POVERTY LEVEL IN THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

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ANALYSIS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STANDARD OF LIVING AND WELL-BEING OF THE POPULATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

In order to study the standard of living and well-being of the population of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the statistical bodies conduct sample surveys of households every year.

Sample surveys in households are based on the "Regulation on conducting observation in households" approved by the decision of the Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No.7 of March 24, 2023. https://lib.stat.uz.

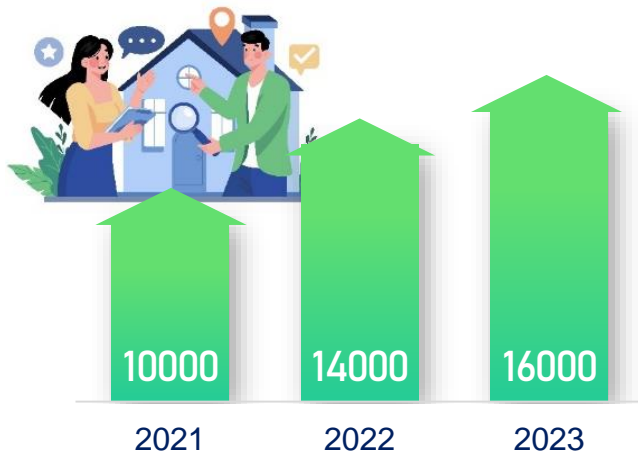### The number of households observed in the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2023

The methodology of household survey is based on the recommendations of the World Bank and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, and is conducted in all regions of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

0,2 % **16000** households were surveyed

In accordance with the methodical regulations on household surveys, a system has been established to sample 16,000 households (0.2 percent of total households) in order to study the living standards of the population in all regions of the republic every year.

According to the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated August 27, 2021 No.544, the level of poverty is calculated by comparing the income of the population with the amount of the Minimum Consumption Expenditure (MCE) based on the data of the sample surveys of the households.

The number of households surveyed in the Republic of Uzbekistan

10000	14000	16000
2021	2022	2023

> **Household** – a group of people living together at a certain residential address, fully or partially pooling their income or property and consuming certain types of goods and services (mainly housing services and food products) together.
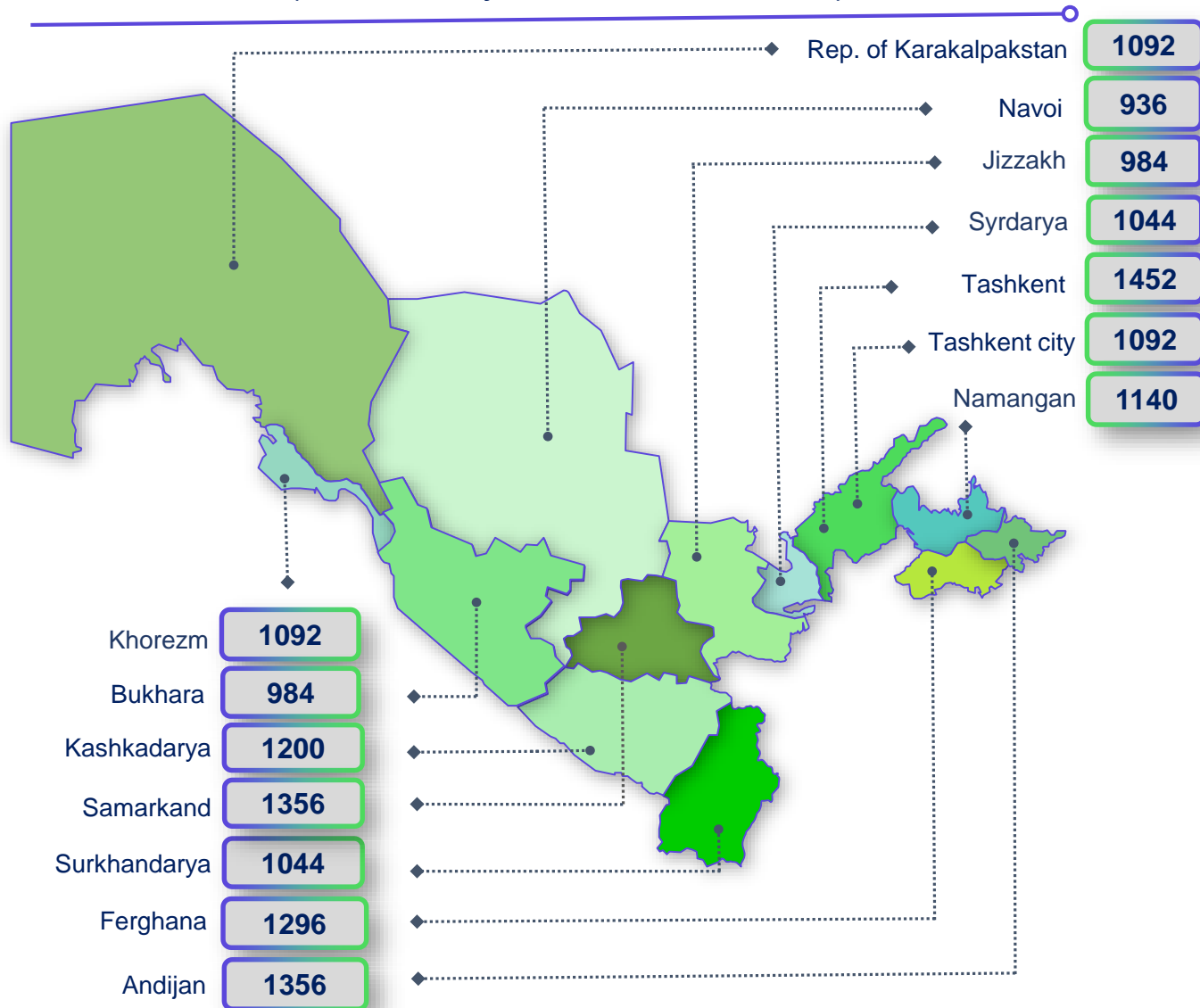
Stages of formation of a sample survey set of households

1   **618 mahallas (**neighborhoods) are defined for each city and village in each region.

2   A list of households living in the selected mahallas is drawn up and a simple random selection of households is made by region based on urban and rural strata.

Households participate in the survey <u>on a voluntary basis</u>, and the selected households are observed for one month, after which they are replaced by other households.
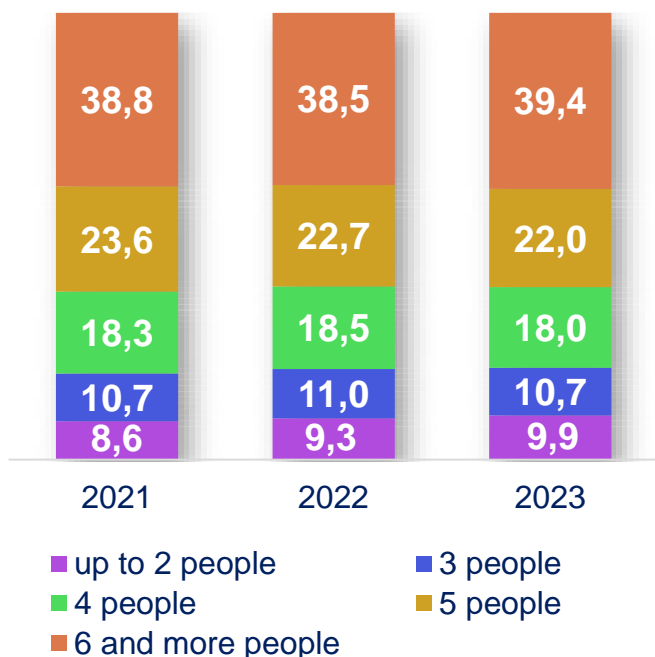
The surveyed households are identified <u>without human intervention</u>, through a special electronic program, and the observations are carried out through the information system using tablets fully, and the results are automatically entered into the general database.

The number of households surveyed by region
(as of January-December 2023, units)

Region	Units
Rep. of Karakalpakstan	1092
Navoi	936
Jizzakh	984
Syrdarya	1044
Tashkent	1452
Tashkent city	1092
Namangan	1140
Khorezm	1092
Bukhara	984
Kashkadarya	1200
Samarkand	1356
Surkhandarya	1044
Ferghana	1296
Andijan	1356

The selection of households is formed based on the number of people living in each region. The selection of households for each region is carried out separately for urban and rural areas. Survey is organized by the participation of selected households based on the principle of voluntariness. The survey is based on conducting a interview with household members directly through tablets.
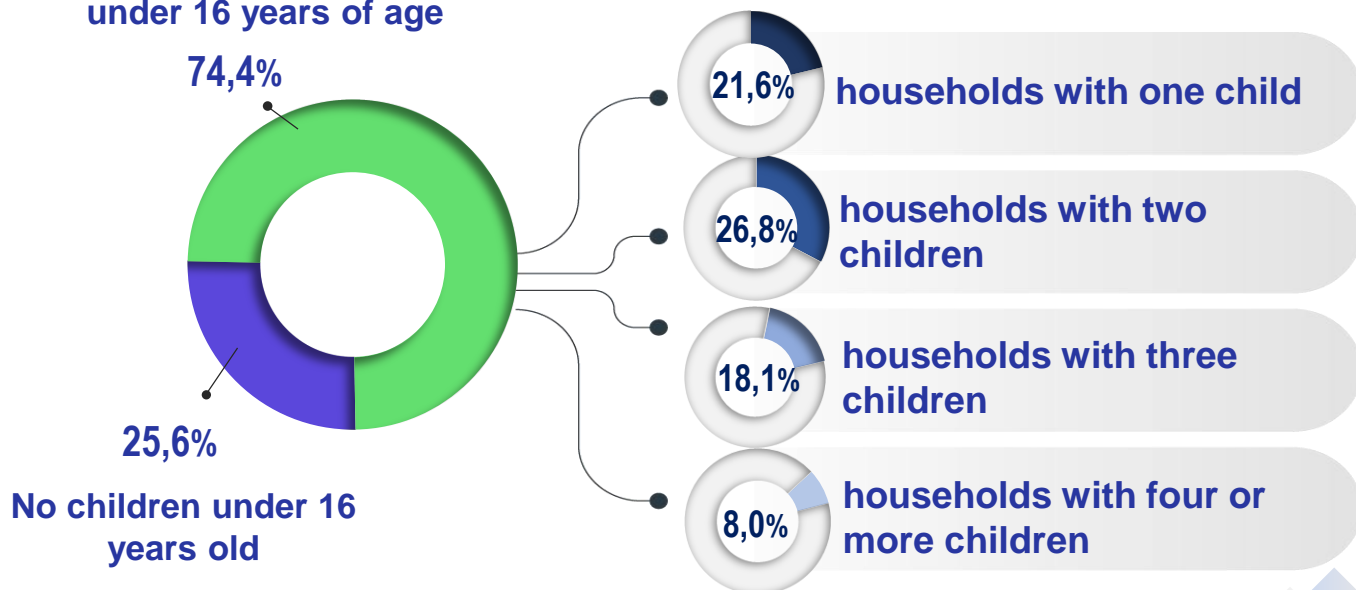
Composition of households by the number of members in the Republic of Uzbekistan, in %

	2021	2022	2023
6 and more people	38,8	38,5	39,4
5 people	23,6	22,7	22,0
4 people	18,3	18,5	18,0
3 people	10,7	11,0	10,7
up to 2 people	8,6	9,3	9,9

■ up to 2 people   ■ 3 people
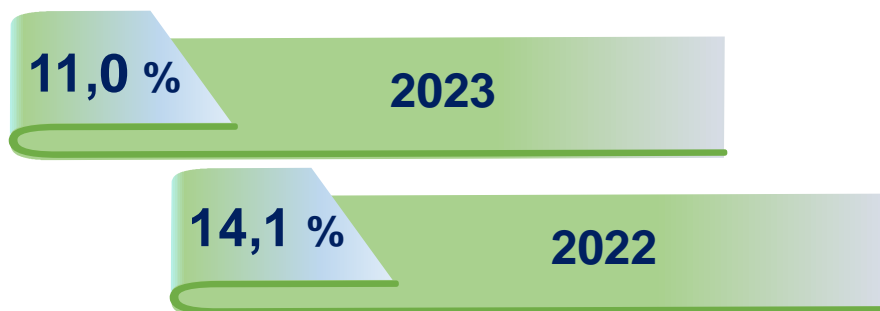■ 4 people   ■ 5 people
■ 6 and more people

Based on the data of sample surveys of households of the Statistics Agency, as of January-December 2023, one- and two-person households by the number of household members in the Republic of Uzbekistan accounted for - **9.9**%, households with three people - **10.7**%, households with four people - **18.0**%, households with five people - **22.0**%, households with six and more people - **39.4** %.

Structure of households by the number of children in the Republic of Uzbekistan

Households with children under 16 years of age
74,4%

25,6%
No children under 16 years old

21,6% households with one child

26,8% households with two children

18,1% households with three children

8,0% households with four or more children

The poverty level in the Republic of Uzbekistan

11,0 % 2023

14,1 % 2022

> The poverty level was calculated based on sample surveys of households in cooperation with the World Bank.

The poverty level in the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2023 was **11.0**% and decreased by **3.1**% compared to last year. In our country, a number of systematical work have been established to reduce poverty.

Thus, according to the Ministry of Employment and Poverty Reduction it is noted:

- Within 2023, in total **4.1 million** people were employed, of which **2.3 million** people had permanent and seasonal jobs, **112.8 thousand** people were occupied with paid public works, **1.6 million** people were self-employed.

- with the help of the assistants of hakims, **241,3 thousand** citizens were allocated land on a lease basis.

- within the framework of the "20 thousand entrepreneurs and 500 thousand qualified specialists" program, cooperation agreements were signed with **6,745** business entities to ensure the employment of 455,000 people.

- **206 thousand** new jobs were created as a result of the implementation of **51 thousand** micro-projects based on system of mahallabay (working in the level of neighborhoods).

- **181 thousand** unemployed citizens were trained for professions.