Armenia - Integrated Living Conditions Survey 2016

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Overview

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ABSTRACT
The Integrated Living Conditions Survey (ILCS), conducted annually by the NSS National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia, formed the basis for monitoring living conditions in Armenia. The ILCS is a universally recognized best-practice survey for collecting data to inform about the living standards of households. The ILCS comprises comprehensive and valuable data on the welfare of households and separate individuals which gives the NSS an opportunity to provide the public with up to date information on the population's income, expenditures, the level of poverty and the other changes in living standards on an annual basis. Since 1996, when the survey was first implemented in Armenia, the National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia (NSS) with the assistance of the World Bank, USAID and other donor organizations, has been putting efforts to continuously improve the quality of data collected through household surveys, as well as to advance its own expertise in arriving at a more accurate assessment of poverty. These efforts have proven to be successful as the data collected through household surveys and the estimates of poverty based on such data became an important input in defining and monitoring the poverty reduction strategy, which is the responsibility of the Government. In 2004, the NSS implemented significant changes to improve the Integrated Living Conditions Survey and to update the poverty assessment methodology, which was used until 2008. With the technical assistance provided by the World Bank:

1) the survey sample frame was updated using the 2001 Population Census frame

2) the sample size was expanded to ensure representativeness of data by regions

3) the ILCS questionnaire was revised to reflect economic and social changes between 1998/99 and 2003, as well as a comprehensive section on employment was added into the questionnaire

4) the interviewers underwent a more profound training

With the co-funding provided within the period of 2007-2011 by the Millennium Challenge Account - Armenia (MCA-Armenia), a state non-commercial organization, the sample size of the ILCS has been expanded to include 7,872 households annually as compared to 5,184 households in 2006 (funded from the state budget only). When activities of MCA-Armenia came to an end in 2012, the sample size was again reduced back to 5,184 households.

KIND OF DATA
Sample survey data [ssd]

UNITS OF ANALYSIS
Households

Scope

NOTES
The scope of the Integrated Living Conditions Survey includes:

- List of Household Members

- Migration

- Housing and Dwelling Conditions

- Employment

- Education

- Agriculture

- Food Production

- Monetary and Commodity Flows between Households

- Health (General) and Healthcare

- Debts

- Subjective Assessment of Living Conditions

- Provision of Services

- Social Assistance

- Households as Employers for Service Personnel

- Household Monthly Consumption of Energy Resources

TOPICS

Topic	Vocabulary	URI
Agriculture & Rural Development	FAO	
Food (production, crisis)	FAO	
Financial Sector	FAO	
Access to Finance	FAO	
Migration & Remittances	FAO	
Health	FAO	

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE
National

Producers and Sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR(S)

Name	Affiliation
National Statistical Service (NSS RA)	Republic of Armenia

OTHER PRODUCER(S)

Name	Affiliation	Role
World Bank		Technical support

FUNDING

Name	Abbreviation	Role
Food Security Program of the European Commission		Financial support
Millennium Challenge Account 2007-2011		Financial support

Metadata Production

METADATA PRODUCED BY

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
Office of Chief Statistician	OCS	Food and Agriculture Organization	Adoption of metadata for FAM
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Sampling

Sampling Procedure

The sample frame for 2014-2016 was designed in accordance with the database of addresses of all private households in the country developed on basis of the 2011 Population Census results, with the technical assistance of the World Bank. The method of systematic representative probability sampling was used to frame the sample. For drawing the sample, the sample frame was divided into 32 strata including 12 communities of Yerevan City (currently, the administrative districts). According to this division, a two-tier sample was drawn stratified by regions and by Yerevan. All regions and Yerevan, as well as all urban and rural communities were included in the sample in accordance to the shares of their resident households within the total number of households in the country. In the first round, enumeration areas - that is primary sample units to be surveyed during the year - were selected. The ILCS 2014 sample included 30 enumeration areas in urban and 18 enumeration areas in rural communities per month. The method of representative probability sampling was used to frame the sample. At regional level, all communities were grouped into two categories - towns and villages. According to this division, a two-tier sample was drawn stratified by regions and by Yerevan. All regions and Yerevan, as well as all rural and urban communities were included in the sample in accordance to the shares of their resident households within the total number of households in the country. In the first round, enumeration districts - that is primary sample units to be surveyed during the year - were selected. The ILCS 2015 sample included 30 enumeration districts in urban and 18 enumeration districts in rural communities per month.

In 2016 a total of 5,184 households were selected, of which 3,240 and 1,944 households from urban and rural communities, respectively.

Questionnaires

No content available

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

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Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

Data Processing

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Data Appraisal

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