

“Learning about the extent of poverty is important in terms of understanding the world in which we live ... Poverty statistics matter because they motivate people to tackle a key challenge.”

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The European Commission proposed the two following EU headline targets:

- 75 % of the population aged 20-64 should be employed and
- 20 million less people (25%) should be at risk of poverty.

The European Council widened the scope of measurement in addition to the “at-risk-of poverty” indicator, the “material deprivation” and “jobless households” indicator were taken into account to reflect the multiple facets of poverty and exclusion across Europe.

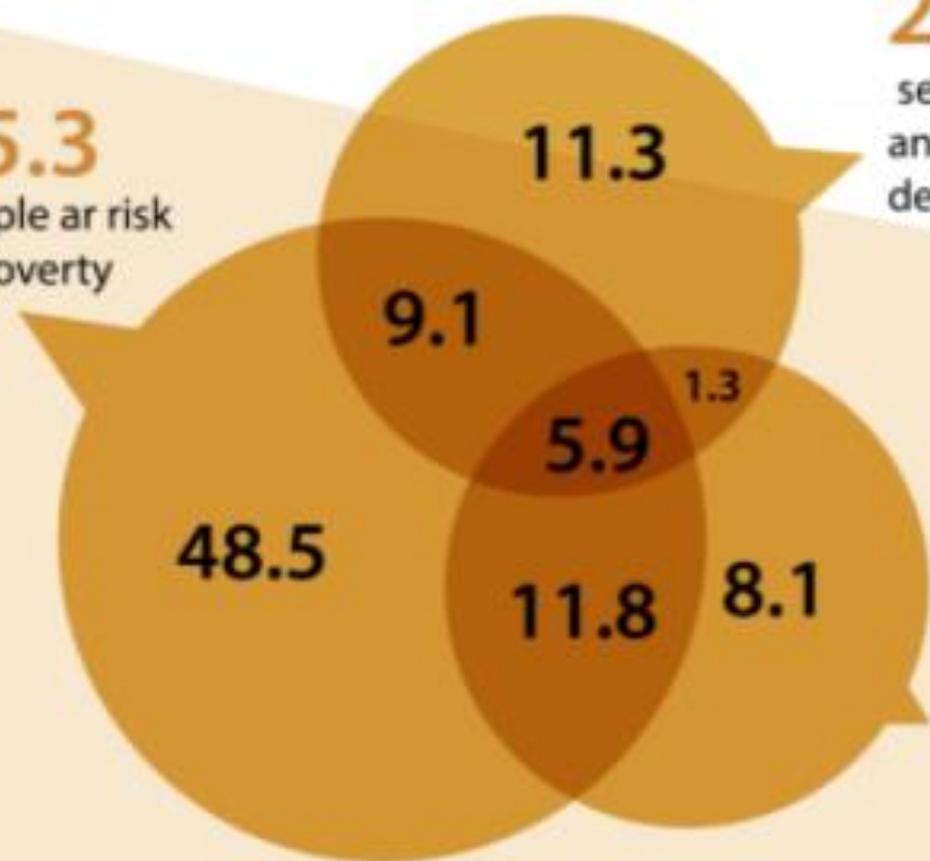
Severe material deprivation is related to consumption (in kind) – at-risk of poverty is related to monetary income (in cash).

Number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion, analysed by type of risk, EU

(million)

75.3

people at risk of poverty



27.6

severely materially and socially deprived people

21.9%

of the EU population is at risk of poverty or social exclusion.

27.1

people living in a household with low work intensity



Note: estimates. Due to rounding, the sum of the data for the seven intersecting groups may differ slightly from the totals published elsewhere.

Table 2. At-risk-of-poverty thresholds - EU-SILC and ECHP surveys [ilc_li01]

HHTYP Single person
 At risk of poverty threshold (60% of median equivalised income)
 Purchasing Power Standard

GEO/TIME	2010	2014	2018	2014 - 2018	2010 - 2018
Belgium	10.399	11.755	12.858	9%	24%
Bulgaria	3.531	4.052	4.343	7%	23%
Czechia	5.798	6.654	7.994	20%	38%
Denmark	10.770	11.992	13.008	8%	21%
Germany	10.544	11.530	13.098	14%	24%
Estonia	4.448	5.545	8.084	46%	82%
Ireland	10.102	9.939	11.750	18%	16%
Greece	7.559	5.204	5.522	6%	-27%
Spain	8.987	8.517	9.595	13%	7%
France	10.669	11.584	12.180	5%	14%
Croatia	4.567	4.644	5.928	28%	30%
Italy	9.135	9.152	10.017	9%	10%
Cyprus	10.818	9.457	10.283	9%	-5%
Latvia	3.525	4.392	6.045	38%	71%
Lithuania	3.611	4.557	6.410	41%	78%
Luxembourg	15.961	16.962	19.197	13%	20%
Hungary	4.025	4.535	5.164	14%	28%
Malta	8.023	9.412	10.857	15%	35%
Netherlands	11.288	11.283	12.855	14%	14%
Austria	11.710	12.997	13.913	7%	19%
Poland	4.547	5.738	6.962	21%	53%
Portugal	5.837	6.075	6.522	7%	12%
Romania	2.122	2.408	3.745	56%	76%
Slovenia	8.009	8.597	9.487	10%	18%
Slovakia	5.016	5.883	6.416	9%	28%
Finland	10.327	11.550	12.031	4%	17%
Sweden	10.535	11.718	12.211	4%	16%
UK	9.521	10.138	10.810	7%	14%



Employees From 18 to 64 years

GEO/2018	in work poverty	at risk of poverty
Finland*	1,7	12,0
Czechia	2,7	9,6
Ireland	3,6	14,9
Belgium	3,7	16,4
Slovenia	4,0	13,3
Denmark*	4,1	12,7
Romania	4,2	23,5
Netherlands	4,3	13,3
Croatia	4,6	19,3
Slovakia	4,6	12,2
Poland	5,1	14,8
Malta	5,4	16,8
Sweden*	5,6	16,4
France	5,9	13,4
Latvia	6,5	23,3
Greece	6,8	18,5
Austria*	7,0	14,3
Cyprus*	7,2	15,4
Lithuania	7,7	22,9
Portugal	7,7	17,3
EU 28	7,7	17,1
Hungary	8,3	12,8
Germany	8,4	16,0
Estonia	8,6	21,9
United Kingdom	9,9	18,9
Bulgaria	10,0	22,0
Spain	11,0	21,5
Italy*	11,0	20,3
Luxembourg	12,8	18,3



SAS program files

SAS programming routines developed for the computation of the EU-SILC datasets providing the in-work-at-risk-of-povety along with th dimensions are listed below.

Dataset	SAS program file
In-work at-risk-of-poverty rate by age and sex (ilc_iw01)	IW01.sas
In-work at-risk-of-poverty rate by household type (ilc_iw02)	IW02.sas
In-work at-risk-of-poverty rate by work intensity of the household (population aged 18 to 59 years) (ilc_iw03)	IW03.sas
In-work at-risk-of-poverty rate by educational attainment level (ilc_iw04)	IW04.sas
In-work at-risk-of-poverty rate by type of contract (ilc_iw05)	IW05.sas
In-work at-risk-of-poverty rate by months worked (ilc_iw06)	IW06.sas
In-work at-risk-of-poverty rate by full-/part-time work (ilc_iw07)	IW07.sas
In-work at-risk-of-poverty rate by broad group of citizenship (population aged 18 and over) (ilc_iw15)	IW15.sas
In-work at-risk-of-poverty rate by broad group of country of birth (population aged 18 and over) (ilc_iw16)	IW16.sas

Table 13. Proportion of workers experiencing material deprivation, 2007, 2014 and 2018

	2007	2014	2018	Change 2007-2018 in % points	Change 2014-2018 in % points
SE	3%	2%	0%	-3	-1
FR	9%	9%	1%	-8	-8
NL	3%	6%	1%	-2	-5
LU	3%	4%	1%	-2	-3
AT	6%	6%	1%	-5	-5
MT*		14%	2%	2	-13
CZ	11%	11%	2%	-9	-9
BE	5%	6%	2%	-4	-4
EE	10%	11%	2%	-8	-9
SI	10%	13%	2%	-8	-11
DK	3%	4%	2%	-1	-2
UK*	6%	9%	2%	-4	-7
IE*	4%	13%	2%	-2	-11
PL	29%	16%	3%	-26	-13

Income groups: If Europe were only one country (2014)

In 2014, the 'European poverty threshold' was PPS 790 per month .



Source: Niehues, Judith, [Einkommen in Europa: Arm und Reich ist auch eine Frage des Maßstabs](#), Cologne 2018