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To the occupant of this address
Your street and house number
Your home town

onderwerp CBS-expenditure survey
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Dear Sir/Madam,

What does life cost in the Netherlands? Can people make ends meet? What part of our income goes to food, to clothing, to housing? What is the impact of our financial situation on our health and well-being? These are important questions that Statistics Netherlands researches once every five years.

Statistics Netherlands asks a number of people to keep track of their household's daily expenses for 4 weeks. You are one of them. You can keep track of your expenses in an app on your smartphone or tablet. The app makes it very easy to keep track of your expenses by photographing your receipts. That will only cost you a few minutes a day. Every day the app gives you an overview of your expenses and at the end of the 4 weeks you get an overview of your expenses compared to other people in your situation.

Will you help? Thanks to this study, Statistics Netherlands is able to determine how welfare develops for various groups, such as families with young children, singles or the elderly. Your participation is important, even if you have few expenses.

How do you participate?

1. Participation is only possible with a smartphone or tablet.
2. Download the Household Budget Survey App from the Play Store or App store.



3. Open the app, choose on the opening screen for The Netherlands, and log in with the QR code below or the data for manual login.



4. Using the app is very simple and is explained in the app itself.

What do you get from us?

As a token of appreciation you receive with this letter a **5 euro gift card**. When you complete the survey, you will additionally receive a **30 euro gift card**. You will also receive a clear overview of all your expenses in these four weeks.

Your data are safe

In all our investigations, your data are safe. You can read more about this at the bottom of this letter.

Questions?

Please visit **www.cbs.nl/uitgaven** for more information about this research and the operation of the app. Still have questions? Feel free to call us on (070) 337 38 00. You can also send an e-mail to WINhelpdesk@cbs.nl. You can reach us from Monday to Friday between 9.00 and 17.00 hours.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Ms. dr. A. Boeijen
Director Data Collection

Your data is safe in all our surveys. This is an obligation of Statistics Netherlands that is stipulated in the law. Statistics Netherlands has taken various measures to protect your data. For example, the law ensures that your data is only used for statistical purposes. No institution can demand access to the data collected by Statistics Netherlands. In the statistical information of Statistics Netherlands, personal data can never be recognized.

Statistics Netherlands collects data itself but also receives many files from other institutions. We merge this information. Statistics Netherlands uses this information to produce statistics on Dutch society. This way we work as efficiently as possible.