

# GII Survey Report

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*Selection: Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of.*

1) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, (circa) 1939 - 1939 (Ministerio de Fomento - Direccion General de Estadistica)** Survey ID: 1171

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**353 households** Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

**Notes:** This investigation - the first of its kind in Venezuela - was concerned with the living standards of urban workers, and took inspiration from the cost of living surveys that had been carried out in Europe and the United States, and particular inspiration from the five surveys - in Argentina (1933), Mexico (1933, 1938), Brazil (1934) and Colombia (1936) - that had already been carried out in Latin America.

An advertisement was placed on newspapers in 1937 to encourage families to participate and monetary compensation was offered. This did not work very well. Thus, in 1938 the Ministro de Fomento (who took the survey) asked for help from other ministries, industrial firms, banks that wanted to cooperate. These organisations supplied to the Ministerio de Fomento a list of names and addresses and another add was placed in newspapers offering money for the participation in the enquiry after a sweepstake.

This survey is comprised of two smaller surveys taken in the city of Caracas, one of 213 households carried out in January 1939 (1599 initially distributed, though only 204 were useful) and one of 149 households (1485 initially distributed) carried out in February 1939 with monthly incomes ranging from 500 to 3,000 bolivares. The demographic of employed urban family-living workers (who volunteered for the survey for the chance of winning a prize) was the same for both surveys, and results are presented together.

Data is presented by household income group (there are 5 groups) and also by head and by unit of consumption, and comprehensive information is given on food expenditure, as nutrition was of particular interest to the survey-takers.

**Ref ID:** 1160

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**Ministerio de Fomento Direccion General de Estadistica, *Investigacion sobre el Costo de la Vida en Caracas. Los Presupuestos Familiares, 1939.* (Caracas: Tipografia Garrido, 1940)**

*Research on the Cost of Living in Caracas. Family Budgets, 1939.*

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2) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1939 - 1939 (Academic - Individual, Bengoa)**

Survey ID: 1172

**136 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

**Notes:** The first significant survey to be carried out in Venezuela. Dr. Bengoa was an academic researcher particularly concerned with health and sanitation. This was a large rural survey, influenced by international methodology, focused on food. 500 families from different parts of Venezuela were surveyed throughout a month. Only 136 booklets were finally used. Self employed and employees were surveyed.

The data presented is primarily concerned with health and nutrition. The section on income details synthetic living costs of rural workers based on Bengoa's research and additionally summarises the findings of other surveys.

No information as to how the families were chosen is specified.

Ref ID: 1161

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**Jose Maria Bengoa, *Medicina Social en el Medio Rural Venezolano, Revista de Sanidad y Asistencia Social: Segunda Edicion Corregida y Ampliada*, vol. V, (Caracas: Editorial Grafolit, 1946)**

3) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1942 - 1942 (Academic - Individual, Bengoa)**

Survey ID: 1173

**718 households**

**Notes:** A sociological survey about living conditions in an area - Guarataro - seeking to survey standards of living in the district including issues such as sanitation, health, education, nutrition and income.

Data on income is mostly given in the form of wages for different occupations performed by the male head of household.

Ref ID: 1162

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**Jose Maria Bengoa, 'Estudio Social Sanitario de in Distrito de Caracas', *Revista de Sanidad y Astistencia Social*, Vol. VIII, No. 1 (Feb. 1942), pp. 5-50.**

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4) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1942 - 1942 (Academic - Individual, Ruesta)**

Survey ID: 1174

**3,998 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Day(s)

**Notes:** Carried out as part of the Institute of Puericulture's research into infant mortality and living conditions. Dietary restrictions were a particular concern for researchers. The idea was to systematically survey 10% of the households of four selected locations, to try to gather a random sample.

Extensive data is given on causes of infant mortality and family composition, sanitation and diet (particularly milk). Limited income information is given - the percentage of households earning in one of 5 income groups per day

Ref ID: 1163

**S. Ruesta, 'Estudios Previos para la Instalacion de un Servicio de Higiene Materno-Infantil', *Revista de Sanidad y Asistencia Social*, Vol. VII, No. 1 (Feb 1942), pp. 78-143.**

5) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, (circa) 1945 - 1945 (Academic - Individual, Bengoa)**

Survey ID: 1175

**2,867 households**

Sample Duration: 2 Month(s)

**Notes:** This survey took place in the months of June and July 1945. The purpose was to establish the living standards of working and middle class households in Caracas. The reports on this survey are particularly interested in international comparisons, both within Latin America and worldwide. The survey was the first large government survey in Venezuela and was the basis for the 1951 Cost of Living Index.

Data presented is particularly concerned with nutrition. Alongside brief grouped income and expenditure data, extremely detailed information on food consumption and nutritional information is given.

No information on how families was selected is provided.

A third of the surveys was handed to the middle class families and the remaining two thirds to working class households.

Ref ID: 1472

**Jose Maria Bengoa, 'La Alimentacion de las Clases Obrera y Media de Caracas: Nuevos Aspectos Acerca de la Encuesta de Condiciones de Vida Realizada en 1945', *Serie de Publicaciones del Instituto Nacional de Nutricion*, No. 7 (Diciembre 1950)**

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Ref ID: 1164

Venezuela Ministerio de Hacienda, 'Investigacion sobre el Costo de la Vida en Caracas', *Revista de Hacienda: Organo del Ministerio de Hacienda*, No. Numero Extraordinario (24 July 1946), pp. 1-208.

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)

6) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1945 - 1945 (Academic - Individual, Bencoa)**

Survey ID: 1176

**111 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

Notes: Undertaken in January 1945, this survey was of the households of workers (rural, urban and managerial) living in the region of El Tocuyo. Housewives noted incomes, expenditures and food consumption for 15 days in the month. The survey-takers were particularly interested in nutrition, with Dr. Bencoa being a leading expert in the field. No information as to how households were chosen. Information by type of occupation rather than income bands.

Data presented is mostly nutritional, with detailed calculations of caloric and nutritional value of food consumed given, usually presented by occupation class. 150 surveys were initially distributed, data is presented for 111 households.

Ref ID: 1165

Jose Maria Bencoa, F. Garmendla Yopez, J. Tamayo R. and W. Perez Romero, 'La Alimentacion en El Tocuyo. Encuesta sobre 111 Familias', *Publicaciones de la Comision Organizadora, XII Conferencia Sanitaria Panamericana* (1946), pp. 1-39.

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7) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1947 - 1947 (Ministerio de Trabajo)**

Survey ID: 1177

**214 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

**Notes:** A Ministry of Labour survey in the state of Guarico looking at the households of working-class employed workers in the oil industry. Households were surveyed in four areas: El Sombrero [67 households]; Campo Carrizal [43 households]; Las Mercedes [87 households]; Campo Roblectio [17 households]. 236 surveys were distributed, to obtain 214.

The survey was conducted by budget book, for 30 days between July 8 and August 6 1947, with exact dates depending on the location. Price data was also collected in this period.

To establish the sample, family censuses were taken beforehand, especially by trade unions. There were issues re-contacting the families. Thus, the commission that took the survey decided to collect information from the greatest number of families registered in the censuses that had voluntarily expressed wishes to take part of the survey.

Ref ID: 1166

**Luis B. Ortiz, 'La Recoleccion de Datos para Estudios de Costo de la Vida Obrera en la Industria Petrolera de Venezuela', *Revista de Fomento Seccion de Publicaciones, Archivo y Bibliograffa*, Vol. IX-X, No. 69 (Oct-Dec 1947), pp. 79-129.**

Ref ID: 1549

**Luis B. Ortiz, 'Plan de Estiduo de Condiciones y Costo de la Vida de los Obreros Petroleras de Venezuela', *Revista de Fomento*, Vol. IX, No. 66 (Jan-Mar 1947), pp. 51-73.**

8) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1947 - 1947 (Ministerio de Trabajo)**

Survey ID: 1178

**860 households**

Sample Duration: 1 Month(s)

**Notes:** A Ministry of Labour survey in the state of Zulia looking at the households of working-class employed workers in the oil industry.

Broader areas surveyed rather than in the Guarico because of the broader extension of the activity and for the greater number of workers that worked there. Places surveyed: Cabimas, Tia Juana, Bachaquero, Lagunillas, San Lorenzo, Mene Grande, La Concepcion and Maracaibo.

The aim was to survey 1,000 families, though data was collected for only 860. Fieldwork took place between August 1 and August 31 1947.

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Luis B. Ortiz, 'La Recoleccion de Datos para Estudios de Costo de la Vida Obrera en la Industria Petrolera de Venezuela', *Revista de Fomento Seccion de Publicaciones, Archivo y Bibliograffa*, Vol. IX-X, No. 69 (Oct-Dec 1947), pp. 79-129.

9) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1954 - 1954**

Survey ID: 1526

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**201 households**

Ref ID: 1542

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*Enquiry on Food consumption among 201 Metropolitan families in Caracas (1954)*

Ref ID: 2048

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*Review of food consumption surveys - 1988: Household food consumption by economic groups* (Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization of the U. N., 1988)

10) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1959 - 1959**

Survey ID: 1450

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**unknown # of households**

Ref ID: 1643

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'Bibliography', *International Labour Review*, Vol. 83, No. 3 (1961), pp. 287-302.

*Selection: Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of.*

Ref ID: 1483

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**Oficina Central de Coordinación y Planificación, *Encuesta-piloto, para el estudio de ingresos y gastos familiares en el medio rural de Venezuela, Documento (Venezuela. Oficina Central de Coordinacion y Planificacion), 2 y 3 (Caracas: Oficina Central de Coordinacion y Planificacion ; Miraflores,, 1960)***

11) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1960 - 1960 (Academic - Institutional, Instituto de Investigaciones Economicas, Universidad Central de Venezuela)**

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Survey ID: 1573

**878 households**

**Notes:** University study of 878 Caracas households that lived on 4,000 or less bolivares per month. The sample was selected in three stages and the urban households were classified according to the occupation of the head of household.

There was an aim to generate a representative sample of four occupational groups: professionals, semi professionals, qualified/trained workers, non qualified/non trained workers.

Caracas was divided in nine zones for the study. Income information is provided with 8 income bands. Results for the rent report present comparisons with other countries.

Ref ID: 1603

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**Instituto de Investigaciones Economicas, *Análisis de presupuestos familiares (Caracas: Instituto de Investigaciones Economicas, Universidad Central de Venezuela, 1963)***

Ref ID: 1671

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**Instituto de Investigaciones Economicas, *Analisis de presupuestos familiares, Primera parte: Incidencia del alquiler en el ingreso (Caracas: Universidad Central de Venezuela, 1960)***

*Selection: Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of.*

Ref ID: 1684

Instituto de Investigaciones Economicas, *Analisis de presupuestos familiares, Primera parte: Incidencia del alquiler en el ingreso* (Caracas: Universidad Central de Venezuela, 1961)

Ref ID: 1604

Comision Economica para America Latina, *Antecedentes estadisticos de la distribucion del ingreso. Venezuela 1957-1985, Serie Distribucion del Ingreso Nro 6* (Santiago de Chile: Eclac, 1988)

12) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1961 - 1961 (Academic - Institutional, Universidad de los Andes)** Survey ID: 1451

**148 households**

Sample Duration: 2 Week(s)

**Notes:** The objective of this survey was to investigate the cost and conditions of living in Merida, in part to look at the wellbeing of workers, in part to help inform the Banco Central (Central Bank) in considering a cost of living index, and in part to inform economics students in the methodology involved in undertaking such a survey and in processing the results.

Households were selected using census information, then were interviewed on their expenditures between 8 and 21 March 1961. 306 households were originally selected, of which the data gathered on 148 was suitable for detailed processing.

Grouped summary data is presented on income and expenditure on key household items. The methodology used to calculate a cost of living index from the raw data is also presented.

Ref ID: 1484

Universidad de los Andes, *Encuesta sobre condiciones y costo de la vida en la ciudad de Mérida.* (Merida, 1962)



13 ) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1962 - 1962 (Departamento del Estadística)**

Survey ID: 1452

**3,697 households**

Sample Duration: 6 Month(s)

**Notes:** The first national household budget survey in Venezuela, covering 15 cities, 5 smaller towns and 8 rural regions taken by the national statistical office. Prepared in conjunction with Luis B. Ortiz, a United Nations household budget survey expert, this survey took place in June-December 1962. Its information became the basis of a cost of living index. No methodological information.

Sample is presented divided in 12 income groups. 4000 households were to be investigated, but information actually collected for 3697 families.

Comprehensive data on income and expenditure is presented in various formats including family size and region.

The main aim of the survey was to obtain consumption data to elaborate a cost of living index. Other aims included:

-obtain indicators of household income, expenditure and savings with the aim to compare income levels with consumption habits

-generate forecasts of the demand of goods and services

-obtain data to estimate income and GDP

-know other characteristics of living conditions of the urban and rural population.

Ref ID: 1485

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**Luis B. Ortiz, *Primera encuesta nacional de ingresos y gastos familiares en Venezuela* (Caracas: Oficina Central de Coordinación y Planificación de la Presidencia de la República, 1965)**

Ref ID: 1604

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**Comision Economica para America Latina, *Antecedentes estadisticos de la distribucion del ingreso. Venezuela 1957-1985, Serie Distribucion del Ingreso Nro 6* (Santiago de Chile: Eclac, 1988)**

Ref ID: 1665

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**Luis B. Ortiz C., Delfin Graterol Granadillo and Luis E. Marquez Munoz-Tebar, *Primera encuesta nacional de ingreso y gastos familiares en Venezuela. Segundo semestre de 1962, El consumo de los alimentos de la poblacion. Ponderaciones de gasto familiar para calcular indices de costo de vida* (Caracas: Oficina General de Coordinacion y Planificacion de la Presidencia de la Republica, 1965)**

*Selection: Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of.*

14 ) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1962 - 1962**

Survey ID: 1576

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**unknown # of households**                      Sample Duration:                      1 Month(s)

Notes: Survey of the city of Santo Tomé de Guayana throughout September 1962.

Ref ID: 1609

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**Banco Central de Venezuela, Encuesta sobre las condiciones de vida de las familias de Santo Tomé de Guayana: septiembre, 1962 (Caracas: Banco Central de Venezuela, 1962)**

15 ) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1966 - 1966 (Central Bank of Venezuela)**

Survey ID: 1377

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**948 households**                                      Sample Duration:                                      1 Month(s)

Notes: This detailed household budget survey was carried out in the capital city, Caracas, by the Venezuelan Central Bank, for the purpose of developing a new cost of living index, as the previous one had been in place since 1951 index that was based on the results of the 1945 survey. No selection of a particular group of the population. Information was collected for 1 month in late 1966 (either between 17 Aug and 20 Sept or 17 Oct and 15 Nov ).

Households were selected using new international random sampling techniques.

Group data on the income and expenditure of 948 households is given, along with calculations of how this data was turned into the updated cost of living index.

Ref ID: 1423

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**Banco Central de Venezuela, Estudio Sobre Presupuestos Familiares en el Area Metropolitana de Caracas Para la Elaboracion de un Indice de Costo de Vida (Caracas, 1968)**

*Study on Family Budgets in the Metropolitan Area of Caracas for the elaboration of a Cost of Living Index*

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16 ) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1967 - 1967 (Banco Centrale de Venezuela)**

Survey ID: 1434

**1,262 households**

Sample Duration: 2 Week(s)

**Notes:** As the 1966 survey had focused on Caracas, this 1967 survey focused on the other four largest cities: Merida (264 households), Valera (360 households), San Cristobal (378 households) and Balinas (260 households).

The survey data was collected over a fortnight in each city in the summer of 1967. Households were selected using random sampling.

Data presented is grouped by income, and shows household expenditures on key items by city. The calculations that turned this data into the cost of living index are also given.

Ref ID: 1470

**Banco Central de Venezuela and Universidad de los Andes, *Estudio Sobre Presupuestos Familiares e Indices de Costo de la Vida Para Las Ciudades de Merida, Valera, San Cristobal y Barinas* (Caracas/Merida, 1969)**

*Study on Family Budget and Cost of Living Indices in the Cities Merida, Valera, San Cristobal and Barinas*

17 ) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1968 - 1969**

Survey ID: 1579

**unknown # of households**

Ref ID: 1612

**Direccion General de Estadistica y Censos Nacional, *Segunda encuesta de hogares por muestreo del area metropolitana de Caracas [1968-1969]* (Caracas: Direccion General de Estadistica y Censos Nacional, 1970)**

*Selection: Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of.*

18 ) **Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, 1968 - 1968 (Banco Central de Venezuela)**

Survey ID: 1606

**350 households**

Sample Duration: 3 Month(s)

Notes: Survey of 350 households carried out in the cities of Puerto La Cruz and Barcelona between September and November 1968.

In terms of the definitions used, the survey procedure and the presentation of the data, this publication follows that of previous enquiries of the city of Caracas and the one carried out in Merida, San Cristobal, Valera and Barinas.

There is information on family budgets as well as data on general and economic characteristics of families and the population and some housing traits.

The aim of this survey was to obtain statistical information from families in order to understand their behaviour regarding consumption of goods and services and thus elaborate a CPI.

The survey was conducted in two phases. The first, called preliminary, established the family composition, housing characteristics and family income. The second, called definitive, determined daily expenditures.

Stratified sampling was used. Different types of households were surveyed: urban, residential, ranches and multifamily working class households.

It has a very detailed expenditure table by income group for the whole sample (annex 9). Data is divided in nine income groups.

Ref ID: 1653

**Banco Central de Venezuela, *Estudio sobre presupuestos familiares e indices de costo de vida para el area de Puerto La Cruz-Barcelona* (Caracas: Banco Central de Venezuela, 1971)**

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### **Report Stats:**

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**Surveys:** 18  
Reference instances: 28  
**Total Households:** 16,741