

Food Insecurity Experience Scale 2022

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Identification

SURVEY ID NUMBER

ITA_2022_FIES_v01_M_v01_A_OCS

TITLE

Food Insecurity Experience Scale 2022

COUNTRY/ECONOMY

| Name | Country code |
|-------|--------------|
| Italy | ITA |

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 documentations 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, 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?

TOPICS

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

KEYWORDS

| Keyword |
|-----------------|
| Food Insecurity |
| 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

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

Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

NA

Exclusions: NA

Design effect: 2.48

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 |
|------------|------------|
| 2022-05-30 | 2022-06-27 |

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing [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 4.9. 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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DDI DOCUMENT ID

DDI_ITA_2022_FIES_v01_M_v01_A_OCS

PRODUCERS

| Name | Abbreviation | Affiliation | Role |
|------|--------------|-------------|------|
|------|--------------|-------------|------|

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|----------------------------------|-------|----------------|---|
| Office of the Chief Statistician | OCS | FAO | Metadata producer |
| Development Economics Data Group | DECDG | The World Bank | Metadata adapted for World Bank Microdata Library |

DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

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data_dictionary

| Data file | Cases | variables |
|--|-------|-----------|
| ITA_2022_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. | 1000 | 24 |

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

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Cases: 1000

variables: 24

variables

| ID | Name | Label | Question |
|----|---------------------|---|----------|
| 53 | Random_ID | Unique respondent identifier | |
| 54 | WORRIED | Worried you would not have enough food to eat because of a lack of money or other resources | |
| 55 | HEALTHY | Unable to eat healthy and nutritious food because of a lack of money or other resources | |
| 56 | FEWFOOD | Ate only a few kinds of foods because of a lack of money or other resources | |
| 57 | SKIPPED | Skipped a meal because there was not enough money or other resources to get food | |
| 58 | ATELESS | Ate less than you thought you should because of a lack of money or other resources | |
| 59 | RUNOUT | Household ran out of food because of a lack of money or other resources | |
| 60 | HUNGRY | Hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money or other resources for food? | |
| 61 | WHLDAY | Went without eating for a whole day because of a lack of money or other resources? | |
| 62 | wt | Post-stratification sampling weights | |
| 63 | year | Year when the study was administered in the country | |
| 64 | N_adults | Number of adults 15 years of age and above in household | |
| 65 | N_child | Number of children under 15 years of age in household | |
| 66 | Raw_score | Sum of Affirmative responses to FIES questions | |
| 67 | Raw_score_par | Estimated person parameters using the Rasch model | |
| 68 | Raw_score_par_error | Estimated person parameter errors using the Rasch model | |
| 69 | Prob_Mod_Sev | Probability of being moderately or severely food insecure | |
| 70 | Prob_sev | Probability of being severely food insecure | |
| 71 | Age | Age of the respondent | |
| 72 | Education | Education of the respondent | |
| 73 | Area | Area | |
| 74 | Gender | Gender of the respondent | |
| 75 | Income | Income quintile | |
| 76 | DEGURBA | Degree of Urbanisation | |

total: 24

RANDOM_ID: Unique respondent identifier**Data file:** ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

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

WORRIED: Worried you would not have enough food to eat because of a lack of money or other resources**Data file:** ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 999 Invalid: 1

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| 0 | No | 931 | 93.2% |
| 1 | Yes | 68 | 6.8% |
| Sysmiss | | 1 | |

HEALTHY: Unable to eat healthy and nutritious food because of a lack of money or other resources**Data file:** ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 999 Invalid: 1

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| 0 | No | 930 | 93.1% |
| 1 | Yes | 69 | 6.9% |
| Sysmiss | | 1 | |

FEWFOOD: Ate only a few kinds of foods because of a lack of money or other resources**Data file:** ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 999 Invalid: 1
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| 0 | No | 916 | 91.7% |
| 1 | Yes | 83 | 8.3% |
| Sysmiss | | 1 | |

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

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 999 Invalid: 1
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| 0 | No | 958 | 95.9% |
| 1 | Yes | 41 | 4.1% |
| Sysmiss | | 1 | |

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

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 999 Invalid: 1
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|-------|----------|-------|-------|
| 0 | No | 928 | 92.9% |

| | | | |
|---------|-----|----|------|
| 1 | Yes | 71 | 7.1% |
| Sysmiss | | 1 | |

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

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 999 Invalid: 1
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| 0 | No | 950 | 95.1% |
| 1 | Yes | 49 | 4.9% |
| Sysmiss | | 1 | |

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

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 997 Invalid: 3
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| 0 | No | 965 | 96.8% |
| 1 | Yes | 32 | 3.2% |
| Sysmiss | | 3 | |

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

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 998 Invalid: 2
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|---------|----------|-------|-----|
| 0 | No | 968 | 97% |
| 1 | Yes | 30 | 3% |
| Sysmiss | | 2 | |

WT: Post-stratification sampling weights

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0.1 Maximum: 4.853 Mean: 1 Standard deviation: 1.218
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0.0998666363765524 - 4.85349596499208 Format: Numeric
 Weighted: yes

YEAR: Year when the study was administered in the country

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 1 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|---------|----------|-------|------|
| 1 | 2022 | 1000 | 100% |
| Sysmiss | | 0 | |

N_ADULTS: Number of adults 15 years of age and above in household

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 999 Invalid: 1
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 1 - 6 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|-------|----------|-------|--|
|-------|----------|-------|--|

| | | | |
|---------|----|-----|-------|
| 01 | 01 | 256 | 25.6% |
| 02 | 02 | 412 | 41.2% |
| 03 | 03 | 180 | 18% |
| 04 | 04 | 128 | 12.8% |
| 05 | 05 | 20 | 2% |
| 06 | 06 | 3 | 0.3% |
| Sysmiss | | 1 | |

N_CHILD: Number of children under 15 years of age in household

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 998 Invalid: 2
Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 6 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| 00 | 00 | 793 | 79.5% |
| 01 | 01 | 119 | 11.9% |
| 02 | 02 | 68 | 6.8% |
| 03 | 03 | 15 | 1.5% |
| 04 | 04 | 1 | 0.1% |
| 05 | 05 | 1 | 0.1% |
| 06 | 06 | 1 | 0.1% |
| Sysmiss | | 2 | |

RAW_SCORE: Sum of Affirmative responses to FIES questions

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 8 Mean: 0.443 Standard deviation: 1.171
Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 8 Format: Numeric

RAW_SCORE_PAR: Estimated person parameters using the Rasch model

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: -3.808 Maximum: 3.914 Mean: -3.367 Standard deviation: 1.131
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: -3.80782932835597 - 3.91444945678124 Format: Numeric

RAW_SCORE_PAR_ERROR: Estimated person parameter errors using the Rasch model

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0.978 Maximum: 1.913 Mean: 1.784 Standard deviation: 0.283
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0.978420028565844 - 1.91298568143103 Format: Numeric

PROB_MOD_SEV: Probability of being moderately or severely food insecure

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 0.986 Mean: 0.048 Standard deviation: 0.164
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 0.986421112469599 Format: Numeric

PROB_SEV: Probability of being severely food insecure

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 0.857 Mean: 0.009 Standard deviation: 0.071
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 0.85674935309036 Format: Numeric

AGE: Age of the respondent

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 15 Maximum: 100 Mean: 53.449 Standard deviation: 16.263
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 15 - 100 Format: Numeric

EDUCATION: Education of the respondent

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 4 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|---------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Elementary_or_less | 149 | 14.9% |
| 2 | Secondary | 587 | 58.7% |
| 3 | College | 263 | 26.3% |
| 4 | Dont_know | 1 | 0.1% |
| 5 | Refused | 0 | 0% |
| Sysmiss | | 0 | |

AREA: Area

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|---------|---------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Urban/Suburbs | 443 | 44.3% |
| 2 | Towns/Rural | 557 | 55.7% |
| 3 | Dont_know | 0 | 0% |
| 4 | Refused | 0 | 0% |
| Sysmiss | | 0 | |

GENDER: Gender of the respondent

Data file: ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Male | 521 | 52.1% |
| 2 | Female | 479 | 47.9% |
| Sysmiss | | 0 | |

INCOME: Income quintile**Data file:** ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|---------|-------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Poorest_20% | 142 | 14.2% |
| 2 | Second_20% | 167 | 16.7% |
| 3 | Middle_20% | 191 | 19.1% |
| 4 | Fourth_20% | 252 | 25.2% |
| 5 | Richest_20% | 248 | 24.8% |
| Sysmiss | | 0 | |

DEGURBA: Degree of Urbanisation**Data file:** ITA_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category | Cases | |
|---------|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Towns and semi-dense areas | 362 | 36.2% |
| 2 | Not available | 6 | 0.6% |
| 3 | Cities | 531 | 53.1% |
| 4 | Rural areas | 101 | 10.1% |
| Sysmiss | | 0 | |

study_resources

questionnaires

Food Insecurity Experience Scale: Questionnaire

title Food Insecurity Experience Scale: Questionnaire
 language English
 description This document contains the 8 FIES questions as they were asked during the survey
 filename FIES_Questions.pdf

technical_documents

Computed variables at respondent level

title Computed variables at respondent level
 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

Degree of Urbanisation: Harmonized Variable for Cross-country Survey Research

title Degree of Urbanisation: Harmonized Variable for Cross-country Survey Research
 language English
 filename World_Poll_Degree_of_Urbanisation.pdf
