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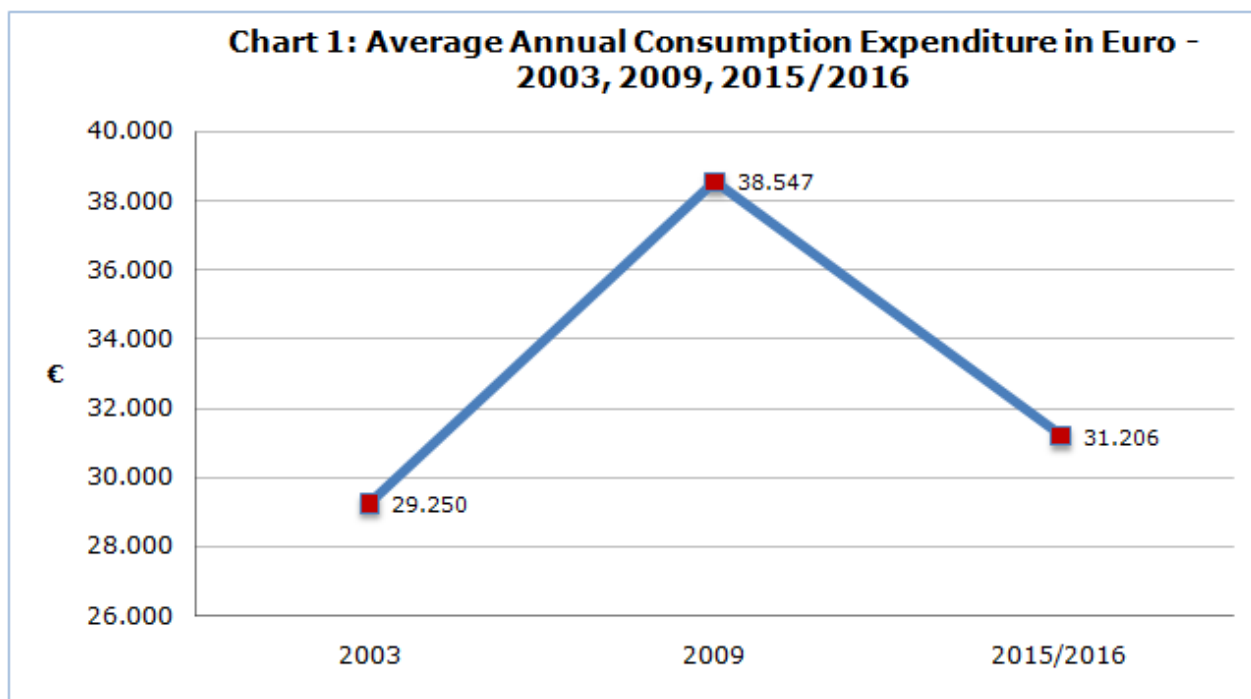
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## PRESS RELEASE

### HOUSEHOLD BUDGET SURVEY: 2015/2016

#### **Average Annual Consumption Expenditure €31.206**

According to the results of the Household Budget Survey 2015/2016, the average annual consumption expenditure per household for 2015/2016 amounted to €31.206, compared to €38.547 in 2009 (Chart 1). A decrease of 19,0% was recorded compared to 2009.



In the urban areas the average annual consumption expenditure for 2015/2016 was €31.884 compared to €39.967 in 2009, recording a decrease of 20,2% in expenditure. Respectively, for the rural areas the average annual consumption expenditure for 2015/2016 was €29.740 compared to €34.939 in 2009, recording a decrease of 14,9% (Table 2).

#### **Analysis of Changes**

Decreases were reported in all main expenditure categories of goods and services in relation to 2009, with the exception of food and non-alcoholic beverages category and the education category, where increases of 1,0% and 7,2% respectively were recorded (Table 1). The biggest decrease in expenditure as compared to 2009, was recorded in the recreation and culture category where the decrease reached 34,1%, followed by the category of clothing and footwear with a decrease of 31,5% and the category of transport with a decrease of 30,0%. A similar trend is also observed in the urban and rural areas, as presented in Table 2.

## Expenditure Distribution

As it is presented in Graph 2, where the percentage distribution of the annual household consumption expenditure in the twelve (12) main categories of goods and services is indicated, the highest share of household annual expenditure corresponds to housing (25,5%), followed by food and non-alcoholic beverages (15,3%) and transport (12,0%), while the lowest percentage of spending corresponds to alcoholic beverages and tobacco (1,6%). Similar consumer trends occurred in 2009 with the corresponding rates being 26,6%, 12,3%, 13,9% and 1,3%.

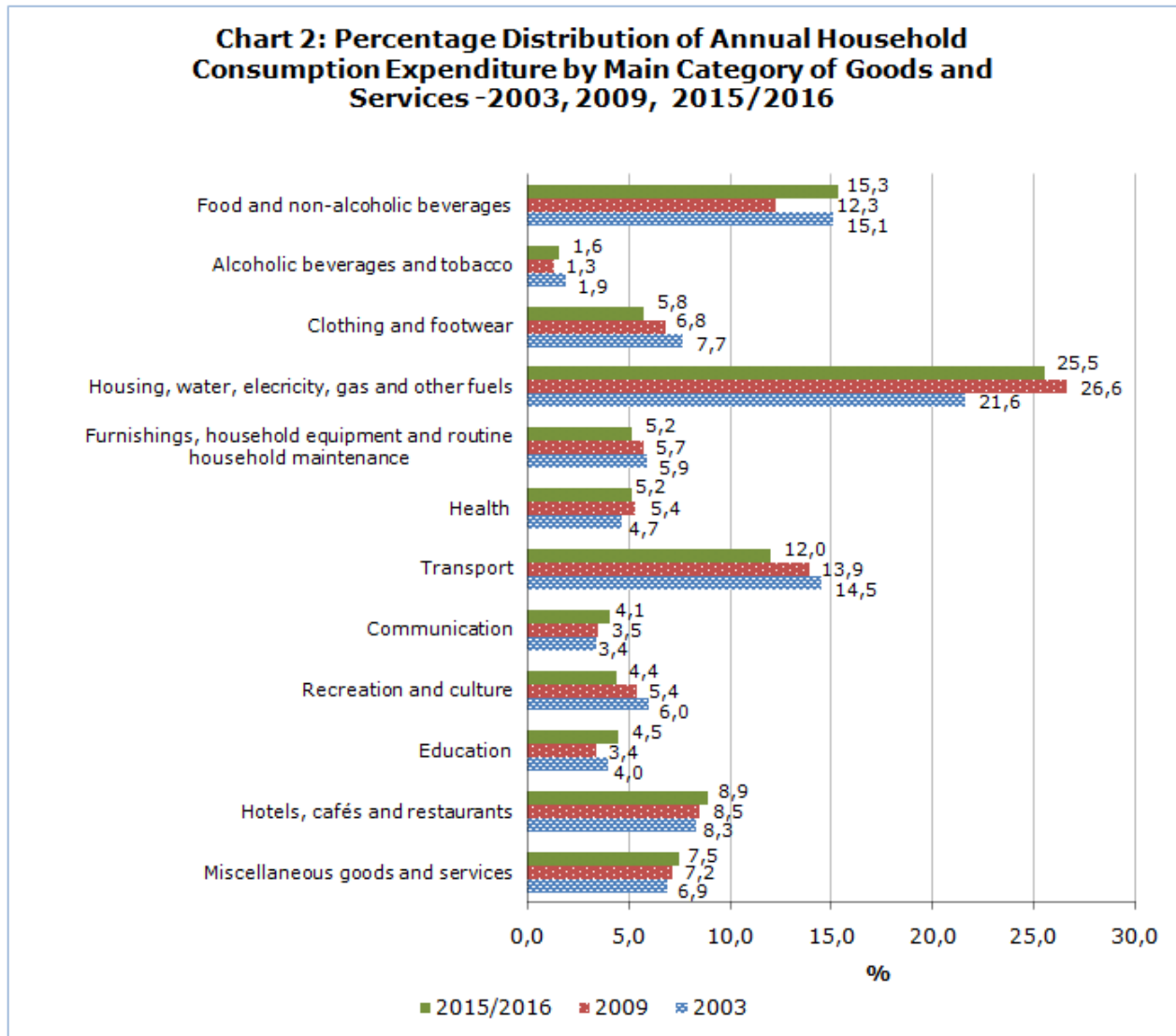


Table 1

Main Categories of Goods and Services	Euro (€)			Change 2015-2016 /2009 (%)
	2003	2009	2015- 2016	
<b>Total</b>	<b>29.250</b>	<b>38.547</b>	<b>31.206</b>	<b>-19,0</b>
<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	4.410	4.735	4.781	1,0
<b>Alcoholic beverages and tobacco</b>	552	507	502	-1,0
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	2.266	2.639	1.807	-31,5
<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	6.312	10.236	7.967	-22,2
<b>Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	1.717	2.207	1.615	-26,8
<b>Health</b>	1.389	2.061	1.614	-21,7
<b>Transport</b>	4.258	5.351	3.748	-30,0
<b>Communication</b>	996	1.364	1.267	-7,1
<b>Recreation and culture</b>	1.748	2.082	1.371	-34,1
<b>Education</b>	1.157	1.314	1.408	7,2
<b>Hotels, cafés and restaurants</b>	2.419	3.290	2.786	-15,3
<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	2.026	2.762	2.341	-15,2

Table 2

Main Categories of Goods and Services	2009 (€)			2015-2016 (€)			Change 2015-2016/2009 (%)		
	Total	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.547</b>	<b>39.967</b>	<b>34.939</b>	<b>31.206</b>	<b>31.884</b>	<b>29.740</b>	<b>-19,0</b>	<b>-20,2</b>	<b>-14,9</b>
<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	4.735	4.639	4.980	4.781	4.669	5.022	1,0	0,6	0,8
<b>Alcoholic beverages and tobacco</b>	507	502	519	502	498	511	-1,0	-0,8	-1,5
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	2.639	2.778	2.285	1.807	1.875	1.660	-31,5	-32,5	-27,4
<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	10.236	10.574	9.377	7.967	8.169	7.530	-22,2	-22,7	-19,7
<b>Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	2.207	2.335	1.880	1.615	1.677	1.481	-26,8	-28,2	-21,2
<b>Health</b>	2.061	2.154	1.823	1.614	1.634	1.571	-21,7	-24,1	-13,8
<b>Transport</b>	5.351	5.596	4.728	3.748	3.818	3.597	-30,0	-31,8	-23,9
<b>Communication</b>	1.364	1.423	1.214	1.267	1.276	1.248	-7,1	-10,3	2,8
<b>Recreation and culture</b>	2.082	2.181	1.830	1.371	1.459	1.180	-34,1	-33,1	-35,5
<b>Education</b>	1.314	1.415	1.057	1.408	1.449	1.320	7,2	2,4	24,9
<b>Hotels, cafés and restaurants</b>	3.290	3.510	2.730	2.786	2.885	2.571	-15,3	-17,8	-5,8
<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	2.762	2.859	2.516	2.341	2.475	2.050	-15,2	-13,4	-18,5

## **METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **Definitions**

#### **Survey Identity**

The content, methods and definitions used in the Household Budget Survey 2015/2016 were in accordance with the recommendations of the European Statistical Office (EUROSTAT).

#### **Objectives of the Survey**

The objectives of the Survey are:

- ▶ The study of the structure of household expenditure on various goods and services and their changes over time in order to review both the weights of the Consumer Price Index and the shopping basket of goods and services.
- ▶ The analysis of the household income composition and distribution by source of income and by various socio-economic and demographic groups.
- ▶ The study of the standard of living of the population by compiling various socio-economic indicators.

#### **Coverage and Response Rate**

The sample which was initially selected accounted to 4.500 households in the Government controlled area, in all districts of Cyprus, both urban and rural areas. Finally in total, 2.876 households cooperated in the survey, accounting for about 1,0% of all households. The response rate for the survey was 74,4%.

#### **Data Collection**

The data collection is carried out with personal interviews at the households, using portable computers (netbooks).

Households were also given a diary where all members of the household over 15 years of age, recorded with the help of the enumerator, all household daily expenses for 14 consecutive days.

#### **Reference Period**

Households selected were equally distributed over a 12 month period, from July 2015 to June 2016, so that seasonal fluctuations in consumer purchasing habits are properly reflected.

### **Definitions**

**Main categories of goods and services:** The classification of goods and services (COICOP) that was proposed by EUROSTAT was used for the survey. The twelve (12) main categories of goods and services were:

- 01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages
- 02 Alcoholic beverages and tobacco
- 03 Clothing and footwear
- 04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels
- 05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance
- 06 Health
- 07 Transport
- 08 Communication
- 09 Recreation and culture
- 10 Education
- 11 Hotels, cafés and restaurants
- 12 Miscellaneous goods and services

**Household** consists of one person living alone or a group of two or more persons, not necessarily related, who are living together, and make common provision for food or other essentials for living; they also have a common budget to a greater or lesser extent.

**Imputed rent** is a self-assessment of the value an owner-occupier would pay for rent if he/she were to rent his/her house based on the rents payable on the market for similar dwellings.

**Consumption expenditure** refers to the value of all goods and services purchased by the household for consumption for one year. It includes the consumption of goods from their own production, mainly agricultural products and food, as well as the value of the imputed rent for owners-occupiers of dwellings. In addition, households' expenditure on goods and services purchased as gifts to other households is also included, while gifts received by households from others are excluded. Consumption expenditure does not include investments, savings and direct taxes.

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