

Occupational wages and hours of work and retail food prices. Statistics from the ILO October Inquiry 2007

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The occupations and industry groups covered comprise, as far as possible, those which are important in terms of the number of persons employed in them, those which fall within the scope of ILO Industrial Committees and similar bodies and those which are important in terms of employment of certain types of workers (such as women, salaried employees and so on). The food items covered are, to the extent possible, representative of the dietary habits in countries throughout the world.