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The 1966 by-census covered 5% of all households. Response on income questions was voluntary and 64.3 percent of the households reported incomes.

The income definition used in 1976 was total money receipts of all members of the household consisting of earnings in cash from main employment and all other cash income. The 1986 by-census used a similar definition.

Census 1971, 1981
The 1971 census is a full one. The enumeration period was 27 February to 9 March for the land census and 23 January to 26 January for the marine census.

The incomes in the 1971 census are reported to be of January 1971 for the land census and December 1970 for the marine census. They are reported to include total monthly receipts of all household members from all sources, whether earned, unearned payments, or profits from household's owned business. Imputed rents, income in kind and self-consumption are not included. The seasonal nature of some household's incomes is not corrected for. The households could choose between eleven income brackets to report their income so the exact value of income is NOT reported. The 1981 census used a similar definition.