

# GII Survey Report

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*Selection: Colombia.*

## 1) Colombia, 1936 - 1936 (Centro de Estudios y Laboratorio de Estadística)

Survey ID: 153

**85 households**

Sample Duration: 4 Day(s)

**Notes:** The aim of this survey was to discover the main consumption articles of the working class of Bogota in order to have a guide for a definitive study of the cost of living in the city.  
The survey of 85 families lasted 4 days between 24 and 28 July 1936. The head of household were either labourers, non skilled or skilled workers or craftsmen. No information on sampling methodology is provided.

Ref ID: 155

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**Luis B. Ortiz C. and Gonzalo Combariza, 'Monografía Preliminar sobre el Costo de Vida de la Clase Obrera en Bogota' in: *Informacton Economica y Estadistica de Colombia: Publicacion dirigida por el Lpn-tralor General de la Republics Bogota: 15 July 1936 (Bogota, 1936)***

## 2) Colombia, 1936 - 1936 (Centro de Estudios y Laboratorio de Estadística)

Survey ID: 154

**225 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

**Notes:** This survey, the first significant household budget survey in Colombia, took place in 1936, and focused on the working classes in Bogota. It was enabled by the National Council's 1935 decision to begin seriously researching the cost of living, with a view to developing reliable price indices. The Comptroller's Office who made a detailed study of the living and buying habits, first of 85 families and later of 750 families, in various labor districts of Bogota. Eventually 225 records were selected.

Researchers were particularly concerned with establishing international comparison between Colombia and the rest of the world. Detailed notes on other household budget surveys from Latin America and the rest of the world are given. An particular focus was nutritional parity (or lack thereof).

Detailed group data is presented, mostly organised by family size. Information on income and expenditure, including food quantities, is provided.

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**Paul Hermberg, 'El costo de la vida de la clase obrera en Bogota', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica: Publicacion dirigida por el Centro de Estudios yy Laboratorio de Estadistica de la Contraloria General de la Republica de Colombia*, Vol. I, No. 1 (1938), pp. 1-104.**

*The Working Class Household Budget Enquiry in Bogota*

Ref ID: 158

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**Jose Francisco Socarras, 'La alimentacion de la clase obrera de Bogota segun el informe de Londres', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. III, No. 7-8 (1940), pp. 32-51.**

Ref ID: 157

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**'The Colombian Family Budget Enquiry of 1936 in Bogota', *International Labor Review*, Vol. 38 (1938)**

Ref ID: 1455

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**Rafael Bernal Salamanca, 'Memoria de las encuestas sobre ingresos y gastos de las familias de empleados y obreros de Bogota, Barranquilla, Cali, Medellin, Bucaramanga, Manizales y Pasto, Metodologia aplicada para actualizar las bases de los indices del costo de la vida', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. IV, No. 85 (Noviembre 1958), pp. 1-350.**

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3 ) **Colombia, 1938 - 1938 (Contraloria General de la Nacion)**

Survey ID: 1414

**201 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

**Notes:** This is an official survey of the city of Medellin, taken between May 8 and June 7, 1938, ordered by a decree. Luis B Ortiz C was in charge of it. The aim of this enquiry was to describe in an objective way through different dimensions how Medellin workers live and to determine their cost of living as well as how this cost varies. It followed the essential guidelines of the Bogota survey. The survey had three modules: demographic composition of households, economic situation and hygienic situation (which included housing, food and furnishing).

Forms were handed out but supervision of the households existed throughout the whole month. 800 households received the forms. 575 of them were returned. Only 201 forms were considered for analysis.

Ref ID: 159

**Francisco de Abrisqueta, 'Las Condiciones y el Costo de la Vida de la Clase Obrera en Medellin', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. III, No. 6 (Supplement) (1940)**

Ref ID: 1455

**Rafael Bernal Salamanca, 'Memoria de las encuestas sobre ingresos y gastos de las familias de empleados y obreros de Bogota, Barranquilla, Cali, Medellin, Bucaramanga, Manizales y Pasto, Metodologia aplicada para actualizar las bases de los indices del costo de la vida', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. IV, No. 85 (Noviembre 1958), pp. 1-350.**

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4 ) **Colombia, 1938 - 1938 (Contraloria General de la Nacion)**

Survey ID: 1619

**10 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Week(s)

**Notes:** Between October and November 1938, and for a week at a time 10 households of Moriquira, in the Department of Boyaca were surveyed. Moriquira is the main producer of honey from sugar cane in the Department. In a more monographic study, small tenants living in families of at least three members were surveyed. The main objective of this study was to determine basic consumption to estimate a cost of living as well as to establish the economic conditions of those that grow sugar cane. The report quoted the Bogota and Medellin surveys.

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Ref ID: 1677

Luis B. Ortiz C, 'Ensayo sobre las condiciones de vida rural en el municipio de Moriquira-Boyaca', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. II, No. 3 (Bogota: Contraloria General, 1940), pp. 27-65.

5) **Colombia, 1939 - 1939 (D.A.N.E)**

Survey ID: 158

**279 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

**Notes:** This is a survey of railway workers in the Antioquia department, carried out between 10 June and 11 July, 1939. 300 forms were distributed among families of at least 3 members, though only 279 were filled regarding the standards required. The workers that received the forms lived within the railway path of that line and worked in different sectors of the railway. Thus, the survey involved different cities and towns. The enquiry had two phases: a- first a study of all the workers of the railway line was performed, which rendered 2,320 families; b-actual survey of 300 families.

This was part of the series of cost of living surveys in Colombia between 1937 and 1947 that assessed working class income and expenditures on a city-by-city bases, for purposes of internal comparison and creating a CPI. Like the 1936 survey, it was the Comptroller's Office that fostered the enquiry.

Data is mostly presented by family size. Information by income and expenditure group is also presented.

Ref ID: 160

Francisco de Abrisqueta, 'El Costo de la Vida de los Obreros del Ferrocarril de Antioquia', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. IV, No. 3 (supplement) (1941), pp. 1-79.

Ref ID: 154

Alvaro Pineda de Castro, 'La Investigacion del Costo de la Vida y Las Condiciones social-economicas de los obreros del Ferrocarril', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. 3 (Marzo de 1945), pp. 31-45.

*Invstigation into the Cost of living and social-economic conditions of the workers of the Railroad*

6) **Colombia, 1940 - 1940 (D.A.N.E)**

Survey ID: 159

**53 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

**Notes:** This survey of 53 families took place in July 1940 as part of the large government programme to develop a cost of living index with a series of household budget surveys. This survey focused on public sector employees as they were considered representatives of the middle class of Bogota. All types of families were surveyed.

The report mentions the 1936 Bogota survey, the 1938 Medellin enquiry and the 1939 railway study. Like its predecessors, it was also an enquiry fostered by the Comptroller's Office.

There is information on income distribution of the sample, distributed in 21 categories, as well as data on expenditure, demographics, with particular emphasis on food consumption habits of the middle class.

Ref ID: 161

Rafael Bernal Salamanca, Jose Francisco Socarras, Francisco de Abrisqueta and German Botero de los Rios, 'Las Condiciones Economico-Sociales y el Costo de la Vida de la clase Media en Bogota', *Anales de Economica y Estadistica*, Vol. II, No. 19 y 20 (Supplement) (1946), pp. 1-95.

Ref ID: 1455

Rafael Bernal Salamanca, 'Memoria de las encuestas sobre ingresos y gastos de las familias de empleados y obreros de Bogota, Barranquilla, Cali, Medellin, Bucaramanga, Manizales y Pasto, Metodologia aplicada para actualizar las bases de los indices del costo de la vida', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. IV, No. 85 (Noviembre 1958), pp. 1-350.

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7) **Colombia, 1943 - 1943 (Department of Agriculture)**

Survey ID: 160

**517 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Year(s)

**Notes:** A sociological survey of the small municipality of Tabio, 74 km north of Bogota, undertaken with the Department of Agriculture [Departamento de Tierras] in conjunction with the American embassy, this was the first survey of its kind. The methodology was influenced by US Rural surveys.

Participants were selected using the 1938 census, and representativeness was attempted.

Data given includes comprehensive sociological and anthropological data of the region.

Ref ID: 162

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**Thomas Lynn Smith and Justo Diaz Rodriguez, *Tabio: A Study in Rural Social Organization* (Washington, 1945)**

8) **Colombia, 1945 - 1945 (D.A.N.E.)**

Survey ID: 161

**112 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

**Notes:** This was another study on the Colombian working class fostered by the Comptroller's Office and carried out by the national statistical agency. It was taken between May 5 and June 4 1945 in the City of Honda (department of Tolima). 150 surveys were distributed among households of urban industrial workers of the coffee, river transport and fur industries of at least three members. 112 surveys were finally considered. The purpose was to establish a cost of living index.

Data is mostly presented by family size, but some data is also presented by income or expenditure group. 19 daily income wage bands are presented. There is a significant concern for nutrition in the data presented.

Ref ID: 163

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**Rafael Bernal Salamanca, 'Las Condiciones Economico-Sociales y el Costo de la Vida de la Clase Obrera en la Ciudad de Honda', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. II, No. 15 y 16 (supplement) (June 1945)**

Ref ID: 1458

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**Laurentino Munoz and Leonidas Hurtado, 'Alimentacion de la clase obrera en Honda', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. V, No. 52 a 54 (supplement) (Diciembre 1949)**

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9) **Colombia, 1945 - 1945 (D.A.N.E)**

Survey ID: 162

**88 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

**Notes:** This was another study on the Colombian working class fostered by the Comptroller's Office and carried out by the national statistical agency. This survey was carried out in the City of Mariquita in 1945. No methodological information is provided.

Data is mostly presented by family size, but some data is also presented by income or expenditure group. 26 daily income wage bands are presented. There is a significant concern for nutrition in the data presented. Very detailed data and analysis.

Ref ID: 164

**Rafael Bernal Salamanca, 'Las Condiciones Economico-Sociales y el Costo de la Vida de la Clase Obrera en la Ciudad de Mariquita', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. II, No. 35 y 36 (Supplement) (Bogota, November-December 1947)**

*The socio-economic conditions and the Cost of Life of the Working Class in the City of Mariquita*

10) **Colombia, 1945 - 1945 (D.A.N.E)**

Survey ID: 163

**229 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

Ref ID: 1455

**Rafael Bernal Salamanca, 'Memoria de las encuestas sobre ingresos y gastos de las familias de empleados y obreros de Bogota, Barranquilla, Cali, Medellin, Bucaramanga, Manizales y Pasto, Metodologia aplicada para actualizar las bases de los indices del costo de la vida', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. IV, No. 85 (Noviembre 1958), pp. 1-350.**

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Ref ID: 1454

**Alvaro Pineda de Castro, 'Las Condiciones Economico-Sociales y el Costo de la Vida Obrera en la Ciudad de Bucaramanga', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. II, Segunda Epoca, No. Supplement (1946)**

Selection: Colombia.

Ref ID: 165

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**Alvaro Pineda de Castro, 'Las Condiciones Economico-Sociales y el Costo de la Vida Obrera en la Ciudad de Bucaramanga', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. II, No. Supplement (1946)**

11 ) **Colombia, 1946 - 1946 (D.A.N.E)**

Survey ID: 1568

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**418 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

**Notes:** The study covered 418 families consisting of 2,841 persons in the city of Barranquilla. Data are for October 1946. Barranquilla is the capital city of the Atlántico department. The report reiterates the fact that this study is part of a series of several enquiries on the workers of Colombia.

Data is mostly presented by family size, but some data is also presented by income or expenditure group. 14 daily income wage bands are presented. There is a significant concern with nutrition in the data presented.

Part of the cost of living investigations designed to compare cities within Colombia and develop a cost of living index.

Ref ID: 1597

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**Rafael Bernal Salamanca, 'Las Condiciones economico-sociales y el costo de la vida de la clase obrera en la Ciudad de Barranquilla', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. 4, No. 40-42 (1948)**

12 ) **Colombia, 1947 - 1947 (D.A.N.E)**

Survey ID: 165

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**270 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

**Notes:** This is a survey of the working class of the City of Manizales (Department of Caldas) throughout October 1947 of 270 households and 1797 individuals. The report provides a comparison with the results from the other survey.

Data is mostly presented by family size, but some data is also presented by income or expenditure group. 16 daily income wage bands are presented. There is a significant concern for nutrition in the data presented.

Part of the cost of living investigations designed to compare cities within Colombia and develop a cost of living index. The reference was found in the report that compiles information on several household budget surveys in Colombia in this period.



Selection: Colombia.

Ref ID: 167

**Bernal Salamanca, 'Las Condiciones Economico-Sociales y el Costo de la Vida de la Clase Obrera en la Ciudad de Manizales', *Anales de Economía y Estadística*, Vol. IV, No. 43-48 (Supplement) (Jul-Dec 1948)**

Ref ID: 1455

**Rafael Bernal Salamanca, 'Memoria de las encuestas sobre ingresos y gastos de las familias de empleados y obreros de Bogota, Barranquilla, Cali, Medellin, Bucaramanga, Manizales y Pasto, Metodología aplicada para actualizar las bases de los índices del costo de la vida', *Anales de Economía y Estadística*, Vol. IV, No. 85 (Noviembre 1958), pp. 1-350.**

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13 ) **Colombia, 1953 - 1953 (Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística)**

Survey ID: 166

**1,473 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

**Notes:** Survey of the cities of Bogota, Medellin, Cali, Barranquilla, Bucaramanga, Manizales and Pasto. It focused on the urban, wage earning (employees and working class) population and all types of families, not just nuclear, traditional ones (parents and their children). Households of just two adults were excluded. The survey in Bogota was taken throughout August 1953, whilst in the other six cities it was during October 1953.

The survey was carried out in three phases, using random sampling. The households were selected on the basis of the data of the 1951 census.

Initially 1950 surveys were distributed, but only 1473 were used. The sample distribution is the following: Bogota 308, Barranquilla 295, Cali 310, Medellin 268, Bucaramanga 111, Manizales 121 and Pasto 60. The final sample had 432 employee households and 1041 working class families.

Three types of forms were used asking for information on: a-demographic and housing characteristics; b-incomes and expenditures on food, drink, fuel, cleaning products; c-expenditure on toiletries, medicines, clothes and services. Daily expenditures were recorded.

Several charts on sample characteristics by income. The employee sample is divided in twenty wage bands and the working class in eleven.

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Rafael Bernal Salamanca, 'Memoria de las encuestas sobre ingresos y gastos de las familias de empleados y obreros de Bogota, Barranquilla, Cali, Medellin, Bucaramanga, Manizales y Pasto, Metodologia aplicada para actualizar las bases de los indices del costo de la vida', *Anales de Economia y Estadistica*, Vol. IV, No. 85 (Noviembre 1958), pp. 1-350.

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Ref ID: 1457

Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estaistica, *Metodologia del indice de precios al consumidor, Basada en al Encuesta de Ingresos y Gastos Familiares de 1953* (Impreso en los Talleres del Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estaistica, 1973)

Ref ID: 99

'Post-War Studies of Family Expenditures [notes]', *International Labour Review*, Vol. 74, No. 6 (1956), pp. 576-599.

Ref ID: 1657

InterAmerican Statistical Institute, *Metodologia utilizada por las naciones americanas en la elaboracion de sus indices de precios al consumidor (costo de la vida)* (Washington DC: InterAmerican Statistical Institute, 1964)

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14 ) **Colombia, 1967 - 1968 (Dane and Universidad de Los Andes)**

Survey ID: 1561

**2,949 households**

Sample Duration: 4 Month(s)

**Notes:** Survey of 2,949 households in four Colombian main cities (Bogota, Medellin, Cali and Barranquilla) in May, August, November 1967 and May 1968. 798 households were from Bogota, 727 from Barranquilla, 636 from Cali and 788 from Medellin.

Privately owned properties were surveyed. Stratified sampling was used in three phases based on the 1964 population census data. The survey was done by both the national statistical agency and the Universidad de Los Andes.

Sample is divided by income strata (high, middle, low), but no information on how those strata were estimated is provided. This was carried out to then generate data on consumption per income band.

Ref ID: 1583

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**Economic Commission for Latin America, *Antecedentes estadísticos de la distribución del ingreso, Colombia 1951-1982* (Santiago de Chile: Eclac, 1986)**

Ref ID: 1585

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**Rafael Prieto Duran, Francisco J. Ortega and Roberto Villaveces, *Encuesta de presupuestos familiares : Barranquilla, Bogotá, Cali, Medellín, mayo 1967-mayo 1968* (Bogota: Centro de Estudios sobre Desarrollo Económico, Universidad de los Andes, 1970)**

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## **Report Stats:**

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<b>Surveys:</b>	<b>14</b>
Reference instances:	28
<b>Total Households:</b>	<b>6,909</b>