

# Food Insecurity Experience Scale 2015

**FAO Statistics Division**

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

### TITLE

Food Insecurity Experience Scale 2015

### COUNTRY/ECONOMY

| Name           | Country code |
|----------------|--------------|
| United Kingdom | GBR          |

### 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 under the "DOCUMENTATION" tab above. 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, and income. 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 |
| SDG             |

## Coverage

## GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National

## UNIVERSE

Individuals of 15 years or older.

## Producers and sponsors

## PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

| Name                    | Affiliation |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| FAO Statistics Division | FAO         |

## Sampling

## SAMPLING PROCEDURE

Landline and Mobile RDD. The landline sample was stratified by region.

Exclusions: Agency blacklisted Numbers

Design effect: 1.39

## WEIGHTING

Post-stratification weights are provided. Population statistics are used to weight the data by gender, age, and, where reliable data are available, education or socioeconomic status.

## data\_collection

## DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

| Start      | End        |
|------------|------------|
| 2015-03-11 | 2015-04-11 |

## DATA COLLECTION MODE

Computer Assisted Telephone Interview [cati]

## 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 3.6. 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.

## Access policy

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|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
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## Metadata production

### DDI DOCUMENT ID

DDI\_GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

### PRODUCERS

| Name                             | Abbreviation | Affiliation | Role     |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Office of the Chief Statistician | OCS          | FAO         | Metadata |

### DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Version 01 (September 2019). This survey documentation (DDI) is identical to the DDI published in the FAO microdata catalog except for the Document ID and Study ID.

**data\_dictionary**

| Data file  | Cases | variables |
|--|-------|-----------|
| <b>GBR_2015_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS</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. | 0     | 23        |



**Data file: GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS**

This dataset contains the variables used to calculate the FIES-based indicator, demographic variables and some derived variables calculated by FAO from the survey.

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| Cases:     | 0  |
| variables: | 23 |

**variables**

| ID  | Name                | Label   | Question |
|-----|---------------------|---|----------|
| V1  | Random_ID           | Unique respondent identifier  |          |
| V2  | WORRIED             | Worried you would not have enough food to eat because of a lack of money or other resources |          |
| V3  | HEALTHY             | Unable to eat healthy and nutritious food because of a lack of money or other resources     |          |
| V4  | FEWFOOD             | Ate only a few kinds of foods because of a lack of money or other resources                 |          |
| V5  | SKIPPED             | Skipped a meal because there was not enough money or other resources to get food            |          |
| V6  | ATELESS             | Ate less than you thought you should because of a lack of money or other resources          |          |
| V7  | RUNOUT              | Household ran out of food because of a lack of money or other resources                     |          |
| V8  | HUNGRY              | Hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money or other resources for food?      |          |
| V9  | WHLDAY              | Went without eating for a whole day because of a lack of money or other resources?          |          |
| V10 | wt                  | Post-stratification sampling weights  |          |
| V11 | year                | Year when the GWP was administered in the country   |          |
| V12 | N_adults            | Number of adults 15 years of age and above in household                                     |          |
| V13 | N_child             | Number of children under 15 years of age in household                                       |          |
| V14 | Raw_score           | Sum of Affirmative responses to FIES questions  |          |
| V15 | Raw_score_par       | Estimated person parameters using the Rasch model   |          |
| V16 | Raw_score_par_error | Estimated person parameter errors using the Rasch model                                     |          |
| V17 | Prob_Mod_Sev        | Probability of being moderately or severely food insecure                                   |          |
| V18 | Prob_sev            | Probability of being severely food insecure   |          |
| V19 | Age                 | Age of the respondent   |          |
| V20 | Education           | Education of the respondent   |          |
| V21 | Area                | Area  |          |
| V22 | Gender              | Gender of the respondent  |          |
| V23 | Income              | Income quintile   |          |

total: 23



**RANDOM\_ID: Unique respondent identifier****Data file:** GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 111206511 - 211057487 Format: Numeric

**WT: Post-stratification sampling weights****Data file:** GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0.329476264273309 - 3.03602994071533 Format: Numeric  
Weighted: yes**WORRIED: Worried you would not have enough food to eat because of a lack of money or other resources****Data file:** GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: - Format: character

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|----------|
| 0     | No       |
| 1     | Yes      |

**HEALTHY: Unable to eat healthy and nutritious food because of a lack of money or other resources****Data file:** GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: - Format: character

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|----------|
| 0     | No       |

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| 1 | Yes |
|---|-----|

### **FEWFOOD: Ate only a few kinds of foods because of a lack of money or other resources**

Data file: GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

#### **Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: - Format: character

#### **Questions and instructions**

##### CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|----------|
| 0     | No       |
| 1     | Yes      |

### **SKIPPED: Skipped a meal because there was not enough money or other resources to get food**

Data file: GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

#### **Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: - Format: character

#### **Questions and instructions**

##### CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|----------|
| 0     | No       |
| 1     | Yes      |

### **ATELESS: Ate less than you thought you should because of a lack of money or other resources**

Data file: GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

#### **Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: - Format: character

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|----------|
| 0     | No       |
| 1     | Yes      |

## **RUNOUT: Household ran out of food because of a lack of money or other resources**

Data file: GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

### Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: - Format: character

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|----------|
| 0     | No       |
| 1     | Yes      |

## **HUNGRY: Hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money or other resources for food?**

Data file: GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

### Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: - Format: character

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|----------|
| 0     | No       |
| 1     | Yes      |

## **WHLDAY: Went without eating for a whole day because of a lack of money or other resources?**

Data file: GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

## Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: - Format: character

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|----------|
| 0     | No       |
| 1     | Yes      |

## YEAR: Year when the GWP was administered in the country

Data file: GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

## Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 1 Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|----------|
| 1     | 2015     |

## N\_ADULTS: Number of adults 15 years of age and above in household

Data file: GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

## Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: - Format: character

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|----------|
| 01    | 01       |
| 02    | 02       |
| 03    | 03       |
| 04    | 04       |
| 05    | 05       |
| 06    | 06       |

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| 08 | 08  |
| 10 | 10+ |

## **N\_CHILD: Number of children under 15 years of age in household**

Data file: GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

### **Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: - Format: character

### **Questions and instructions**

#### **CATEGORIES**

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Category</b> |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 00           | 00              |
| 01           | 01              |
| 02           | 02              |
| 03           | 03              |
| 04           | 04              |
| 05           | 05              |

## **RAW\_SCORE: Sum of Affirmative responses to FIES questions**

Data file: GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

### **Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 8 Format: Numeric

## **RAW\_SCORE\_PAR: Estimated person parameters using the Rasch model**

Data file: GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

### **Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: -3.31876687299153 - 3.82572361743272 Format: Numeric

## **RAW\_SCORE\_PAR\_ERROR: Estimated person parameter errors using the Rasch model**

Data file: GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

### **Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Continuous    Decimal: 0    Width: 10    Range: 0.843774172049225 - 1.62454823055982    Format: Numeric

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### **PROB\_MOD\_SEV: Probability of being moderately or severely food insecure**

**Data file:** GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

#### **Overview**

Valid: 0    Invalid: 0

Type: Continuous    Decimal: 0    Width: 10    Range: 0 - 0.994565403539399    Format: Numeric

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### **PROB\_SEV: Probability of being severely food insecure**

**Data file:** GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

#### **Overview**

Valid: 0    Invalid: 0

Type: Continuous    Decimal: 0    Width: 10    Range: 0 - 0.885017617520055    Format: Numeric

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### **AGE: Age of the respondent**

**Data file:** GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

#### **Overview**

Valid: 0    Invalid: 0

Type: Continuous    Decimal: 0    Width: 10    Range: 16 - 85    Format: Numeric

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### **EDUCATION: Education of the respondent**

**Data file:** GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS

#### **Overview**

Valid: 0    Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 12    Range: 1 - 5    Format: Numeric

#### **Questions and instructions**

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#### CATEGORIES

| Value | Category           |
|-------|--------------------|
| 1     | Elementary_or_less |
| 2     | Secondary          |
| 3     | College            |
| 4     | Dont_know          |
| 5     | Refused            |

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**AREA: Area****Data file:** GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 0    Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 12    Range: 1 - 4    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

| Value | Category      |
|-------|---------------|
| 1     | Urban/Suburbs |
| 2     | Towns/Rural   |
| 3     | Dont_know     |
| 4     | Refused       |

**GENDER: Gender of the respondent****Data file:** GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 0    Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 12    Range: 1 - 2    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|----------|
| 1     | Male     |
| 2     | Female   |

**INCOME: Income quintile****Data file:** GBR\_2015\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 0    Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 12    Range: 1 - 5    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

| Value | Category    |
|-------|-------------|
| 1     | Poorest_20% |

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 2 | Second_20%  |
| 3 | Middle_20%  |
| 4 | Fourth_20%  |
| 5 | Richest_20% |

# study\_resources

## questionnaires

### Food Insecurity Experience Scale 2016, Questions

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title Food Insecurity Experience Scale 2016, Questions  
language English  
description This document contains the 8 FIES questions as they were asked during the survey  
filename FIES\_Questions.pdf

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## technical\_documents

### Derived variables and methodology to compute indicator 2.1.2

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title Derived variables and methodology to compute indicator 2.1.2  
language English  
description This document contains the methodology of the derived variables and the computation of the indicator 2.1.2.  
filename Derived\_variables\_and\_Computation\_indicator.pdf

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