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This is a labour force survey used by several sources. The survey has national coverage including 8593 households in 1979, 8817 in 1989 and 8867 in 1991. The income concept is earnings in 1979
including income from wages and salaries and monetary income in 1989 and 1991 including earnings, pensions, family transfers, property income, rents, lottery winnings, scholarships and subsidies and other income.

**Encuesta de Hogares 1995-2000**

Also this survey was used by several sources. The survey has national coverage including 9875 in 1995 and 9897 in 1997. The sampling frame used is the Census from 1990. The questionnaire is quite limited and most questions relate to the week preceding the survey. Earnings, pensions, capital income, private and public transfers and other income (apparently some lump sums) are covered by the income concept. Home consumption and imputed rents are not included.

**SEDLAC:** The main household survey in Panama is the Encuesta de Hogares (EH), carried out in August of each year. It is a nationally representative household survey. Panama carried out Living Standards Measurement Surveys in 1997 and 2003. Our analysis is based only on the EH. Although this is a well-established survey with more than 50,000 observations, the information is limited to demographic, education, employment, migration and income variables. The questionnaire is more exhaustive, especially covering the access to social programs.