

# Romania - Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES)

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS

### TITLE

Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES)

### COUNTRY

| Name    | Country code |
|---------|--------------|
| Romania | ROU          |

### STUDY TYPE

Socio-Economic/Monitoring Survey [hh/sems]

### ABSTRACT

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 2.1 commits countries to end hunger, ensure access by all people to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year around. Indicator 2.1.2, "Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity based on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES)", provides internationally-comparable estimates of the proportion of the population facing difficulties in accessing food. More detailed background information is available at <http://www.fao.org/in-action/voices-of-the-hungry/fies/en/>.

The FIES-based indicators are compiled using the FIES survey module, containing 8 questions. Two indicators can be computed:

1. The proportion of the population experiencing moderate or severe food insecurity (SDG indicator 2.1.2),
2. The proportion of the population experiencing severe food insecurity.

These data were collected by FAO through the Gallup World Poll. General information on the methodology can be found here: <https://www.gallup.com/178667/gallup-world-poll-work.aspx>. National institutions can also collect FIES data by including the FIES survey module in nationally representative surveys.

Microdata can be used to calculate the indicator 2.1.2 at national level. Instructions for computing this indicator are described in the methodological document available in the downloads tab. Disaggregating results at sub-national level is not encouraged because estimates will suffer from substantial sampling and measurement error.

### KIND OF DATA

Sample survey data [ssd]

### UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Individuals

## Scope

### NOTES

This dataset contains demographic variables related to number of adults and children in the household, age, education, area (urban/rural), gender, income and degree of urbanization. Also, the FIES survey module includes the following questions to compute the FIES-based indicators:

During the last 12 months, was there a time when, because of lack of money or other resources:

1. You were worried you would not have enough food to eat?
2. You were unable to eat healthy and nutritious food?
3. You ate only a few kinds of foods?
4. You had to skip a meal?
5. You ate less than you thought you should?
6. Your household ran out of food?
7. You were hungry but did not eat?
8. You went without eating for a whole day?

The dataset also includes derived variables computed by FAO described in the documentation.

#### TOPICS

| Topic       |
|-------------|
| SDGs        |
| Food Access |

#### KEYWORDS

| Keyword         |
|-----------------|
| Food Insecurity |
| FIES            |
| SDG             |

## Coverage

#### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National

#### UNIVERSE

Individuals of 15 years or older with access to landline and/or mobile phones.

## Producers and sponsors

#### PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| FAO Statistics Division | FAO         |

## Sampling

#### SAMPLING PROCEDURE

With some exceptions, all samples are probability based and nationally representative of the resident adult population. The coverage area is the entire country including rural areas, and the sampling frame represents the entire civilian, non-institutionalized, aged 15 and older population.

For more details on the overall sampling and data collection methodology, see the World poll methodology attached as a resource in the downloads tab. Specific sampling details for each country are also attached as technical documents in the downloads tab.

Exclusions: NA

Design effect: 1.43

#### WEIGHTING

The sample data was weighted to minimize bias in survey-based estimates. The weighting procedure was formulated based on the sample design and was carried out in multiple stages. A probability weight factor (base weight) was constructed to account for selection of telephone numbers from the respective frames and correct for unequal selection probabilities as a result of selecting one adult in landline households and for dual-users coming from both the landline and mobile frame. At the next step, the base weights were post-stratified to adjust for non-response and to match the weighted sample totals to known target population totals obtained from country level census data.

## Data Collection

#### DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

| Start      | End        |
|------------|------------|
| 2023-09-10 | 2023-12-10 |

## DATA COLLECTION MODE

Face-to-Face [f2f]

## Data Processing

## DATA EDITING

Statistical validation assesses the quality of the FIES data collected by testing their consistency with the assumptions of the Rasch model. This analysis involves the interpretation of several statistics that reveal 1) items that do not perform well in a given context, 2) cases with highly erratic response patterns, 3) pairs of items that may be redundant, and 4) the proportion of total variance in the population that is accounted for by the measurement model.

## Data Appraisal

## ESTIMATES OF SAMPLING ERROR

The margin of error is estimated as 3.7. This is calculated around a proportion at the 95% confidence level. The maximum margin of error was calculated assuming a reported percentage of 50% and takes into account the design effect.

## DATA APPRAISAL

The variable WORRIED was not considered in the computation of the published FAO food insecurity indicator based on FIES due to the results of the validation process.

## Access policy

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### PRODUCERS

| Name                         | Affiliation                       | Role              |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Data Dissemination Unit, ESS | Food and Agriculture Organization | Metadata producer |

### DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS\_v01

**Data Dictionary**

| Data file  | Cases | Variables |
|--|-------|-----------|
| <b>ROU_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS</b><br>This dataset contains the variables used to calculate the FIES-based indicator, demographic variables and some derived variables calculated by FAO from the survey. | 1000  | 23        |