

Uzbekistan
Metadata
Minimum consumption expenditure

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0. Prerequisites

0.1 Legal environment

0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics acts independently in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Official Statistics” adopted on August 11, 2021.

The purpose of the Law is to regulate relations in the field of official statistics. This Law applies to producers and users of official statistics, respondents and suppliers of administrative data, as well as relations arising between them related to the production, dissemination and coordination of official statistics.

On September 2, 2017, the “Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics” was approved, which defines the mandate, functions and structure of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, which is the main body responsible for coordination, monitoring and supervision of the National Statistical System, as well as for collecting, processing, analysis and dissemination of data. Its functions include providing a unified statistical methodology that meets international standards.

In accordance with article 14 of the Law, state statistics bodies have the right:

- receive from state and economic management bodies, citizens' self-government bodies, banks and other organizations forms of statistical observation and use statistical observation data for statistical purposes;
- to carry out statistical observations of the activities of statistical units and use the obtained primary data for statistical purposes;
- to reward respondents - individuals for participating in statistical observations;
- to request and receive from state and economic management bodies, as well as from other organizations, information necessary for the implementation of statistical programs;
- involve on a contractual basis individuals and legal entities to collect statistical data necessary for the production of official statistics, in accordance with the law;
- use and introduce into the national statistical system modern methods and tools for collecting, processing, summarizing, analyzing, disseminating and storing statistical data;

- in case of revealing violations related to the presentation of statistical data, give instructions on their elimination and make appropriate corrections to the statistical data;

- within the limits of their powers, apply to officials who have violated the procedure for submitting statistical reports, measures of administrative penalties in accordance with the law.

According to Presidential Order №O-5054 dated September 12, 2017, economic and financial data in the country must comply with the requirements of the Enhanced General Data Dissemination System (e-GDDS) of the International Monetary Fund and be coordinated within the framework of this system.

0.1.2 Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to article 11 of the Law on Official Statistics, producers of official statistics are guided by internationally recommended definitions, classifications and methodology when producing statistics.

The authorized state body, within the framework of statistical programs, coordinates the activities of other producers of official statistics.

Producers of official statistics coordinate the methodology for producing statistics within their mandate.

If a discrepancy with international recommendations is revealed in the statistical methodologies of other producers of official statistics, the authorized state body, based on the results of the audit of statistical methodologies, has the right to make them mandatory submissions.

Other producers of official statistics that are part of the national statistical system create subdivisions responsible for generating statistical data and ensuring information exchange with the authorized state body.

Producers of official statistics and suppliers of administrative data submit to the authorized state body the statistical and (or) administrative data they have at their disposal free of charge in the manner and terms established by statistical programs.

According to Article 10 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the Statistical Council is a collegial advisory body on the development, functioning and coordination of official statistics under the authorized state body.

The composition of the Statistical Council is formed from representatives of government bodies, research organizations, non-governmental non-profit organizations, as well as national experts in statistics.

0.1.3 Confidentiality of individual reporters' data

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 27 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, individual data held by the producers of official statistics are used exclusively for statistical purposes to compile aggregate statistical data. Individual data cannot be used by state bodies, citizens' self-government bodies and other organizations, including international ones, for the purposes of investigation, control, litigation,

administrative decisions or for other purposes concerning individuals and legal entities or households.

According to the Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, the State Committee on Statistics has the right to conduct statistical observations of the activities of legal entities and individuals, including individual entrepreneurs, and use the data obtained for statistical purposes, also ensures the confidentiality of the statistical data obtained, the protection of statistical data, containing state secrets.

The State Committee on Statistics employees must comply with the code of ethics, including the principle of confidentiality, not disclose any information provided to them in the performance of their duties.

They are informed of the responsibilities at the time of appointment. Each employee of the State Committee on Statistics is obliged to sign an agreement that obliges him not to disclose such data.

0.1.4 Provision of statistical reporting

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 14 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, state statistics bodies have the right to receive forms of statistical observation from bodies of state and economic management, self-government bodies of citizens, banks and other organizations. In accordance with Article 215 of the Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Administrative Liability”, violation by officials of the procedure for submitting statistical reports, expressed in failure to submit reports and other data necessary for conducting statistical observations, distortion of reporting data or violation of the deadlines for submitting reports entails the imposition of a fine from seven to ten basic calculated values.

According to Article 16 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, when conducting statistical observations in accordance with statistical programs, respondents are obliged to provide producers of official statistics with reliable and complete data free of charge in the manner and terms established by the producer of official statistics.

0.2 Resources

0.2.1 Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing

9 people in the Central office and by 7-13 people each in the divisions of branch statistics of regional departments participate in the formation of indicators for the minimum consumption expenditure of households.

The quantity of employees is sufficient for fulfilling the set tasks for the formation of statistical data on the minimum consumption expenditure of households.

Training is provided to employees of the Department of Population Living Standards and Surveys Statistics on an ongoing basis. In particular, employees of the Department improve their skills at training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research under the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, as

well as at other seminars of international statistical organizations.

There is a sufficient quantity of computers in the Department, each workplace is provided with a personal computer. All computers are connected to the local network and also have access to the Internet.

The provided financial resources are sufficient for fulfilling the works stipulated by the statistical program on living standards statistics.

1.Integrity

1.1 Professionalism

1.1.1 Impartiality of statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 6 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the main principles of official statistics are impartiality and objectivity.

According to Article 13 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, state bodies, other organizations and their officials are not entitled to interfere with the activities of state statistics bodies carried out in accordance with this Law.

Territorial departments of statistics, departments of statistics of districts (cities) are independent from local government bodies and are directly subordinate to the authorized government body.

In the production of this statistical information, government intervention is not allowed, and professional independence is fully ensured.

When selecting the employees and appointing them to senior positions, their experience and professionalism in the field of statistics are taken into account. Improvement of the qualification of the department’s employees is ensured through participation in training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research under the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, as well as in training courses, training seminars organized by international organizations. Employees of the department give lectures at training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research. The placement of scientific articles of the department’s employees in the mass media has been organized.

1.1.2 Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 33 of the Law “On Official Statistics”:

Producers of official statistics assess the quality of official statistics on an ongoing basis. To ensure quality assurance, official statistics are produced and disseminated on the basis of general principles and methods concerning coverage, definitions, statistical units and classifications of official statistics.

In order to improve the quality of official statistics, producers of official statistics have the right

to analyze and edit data, combine data from various sources, link and compare data for statistical purposes, and use statistical methods to evaluate them.

Producers of Official Statistics document the sources and methods used in the production process as well as the resulting datasets. Users of official statistics are informed about the sources and methods of producing statistics and about the quality of official statistics through metadata.

1.1.3 Commenting on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics (clause 15) determines that The State Committee on Statistics has the right to consider and provide clarifications on cases of misuse and interpretation of statistical information and statistical data.

That is, The State Committee on Statistics may comment on misinterpretation and misuse of statistical data.

1.2 Transparency

1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 6 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the main principles of official statistics are clarity and transparency. The conditions for the collection, processing and dissemination of statistical data are included in the legislative acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan concerning statistics. These laws are posted on websites and are thus available to the public. The Law “On Official Statistics” and the statistical program, which clearly defines the terms for the development and dissemination of statistical data, are posted on the official website of the Committee (www.stat.uz). The law is available in the bulletin of the Oliy Majlis, the database of regulatory legal acts (norm), as well as in the database of the Ministry of Justice located at www.lex.uz. Statistical reporting forms submitted by respondents to generate statistical data are published in advance for users on the Committee's official website.

1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The government does not have access to the statistics produced by The State Committee on Statistics prior to their publication. State statistical bodies are independent in the dissemination of statistical data. Interference by state bodies is not allowed (Article 13 of the Law “On Official Statistics”). Only the Chairman of the Committee, his deputies and responsible employees have access to statistical data prior to their publication.

1.2.3 Attribution of statistical products

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The logo and footnotes clearly identify that the information published for the public in print statistical publications, information bulletins and in mass media is produced by the State Committee on Statistics.

1.2.4 Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The State Committee on Statistics notifies the public in advance about the transition to a new methodology and significant changes in existing methods and approaches. The State Committee on Statistics posts on its official website the relevant methodological guidelines explaining what changes users should expect. The expected changes are communicated to the public in articles, news and press conferences.

1.3. Ethical standards

1.3.1 Guideline for staff behavior

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The Rules of Conduct for The State Committee on Statistics employees were approved. They are required to comply with a code of ethics, including the principle of confidentiality, and must not disclose any information provided to them in the performance of their assigned duties. They are informed of these obligations upon appointment. An employee of The State Committee on Statistics is obliged to conclude an agreement containing an obligation not to disclose individual data.

2. Methodology

2.1 Concepts and definitions

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The methodology for calculating the value of minimum consumption expenditure and of poverty line is based on the recommendations of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the United Nations Development Program, the World Bank and of the World Health Organization. In pursuance of the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 544 dated August 27, 2021 «On the introduction of the procedure for calculating the value of the minimum consumption expenditure of the population and the poverty line», the Methodological provision «On the procedure for calculating the value of the minimum consumption expenditure of the population and the poverty line» was approved by the Resolution of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics No. 57 dated December 16,

2021.

When calculating the value of the minimum consumption expenditure of the population, data on the volume and structure of consumption and income of the population, the energy value of food products are used to determine the calorie content of households' food products consumption based on sample surveys of households.

The calculation of the minimum consumption expenditure is carried out according to the following steps:

- The State Committee on Statistics, together with the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction, calculates the cost of food products, of non-food goods and services consumed in households, based on the real cost of consumption of the target group (target group), at average prices;
- based on the average per capita consumption of the population by households, they are subdivided into deciles in ascending order (10 percent group) and the households of the first three groups with the lowest consumption are singled out (target group);
- the cost spent per kilocalorie is calculated and is determined based on the cost of food products for the low-income population;
- the cost of kilocalories is multiplied by the energy value (2200 kcal) recommended by the World Health Organization and the minimum food expenses are determined;
- the share of food products in the total expenditures of the target group is determined;
- the minimum expenditure per person is determined by dividing the minimum expenditure on food products by the Engel coefficient.

2.2 Scope

2.2.1 Scope

2.2.1.1 Scope of the data

The geographical coverage of the data includes the Republic of Karakalpakstan, 12 regions and Tashkent city. The selection totality is a part (0.2 %) of the general totality of households. The general totality represents the total number of available households in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The "minimum consumption expenditure" indicator includes:

- expenditures on buying the food products;
- expenditures on buying meals outside the home;
- expenditures on buying the alcoholic beverages;
- expenditures on buying the tobacco products;
- expenditures on buying the non-food goods for personal consumption;
- services.

2.2.1.2 Exceptions to coverage

There are no exceptions.

2.2.1.3 Unrecorded activity

There is no.

2.3 Classification/sectorization

2.3.1 Classification/sectorization

To calculate the minimum consumption spending, the "Classifier of Individual Consumption According to the Purpose of the Republic of Uzbekistan", based on the international standard of the UN Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose, is used.

2.4 Basis for recording

2.4.1 Valuation

There is no.

2.4.2 Recording basis

Based on the results of the households' survey, the value of the minimum consumption expenditure and the poverty line is calculated, and these data are the basis for studying the impact on living standards and developing the additional measures to improve the welfare of the population.

2.4.3 Grossing/netting procedures

To calculate the indicator of the minimum consumption expenditure of households, the data are formed on the basis of a sample survey of households. The survey is based on direct questioning (interviewing) of households' members using an electronic device (tablet).

3. Accuracy and reliability

3.1 Source data

3.1.1 Source data collection programs

Household surveys are conducted in all regions of the Republic of Uzbekistan by a selective method. It is built on the principles of voluntary participation in it of selected households. The rotation of households is carried out every month. The selection of households is made based on the quantity of people residing in each region. Before the start of the selection, the number of

households, which are the unit of selection, is broken down by regions of the republic. The selection of households for each region is made separately for urban and rural areas. The selection of households is carried out in two stages, at the first stage makhallas/villages are selected, the process is repeated every six months, twice a year. The probability of makhalla/village selection depends on the quantity of households in them. The selection of households is carried out in the second stage of the sampling. Territorial statistics departments, in accordance with the established procedure, form the lists of all households (address, last name and first name of the head of the household) for the selected makhallas/villages in an electronic form. On the basis of this list, the State Committee on Statistics carries out the second stage of household selection and forms the lists of households which are used in the subsequent six months of the survey. All sampling stages are carried out by the State Committee on Statistics. Then the surveys are conducted directly by the interviewers.

3.1.2 Source data definitions, scope, sectorization, classifications, valuation, and time of recording

According to the sampling methodology, the representativeness of the data over the republic is provided by the survey results obtained for the quarter. For the preparation of analytical materials for the regions of the republic, data for the year should be used. Time periods of data release: not more than 6 months after the reporting period.

3.1.3 Source data timeliness

The data collection program is regulated by the statistical program. Quarterly, after the 25th day following the quarter, annually - not more than 6 months after the reporting period.

3.2 Assessment of source data

3.2.1 Source data assessment

The data received from regional subdivisions are analyzed and undergo the mandatory control. When identifying the errors in classification, control errors, the information is necessarily specified one more time with the respondents.

3.3 Statistical techniques

3.3.1 Source data statistical techniques

The databases received from regional subdivisions are analyzed and undergo the mandatory control. When identifying the errors in classification, control errors, the information is necessarily specified one more time with the respondents.

3.3.2 Other statistical procedures

There are no.

3.4 Data validation

3.4.1 Validation of intermediate results

There is no.

3.4.2 Assessment of intermediate data

There is no.

3.4.3 Assessment of discrepancies and other problems in statistical outputs

In case of detecting the discrepancies in previously published data, changes are made to these data in subsequent publications.

3.5 Revision studies

3.5.1 Revision studies and analyses

Preliminary quarterly and annual indicators are compared with annual reporting data in 6 months after the reporting period.

4. Serviceability

4.1 Periodicity and timeliness

4.1.1 Periodicity

Periodicity and timeliness comply with generally accepted data dissemination standards. The formation of the «Minimum consumption expenditure» indicator is carried out over the republic and regions annually.

4.1.2 Timeliness

The production of statistical information on this indicator and the dissemination of annual data is carried out in accordance with the data publication calendar based on the statistical program.

4.2 Consistency

4.2.1 Internal consistency

There is no.

4.2.2 Temporal consistency

There is no.

4.2.3 Intersectoral and cross-domain consistency

There is no comparison between sectors and regions.

4.3 Revision

4.3.1 Revision and/or update schedule

The data are specified within the time frames provided for by the statistical program.

4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised/updated data

Data on minimum consumption expenditure are revised on the basis of specified annual reports within the time frames set by the statistical program.

4.3.3 Dissemination of revision studies and analyses

There is no.

5. Accessibility

5.1 Data

5.1.1 Statistical presentation

Data on minimum consumption expenditure are provided to the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The data are placed on the website of the State Committee on Statistics (<https://stat.uz/>) and are provided upon request to legal and physical entities.

5.1.2 Dissemination media and format

5.1.2.1 Hard copy - New release

There are no.

5.1.2.2 Hard copy - Monthly bulletin

There are no.

5.1.2.3 Hard copy - Quarterly bulletin

There are no.

5.1.2.4 Hard copy - Annually bulletin

There are no.

5.1.2.5 Hard copy - Other

There are no.

5.1.2.6 Electronic - On-line bulletin or data

There are no.

5.1.3 Advance release calendar

There is no.

5.1.4 Simultaneous release

There is no.

5.1.5 Dissemination on request

According to the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan «On Official Statistics», the Regulation «On the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics», the Regulations for the organization of works on the preparation and dissemination of statistical information and other regulatory documents, statistical data are provided to users upon their request in accordance with the established procedure. The dissemination of statistical information is carried out by providing upon the written request of legal or physical entities in the form of printed or electronic spreadsheets, as well as in accordance with the agreements of the parties on information interaction.

5.2 Metadata

5.2.1 Dissemination of documentation on concepts, scope, classifications, basis of recording, data sources, and statistical techniques

The methodological guidelines on the formation and calculation of statistical indicators are placed on the “INTERACTIVE SERVICES” page of the website of the State Committee on Statistics in the “METHODODOLOGICAL MATERIALS” section.

5.3 Assistance to users

5.3.1 Dissemination of information on contact points

Official publications of the State Committee on Statistics contain the addresses (postal address, telephone, fax, e-mail, etc.) for communication with the personnel responsible for the preparation of statistical data.

9. Plans

9.1 Recent

9.1.1 Plans for improvement - Recent improvements

Improvement of tools (forms and questionnaires) of statistical observations.

9.2 General

9.2.1 Plans for improvement - Short-term

There are no.

9.2.2 Plans for improvement - Medium-term

There are no.

9.3 Financial

9.3.1 Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Short-term

There are no.

9.3.2 Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Medium-term

There are no.

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