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# 2018 FAMILY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SURVEY

**(Visit 1)** **Data collection starts on 09 July 2018**



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## What is FIES?

The Family Income and Expenditure Survey or FIES is a nationwide survey of households undertaken every three years. It is the main source of data on family income and family expenditures and related information affecting income and expenditures and related information affecting income and expenditure levels and patterns in the Philippines.

The result of the FIES provide information on the level of living and disparities in income of Filipino families, as well as their spending patterns; provide information for the estimation of consumer price index (CPI); and provide inputs in the estimation of poverty threshold and incidence in the country. The FIES is conducted through personal interviews using a family schedule or questionnaire called FIES Form 1.

## Objectives of the FIES:

1. Gather data on family income, sources of income, family expenditure and related information affecting family income and expenditure levels and patterns in the Philippines;
2. Determine the income distribution, levels of living and spending patterns, and degree of inequality among families;

3. Provide benchmark information to update the weights used in the estimation of Consumer Price Index (CPI); and
4. Provide inputs in the estimation of the country's poverty threshold and incidence.

## Importance of the FIES:

1. Measurement of poverty;
2. Estimation of personal consumption expenditures (PCE) in the System of National Accounts and balances;
3. Measurement of the levels of living of different section of the population and disparities in levels of living across geographical regions and socio-economic groups and for inter temporal comparisons of these levels and disparities;
4. Measurement of the Human Development Index (HDI);
5. Provides basic data for studies on the distinctive effects of direct and indirect taxation and of social benefits , for the formulation of income and fiscal policies and for the estimation of tax receipts;

6. Supplies information for assessing the impact of living standards of existing or proposed social and economic programs and for formulating welfare-oriented policies; and
7. Generate data needed for statistical demand analysis leading to the estimation of income, price and cross elasticity of demand, among other things.

## The FIES 2018

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) will conduct the eighteenth series of the FIES that started on 1957. The FIES 2018 will be using the 2013 Master Sample for the first time with the sample of around 180,000 households, deemed sufficient to provide reliable estimates of income and expenditure at the national, regional, provincial, and highly urbanized cities (HUC) levels.

The FIES 2018 will collect annual data on income and expenditure in two visits, that is, July 2018 and January 2019 covering the same sample households as the July and January rounds of Labor Force Survey (LFS). The FIES 2018 will cover all provinces in the Philippines.