

See [household disambiguation page](#) for other meanings of household.

A **household** , in the context of surveys on social conditions or income such as [EU-SILC](#) or the [Household budget survey \(HBS\)](#) , is defined as a housekeeping unit or, operationally, as a social unit:

- having common arrangements;
- sharing household expenses or daily needs;
- in a shared common residence.

A household includes either one person living alone or a group of people, not necessarily related, living at the same address with common housekeeping, i.e. sharing at least one meal per day or sharing a living or sitting room.

Collective households or **institutional households** (as opposed to **private households**) are, for instance: hospitals, old people's homes, residential homes, prisons, military barracks, religious institutions, boarding houses and workers' hostels, etc.

Related concepts

- [Equivalised disposable income](#)
- [Household budget survey \(HBS\)](#)

Statistical data

- [Household composition statistics](#)