

GII Survey Report

Selection: Australia; only surveys with inequality measures.

1) Australia, 1910 - 1911 (Bureau of Census and Statistics)

Survey ID: 32

212 households

Sample Duration: 1 Year(s)

Notes: This government inquiry into the cost of living was prompted by a desire for reliable and comprehensive information regarding conditions in the Commonwealth. Account books were sent to 1,500 families. Of the 222 returned, 10 were rejected as inaccurate, leaving about 14 percent of those requested to serve as a basis for the statistics. The data refer to the year 1910–11 as it was collected between July 1 1910 and June 30 1911. The results are presented without regard to industrial classification and with a rough grouping as to income.

No methodological explanation of how survey was carried out.

The requisite data upon which the results of this inquiry are based were obtained by distributing among householders throughout the Commonwealth, copies of a small account book in which provision was made for entering, for each week of the period referred to, particulars of income and expenditure under certain specified headings.

The distribution of the books was not in any way restricted, either in regard to the nature of the occupation of the head of the family or to income received. It was hoped that the number and nature of the returns would be such as would enable the results to be presented both for various classes of occupations and for different ranges of income. However, owing to the small number of budgets available, it was considered desirable to present the results without any classification of occupations, and with only a very limited classification as to amount of income.

Ref ID: 33

G.H. Knibs, *Inquiry into the cost of living in Australia, 1910-11. Australia Ministry for Home Affairs, Bureau of Census and Statistics (Melbourne, 1911)*

Table: sample by income	GD_Australia_1910-1911.xlsx	Group Data	Entered	p. 7
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Inequality Measures

	<i>gini (income)</i>	<i>gini (expenditure)</i>	<i>p50-10</i>	<i>p90-50</i>	<i>p90-10</i>
BL:	0.1679744		1.477478	1.550324	2.29057
Naive:	0.1649377		1.290698	1.737452	2.242525
LN:	0.2197839		1.059951	1.05656	1.119902

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Ref ID: 1296

Faith M. Williams and Carle C. Zimmerman, *Studies of Family Living in the U.S.A. and other Countries: An Analysis of Material and Method* (Washington D. C.: United States Dept. of Agriculture, 1935)

Ref ID: 34

G.H Knibbs, *Expenditure on Living in the Commonwealth, November 1913, Report No. 4* (Melbourne: McCarron, Bird & Co. Printers, 1914)

Report Stats:

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Surveys: 1
Reference instances: 3
Total Households: 212