

Poverty Gap Index

Metadata for MDG Indicators
National Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Moldova (NBS)

Definition	Represents the population average consumption deficit in relation to the poverty line. The index shows the total amount necessary to be allocated to increase the incomes of all the poor up to the poverty line.
National MDG	MDG 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.
Unit of measurement	%
Calculation formula	<p>Calculation formula for the FGT indicators group is applied.</p> $P_{\alpha} = (1 / n) \sum_{i=1}^q \left(\frac{L - c_i}{L} \right)^{\alpha},$ <p>P_{α} - poverty gap index, <i>here: for poverty gap $\alpha=1$,</i> L – poverty line, C – average consumption expenses per adult equivalent person, i - individual persons, n – total number of persons, q – number of persons with average consumption expenses per adult equivalent persons lower than the poverty line.</p>
Level of disaggregation	Data are available for the whole country as well as by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - areas of residence; - statistical zones (North, Center, South, Chisinau mun.); - sex of household head; - type of household (size, number of children, etc.);
Dissemination periodicity	Annually
Timeliness	April 27 after the year of reference
Revision	Data are final when being disseminated for the first time.
Data source	Household Statistical Survey - <i>Household Budget Survey (HBS)</i> , carried out by NBS
Comparability at the international level	Comparability at the international level is assured. For details see: http://www.statistica.md/public/files/Metadate/en/CBGC_en.pdf
Comparability over the time	Time series are comparable in dynamics starting with 2006. For details on methodological changes see http://www.statistica.md/public/files/SeminareConferinte/Seminar26oct2007/Not_inf_mas_saraciei_ro.pdf http://www.statistica.md/public/files/SeminareConferinte/Seminar26oct2007/Nota%20informativa_CBGC_ro.pdf
Coherence with other statistics (correlated indicators)	Share of population under poverty line/absolute poverty rate Absolute poverty line Gini Coefficient

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