

EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC):

An Overview of Child poverty in Greece and Methodological deficiencies and limitations

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Why EU-SILC?

EU-SILC is organised under a Framework Regulation of the European Parliament and Council and is co-ordinated by Eurostat

- From 2004 it has replaced the European Community Household Panel (ECHP)
- Provides quality, timely cross-sectional information on household incomes and social exclusion
- It is a source of large number of common indicators for social inclusion
- The emphasis is on output harmonisation rather than input harmonisation, nevertheless, this effort will inevitably diminish the international comparability of the SILC data compared to the ECHP

EU-SILC SAMPLE

Rotational group
1
2
3
4

Between year T and T+1 the sample overlap is 75%

Between year T and T+2 is 50%

Between year T and T+3 is 25%

Source: National Statistical Service of Greece, EU-SILC 2004, Intermediate Quality Report, December, 2005

EU-SILC wave 1, 2003

- On the basis of informal agreements signed with the Commission 6 member-states have launched EU-SILC as from 2003 (Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Luxemburg and Austria)
- The first sweep was carried out by the National Statistical Service of Greece in association with the National Centre for Social Research (EKKE)

Table 1. Children living in poor households by age

Age-groups	Poor households %	Not poor households %	Total number of children %	Child poverty %
0-5	25,6	33,8	31,9	18,9
6-11	34,9	32,2	32,8	25,0
12-17	39,5	34,0	35,3	26,3
Total	100,0	100,0	100,0	23,5

Source: National Statistical Service of Greece-National Centre for Social Research (EKKE), EU-SILC 2003, Mpouzaz, N. in Poverty, Social Exclusion & Inequalities, Athens, EKKE 2006.

Table 2. Number of children in household

Number of Children	Cases	%	% Poverty
1	108,483	44,32	19,44
2	83,975	34,3	18,55
3	35,607	14,55	33,45
4	11,225	4,58	33,17
5	1,728	0,75	73,28
6	2,761	1,12	73,55
7	978	0,4	100
Total	244,757	100	

Source: National Statistical Service of Greece-National Centre for Social Research (EKKE), EU-SILC 2003, Mpouzaz, N. in Poverty, Social Exclusion & Inequalities, Athens, EKKE 2006.

Table 3. Geographical distribution of child poverty

Administrative Regions	Poor households %	Not poor households %	Total %	Children %	Poor households %
East Macedonia & Thrace	11,2	5,9	7,0	37,0	32,2
Central Macedonia	18,2	18,1	18,1	24,0	22,7
West Macedonia	3,9	3,1	3,2	28,0	23,9
Thessaly	7,5	7,2	7,3	24,0	26,0
Epirus	4,0	2,9	3,1	30,0	36,2
Ionian Islands	2,1	1,9	1,9	26,0	24,5
W. Greece	9,6	5,4	6,4	35,0	30,3
Stereia Ellada	6,2	4,7	5,0	29,0	29,3
Peloponnesus	6,0	4,1	4,6	31,0	29,0
Attica	22,5	37,3	33,8	16,0	12,2
N. Aegean	1,1	1,5	1,4	19,0	18,9
S. Aegean	4,7	2,7	3,2	35,0	25,7
Crete	2,9	5,3	4,8	14,0	15,7
Total	100,0	100,0	100,0	23,0	20,1

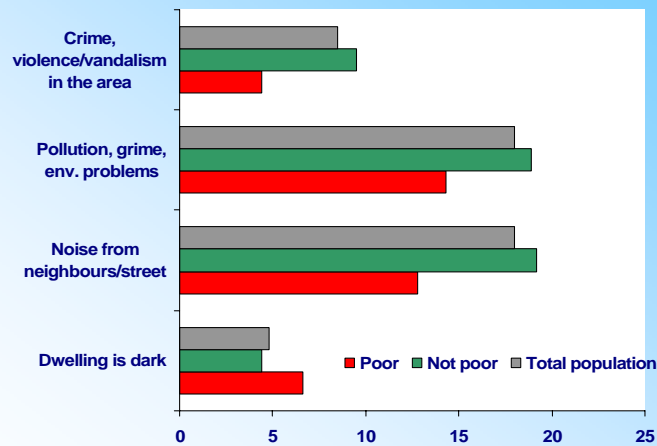
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Table 4. Children 6-17 years old dropping out from school

Age groups	Primary School		Dropping-out before I.secondary p education		Lower Secondary education		Total	
	Poor	Not poor	Poor	Not poor	Poor	Not poor	Poor	Not poor
6-11	1,14	0	0	0	0	0	1,14	0
12-17	0	0	1,61	0,18	0,76	0,21	2,36	0,39
Total	0,67	0	0,66	0,07	0,31	0,08	1,64	0,15

Source: National Statistical Service of Greece-National Centre for Social Research (EKKE), EU-SILC 2003, Mpouzas, N. in Poverty, Social Exclusion & Inequalities, Athens, EKKE 2006.

**Diagram 1. Material deprivation
Children 0-17 living in poor households, SILC 2005**



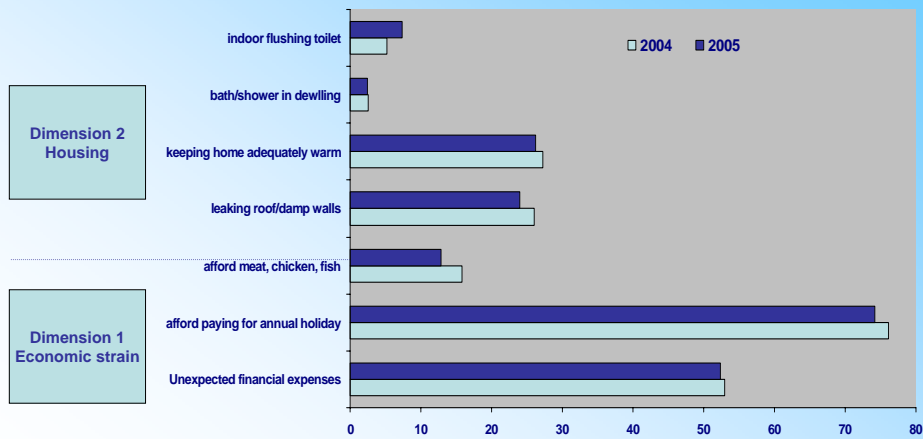
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Fulfilment of basic needs	Total population	Poor population	Not poor population
	%	%	%
Capacity to face unexpected financial expenses	35,6	52,3	31,6
Capacity to afford annual holiday away from home	43,9	74,2	36,6
Capacity to afford a meal with meat, chicken, fish every second day	4,4	12,9	2,4
Housing conditions			
Leaking roof, damp walls/floors/ foundation or rot in window frames or floor	17,6	24,0	16,1
Ability to keep home adequately warm	12,5	26,2	9,1
Bath or shower in the dwelling	0,8	2,4	0,3
Indoor flushing toilet for sole use of households	1,9	7,3	0,6

Source: National Statistical Service of Greece, EU-SILC 2005

**Diagram 2. Material deprivation
Children 0-17 living in poor households, SILC 2004-05**



Source: National Statistical Service of Greece, EU-SILC 2004, 2005