%	2%	17%	52%	1%
<b>Income (reported households) 1/</b>						
Average Monthly Income per Household (Rf)	11,865	19,020	9,494	16,736	28,909	11,200
Median Monthly income per Household (Rf)	5,235	11,483	3,840	10,679	18,000	8,466
Average Monthly Income per earner (Rf)	2,772	3,639	2,340	6,727	10,132	4,824
Income Earners per Household (number)	2	3	2	2	3	2
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Average Monthly Expenditure per Household (Rf)	9,404	15,493	6,857	13,283	19,456	10,417
Median Monthly Expenditure per Household (Rf)	6,892	13,886	5,832	10,067	15,831	8,180
Expenditure per person per day (Rf)	46	85	39	71	93	59
Median of Expenditure per person per day (Rf)	39	67	33	60	83	51
<b>Expenditure (excluding rent)</b>						
Average Monthly Expenditure per Household (Rf)	6,768	10,535	5,193	11,798	15,004	10,309
Median Monthly Expenditure per Household (Rf)	4,960	8,644	4,147	9,181	11,436	8,077
Expenditure per person per day (Rf)	37	57	28	63	71	59
Median of Expenditure per person per day (Rf)	27	41	23	54	61	51
<b>Expenditure shares (%)</b>						
Foods and beverages	35.3	27.1	40.9	21.7	17.5	25.4
Tobacco and chewing products	1.9	1.6	2.1	0.9	0.5	1.4
Clothing and footwear	4.9	4.9	5.0	3.4	2.6	4.0
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	14.4	22.8	8.8	22.8	32.6	14.2
<i>of which : housing rent</i>	5.4	13.1	0.2	11.2	22.9	1.0
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	4.7	5.0	4.5	7.7	6.1	9.0
Health	9.2	4.9	12.1	9.0	6.4	11.3
Transport	5.6	6.5	4.9	7.9	7.6	8.1
Communications	4.2	6.6	2.6	5.7	5.9	5.6
Recreation and Culture	5.4	6.5	4.6	4.9	4.4	5.4
Education	3.2	4.7	2.2	2.6	3.0	2.3
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	5.3	3.4	6.6	5.7	6.3	5.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.6	5.8	5.6	7.0	6.6	7.4
Religious expenses	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.8
<b>Poverty &amp; inequality measures (using Consumption Aggregate) 2/</b>						
Median of Expenditure per person per day (Rf)	27	39	23	46	52	44
<b>Headcount ratios (population below the defined poverty line) 3/</b>						
Median of atoll expenditure per person per day in 2009-2010 (Rf 44)	66%	40%	75%	51%	44%	55%
Half the Median of Atoll expenditure per person per day in 2009-2010 (Rf 22)	21%	4%	27%	15%	12%	16%
International poverty line of USD 1.25 (\$-a-day poverty line used in MDGs)	9%	2%	12%	8%	7%	8%
International poverty line of USD 2	31%	9%	39%	24%	19%	27%
Gini Coefficient	0.41	0.35	0.40	0.37	0.38	0.36
<b>Employment/Unemployment (administrative islands only)</b>						
<b>Census 2006</b>						
15+ population	193,771	77,417	116,354	213,872	82,289	131,584
Employed Population	98,941	37,746	61,195	98,393	39,775	58,618
Unemployed Population (ILO definition)	5,220	2,174	3,046	13,033	4,006	9,027
Unemployed Population (including discouraged workers)	18,493	4,801	13,692	38,493	12,378	26,115
Unemployment rate (ILO definition)	5.0%	5.4%	4.7%	11.7%	9.2%	13.3%
Unemployment rate (including discouraged workers)	15.7%	11.3%	18.3%	28.1%	23.7%	30.8%

1/ Only the households with income reported by all earners are used here. Out of 49,321 households, all earning members of the household reported their incomes in 47,303 households.

2/ Consumption aggregate is derived by aggregating households' expenditures on goods and services so as to approximate the value of consumption achieved during the reference period. It excludes lumpy expenditures such as on weddings, housing constructions, Consumer Durables, actual rent paid, travel abroad for Hajj. Consumption aggregate is used to define the measure of welfare which is used for poverty analysis.

3/ Poverty lines for previous years have been adjusted to account for inflation.