

Household Expenditure Shares for Africa in ICP 2005: Lessons for ICP 2011

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Abstract

The 2005 ICP generated a valuable data base of final expenditures on GDP for nearly 150 countries. The paper will analyse these data both to examine relationships between expenditure shares and real GDP per capita and to detect parts of the national accounts estimates where compilers appear to have had particular difficulties in producing reliable expenditure estimates.

The ICP covered most countries in Africa – Algeria and Libya were the only two significant omissions. The ICP data base will be used to make both comparisons within the Africa region and comparisons between Africa and the other 5 regions covered in the 2005 ICP.